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Saturday History Call

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A Sunday, Mondays: 9 – 10:30 EST **Cheryl Croci's Activation Calls**
By telephone only: 1 – 213 - 342- 3000; PIN 9467441#

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Replay # [good for 1 week] 1-712- 432-0990 PIN 666238#

Opening Meditation: **Cheryl Croci** See above for information re Sunday, Monday Calls.

Housekeeping: **cheryl Croci**

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- We are a listener-supported radio program
 - We are caught up and **need \$300** to complete our commitment for this week.
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 - Go to BBS Radio.com/station2; find the listing for History of Nesara Call & the Paypal button
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- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's Thursday Stargate Roundtable as well!!!!

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T & R: • **WE CAN GIFT T & R BY GIFTING BBS.**

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there is a donate button on the home page and on the Blog page
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- Rama's mailing address for cheques, Money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
1704 B Llano St, # 249
Santa Fe, NM 87505
- phone contact is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
- Remember you can also have a session with Mother, as well!

Every little bit matters! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

HARD NEWS:

T: the 4 days that the Pleaidians want us to keep the energy of the gooddes alive and have the International Day of Women today – March 7, 8, 9, 10

- Encourages people to come to Cheryl's calls – participation raises your vibrations!
- the year of the green horse is about the etheric energy – return of the god & goddess energy in balance

Cheryl: sometimes people fall asleep and just absorb the frequencies – which is perfectly fine

T: See the phone number and access code above – working with these energies raises our vibrations and we overcome the 3D energy and help keep our energy in balance

R: Glenn Greenwald says he listens to the calls – this is about Edward Snowden who is over there and at the same time, there is a delicate dance

Craig Barnes: Glenn said he was at an "undisclosed location"

- Craig and Glenn were talking of the criminal congress that goes back to the Keatings Savings and Loans scandal leading up to the 14 who led the coup to disrupt any bill or work that Obama wanted to get done s [ref to the meeting at the restaurant the day of Obama's inauguration]
 - Time to arrest these criminals who are getting paid millions of dollars – and who keep 2 sets of books

R: We are not going through a post-nuclear disaster; this is the delicate dance – those who were here before the gods were here are already here

- When R was 13, at his Bar Mitzvah, he announced he wanted to be a star ship captain – and at the moment, things that are unlike love are unravelling

- **Mr Barnes and Greenwald:** the criminals in the Congress need to be arrested for high treason as nazi collaborators –
 - this is the untold story of the infinity stones and infinity gauntlet: they have to do with objects that Hitler wanted to get hold of to control the planet: if you use them for good, they help; if you use them for control, they consume you
- They brought up Sherman Scholnik who was killed in the windy city – the issues have to do with members of Congress who swear allegiance to the fuhrer and the Koch bros, not the Sirian Commander
- The pieces which fit together have to do with what is in the book, **When Rocks Cry Out**, and Jerusalem being in South America -
 - The story in Palestine is one day after another: it was always and shall be called Palestine

Camp Loveway

- Ties in what David Icke spoke of in his new book – **The Perception Deception** – the archons systematically bred the heart chakra out of existence so they would feel nothing when they undertook vampirism:
 - The 13 families have chosen to put on black hats and they are open to the possession and allowing the "life forms that were" to take over:
 - this story has come back to wholeness, and we are watching the very end of the tape loop – Lucifer, Lillith, and Jehovah have come back to love.
 - Some are using ancient technologies to make out like they are gods
 - they have ultimately failed in trying to control the planet;

R: when we passed Dec 21, 2012, and Oct, 2011 and the stories of the ending of the Mayan calendar, we passed the gateway – we are currently in 2015, no matter what the calendar says

- We are in the midst of the delicate dance & the brinkmanship game: the finances of the planet are being played with
 - both Obama and Putin are masters at what they do; whatever may be said about them in 3D, at the higher levels, they know who holds the royal flush: they both hold a couple of pairs – **there will be no nukes, no dates, no flukes** – and it is about Love

Ben Stewart was also on, talking of this moment – it is only about love; they are doing everything in their limited power to create chaos and distraction

David: he would not even comment on the CPAC circus; it's a circus and a revolving door; the lobbyists and those who play on the dark side & that realm is already cancelled

- the dark ones do not want to admit that as it takes them to the next level of full disclosure

R: what David and Ben shared has moved Rama to a place where he knows that this is complete, yet watching it play out is like watching Downton Abbey! He knows the outcome which is good: NESARA gets announced, we are freed, the planet is healed: it is already done!

T: did he give anything about timelines, Rama says what David Icke said:

David Icke: because the archons have not honoured the Great Goddess who was here before the gods were here, they are already on their way to the Dark Rift; we are watching the end of the tape loop

- Because the energies are so intense, we are seeing frequencies that have not been in this galaxy before: we are moving across the Galactic Plane as we move closer and closer to the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy
 - There is a similar effect in the Andromedan galaxy – all this has to do with the 7 Super Universes which are also moving up higher in frequency as well

Audio: Harry Reid on the Koch Brothers and Republicans being addicted to Koch money, opposed to raising taxes, closing tax loop holes. Senate Republicans hardly need the RNC any more!

Reading: about Harry Reid.

[SEE BELOW]

- Mitt Romney is a multi-trillionaire with no more money in his a/c – responsible for the murder of 75,000 people, Mitt is Lucifer in a body!

T: in 2008, there was, out of Rutgers, talk of motherland and Politics – next Sunday, March 16, on the MHP Show, doing "Motherland and Politics in Nerdland" ; it is also the full moon and Purim – to be an interactive show

Audio: Abby Martin – Breaking the Set **March 7, 2014**

http://img.rt.com/files/episode/23/3d/20/00/bts_480p.mp4?event=download

Abby Martin remarks on the ongoing media craze surrounding her remarks on RT regarding the crisis in Ukraine and features a clip of her appearance on CNN, where she took the opportunity to call out the corporate media. Alexis Baden-Mayer, political director of the Organic Consumers Association, talks about a recent lawsuit filed against the EPA in an effort to disclose the ingredients found in pesticides. The media coverage of the Academy Awards, which avoided coverage of US drone strikes that killed 10 people during the Oscars. Former CIA officer Phillip Girdali discusses the 2014 AIPAC policy conference. Finally, the second anniversary of the arrest of journalist and internet activist Barrett Brown, and the news that the most egregious charges related to the STRATFOR hack had been dropped by federal prosecutors.

Audio: Jon Stewart <http://www.thecomedynetwork.ca/shows/thedailyshow?videoPackage=143427>



Audio: Laurence O'Donnell – The Last Word **- MARCH 6, 2014**

'Time for David Samson to go'

Nearly two months ago, Laurence O'Donnell said the Port Authority Chairman should resign and today the New York Times agreed. In the Rewrite, why the "plundering" must stop.

<http://www.msnbc.com/the-last-word/watch/time-for-david-samson-to-go-184965699636>

Audio: Erin Ade is the host: discussion about capitalism with Peter Joseph who explains the Zeitgeist movement ["Spirt of the age" is the meaning of the age] Boom Bust - Jim Rickards On Dollar Debasement and Peter Joseph Explains the Zeitgeist Movement Season 1 Episode 75

First Aired: *March 6, 2014*

Description: News on Switzerland's Mediterranean Shipping Company, France's CMA CGM Group, and Denmark's Maersk Line are all coming together to form an operation called the "P3 Alliance." Erin has the details. <http://www.yidio.com/show/boom-bust/season-1/episode-75/links.html>

Music: the Oom Tara [the green tara is in charge of the 6th – 9th dimension [beautiful!!!]

Reading: The Gnosis and The Law, Chapter 4 THE THREE COSMIC EVOLUTIONS, pp 20 - 23
Sections: The Elemental, the Angelic, the Human

The elementals begin as microscopic intelligences, so small that millions of them would not take the space of a quarter of an inch. One can see them on the rays of a rising sun, on a clear morning, so small – tiny specks – but as they grow, and this takes time, become Builders of Form, who help create bodies of man, become Nature Devas who build mountains, rivers, lakes, etc., reaching, eventually, the status of a Mighty Elohim and a silent Watcher of a Planet, a Solar System or a Galaxy. P 20

There are four divisions of the elemental Kingdom, each one working under the direction of a Cosmic Being. These are: Earth, Water, Air and Fire. The directing intelligence for the Earth is Virgo, "Mother Earth", and Her Divine Complement is Pelleur. The elementals under Them are known as "Gnomes". For the Water is Neptune and His Divine Complement is Lunara. The elementals under Them are known as "Undines". For the Air is Aries and Her Divine Complement is Thor. Their charges are known as "Sylphs". The element of Fire comes directly under Helios and Vesta and the Elementals for this division are the "Salamanders".

[from the discourse given by the Maha Chohan and taken from "Bridge", Series III, Book 2, p. 7] and found on p 21

Reading: The History of Crimea – picks up reading from the Middle Ages

[SEE BELOW]

Music from BBS

Music: Peace I say Peace
Hemp can save the world

Astrology: Richard

- Still have T square: moon in late Gemini tonight, have an air trine
- Saturn square Mercury
- Sun: Moon in Cancer,

- **Mon:** moon opposite Pluto – opposition will be emphasized
- **Tues:** Moon in Late Cancer – will trine cancer, MarsTues: Mer
- **Wed:** Moon in Leo, trine uranus later
- **Thurs:** sun will trine Saturn; moon will square Saturn at night
- **Fri:** moon is void of course in Leo; goes into Leo at 10 pm
- **Sat:** Mercury is trine to Mars mid-day on Saturday – conversations will be tricky – pretty intense!

In summary: Sunday, Monday – pretty emotional
Wed, Thurs – pretty fiery

Full moon on March 16; Vernal equinox on Thursday 20th

R: Putin will not back down re: Crimea

RI: a big big deal – another straw on the camel's back – breaking things down is in the cards: we are in Pisces, the last sign and we are finishing up stuff we have been working on all year

• **New Moon is in Aries on March 30th – a new time.**

Audio: [March 4, 2014 Pele Report, Astrology Forecast](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNgFX45htlM&feature=player_embedded

[click here for the Sun Square Moon astrology chart](#)

*Death as my constant companion,
Like grief is here to remind
That beneath the surface of everyday life,
My soul's purpose I must find, in time.*

[click here for the English transcription of the Pele Report](#)

[click here for the Spanish translation of the Pele Report](#)

[Pele Report mp3 only](#)

Both grief and death bring us into our emotional bodies where we FEEL the difference between our highest goals and aspirations for ourselves and our life and where we actually, truly are. Sometimes the chasm between the ideal and the real can be devastating. We are in tense times now and are being pushed to BE and DO (masculine and feminine working together) ALL that we can BE and DO.... or else face some rather dire consequences (personally, in our relationships, socially, economically and more). While these stressful times can hit us hard, we can and will also make the greatest strides, the biggest breakthroughs and evolutionary leaps into a new paradigm where the truth of love is realized! Injoy the process.... it's all there is. Music by Jeff Oster (jeffoster.com) and photo by Angela (angeladelaagua.tumblr.com)

Reading: The **Oracle Report** for Saturday, March 8 - Sunday, March 9, 2014 **[SEE BELOW]**
First Quarter Moon Phase (8:26 am EST / 1:26 pm UTC Saturday):
step forward, action, break away, expression **Moon in Gemini**

Reading: International Women's Day: you are goddess! **[SEE BELOW]**

Reading: I Ching For The Week of March 3, 2014 **[SEE BELOW]**

Conference Call:

Caller: last Sunday, went to see a documentary "Shadows of Liberty" - about the media; Jean Phillippe Tremblay is the creator of the film – he was here and will be travelling to all the states in the US [a French Canadian who lives in London] – needs help to get it out to everyone; Caller has sent him a list of people who can help: PBS rejected him, as did NPR T: and this happened because the Koch Bros now have a controlling interest in those companies. The young lady is from Colorado, as the road manager – would it be a good idea to ask Marietta if he could be on Roundtable?

T: Yes; have a 3-way with Marietta

Caller: will only be in the US until Tuesday: they have until the 20th to match the money – if they don't raise the money by the 20th, they lose the money from Kick Starter.

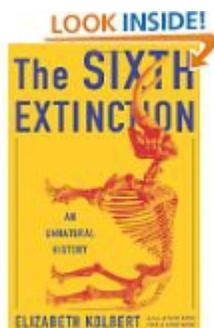
Reading: finishes **I Ching For The Week of March 3, 2014**

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Audio: Earth Focus E2 design: harvesting the wind. The considerations that went into designing a school in Ladakh, Northern Kashmir Website: www.E2-series.com

Audio: speaker is Elizabeth Kolbert



[The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History](#) by [Elizabeth Kolbert](#) (Feb 11, 2014)

The sixth extinction is being created by humanity on the planet: she focuses on 3 ideas in the talk:
How we are changing the atmosphere, changing the air and what Darwin called the principles of geographical distribution.

Audio: Inner Worlds, Outer Worlds Part 3 The Serpent and the Lotus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=DCHgscW2V2Y

[Inner Worlds, Outer Worlds Part 1 Akasha

Published on 2 Feb 2014

It is with heartfelt gratitude to Daniel Schmidt and his team that we at the Inner World Institute would like to share this 1st video of a 4 part series with you. This series provides a superb rendering and profound insights into our Inner World that will alter your perception of reality and open the door to Self Awareness like never before.

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[Inner Worlds, Outer Worlds 2 The Spiral <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-umtVSH4oQ>]

[Inner Worlds, Outer Worlds 4 Beyond Thinking <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcNc31Xw9g8>]

Audio: Max Keiser Episode 572

March 08, 2014 11:30

<http://rt.com/shows/keiser-report/episode-572-max-keiser-434/>

Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss those who live by the fraud, dying by the fraud as fraud is deployed to cover up fraud, thus causing more fraud. In the second half, Max interviews precious metals expert, Ned Naylor-Leyland of QuilterCheviot.com about how the harmonization of law across Europe has ironically driven the manipulation of the gold fix out into the open and how the rigged gold fix has meant that gold was not able to be classified as tier-one capital.

Reading: **When Rocks Cry Out**, Chapter 34 – Joshua Places Israel in Africa, Central America

Closing: **Rainbird**

Music: Two Rumi poems explained by the reader, with music

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2014, Mar 3 **Reid escalates feud with Koch brothers**



Greg Nash

By Alexander Bolton - 03/04/14 08:23 PM EST

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) on Tuesday accused the Koch brothers of unlawful business practices in an effort to portray the conservative billionaires as election-year bogeymen.

Reid charged that Charles and David Koch, who are tied for fourth place on the Forbes list of 400 richest people in the United States, violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, citing a 2011 report by Bloomberg Markets magazine.

“These are the same brothers whose company, according to a Bloomberg investigation, paid bribes and kickbacks to win contracts in Africa, India and the Middle East,” Reid said on the Senate floor. “These are the same brothers who, according to the same report, used foreign subsidiaries to sell millions of dollars of equipment to Iran, a state sponsor of terrorism.”

Representatives of the Kochs’s business empire fired back quickly in what has become an escalating battle between the top Democrat in Congress and the press-shy business titans.

A lawyer for Koch Industries said the allegations in the Bloomberg article have been subsequently debunked and did not result in any legal penalty.

“Nothing has ever come of any of the allegations that Mr. Reid referred to,” said Mark Holden, general counsel of Koch Industries.

“Sen. Reid’s allegations are false,” he added.

Philip Ellender, the president of government and public affairs at Koch Companies Public Sector LLC, said Reid was lashing out at the Kochs because of political differences.

“We are disappointed that Sen. Reid is attacking private citizens rather than the problems facing this nation. It is no wonder that Americans have lost faith in Congress,” he said in a statement.

Patrick Pexton, the ombudsman for The Washington Post in 2011, at the time questioned the paper for republishing the Bloomberg report.

“I think the story lacked context, was tendentious and was unfair in not reporting some of the exculpatory and contextual information Koch provided to Bloomberg,” Pexton wrote in October 2011.

It was the third attack Reid leveled at the Koch brothers on the Senate floor in the past week, and Democratic strategists say the intent is to make the Kochs the new faces of the GOP.

The Nevada Democrat, a former amateur boxer, is known for lambasting his political enemies.

In 2008, Reid said he “can’t stand” Sen. John McCain (Ariz.), who was then the GOP presidential nominee. Four years later, he repeatedly ripped Mitt Romney and, without proof, claimed the 2012 Republican standard-bearer hadn’t paid taxes in 10 years.

Reid’s salvos at the Kochs have angered Republican senators who feel he is unfairly picking on private citizens.

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) has threatened to begin demonizing liberal donors.

Other Senate Republicans say the harshness of Reid’s jabs are a sign that Democrats feel under increasing political pressure because of millions of dollars in ads the Kochs have funded in Arkansas, North Carolina and other Senate battlegrounds.

National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman Jerry Moran (Kan.) rebuked Reid last week for targeting the Kochs and compared him to former Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R). Democrats countered that Moran’s defense only showed how much the GOP political operation is beholden to the Kochs’s patronage.

Democrats used a similar political tactic in 2012 when they compensated for President Obama’s soft approval ratings by making the election more of a choice between him and Romney than a referendum on the president.

“The Koch brothers click because when you look at the policies they want to enact they are policies that benefit the wealthiest: getting rid of minimum wage, lobbying against paycheck fairness,” said a senior Senate Democratic aide.

Democrats succeeded in 2012 by painting Romney as an emissary for the wealthy elite who had little in common with ordinary voters. Romney played into the strategy by making disparaging comments about 47 percent of Americans and building an elevator for his four-car garage.

But this year — just like in 2010 — Obama’s numbers are low and there is no clear household name bogeyman. In 2010, Republicans won 63 House seats in the midterms and cut into the Senate Democratic majority.

“The dynamics in a non-presidential year are quite different. Mitt Romney was an absolutely delightful candidate to run against,” said Mike Lux, a Democratic strategist. “He represented so much what we as Democrats opposed with the 47-percent statement.

“It is always helpful in politics to personify issues to use people as the example of what’s going on with a given issue, and the Koch brothers are a great example,” he added.

“The idea is to create the impression that Republicans are getting their money from a sinister and questionable source, people who violate campaign finance laws and trade with the enemy,” said Ross K. Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University who previously served in the Senate as a senior fellow and scholar-in-residence.

Reid has flipped to the same page of the playbook to make the November election a choice between Obama and the Koch brothers instead of a referendum on the unpopular ObamaCare law.

Last week, Reid ripped the Koch brothers as “un-American” and accused them of “trying to buy America” in separate floor speeches.

He followed up in a lengthy speech devoted to the Koch brothers Tuesday, when hearings and votes were canceled because of snow.

“What is un-American is when shadowy billionaires pour unlimited money into our democracy to rig the system to benefit themselves and the wealthiest 1 percent,” he said.

Senate Democratic aides say polling consistently shows that many voters feel they are living in a two-tiered economy that has left them behind and benefited the rich disproportionately.

Obama and Reid have embraced economic inequality as their campaign theme of 2014, and holding up the Koch brothers as the wealthy patrons of the GOP fits snugly into that strategy, say Senate Democratic aides.

Brad Dayspring, the NRSC's communications director, on Tuesday accused Democrats of hypocrisy by noting several vulnerable Democratic senators have accepted money from the Koch Industries political action committee.

"Man, the Senate Majority Leader sure is grumpy. Wonder why? Oh, right — his majority is slipping away," Dayspring wrote in a memo to reporters.

He pointed to data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks fundraising, showing the campaigns of Sens. Mark Pryor (D-Ark.) and Mary Landrieu (D-La.) and the leadership PAC of Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska) have accepted money from Koch Industries PAC in recent years.

This story was posted at 3:10 p.m. and updated at 9:18 p.m.

Read more: <http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/199857-reid-koch-brothers-broke-business-laws#ixzz2vPieheHF>



Location of Crimea (dark green) with respect to Ukraine (green) on a map of [Europe](#)

Crimea, or the [Crimean Peninsula](#), located on the northern coast of the [Black Sea](#), currently under the jurisdiction of [Ukraine](#), has a **history** of over 2000 years. The territory has been conquered and controlled many times throughout this history. The [Cimmerians](#), [Greeks](#), [Scythians](#), [Goths](#), [Huns](#), [Bulgars](#), [Khazars](#), the state of [Kievan Rus'](#), [Byzantine](#) Greeks, [Kipchaks](#), [Ottoman](#) Turks, [Golden Horde](#) Tatars and the [Mongols](#) all controlled Crimea in its early history. In the 13th century, it was partly controlled by the [Venetians](#) and by the [Genovese](#); they were followed by the [Crimean Khanate](#) and the [Ottoman Empire](#) in the 15th to 18th centuries, the [Russian Empire](#) in the 18th to 20th centuries, the [Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic](#) and later the [Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic](#) within the [Soviet Union](#). In 1991 it became part of independent [Ukraine](#), as the [Autonomous Republic Crimea](#).

The name "Crimea" takes its origin in the name of the city of Qırım (today called [Stary Krym](#)) which served as a capital of the Crimean province of the [Golden Horde](#). The [ancient Greeks](#) called Crimea [Tauris](#) (later [Taurica](#)), after its inhabitants, the [Tauri](#).

Taurica was eventually renamed by the [Crimean Tatars](#). [Golden Orde](#), from whose [language](#) the Crimea's modern name derives. The word "Crimea" comes from the Crimean Tatar name *Qırım* via Golden Orde [Mongolia](#) *Kherem*, *Kerm* (*Wall or Fortress*) or via [Greek](#) *Krimeía* (Κριμαία).

After the annexation of Crimea in 1783 the newly installed Russian authorities made an attempt to revive the ancient name, and the former lands of the Crimean Khanate were organized into the [Taurida Governorate](#). But this name was used only in the official documents and "Crimea" remained a common name for the country.

Early history

Main article: [Taurica](#)



[Chersonesos](#) in modern [Sevastopol](#)

Taurica ([Greek](#): Ταυρίς, Ταυριδα) also known as *Tauris*, *Taurida*, *Tauric Chersonese* and *Chersonesus Taurica* was the name of Crimea in [antiquity](#).

The earliest inhabitants of whom we have any authentic traces were the [Cimmerians](#), who were expelled by the [Scythians](#) during the 7th century BC. The inland regions were then inhabited by Scythians and the mountainous south coast by the remaining Cimmerians, who became known as the [Tauri](#).

According to [Greek legends](#), Tauris is the place to which [Iphigeneia](#) was sent after the [goddess Artemis](#) rescued her from the human sacrifice [her father](#) was about to perform. The goddess swept the young princess off to Tauris where she became a priestess at [her temple](#). Here, she was forced by the Taurian king Thoas to perform human sacrifices on any foreigners who came ashore. According to other historians, the Tauri were known for their savage rituals and piracy and were also the earliest indigenous peoples of the peninsula. The land of Tauris and its rumored customs of killing Greeks are also described by [Herodotus](#) in his [histories](#), Book IV, 99–100 and 103.

The [Ancient Greeks](#) in turn named the region after the Tauri. As the Tauri inhabited only mountainous regions of southern Crimea at first the name Tauris was used only to this southern part, but later it was extended to name the whole peninsula.

Sometimes Taurica is referred to as *Tauric Chersonese* or *Chersonesus Taurica*. This name is Greek for the "Tauric peninsula" (*Chersonese* literally means "peninsula"). This variant of the name should not be confused with the city of [Chersonesos](#).



Greek colonies along the north coast of the Black Sea in the 5th century [BCE](#).

In the 5th century BC [Greek](#) colonists began to settle along the Black Sea coast; among them were the Dorians from [Heraclea](#) who founded a sea port of [Chersonesos](#) outside modern [Sevastopol](#) and the [Ionians](#) from [Miletus](#) who landed at [Feodosiya](#) and [Panticapaeum](#) (also called [Bosporus](#)).

In 438 BC, the Archon (ruler) of the latter settlers assumed the title of the [King of Cimmerian Bosporus](#), a state that maintained close relations with [Athens](#), supplying the city with wheat, honey and other commodities. The last of that line of kings, Paerisades V, being hard-pressed by the Scythians, put himself under the protection of [Mithridates VI](#), the king of [Pontus](#), in 114 BC. After the death of this sovereign, his son, [Pharnaces II](#), was invested by [Pompey](#) with the [Kingdom of Bosporus](#) in 63 BC as a reward for the assistance rendered to the [Romans](#) in their war against his father. In 15 BC, it was once again restored to the king of Pontus, but from then ranked as a tributary state of Rome.



The "Chersonesus Tauricus" of [Antiquity](#), shown on a map printed in [London](#), ca 1770

Roman Crimea

Main article: [Roman Crimea](#)

In the 2nd century BC, the eastern part of Taurica became part of the [Bosporan Kingdom](#), before being incorporated into the [Roman Empire](#) in the 1st century BC.

During the AD 1st, 2nd and 3rd centuries, Taurica was host to Roman legions and colonists in [Charax, Crimea](#). The Charax colony was founded under [Vespasian](#) with the intention of protecting [Chersonesos](#) and other Bosporean trade emporiums from the [Scythians](#). The Roman colony was protected by a [vexillatio](#) of the [Legio I Italica](#); it also hosted a detachment of the [Legio XI Claudia](#) at the end of the 2nd century. The camp was abandoned by the Romans in the mid-3rd century. This de facto province would have been controlled by the [legatus](#) of one of the Legions stationed in Charax.

Crimea in the Middle Ages

Main article: [Cherson \(theme\)](#)

Throughout the later centuries, Crimea was invaded or occupied successively by the [Goths](#) (AD 250), the [Huns](#) (376), the [Bulgars](#) (4th–8th century), the [Khazars](#) (8th century), the state of [Kievan Rus'](#) (10th–11th centuries), the [Byzantine Empire](#) (1016), the [Kipchaks](#) (the Kumans) (1050), and the [Mongols](#) (1237).

In the mid-10th century, the eastern area of Crimea was conquered by Prince [Sviatoslav I of Kiev](#) and became part of the Kievan Rus' principality of [Tmutarakan](#). In 988, Prince [Vladimir I of Kiev](#) also captured the Byzantine town of Chersonesos (presently part of Sevastopol) where he later converted to [Christianity](#). An impressive [Russian Orthodox](#) cathedral marks the location of this historic event.



Crimea in the middle of the 15th century



The Crimean Khanate in 1600

In the 13th century, the [Republic of Genoa](#) seized the settlements which their rivals, the [Venetians](#), had built along the Crimean coast and established themselves at [Cembalo](#) (now Balaklava), [Soldaia](#) (Sudak), [Cherco](#) (Kerch) and [Caffa](#) (Feodosiya), gaining control of the Crimean economy and the Black Sea commerce for two centuries.^{[[citation needed](#)]}

Crimean Khanate: 1441–1783

Main article: [Crimean Khanate](#)

A number of [Turkic peoples](#), now collectively known as the [Crimean Tatars](#), have been inhabiting the peninsula since the early [Middle Ages](#). The ethnicity of the Crimean Tatars is quite complex as it absorbed both nomadic Turkic and European components (including, at first, the [Goths](#) and the [Genoese](#)) which is still reflected in their appearance and language differences. A small enclave of the Karaylar, generally believed to be of Khazar (i.e. Turkic) descent practising [Karaism](#), was founded in the 8th century. It existed among the Muslim Crimean Tatars, primarily in the mountainous [Çufut Qale](#) area.

In 1346, the bodies of Mongol warriors of the [Golden Horde](#) who had died of [plague](#) were thrown over the walls of the besieged [Kaffa](#) (now Feodosiya). It has been speculated that this operation may have been responsible for the advent of the [Black Death](#) in Europe.^[1]

After the destruction of the Mongolian Golden Horde by [Timur](#) in 1441, the Crimean Tatars founded an independent [Crimean Khanate](#) under [Hacı I Giray](#), a descendant of [Genghis Khan who was Mongol leader](#). He and his successors reigned first at [Qırq Yer](#), and from the beginning of the 15th century, at [Bakhchisaray](#).^[2]

The Crimean Tatars controlled the steppes that stretched from the [Kuban](#) and to the [Dniester River](#), however, they were unable to take control over commercial [Genoese](#) towns. After the Crimean Tatars asked for help from the [Ottomans](#), an Ottoman invasion of the Genoese towns led by [Gedik Ahmed Pasha](#) in 1475 brought [Kaffa](#) and the other trading towns under their control.^{[3]:78}

After the capture of Genoese towns, the Ottoman Sultan held [Meñli I Giray](#) captive,^[4] later releasing him in return for accepting Ottoman suzerainty over the Crimean Khans and allowing them rule as [tributary princes of the Ottoman Empire](#).^{[3]:78[5]} However, the Crimean Khans still had a large amount of autonomy from the Ottoman Empire, particularly, followed the rules they thought were best for them: Crimean Tatars introduced raids into Ukrainian lands, which were used to get slaves to be sold on markets.^{[3]:78} For example, from 1450 to 1586, eighty-six [Tatar raids](#) were recorded, and from 1600 to 1647, seventy.^{[3]:106} In the 1570s close to 20,000 slaves a year were being sold in [Kaffa](#).^[6]

In 1553–1554, [Cossack Hetman Dmytro Vyshnevetsky](#) gathered together groups of Cossacks, and constructed a fort designed to obstruct Tatar raids into Ukraine. With this action, he founded the [Zaporozhian Sich](#), with which he would launch a series of attacks on the Crimean Peninsula and the Ottoman Turks.^{[3]:109} In 1774, the

Crimean Khans fell under Russian influence with the [Treaty of Küçük Kaynarca](#).^{[3]:176} In 1778, numerous Greek Orthodox residents were deported from Crimea to the vicinity of [Mariupol](#) by the Russian government.^[7] In 1783, the entire Crimea was annexed by the [Russian Empire](#).^{[3]:176}

Crimea in the Russian Empire: 1783–1917



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See also: [New Russia](#) and [Taurida Governorate](#)



A map of what was called New Russia during the time of the [Russian Empire](#). Only the parts of New Russia that are now in Ukraine are shown.

The [Taurida Oblast](#) was created by a decree of [Catherine the Great](#) on 2 February 1784. The center of the [oblast](#) was first in [Karasubazar](#) but was moved to Simferopol later in 1784. The establishment decree divided the oblast into 7 [uyezds](#). However, by a decree of [Paul I](#) on 12 December 1796, the oblast was abolished and the territory, divided into 2 uyezds (Akmechetsky [*Акмечетский*]) and Perekopsky [*Перекопский*]) was attached to the second incarnation of the [Novorossiysk Governorate](#).

After 1799, the territory was divided into uyezds. At that time, there were 1,400 inhabited villages and 7 towns—Simferopol, Sevastopol, Yalta, Yevpatoria, Alushta, Feodosiya, and Kerch.

In 1802, in the course of Paul I's administrative reform of areas that were annexed from the Crimean Khanate, the Novorossiysk Governorate was again abolished and subdivided. Crimea was attached to a new [Taurida Governorate](#) established with its centre at Simferopol. The governorate included both the 25,133 km² Crimea as well as 38,405 km² of adjacent areas of the mainland.

By the late 19th century, [Crimean Tatars](#) continued to form a slight plurality of Crimea's still largely rural population but there were large numbers of [Russians](#) and Ukrainians as well as smaller numbers of [Germans](#), Jews (including [Krymchaks](#) and [Crimean Karaites](#)), [Bulgarians](#), Belarussians, [Turks](#), [Armenians](#), and [Greeks](#) and Gypsies.

The Tatars were the predominant portion of the population in the mountainous area and about half of the steppe population. Russians were concentrated most heavily in Feodosiya district. Germans and Bulgarians settled in the Crimea at the beginning of 19th century, receiving a large allotment and fertile land and later wealthy colonists began to buy land, mainly in Perekopsky and Evpatoria uyezds.



Detail of [Franz Roubaud's panoramic painting](#) *The Siege of*

Sevastopol (1904)

Crimean War

Main article: [Crimean War](#)

The Crimean War (1853–1856), a conflict fought between the [Russian Empire](#) and an alliance of the [French Empire](#), the [British Empire](#), the [Ottoman Empire](#), the [Kingdom of Sardinia](#), and the [Duchy of Nassau](#), was part of a long-running contest between the major European powers for influence over territories of the [declining Ottoman Empire](#). While some of the war was fought elsewhere, the principal engagements were in Crimea.

Following action in the [Danubian Principalities](#) and in the Black Sea, allied troops landed in Crimea in September 1854 and [besieged the city of Sevastopol](#), home of the Tsar's Black Sea Fleet and the associated threat of potential Russian penetration into the Mediterranean. After extensive fighting throughout Crimea, the city fell on 9 September 1855.

The war devastated much of the economic and social infrastructure of Crimea. The Crimean Tatars had to flee from their homeland *en masse*, forced by the conditions created by the war, persecution and land expropriations. Those who survived the trip, famine and disease, resettled in [Dobruja](#), [Anatolia](#), and other parts of the [Ottoman Empire](#). Finally, the Russian government decided to stop the process, as the agriculture began to suffer due to the unattended fertile farmland.



The [Swallow's Nest](#), a symbol of Crimea, one of the best-known, romantic castles near [Yalta](#). It was built in 1912 in the [Neo-Gothic](#) style by the order of the [Baltic German](#) Baron Stengel. It was designed by Russian architect [Leonid Sherwood](#).

Crimea in the Russian Civil War: 1917–1921

Following the [Russian Revolution of 1917](#), the military and political situation in Crimea was chaotic like that in much of Russia. During the ensuing [Russian Civil War](#), Crimea changed hands numerous times and was for a

time a stronghold of the anti-Bolshevik [White Army](#). It was in Crimea that the White Russians led by [General Wrangel](#) made their last stand against [Nestor Makhno](#) and the [Red Army](#) in 1920. When resistance was crushed, many of the anti-Communist fighters and civilians escaped by ship to [Istanbul](#).



A 25-ruble banknote of the [Crimean Regional Government](#)

Crimea changed hands several times over the course of the conflict and several political entities were set up on the peninsula. These included:

- [Crimean People's Republic](#) — December 1917–January 1918 — Crimean Tatar government
- [Taurida Soviet Socialist Republic](#) — 19 March 1918–30 April 1918 — Bolshevik government
- [German](#) and [Ukrainian People's Republic](#) occupation — May 1918–June 1918
- [First Crimean Regional Government](#) — 25 June 1918–25 November 1918 — German puppet state under Lipka Tatar General [Maciej \(Suleyman\) Sulkiewicz](#)
- [Second Crimean Regional Government](#) — November 1918–April 1919 — Anti-Bolshevik government under [Crimean Karaite](#) former *Kadet* member [Solomon Krym](#)
- [Crimean Socialist Soviet Republic](#) — 2 April 1919–June 1919 — Bolshevik government
- [South Russian Government](#) — February 1920–April 1920 — Government of [White movement's](#) General [Anton Denikin](#)
- [Government of South Russia](#) — April 1920 (officially, 16 August 1920)–16 November 1920 — Government of White movement's General [Pyotr Wrangel](#)
- Bolshevik [Revolutionary committee](#) government — November 1920–18 October 1921 — Bolshevik government under [Béla Kun](#) (until 20 February 1921), then [Mikhail Poliakov](#)
- [Crimean Autonomous Socialist Soviet Republic](#) — 18 October 1921–30 June 1945 — Autonomous republic of the [RSFSR](#) in the [Soviet Union](#)

Crimea in the Soviet Union: 1922–1991

Interbellum Soviet history

See also: [Crimean Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic](#)

On October 18, 1921, the [Crimean Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic](#) was created as part of the [Russian SFSR](#) which, in turn, became part of the new [Soviet Union](#).^[5] However, this did not protect the Crimean Tatars, who constituted about 25% of the Crimean population,^[8] from [Joseph Stalin's](#) repressions of the 1930s.^[5] The [Greeks](#) were another cultural group that suffered. Their lands were lost during the process of [collectivisation](#), in which farmers were not compensated with wages. Schools which taught [Greek](#) were closed and [Greek literature](#) was destroyed, because the Soviets considered the Greeks as "counter-revolutionary" with their links to [capitalist](#) state [Greece](#), and their independent culture.^[5]

Crimea experienced two severe famines in the 20th century, the [Famine of 1921–1922](#) and the [Holodomor](#) of 1932–1933.^[9] A large Slavic population influx occurred in the 1930s as a result of the Soviet policy of regional development. With These demographic changes permanently altered the ethnic balance in the region.

World War II and ethnic deportations

See also: [Deportation of the Crimean Tatars](#)

During [World War II](#), Crimea was a scene of some of the bloodiest battles. The leaders of the [Third Reich](#) were anxious to conquer and colonize the fertile and beautiful peninsula as part of their policy of resettling the Germans in Eastern Europe at the expense of the Slavs. The Germans suffered heavy casualties in the summer of 1941 as they tried to advance through the narrow [Isthmus of Perekop](#) linking Crimea to the Soviet mainland. Once the German army broke through ([Operation Trappenjagd](#)), they occupied most of Crimea, with the exception of the city of Sevastopol, which was later awarded the honorary title of [Hero City](#) after the war. The [Red Army](#) lost over 170,000 men killed or taken prisoner, and three armies (44th, 47th, and 51st) with twenty-one divisions.^[10]



The "Big Three" at the [Yalta Conference](#) in Crimea: [Winston Churchill](#), [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) and [Joseph Stalin](#).

Sevastopol held out from October 1941 until 4 July 1942 when the Germans finally captured the city. From 1 September 1942, the peninsula was administered as the *Generalbezirk Krim* (general district of Crimea) *und Teilbezirk* (and sub-district) *Taurien* by the Nazi *Generalkommissar* [Alfred Eduard Frauenfeld](#) (1898–1977), under the authority of the three consecutive [Reichskommissare](#) for the entire Ukraine. In spite of heavy-handed tactics by the Nazis and the assistance of the [Romanian](#) and [Italian](#) troops, the Crimean mountains remained an unconquered stronghold of the native resistance (the partisans) until the day when the peninsula was freed from the occupying force.

In 1944, Sevastopol came under the control of troops from the [Soviet Union](#). The so-called "City of Russian Glory" once known for its beautiful architecture was entirely destroyed and had to be rebuilt stone by stone. Due to its enormous historical and symbolic meaning for the Russians, it became a priority for Stalin and the Soviet government to have it restored to its former glory within the shortest time possible.

On 18 May 1944, the entire population of the [Crimean Tatars](#) were [forcibly deported](#) in the "[Sürgün](#)" (Crimean Tatar for exile) to Central Asia by [Joseph Stalin](#)'s Soviet government as a form of [collective punishment](#) on the grounds that they had collaborated with the [Nazi](#) occupation forces.^{[3]:483} An estimated 46% of the deportees died^[citation needed] from hunger and disease. On 26 June of the same year [Armenian](#), [Bulgarian](#) and [Greek](#) population was also deported to Central Asia. By the end of summer 1944, the [ethnic cleansing](#) of Crimea was complete. In 1967, the Crimean Tatars were rehabilitated, but they were banned from legally returning to their homeland until the last days of the Soviet Union. The Crimean Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic was abolished in 30 June 1945 and transformed into the [Crimean Oblast](#) (province) of the [Russian SFSR](#).

Post-war Soviet history

See also: [Crimean Oblast](#)

On 19 February 1954, the Presidium of the [Supreme Soviet](#) of the USSR issued a decree on the transfer of the

Crimean region of the RSFSR to the Ukrainian SSR. This Supreme Soviet Decree states that this transfer was motivated by "the commonality of the economy, the proximity, and close economic and cultural relations between the Crimean region and the Ukrainian SSR".^[11]

In post-war years, Crimea thrived as a [tourist destination](#), with new attractions and sanatoriums for tourists. Tourists came from all around the Soviet Union and neighbouring countries, particularly from the [German Democratic Republic](#).^[5] In time the peninsula also became a major tourist destination for cruises originating in Greece and Turkey. Crimea's infrastructure and manufacturing also developed, particularly around the sea ports at [Kerch](#) and [Sevastopol](#) and in the oblast's landlocked capital, [Simferopol](#). Populations of [Ukrainians](#) and [Russians](#) alike doubled, with more than 1.6 million Russians and 626,000 Ukrainians living on the peninsula by 1989.^[5]

Crimea within independent Ukraine

Establishment of the Autonomous Republic: 1991–1998



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Crimea's southernmost point is the [Cape of Sarych](#) on the northern shore of the [Black Sea](#), currently used by the [Russian Navy](#).

With the [collapse of the Soviet Union](#), Crimea became part of the newly independent Ukraine. Independence was supported by a [referendum](#) in all regions of Ukrainian SSR, including Crimea.^[12] 54% of the Crimean voters supported independence with a 60% turnout (in Sevastopol 57% supported independence).^[13] The percentage of the total Crimean electorate that had voted for Ukrainian independence in the referendum was 37%.^[14] In 1994, the legal status of Crimea as part of Ukraine was backed up by Russia, who pledged to uphold the territorial integrity of Ukraine in a [memorandum signed in 1994](#), also signed by the US, UK and France.^[15]^[16]

This new situation led to tensions between Russia and Ukraine. With the [Black Sea Fleet](#) based on the peninsula, worries of armed skirmishes were occasionally raised. In August 1991, [Yuriy Meshkov](#) established the Republican Movement of Crimea which was registered on 19 November.^[15]

On 2 September 1991, the National Movement of Crimean Tatars appealed to the V Extraordinary Congress of People's Deputies in Russia demanding the program how to return the deported Tatar population back to Crimea. Based on the resolution of the [Verkhovna Rada](#) (the Crimean parliament) on 26 February 1992, the Crimean ASSR was renamed the Republic of Crimea.^[17] The Crimean parliament proclaimed self-government on 5 May 1992.^[18]^[17] (which was yet to be approved by a referendum to be held 2 August 1992^[19]) and passed the first [Crimean constitution](#) the same day.^[19] On 6 May 1992 the same parliament inserted a new sentence into this constitution that declared that Crimea was part of Ukraine.^[19]

On 19 May, Crimea agreed to remain as part of Ukraine and annulled their proclamation of self-government. By 30 June, Crimean Communists forced the [Kiev](#) government to expand on the already extensive autonomous status of Crimea. [3]:587 In the same period, Russian president [Boris Yeltsin](#) and Ukraine's [Leonid Kravchuk](#) agreed to divide the former [Soviet Black Sea Fleet](#) between Russia and the newly formed [Ukrainian Navy](#). [20] On 24 October, Meshkov re-registered his movement as the *Republican Party of Crimea – Party of the Republican Movement of Crimea*. On 11 December 1992, the [President of Ukraine](#) called the attempt of "the Russian deputies to charge the Russian parliament with a task to define the status of [Sevastopol](#) as an *imperial disease*". [21] On 17 December 1992, the office of the Ukrainian presidential representative in Crimea was created, which caused wave of protests a month later. Among the protesters that created the unsanctioned rally were the Sevastopol branches of the National Salvation Front, the Russian Popular Assembly, and the All-Crimean Movement of *the Voters for the Republic of Crimea*. The protest was held in Sevastopol on 10 January at [Nakhimov Square](#).

On 15 January 1993, Kravchuk and Yeltsin in the meeting in Moscow appointed Eduard Baltin as the commander of the Black Sea Fleet. At the same time the Union of the Ukrainian Naval Officers protested the Russian intervention into the Ukrainian internal affairs. Soon after that there were more anti-Ukrainian protests led by the Meshkov's party, the Voters for the Crimean Republic, [Yedinstvo](#), and the Union of Communists that demanded to turn [Sevastopol](#) under the Russian jurisdiction and followed by the interview given by the Sevastopol's Communist, Vasyl Parkhomenko, who said that the city's Communists request to recognize the Russian as the state language and restoration of the Soviet Union. On 19 March 1993, the Crimean deputy and the member of the National Salvation Front, Alexander Kruglov, threatened the members of the Crimean Ukrainian Congress not allow into the building of the Republican Council. Couple of days after that Russia established an information center in [Sevastopol](#). In April 1993, the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence submitted an appeal to [Verkhovna Rada](#) to suspend the [Yalta Agreement of 1992](#) that divided the Black Sea Fleet that was followed by the request from the Ukrainian Republican Party to recognize the Fleet either fully Ukrainian or a *fleet of a foreign country in Ukraine*. Also over 300 Russian legislators called the planned Congress of Ukrainian Residents a political provocation.

On 14 April 1993, the Presidium of the Crimean parliament called for the creation of the presidential post of the Crimean Republic. A week later the Russian deputy, Valentin Agafonov, stated that Russia is ready to supervise the referendum on Crimean independence and include the republic as a separate entity in the CIS. On 28 July 1993, one of the leaders of the Russian Society of Crimea, Viktor Prusakov, stated that his organization is ready for an armed mutiny and establishment of the Russian administration in Sevastopol. In September, Eduard Baltin accused Ukraine of converting some of his fleet and conducting an armed assault on his personnel, and threatened to take *countermeasures* of placing the fleet on alert.

On 14 October 1993, the Crimean parliament established the post of [President of Crimea](#) and agreed on the quota of the Crimean Tatars representation in the Council to 14. The head of the Russian People's Council in Sevastopol, Alexander Kruglov, called it *excessive*. The chairman of the Tatar [Mejlis](#), [Mustafa Abdülcemil Qırımoğlu](#), used words "categorically against" in regards to the proposed election for Crimean president on 16 January. He stated that there cannot be two presidents in a single state. On 6 November, the Crimean Tatar leader, [Yuriy Osmanov](#) was murdered. Series of terrorist actions rocked the peninsula in the winter among them were the arson of the Mejlis apartment, the shooting of a Ukrainian official, several hooligan attacks on Meshkov, the bomb explosion in the house of a local parliamentary, the assassination attempt on a Communist presidential candidate, and others. On 2 January 1994, the Mejlis announced a boycott of the presidential elections, which were later canceled. The boycott itself was later taken on by other Crimean Tatar organizations. On 11 January, the Mejlis announced their representative, [Mykola Bahrov](#), the speaker of the Crimean parliament, as the presidential candidate. On 12 January, some other candidates accused Bahrov of severe methods of agitation. At the same time, [Vladimir Zhirinovskiy](#) called on the people of Crimea to vote for the Russian Sergei

Shuvainikov.

On 30 January 1994, the pro-Russian [Yuriy Meshkov](#) was [elected to the new post](#) but quickly ran into conflicts with parliament. On 8 September, the Crimean parliament degraded the President's powers from the head of state to the head of the executive power only, to which Meshkov responded by disbanding parliament and announcing his control over Crimea four days later. Amendments[[clarification needed](#)] to the constitution eased the conflict[[citation needed](#)], but on 17 March 1995, the [parliament of Ukraine](#) intervened, scrapping the Crimean Constitution and removing Meshkov along with his office for his actions against the state and promoting integration with [Russia](#).[\[22\]](#) After an interim constitution lasting from 4 April 1996 to 23 December 1998, the current constitution was put into effect, changing the territory's name to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

Autonomous Republic of Crimea: 1999–2013

Following the ratification of the May 1997 Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation, and Partnership on friendship and division of the [Black Sea Fleet](#), international tensions slowly eased off. With the treaty, [Moscow](#) recognized Ukraine's borders and territorial integrity, and accepted Ukraine's sovereignty over Crimea and Sevastopol.[\[3\]](#):600 In a separate agreement, Russia was to receive 80 percent of the Black Sea Fleet and use of the military facilities in Sevastopol on a 20-year [lease](#).[\[3\]](#):600

However, other controversies between Ukraine and Russia still remain, including the ownership of a [lighthouse](#) on [Cape Sarych](#). Because the [Russian Navy](#) controlled 77 geographical objects on the south Crimean Shore, the [Sevastopol](#) Government Court ordered the vacating of the objects, which the Russian military did not carry out.[\[23\]](#) Since August 3, 2005, the lighthouse has been controlled by the [Russian Army](#).[\[24\]](#) Through the years, there have been various attempts to return Cape Sarych to Ukrainian territory, all of which were unsuccessful.



The 2006 [anti-NATO protests](#) in [Feodosiya](#).

In 2006, [protests broke out](#) on the peninsula after [U.S. Marines](#)[\[25\]](#) arrived at the Crimean city of [Feodosiya](#) to take part in the Sea Breeze 2006 [Ukraine-NATO military exercise](#). Protesters greeted the marines with barricades and slogans bearing "Occupiers go home!" and a couple of days later, the [Crimean parliament](#) declared Crimea a "NATO-free territory." After several days of protest, the U.S. Marines withdrew from the peninsula.[\[26\]](#)

In September 2008, the [Ukrainian Foreign Minister Volodymyr Ohryzko](#) accused Russia of giving out [Russian passports](#) to the population in the Crimea and described it as a "real problem" given Russia's declared policy of military intervention abroad to protect Russian citizens.[\[27\]](#)

During a press conference in [Moscow](#) on 16 February 2009, the [Mayor](#) of [Sevastopol](#) Serhiy Kunitsyn claimed (citing recent polls) that the population of Crimea is opposed to the idea of becoming a part of [Russia](#).[\[28\]](#)

Although western newspapers like the [Wall Street Journal](#) have speculated about a Russian [coup](#) in Sevastopol or another Crimean city in connection with the [Russian-Georgian war](#) and the [Recognition of Abkhazia and](#)

[South Ossetia by Russia](#). [29] Valentyn Nalyvaychenko, acting head of the [Security Service of Ukraine](#) (SBU), stated on 17 February 2009, that he is confident that any "[Ossetian](#) scenario" is impossible in Crimea. [30] The SBU had started criminal proceedings against the pro-Russian association "People's front Sevastopol-Crimea-Russia" in January 2009. [31]

On the 55th anniversary of the transfer of Crimea transfer of the [Russian SFSR](#) to the [Ukrainian SSR](#) (on 19 February 2009) some 300 to 500 people took part in rallies to protest against the transfer. [32][33]



Map of modern Crimea.

On 24 August 2009, anti-Ukrainian demonstrations were held in Crimea by ethnic Russian residents. [Sergei Tsekov](#) (of the [Russian Bloc](#)[34] and then deputy speaker of the [Crimean parliament](#)[35]) said then that he hoped that Russia would treat the Crimea the same way as it had treated South Ossetia and Abkhazia. [36]

Chaos in the [Verkhovna Rada](#) (the Ukrainian parliament) during a debate over the extension of the lease on a [Russian naval base](#) erupted on 27 April 2010 after Ukraine's parliament ratified [the treaty](#) that extends [Russia's](#) lease on a military wharf and shore installations in the Crimean port [Sevastopol](#) until 2042. The [Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Volodymyr Lytvyn](#) had to be shielded by umbrellas as he was pelted with eggs, while smoke bombs exploded and politicians brawled. [37][38] Along with the Verkhovna Rada the treaty was ratified by the Russian [State Duma](#) as well. [39]

2014 Crimean crisis and Russian Annexation

Main article: [2014 Crimean crisis](#)

On 26 February 2014, [thousands of pro-Russian and pro-Ukraine protesters clashed](#) in front of the parliament building in [Simferopol](#). On the same day Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) put 2,000 Russian troops on alert along the Ukrainian border. The protests followed the ousting of the Ukraine President [Viktor Yanukovich](#) on 22 February 2014, and a push by pro-Russian protesters for Crimea to secede from Ukraine and seek assistance from Russia. [40]

On 28 February 2014, Russian military forces occupied key posts, buildings, airports, and other assets in Crimea. [41] The interim Government of Ukraine described the events as an invasion and occupation of Crimea by Russian forces. [42][43] Crimean Prime Minister [Sergey Aksyonov](#), elected in an emergency session earlier in the week, said he asserted sole control over Crimea's security forces and appealed to Russia "for assistance in guaranteeing peace and calmness" on the peninsula. The central Ukrainian government does not recognize the Aksyonov administration and considers it illegal. [44] [45] The Russian foreign ministry stated that "*movement of the Black Sea Fleet armored vehicles in Crimea (...) happens in full accordance with basic Russian-Ukrainian agreements on the Black Sea Fleet*". [46]

On March 1, the Russian parliament granted President [Vladimir Putin](#) the authority to use military force in Ukraine. [47] The U.S. and the European Union condemned this move. On the same day, the acting president of Ukraine, [Oleksandr Turchynov](#) decreed the appointment of the [Prime Minister of Crimea](#) as unconstitutional. [48]

On the 6th of March 2014, the Crimean parliament voted in favour of joining Russia in a union between the two nations. An official referendum on the matter is to be held on the 16th of March. However, the local referendum is not allowed according to the Ukrainian Constitution and laws, thus not legitimate.

See also

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Saturday, March 8 - Sunday, March 9, 2014

First Quarter Moon Phase (8:26 am EST / 1:26 pm UTC Saturday): step forward, action, break away, expression

Moon in Gemini

The sublime Sophia is so close we can almost feel her. Of course, we can always "feel" her around us, but sometimes it's so strong that it penetrates deeply into the matrix and is easier to access. This is *stupendous* Balsamic energy (we are in the Balsamic time of the year all month long) that happens when the Sun and Moon are in a certain place in the sky and a certain place in the cycle of nature. The effects are enhanced by the Moon's transit through Gemini - an air sign. All we have to do is breathe and we are taking in frequencies of light that basically are giving us an oxygen transfusion. The cells in our blood, in particular, are being scrubbed up and revitalized. Anything we do to get our hearts pumping will magnify the effects.

As this is happening, deep internal wisdom is being accessed. You can think of it like computer programs (software) that are being clicked open to start running. Sophia is the wisdom goddess, meaning this is the predominant nature of her energetic signature. Wisdom is not knowledge. Wisdom is knowledge plus experience. From the two we gain wisdom. The key here for us is the "experience" part because experience has been seriously degraded with the Archon's interference with humanity. This weekend, Sophia will try to awaken something inside you that wants to be experienced - something that will be developed over the next year. Remember we are preparing the field (of consciousness) to plant something new during the month of April (beginning with the New Moon in Aries on March 30, 2014) that will evolve through the cycles of the year. Right now is the time when divine inspiration, messages of the soul, creative dreams, visions of happiness, and overwhelming love and guidance come to us. The wisdom goddess sends this to us over the weekend by energetically touching our hearts. I do not mean this in a cutesy way. I mean an actual activation. You could say the sublime Sophia raises her hand and touches our hearts with her index finger and something comes alight.

At the same time, her touch brings a deep level of healing.

An open, receptive mind is the proper mission this weekend. "Mission" isn't the best word because mission implies action, and we aren't supposed to be very active during the Balsamic time of the year. We do feel the urge to create, and this is an active thing, but it is also a receptive thing because creativity operates on receptivity. To have an idea about something means we take time out for it to come to us. So this is a really good excuse to let your mind wander and be somewhat lazy. (Just remember to take some time to get your heart pumping a bit, too, to enhance the energetic "transfusion.")

Focusing on any of the other energetic signatures this weekend is insignificant because whatever answers we seek lie inside of ourselves with our inner wisdom. This is where we turn.

Happy weekend, wise owls!

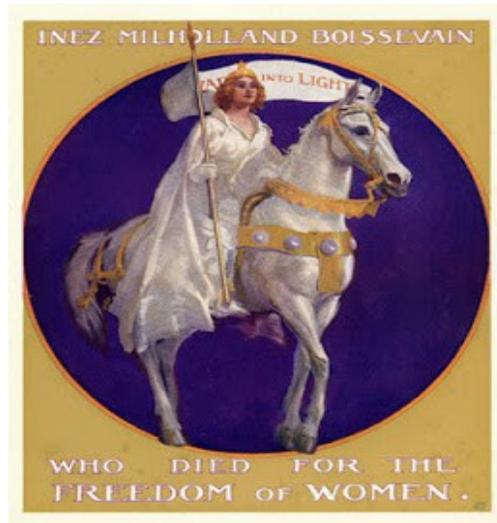
(P.S. - I am building the site, as you can see, and have added some of the beautiful pictures that you all send when you are out finding beauty. I have credited them from memory because these were in email from the old site. I do not have the name of the wise owl photographer of the algae composition on the "Contact" page, so if it is you, please email me at laura@oraclereport.com - my email

account is all in order now.)

2013, March 8, Friday

International Woman's Day~ You Are Goddess!

Today is [International Woman's Day](#), so what does that mean to us?



Here's the scoop; International Woman's Day has been around since the early 1900's and became very popular during the Women's Suffrage Movement and has grown and grown ever since. This day has become a global day of celebration as well as recognition of women's achievements and an opportunity to shine a light on ways to further equality for women all over the world. Today we see women achieving their dreams, they have become leaders, medical professionals, scientists, they run companies and have even flown to the stars! Just this year, the US military officially opened combat positions to women soldiers, a role they've been fulfilling in an unofficial capacity until recently, but may now do some with the proper recognition. Today's women can find success and balance between all the aspects of their lives, with all the grace of the Goddesses that they are!



And some of us are hard working Goddess artists, like myself!
[Click here to see my art studio shop full of Goddess Art!](#)

Today's "Be The Goddess" Spell

The power behind this celebration inspired me to write a Goddess spell for the 2013 Llewellyn's Spell-A-Day Almanac. This simple bit of magic allows you to open your self and channel the strength of the women who came before you into this world. Draw in the spiritual energy of those amazing trailblazers and let it become a beacon to you on your own path. We are all part of the Goddess, the strong women in your life and the strong women throughout history are also, and now you are, and that makes us all part of something greater than ourselves. Take a moment to read this magical enchantment and open yourself to your own inner Goddess:

You Are Goddess

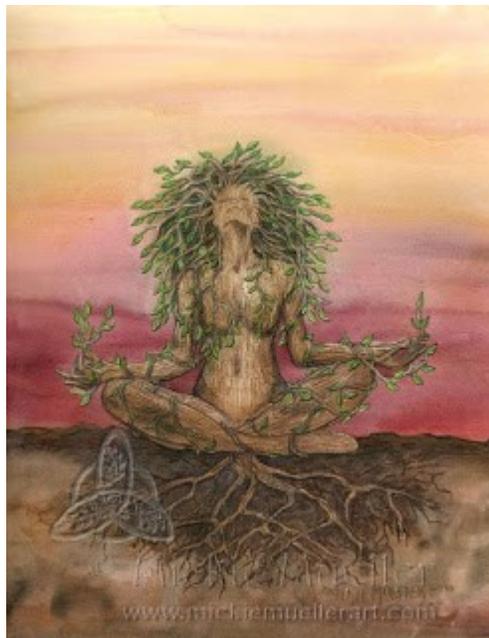
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Color of the day: Rose

Incense of the day: Vanilla

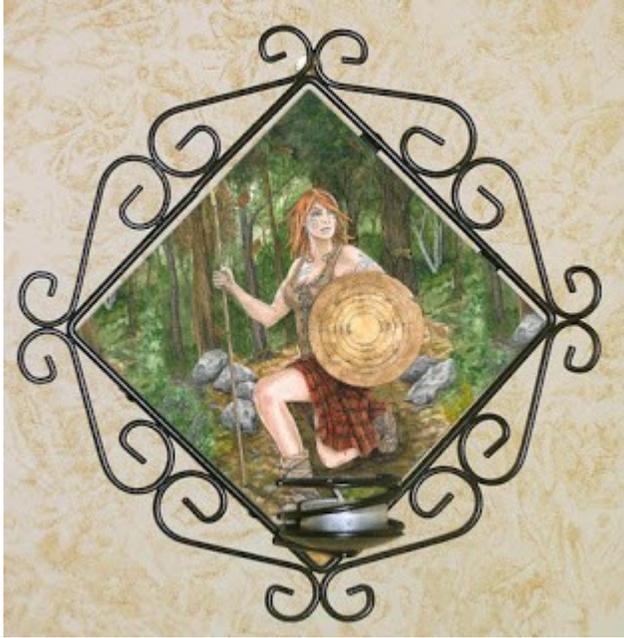
Today is International Woman's Day; it's a great day to embrace your inner Goddess. Take some time to sit somewhere quietly. If the weather is nice ([click here for the entire spell](#))

We must always remember that there are still many inequalities for women left to be reconciled. We remember the women of the past who fought so desperately for fair working conditions, a fair wage, and the right to vote. We see women fighting still today to end violence against women, equal pay, and education both in this country and around the world. We shine a powerful beacon upon the ignorance of the uninformed and misguided, refusing them the power to run our lives for us. We realize that women and girls still have battles to face, but when we look back and see how far we've come, and remember the plight of the strong brave women that came before us, we realize that we can do anything we dream, and ladies, do we dream big!



Dryad Spirit available in my Etsy shop, [click here for more details.](#)

International Woman's Day is a time to remember to honor the achievement of women today and remain vigilant and act accordingly so that women's equality is gained for all and maintained in all aspects of life. We must show support for each other and stand together to make positive changes in the world.



Ogham Shield candle sconce, light a candle to your inner Warrior Goddess,
[Click here for more details](#)

Brightest Blessings!

I Ching For The Week of March 3, 2014

#17 Sui Following/Adapting

Above Dui *Open, free, unhindered: an open mouth symbolizing quiet truth.*

Below Zhen *Shake, excite, inspire: power comes from the center of the Earth.*

The Wisdom:

The inevitability to move

With what is true and correct.

Moving with the flow

As spirit moves with joyousness

In and through you

Are you the hunter or the hunted? Are you predator or prey? Are you the observer or the observed? These are questions to be answered by following and adapting. In your personal processes you have accumulated a virtuous knowing, ready now to allow you to join effortlessly in all that is happening in and around you for your and the greater good. If ever you have felt in touch with the flow of the energetics at work in your quest for oneness it is now magnified to the power of 10. Awesome? Yes, for sure. A great responsibility? Also affirmative (and quietly affirming).

Pay attention to your natural attractions, be they work, guidance, school, spirit, or a person who has appeared mysteriously on the horizon. You are being led, not teased, by a joyous dancing spirit that stirs something that has long been quiet or never before voiced in you. Have an open heart, these are special times, and the usual rules of right or wrong and appropriate or inappropriate are coming from the judgmental ego and analytical mind. Pay them no heed. Go for it; bring a new and not-before-experienced adventure into your life, path, and heart. This is growth. This is nurturing. This is the dance with the joyous spirit force that has been with you since birth, now ready to blossom within.

There is now no separation from your spirit force, which is why the question rises as to how you see your position in life's mystery. The mysterious connection between opposites now shows there is truly no divide, no separation, between you and all. It is with this understanding that you are now able to follow and join with the revelation of how things work. That secret held by coded books, true shamans and mantled teachers is now in the open for you to follow, not as sheep to slaughter, but as a living and breathing part of the way, the Tao, towards freedom of body, mind, and spirit.

In your studies, travel, wandering, and wondering there have been ideas that made sense but it seemed you could not quite connect. Now you can, by enacting the discipline strengthened over years of growth, success, failure, joy, and disappointments. All that has occurred in dark and light has prepared you for this time of following, this time of being fully and joyously in the flow.

As societal changes are emerging at a rapid rate, there will be presented to you the opportunity to follow an ideal, or you may have the inner knowing that it is time to take a role of leadership to facilitate change. This change will have multiple faces, all occurring simultaneously, which can be very confusing. You will see the face of change on the streets, hear it in media voices, and you will feel the corresponding change within.

When the call comes, either from within or from the outer forces, telling you that it is time to do something, you must make careful considerations. Will you take a leadership role, or do you choose to follow and support the great changes that manifest moving beyond inner angst or outer social discontent? You know by now that you cannot pull the covers over your head and wait until it is all over and “back to normal.” It just doesn’t work that way anymore. You are in it, and what was once normal is no more. Normal doesn’t live here anymore.

If you are considering following a person or an idea, or if you find yourself in a position to be followed, be certain your reasoning is clear and your intentions are pure and clean. It is a recipe for disaster if you pursue leadership based on gaining power or on the aggrandizement of the self, or if you choose to follow a person or ideal because of peer pressure or because it will make you look good to have that association.

Your guidance now is to follow the flow of what is happening in and around you. Do not go to battle with what might seem unfamiliar or risky—go with it and have no fear. This time is vital to recognizing who you have become, the one who you truly are. Stay out of judgment. The danger of judgment is that it would stop this long sought-after reckoning with the divine. Know that through your righteous and compassionate actions you have made the way safe, safe to follow and to adapt to the flow. Much trust is now called for and spirits call loudly and pointedly to trust, finally and totally trust. This time is not an unearned gift. You have asked for it and worked at it, both consciously and in the silent knowing in the depth of your spiritual soul.

You are being led, by events, into your deepest and darkest reservoirs. In these reservoirs lies the ability to let go of the you that you had perceived, to become the you that will, with discipline, emerge clean, calm, confident, and on center. This is the inner shaman at work.

So, are you the hunter or the hunted? Are you predator or prey? Are you the observer or the observed? Doesn’t seem to matter now, does it? The ego will yap to take you off course and to not risk what must be risked, but it will soon quiet as you follow the flow. For in this flow, the flow of life’s divine river, the ego does not have a chance to stifle your evolution and to come into your knowing and follow the path towards enlightenment.

Have no doubt... you are the one you have been waiting for.

Much Love to all...

BobbyK

