

April, 2000 Celestial Timings

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Aphrodite

Love

When I open my heart...I am filled...with delight so profound...with ecstasy so sweet...

With pleasure so deep...the connecting with my beloved...takes me to all places...

and the union...plays rhapsodies in my soul...

I can achieve union...when I achieve oneness...with myself...

I can dance partnership...when I can dance alone...

I can love another...when I can love myself

from The Goddess Oracle by Amy Sophia Marashinsky

The magic and mystery of the May Celestial Sky Council is actively moving into place. Each day, each moment is full and rich, growing fuller and richer with our expanding awareness. Time is not a set, inflexible experience. Many in my world are increasingly aware of the increasing fullness of time. Looking back a day feels like a month, a week feels like a year, a month feels like a lifetime. Looking forward the weeks fly like days and the months like years. This phenomenon suggests we are being called to remember and experience sacred time. The shift seems to be happening whether we are ready or not. Every moment is sacred, filled with all possibilities. What will we choose? How will we engage each moment? Will we live and express our true divine destiny, loving ourselves and all of life? Will we remember oneness within our hearts and in our worlds? Will we dance this dance as fully and joyfully as possible?

As the Gods and Goddesses (planets) journey to gather for the great Sky Council in May (see article on Shamanic Astrology Web Site Celestial Timings Page) we can choose to journey within ourselves, exploring our own inner council, finding ways to align with the magic and mystery of what this sacred time is about for us. Remember the Great Below and the Great Above inform each other, they are not separate but one and the same. The Hundredth Monkey theory suggests that only a small critical number is needed to establish a new way of being within the collective matrix. If our outer collective world reflects our inner collective reality, then truly we are awakening to a new world where Heaven and Earth are joined in Sacred Union. It is happening. This was powerfully demonstrated by the New Year's Millenium celebrations around the world. Many nations and tribes are moving to heal the wounds of the past and joining together as conscious equal partners for the benefit of the planet. (*Journey of the Sacred Hoop 2000 is one such event. This is a coast to coast walk beginning April 2, 2000 in Los Angeles, completing at the White House in Washington D.C. The Hoop Walk moves through Arizona April 5-15 stopping in Phoenix April 10-12. This walk is being called "The Wiping Away of the Tears." The walk is intended to "...result in the awakening of the people, an awakening of our Native Leadership, a change in the focus of our society at large and a spiritual reason for each person to look within themselves to examine their own thoughts. Ghandi said, "You must become the change you wish to see in the world."* For more information on how you can participate or help to sponsor this important event contact White Bison at www.whitebison.org or phone (719) 548-1000 and fax (719) 548-9408). The Pope and his recent message of apology is

another powerful demonstration of the changing collective consciousness. These events alone are worth celebrating for the miracle they are, and there are many more happening everyday through out the world. Yes, there are still far to many devastating events and realities, and yet there is a feeling of encouragement by these globally visible events that signal the constructive changes that are also occurring.

April Night Sky

The month of April is the final preparatory phase before the official gathering of the Sky Council in May (see web site for detailed article). Jupiter, Mars and Saturn are lighting up the evening sky as they move towards their tightest visible alignment in 179 years from 1901 to 2080. As the month begins, Mars is the faintest and lowest, or closest to the horizon of the three planets and is within 2 degrees of Jupiter and 8 degrees of Saturn. Saturn is the highest planet of the trio from the horizon moving to second highest as the month progresses and Mars overtakes both Jupiter and Saturn. In early April these three planets are setting about 2 hours after Sunset depending on your western horizon. Mars passes just to the upper right of Jupiter on **April 5 and 6**, with the exact zodiacal conjunction taking place **April 6 (10 Taurus) at 12:41 am MST**. The waxing Crescent Moon approaches **Jupiter and Mars (about 11 Taurus) joining them around 7 am MST on April 6**. By Sunset that night the Moon will have also passed by Saturn (16 Taurus). **April 11** Mars (14 Taurus) is between Jupiter (12 Taurus) and Saturn (17 Taurus) with only about 3 degrees separating all three planets. This is all taking place in the area of the sky just underneath the constellation of the Pleiades. I have long felt the Pleiades as an interdimensional stargate. The Mayans apparently felt the same way and built the pyramid Chichen Itza to track the cycle of the constellation and its relationship with the Sun. Chichen Itza carries serpent medicine symbolized in part when the shadows from the Sun form a large undulating serpent on the pyramid at the Equinoxes. Once a year (currently happening in May) due to the latitude where Chichen Itza rests the Sun is on the Zenith directly overhead at Noon and no shadows are cast. The Mayans knew that every 26,000 years the Pleiades joins with the Sun at the Zenith. They saw this as the opening of the star gate portal when the rattle or tale of the snake moved into place, the Pleiades being the rattle of the snake. Though not exactly in place yet, it is very close within a couple of

degrees and many are already feeling the opening of that portal.

In William Henry's book *The Peacemaker and The New Key of Life*, he talks about the lore of the Pleiades. "Most of this lore centers around the Mother symbol of the dove (the Pleiades being the home of the Dove-goddesses, or Hathors) who guarded the 'gate' to the central point of heaven, Tula." He goes on to say, "Understanding the Pleiades as the star gate to Tula explains why in many religious traditions the soul transforms into a dove at death..." Henry says Tula is the name of "the dwelling of the Lord". It also refers to our understanding of Heaven on Earth, Shambala, the New Jerusalem and the Great Central Sun our true home where we all eventually return.

April 13-15 Mars (16 Taurus), Jupiter (12 Taurus) and Saturn (17 Taurus) form a triangle. Mars makes its zodiacal conjunction with Saturn (17 Taurus) on **April 15** at 1:27 pm MST. From this point on Mars is now the highest of the three planets in the evening sky. By **April 22**, Mars is 8 degrees below the Pleiades and 5 degrees above Saturn. By **April 30** Jupiter (16 Taurus) moves within 3 degrees of Saturn (19 Taurus) and Mars moves to 28 Taurus located very near the fixed star Alcyone in the Pleiades where the intergalactic library is located. Alcyone is also described as the Great Central Sun in Barbara Hand Clow's book *The Pleiadian Agenda*. As the month ends Mars remains the only one still visible in the evening sky setting 90 minutes after the Sun. Jupiter is setting 25 minutes after the Sun and Saturn is setting 40 minutes after the Sun.

April Morning Sky

Venus and Mercury are both still occupying the morning sky. Venus is very low on the eastern horizon and disappears into the underworld by May 3 or 4. From places like Hawaii it may be possible to see **Venus and Mercury as they conjoin in the morning sky on April 28 (27 Aries) 7:27 am MST.**

The ancient sky watchers considered the visible planets to be in the underworld when they were not visible in either the morning or evening sky. Their understanding of the underworld was quite different than how we tend to think of it today. The Sun is a brilliant golden light that outshines all of the planets, stars and Celestial Bodies including the Moon at a New Moon. When the visible planets are traveling with the Sun they are invisible and thus in the underworld or otherworld. The experience a person might have of this otherworld depends largely on what type of initiation and transformation is needed. It is not always experienced as a dark and dreary place, but a place of alchemical transformation. Understanding the underworld or otherworld as a reconnection with source, the Sun being the source of life for this planet, gives us another symbolism to work with and then it can be seen as a place of illumination and initiation.

This month is a time to prepare for the upcoming planetary solar initiation in May. There are many ways to consciously prepare and each person will have their own unique process in discovering the best way for them to engage this timing. It might be helpful to set an intent as this helps to engage our attention around what we are desiring to manifest for ourselves and the planet at this time.

Remembering to ask that our desires be fulfilled in alignment with our dharma and divine destiny, while surrendering and letting go of any attachments to how that might look in actual manifestation, are key ways of successfully engaging this energy for the benefit of all life. This is a potent opportunity to engage these mysteries in a way that calls into physical manifestation a Golden Age of Celestial Earth, where the celestial and the earthly dance in joyous sacred union.

Celestial Timings

April 3, Monday, waning Balsamic Moon and Venus (26 Pisces) meet in the morning sky at 1:44 am MST. This is the seventh gate or seventh conjunction Venus has made with the Moon since she rose as a morning star and went direct last September. At each of the seven gates Venus (or Inanna) is required to give up one of her vestments, each gate and each vestment symbolizing a chakra. At the seventh gate, symbolizing the root chakra, Inanna or Venus relinquishes her Robe that symbolizes her place as Queen of Heaven and how she uses her life force to express and fulfill her dharma. One definition of dharma is that it is the highest intended expression of who we are in the world. When we are aligned with our dharma all we say and do is aligned with our divine destiny. The keeper of the 7th gateway into the underworld asks all who pass through to surrender the ways they no longer are aligned with their true dharma. The root chakra is also related to our connections to family and tribe. If we have adopted tribal beliefs that are contrary to the fulfillment of our dharma it is here we are asked to surrender those beliefs, and fully trust in the unknown initiatory process already underway.

April 4, Tuesday, New Moon (15 Aries) at 11:11 am MST. Looking at the Moon cycle as the Hero/ine's Quest, as defined by Joseph Campbell in his book *A Hero With A Thousand Faces* the New Moon represents *The Call to Adventure*. Often the exact nature of the adventure, what might occur, and how the adventure will turn out is unknown. The Call is felt deep within and it is nearly impossible to ignore. Aries is the archetypal energy of the Warrior/Adventurer. Nothing pleases Aries more than to set off on an unknown adventure simply for the sake of the experience. As the planets begin to gather for the May Sky Council, this New Moon is calling us to consciously participate in this mysterious adventure, while remaining open to guidance through trust and the courage to go where the adventure leads.

April 18, Tuesday, Libra Full Moon (29 Libra) at 11:41 am MST. The Full Moon corresponds to the phase of the Hero/ine's Quest known as the *Apotheosis* or *Mystical Marriage*. It is where the hero/ine gains the goal of the quest, be it a magic harp or potion or the knowledge that sets the people free or some other kind of boon that benefits the greater community. Often in this phase of the journey the hero/ine meets with the divine as God or Goddess and a sacred union occurs. The Libra Full Moon brings to light the mysteries of conscious equal partnership, where the hero/ine encounters the divine as equal. The upcoming May Celestial Sky Council echoes the importance of participating in our own inner and outer councils where each participant or part is honored and celebrated as a

conscious equal partner and for bringing their essential piece to add to the wholeness of the mandala of life. This Full Moon reminds us of the importance of listening to and receiving the gifts of all of our parts so we may fully experience wholeness within and without. Blessed Be!

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HERMES TRISMEGISTUS - (THE THRICE GREATEST) *

The Emerald Tablet of Hermes introduces us to Hiram, the hero of the Masonic legend. The name Hiram is taken from the Chaldean Chiram. The first two words in large print on the tablet mean the secret work. The second line in large letters-- CHIRAM TELAT MECHASOT-- means Chiram, the Universal Agent, one in Essence, but three in aspect. Translated, the body of the tablet reads as follows:

THE SECRET WORK OF CHIRAM ONE IN ESSENCE, BUT THREE IN ASPECT

It is true, no lie, certain, and to be depended upon, that the superior agrees with the inferior and the inferior with the superior, to effect that one truly wonderful work. As all things owe their existence to the will of the Only One, so all things owe their origin to One Only Thing, the most hidden, by the

arrangement of the Only God. The father of that One Only Thing is the Sun; its mother is the Moon; the wind carries it in its belly; but its nurse is a Spirituous Earth. That One Only Thing (after God) is the father of all things in the universe. Its power is perfect, after it has been united to a spirituous earth.

Separate that spirituous earth from the dense or crude earth by means of a gentle heat with much attention. In great measure it ascends from the earth up to heaven, and descends again, new born, on the earth, and the superior and inferior are increased in power.

By this thou wilt partake of the honors of the whole world and darkness will fly from thee. This is the strength of all powers. With this thou wilt be able to overcome all things and to transmute all what is fine and all what is coarse.

In this manner the world was created, but the arrangements to follow this road are hidden. For this reason I am called CHIRAM TELAT MECHASOT, One in Essence, but Three in Aspect. In this Trinity is hidden the wisdom of the whole world.

It is ended now, what I have said concerning the effects of the Sun.