

## Is the Moon Male?

Can someone please direct me to a discourse, where this proposition addresses the very obvious Moon is Female imagery used throughout the whole of the Agriculture Course. How is this 'explained away'?

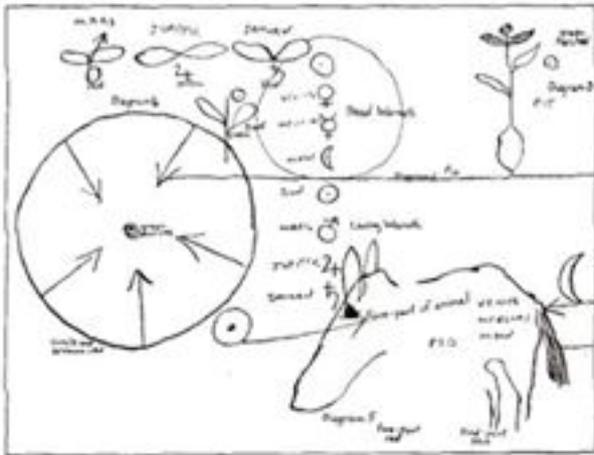
Hugh Courtney, Hugh Lovel and Karl Konig are all promoting this Moon is Male proposition, but none so far have addressed the above question, of the Agriculture Course story, which I imagine is a 'prime directive' for us here. HC and KK in particular promote this 'idea' based upon assumptions, while I am yet to hear HL's whole reasoning.

Without this explanation, this proposition can only cause immense confusion within our community.... It needs addressing.

Thanks  
Glen

**Hugh Lovel** Glen--I'm not clear I should get dragged into this. I believe Karl Koenig is no longer amongst the living, and I'm not clear how much longer either I or Hugh Courtney will be, so no thanks for saying we three are all "promoting" the idea the Moon is masculine--you make it sound like a political campaign leading up to some kind of a vote when I'm saying I don't understand your reasoning. Which gender is the Moon? I think you need to do a better job of advocacy or you don't have me convinced the Moon should be considered feminine. Maybe you should point out chapter and verse where the Agriculture Course treats the Moon as feminine? It is hardly enough to assert this when I don't recall it as anything emphasized in the course. I believe if you will recall we got into this discussion on the basis of silica and lime. I pointed out the male side of flowering (pollen) is where the protein and calcium are and the female side is where the nectar flow (carbohydrate and silica) are. In keeping with this human and bovine females have the greater silica while the males have more muscle and bone (protein and lime). I also pointed out that, unlike English, the German language, Steiner's native tongue, designates the Moon (Der Mond) as masculine and the Sun (Die Sonne) as female. In English gender is rather vague, but the German is quite clear, Der Mond and Die Sonne. So I asked you, how do you reconcile this lime/silica, masculine/feminine story. Are you trying to say pollen is feminine and nectar is masculine, or just how do you see it?

**Glen Atkinson** Thanks Hugh for taking part....best we address this before you and HC die then.....My intention is to bring clarity to our Biodynamic story....I trust you can see from the other comments here I am not alone in seeing that the Moon is female in the Ag course and BD in general.....re chapter and verse....I guess the best picture for you to consider is the one in lecture 4 - Sun from the front and Moon from the back, the references carry on through the course, with Si from front incarnating the Spirit (in humans), with the outer planets and providing 'male' nutritive quality through the Cosmic stream; and Moon and inner planets with Ca and 'female' fertility from the back, working through the Earthly Stream . These images cascade throughout the course based on this structure....you might like to read this section of my 'Energetic Activities' where I collected everything RS says of this in the course <http://garudabd.org/.../files/Energetic-Activities-17-2.pdf>..... Please show us a place in the course where the Moon is indicated as a male character? ..... re your examples these are good observations, however with everything to do with mineral and force Calcium and Silica, we are in a delicate duality dance, where they easily swap places according to their stage of the dance. Where we are seeing this mineral Calcium arise, is it as the female polar expression of the Male Force activity present in the pollen. The Silica male force is to 'seed' the ovum, but the substance is Calcium and so on.....



**Glen Atkinson** oh.....re the language thing, have a look at the early comment by **Benjamin Wilson** where RS gave his view of this subject, saying this change of gender has been a recent thing, and earlier in German Sun was male and Moon female..... The real point in this discussion is that in the Ag course - and dare I say within all the medical lectures - Moon is always associated with the Ca and female fertility/ reproduction processes..... The over riding experience for me, is when I take Silica, it incarnates my Spirit and pushes the Nerve Sense system downwards surpassing any over activity of the metabolic processes.....The light in the room jumps a peg, and I feel stronger to go and do things.....all VERY male. When I take Chamomile and stimulate Calcium and the Etheric, eventually ones consciousness turns into a pregnant women ..... So let me ask, if we extend your premise throughout the course imagery then are you saying Moon is Male and therefore so are the inner planets, the reproduction / fertility activity, and metabolism in general, the Earthly forces and Substances, the Life and Chemical Ethers, Carbon and Oxygen, and the big fat leaves Calcium produces?.....Given the evidence I suggest it is not us who need to prove to you but you and HC who need to convince us of your conjecture. Part of that is addressing what is actually said in the course.

Hugh - the BD Decoded picture puts it most simply....  
<http://rimu.geek.nz/garuda/Pictures/BDDDecodedA3sml.pdf> .....follow the Moon side of the picture up through the various layers

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Hugh I have had a few more 'thoughts' on this matter. Sadly my 'Grohmann' is not immediately available.....however

You have asked "how do you reconcile this lime/silica, masculine/feminine story. Are you trying to say pollen is feminine and nectar is masculine, or just how do you see it?"

We need to broaden this conversation a little. Instead of seeing Calcium as simply Moon, we need to expand this to Inner Planets and for the Silica side we need to expand this to Outer Planets. We are after all talking about one small part of a greater whole of the plants growth process. The pollen / nectar stage can be seen more specifically as the Venus Mars phase of plant growth. The flower opening – Venus, to be fertilized - Mars. Moon was germination and Saturn will be Seed maturity, so this is really the middle of the growth process.

However, to properly address your 'dilemma', we need to go one step further. To gain a framework for seeing the double - Process and Manifest - aspects of anything, it is necessary to 'jump' to Lievegoed. He prompts us to look at any manifestation as an interplay between opposites. In this case of Nectar and Pollen, it would be Mars 1 and Venus 2 as a pair; and Mars 2 and Venus 1 as a pair. What we have as the manifestations you are referencing are Pollen = Mars 2, and Calcium as the residue of Venus 1, and for Nectar = Venus 2 and the Silica is a residue of Mars 1.

The Female manifest Nectar process, is the Venus 2 Manifest side of the story, where SHE is using the CHO nectar to ATTRACT the male /astral insect. The CHO basis of nectar suggests 'Plant', which is a physical Etheric being. This Physical Etheric substance is worked upon and lifted upwards, by the light processes of the Mars 1 processes. Hauschka has Silica as the element of Mars 1 / Aries processes, and we can see it as the Silica substance 'residue'.

The Protein based Pollen suggests the Male / Mars 2 activity is the dominant side of this 'equation', especially with its desire is to 'impregnate' the ovum. The word Protein, suggests the addition of N and 'animal' HIM Astrality to CHO. Of the Manifest protein process of the Mars 2 activity, Lievegoed says "The secondary Mars process causes such opposition creates a damming up of the (Mars 1) direction, but surprisingly, this transforms into sound. Mars orders and forms the substances working from the astral body through the organs. Out of this holding back are born albumen-forming forces like "sound figures". Hauschka assigns Carbon – the element that is endlessly transformed in all variety of manifestations - as the element of this Scorpio based activity.

Hauschka's element for Taurus / Venus 1 is Nitrogen, the element need to lift CHO to become protein. The Venus 1 process is described as creating space for life processes to occur, while my experience is that, it is the beginning of the active 'gathering together' of the Etheric forces, needed for Life to come into manifestation at Moon 1 - birth. It is an interesting coincidence that not only is pollen used for fertilizing the flower, but also used as a primary food source for the juvenile bees, thus hinting at the living nutrition imparted to it by the Venus 1 process and thus a Calcium residue would also seem appropriate.

So we have a Male substance, Pollen with its Female Calcium residue, and a Female substance – Nectar, with its Male residue of Silica.

Which suggests you are seeing the 'Residue' and calling your Moon is Male based upon it, rather than seeing the dominant process at the seat of it.

As to whether this is 'convincing' enough for you, is your choice, and after our 20 years of conversation, I know convincing you of anything is no easy task. Nevertheless, thank you for the ongoing 'grist for the mill', and I trust others will see the 'sense' in this reply – along with the other documentation I have supplied - and allow this Moon is Male 'madness', within the context of Biodynamics, to drop in the waste basket where it belongs. What is to be gained by it, when all it is doing is to create endless confusion, for anyone trying to make sense of an already difficult story. The Agriculture Course is built upon a simple polarity story, that unfolds through 3 fold, 4 fold 7 fold and 12 fold layers, just as Astrology has done for 5000 years, and Dr Lievegoed clearly explains in the first few pages of his 1951 book.

For the readers of this thread - my addressing of Hugh Courtneys promotion of this 'idea' can be found at <http://garudabd.org/2018/02/07/is-equisetum-ruled-by-comets/>

Re Konig – as far as I can see so far, he predecatates his promotion of this idea upon Men being greedy and thus Ca. and Females being altruistic and thus Si...as an interpretation of RS aphorism about Si and Ca.....which when we reflect upon the reality of millions of men selflessly giving their lives in the protection of their 'motherlands', through to the millions of men selflessly going off to the 'war of business' each day, to provide for their women and families desires, to the question of who are 90% of the shops in any town or city for, which might be informed by who are in its cafes every lunchtime, and we have to wonder where his attitude came from? He does not seem to have gotten the memo 'of good relationship' which says Men are in the service of Women. His 'desire' is to give the women what she wants, so she will give him what he wants.....this is the dance. Anything a man might greedily desire is so he can give it to his alpha female.....possibly an uncomfortable truth left over from the 'Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus' 90s, yet some cold hard viewing will show this is a indeed an eternal truth.....which is why the Dalai Lama said "The world will be saved by Western Women" .....because it is their greediness that is driving its destruction. How can any rational society justify the chemical industry, or the material wastefulness they continually promote and desire?

So sorry Karl, not with you on this.....

**Hugh Lovel Glen Atkinson** Thanks, Glen. I get it that a common thread in human culture is mother earth and father sky. And in Steiner's cosmology warmth first coalesced around silica and Saturn, the planet with a hexagon, like a silica crystal, at its poles, Then warmth further colasced as light at the sun stage before evolving to tone at the Moon and finally life on earth. In this scenario the Moon separated from the earth, which gave rise to the age of lime, as we see in the lime overburden on many of our coal seams. Where did the lime come from? Good question. Judaic scripture (Genesis) indicates the Creator made the male human being (Adam) first before using his rib to create the female human being (Eve). This is consistent with the fabled transmutation Silicon 28 + Carbon 12 forming Calcium 40. So is lime feminine? These two origin stories seem to support your argument, but how does this male/female, silica/lime polarity switch in plants and animals so that the female side of plant chemistry is the silica driven nectar while the male side is the lime and protein rich

pollen; or the female side of human chemistry is silica rich while the males have more muscle and bone? Please explain this, as I would like to relate this male/female polarity to actual chemistry.

Hugh

You probably need to talk with a Apop doctor to get the exact bio-chemistry answer, you are looking for. ( I am not near my library at present so can not go seek the answers you require)

As in most of BD, there are several levels of activity to consider – not just the dung at the end of the cow. There is always a dominant activity eg Metabolic – which is female and catabolic and expansive, but once we look more deeply this expansive activity, is maintained by a contractive male Astral process diving downwards from the nerve sense system, driving the ‘native’ Etheric activity to stay in movement and thus continue to be expansive. This is the female athlete with the male coach driving her on. We need to look at both sides of the game, not just the female athlete.

So your question really is - How come there is a ‘female’ residue – Calcium, from the ‘male’ process of Protein formation?

I have Konig’s book with me – exploring his Calcium and Silica She /He story, and I came across the piece he wrote about the Pineal Gland on pg 255 Man and Earth, where he describes the exact story I have been trying to tell you. He talks of how the Pineal gland ‘orders the Silica structure within our organisation’ , however with the Pineal gland we ‘find the most beautifully shaped crystalline Calcium Carbonate’ “The structure of all the Silica in our organization is held in place by this organ, in which Lime is deposited”

This is what you are seeing in the Nectar and Pollen.....I am sure there will be many more examples of this in the Apop literature.

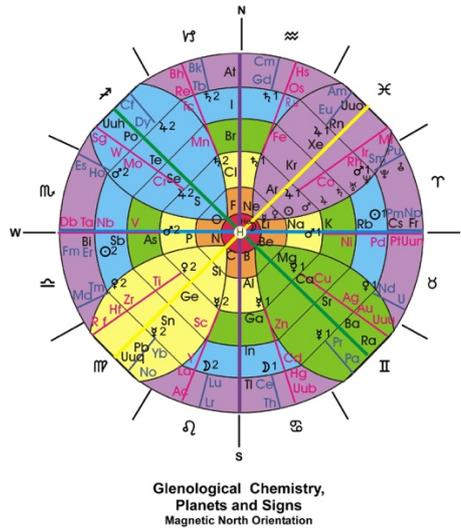
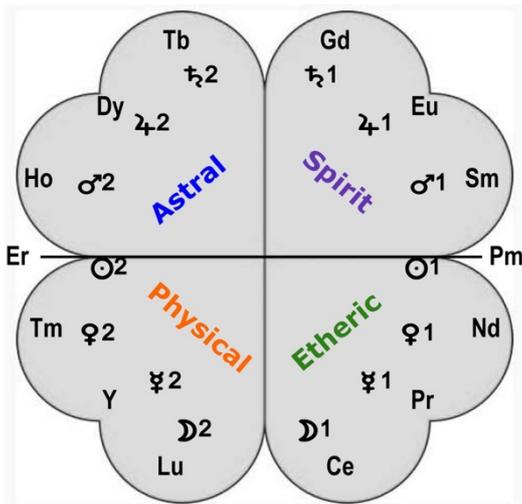
This is essentially the same question that needs to be asked and answered with Equisetum – How can a Male Silica plant be considered to be ruled by Venus and Libra? Here is a contractive male activity existing in a expansive female world, with a expansive female outcome – better kidney function. How can this be? [http://garudabd.org/wp-content/uploads/http://garudabd.org/sites/garudabd.org/files/Equisetum-v7\\_0.pdf](http://garudabd.org/wp-content/uploads/http://garudabd.org/sites/garudabd.org/files/Equisetum-v7_0.pdf)

Such are the wonders of Dr Steiner’s insight

After the last exposition, I asked myself to do the same thing using my chemistry, rather than Hauschkas. This may provide some hints for you to follow. ( nice to be on summer holiday )

### **Pollen and Nectar from the Glenological Periodic Table. (GPT)**

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To include the GPT in our discussion, we best see the position of the Mars and Venus elements when we begin with the Lanthanoids as our reference. There are 14 of these which means there is two groups of seven elements. These seven elements can be then associated to the '7 planets' = Sun and six planets, and in turn to two lots of '7 planets'. (see pic)

This means Mars 2 = Ho, while Venus 1 =Nd; while Mars 1 = Sm and Venus 2 =Tm

From these starting points we can look for the 'local' elements in the particular regions of the PT. Also, we can note these elements positions on the circle, has them sitting at the edge of the World and Internal activities, This suggests they are intergrating activities for the World processes to move into Internal processes.

Pollen – Protein and Calcium

Mars 2 = Ho...Mo, Cr..Se,S,O

Venus 1 = Nd ...Au, Ag Cu, Ca , Mg , Be

World Astral / Internal Astral

World Etheric / Internal Etheric

Nectar – Nectar and Silica

Mars 1 = Sm Rh, Co, Kr, Ar

Venus 2 = Tm Zr, Ti, Pb, Sn, Ge, Si , C

World Etheric / Internal Spirit

World Astral / Internal Physical

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Interestingly the 'residue' side of this equation are the Silica family. Venus 2 – is cleaning up after the party. Here is the kidney bladder function weighing and balancing, what should be kept and what

needs evacuating. Silica certainly aids in the collecting together and moving infections outwards. Tm, I experience as - once the project has been launched (Moon 2) and gained some proof of efficacy (Mercury 2) it begins to gather the support of its champions (friends) at Tm. There is optimism of the coming success, but as yet it has not hit the 'big time' which it begins to do with Mars 2..... So this is where we find 'the attractiveness' of the nectar arising

As for the exact chemistry, I am sure you can do more with these elements than I, in this regard.

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This grouping seems much more evident in their related activities.

I hope this provides some indication of the bio chemical pathways, and that this whole discussion suggests there is more to this thing, than the simple equation - In the male pollen process we have also calcium. Thus Ca = Moon and So Moon must be Male , which somehow then outweighs 5000 years of established Astrological acceptance, and the Moon's gender throughout the Agriculture Course.

You are indeed a brave man of conviction.....which will of course lead to the answering of your question, for the betterment of all of us.

