

April 2003 Celestial Timings

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The Still Point

T.S. Elliot

*At the still point of the turning world. Neither flesh nor fleshless;
Neither from nor towards; at the still point, there the dance is,
But neither arrest nor movement. And do not call it fixity,
Where past and future are gathered. Neither movement from nor towards,
Neither ascent nor decline. Except for the point, the still point,
There would be no dance, and there is only the dance,
I can only say, there we have been: but I cannot say where.
And I cannot say, how long, for that is to place it in time.
The inner freedom from the practical desire,
The release from action and suffering, release from the inner
And the outer compulsion, yet surrounded
By a grace of sense, a white light still and moving.*

<http://www.westernbuddhistreview.com/vol3/Dancing.htm>

April Sky

As April begins Mercury appears about 9 degrees above the horizon setting an hour or so after Sunset in mid-northern latitudes. On the evening of April 2 the tiny crescent Moon is likely to be visible near Mercury just above the western horizon. Mercury is the most illusive of the visible planets to connect with visually. It may be worth checking out and noting that Mercury will reach greatest elongation (20 degrees) from the Sun on April 16 on the day of the Libra Full Moon.

Jupiter and Saturn are prominent high in the southern sky with Saturn setting around mid-night and Jupiter setting around 3 am. Venus is rising at morning twilight when April begins then rising later throughout the month. Near the end of the month Venus is rising only an hour before the Sun.

More observing highlights can be found here...

http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/ataglance/article_110_1.asp

Heads Up on a Spectacular Mars Appearance

This summer Mars is the planet to watch in the evening sky. On August 27, 2003 retrograde Mars (5 Pisces) is rising nearly exactly opposite the Sun and making its closest approach to planet Earth in over 70,000 years. From the perspective of the Earth based observer Mars outshines all other stars and planets with the only exceptions being the Moon and Venus. Mars will look more than six times larger and shine 85 times brighter than it does now. Such "perihelic oppositions" of Mars are in themselves, rather infrequent, occurring about every 15 to 17 years. The most recent one took place in September 1988, when Mars passed within 36.5 million miles (58.7 million kilometers) of Earth. At 5:51 a.m. EDT on Aug. 27, 2003, Mars will be within 34,646,488 miles (55,746,199 kilometers) of Earth. This will be the closest that Mars has come to our planet in about 73,000 years, based on detailed computations by Jean Meeus of Belgium, a world-renowned expert in the field of spherical and mathematical astronomy and author of several many highly acclaimed books including his most

recent "More Mathematical Astronomy Morsels" (Willmann-Bell, Inc., 2002).

<http://www.rense.com/general31/marstogetclosest.htm>

http://earthstar.tripod.com/TSB_dir/Mars0103.html

We are already seeing the effects of Mars known for its warrior energy in the world. It is important to note that the warrior can show up as a sacred expression fighting to protect the sanctity of life, or in its profane expression to dominant and conquer others. When we remember that what is below is the same as what is above and what is above is the same as what is below then the world events

Week of Mar 31 – April 7 Shamanic Astrology works with the direct visual and kinesthetic experience of the planetary cycles and the Moon cycle is the easiest to visually witness. The direct visual experience of any Moon phase window actually begins the day before the Moon phase is exact. The [New Moon](#) Phase is the only Moon Phase where there is no direct visual experience of the Moon because the Moon is traveling near the Sun. The New Moon is often referred to as the dark of the Moon because there is about a three day window when the Moon is invisible to both the morning and evening sky observers. Sometimes there may be the smallest tiny crescent Moon visible for a brief time either the day before the New Moon just before Sunrise or the day after the New Moon just after Sunset. When the New Moon is exact there is no Moon visible at all because the Moon is with the Sun. Therefore the dark of the Moon or New Moon window (the day before, day of and day after the exact New Moon) is a wonderful time for collectively planting seeds, or sending out prayers, for healing and dreaming new dreams of living Heaven on Earth.

Apr 1, Tuesday. Happy April Fool's Day. The genesis of this day grew out of a change in the calendar instituted by Pope Gregory in 1562 that shifted New Year's Day from April 1 to January 1. In those days news traveled slowly and for various reasons many continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April First. These folks became what was referred to as April Fool's. Although the term Fool is often thought of as derogatory, the archetypal essence of "The

Fool” in the Tarot cards is one who is free from convention, living in the now with no concern for what is yet to come and is usually depicted as someone beginning a journey in springtime. This year April Fool’s day falls on the Aries [New Moon](#) (12 Aries) with the transformational messenger Mercury (24 Aries) sextiling Saturn (24 Gemini). These energies are supporting decisive spontaneous action much like the Fool’s leap of faith risking everything to begin a new journey facilitated by the qualities of trust, innocence and courage supporting and celebrating the inner child or the “April Fool. “ Mars is conjunct Chiron today (18 Capricorn) healing the wounds of the sacred masculine warrior who is remembering how to wield the Sword of Truth in ways that honor and protect the sanctity of life.

Apr 2, Wednesday. Sun (13 Aries) sextiles Neptune (13 Aquarius) heightening physical sensitivity and inner intuitive processes. When an outer planet sextiles the Sun it is always direct in motion and picking up speed from the Earth’s perspective. This suggests a time when the initiatory energy of the planet is operating in a direct and straightforward way without the usual obstacles, and if we are consciously working with this timing progressive forward movement is easier to accomplish. Also today, waxing crescent Moon conjuncts Mercury (25 Aries) energizing the mysteries of the courageous warrior who is receiving the messages of what committed action will further his or her cause whether it is a personal cause or something on a community or global scale.

Apr 3, Thursday. Jupiter is stationing direct (8 Leo) at the Still Point of the Jupiter cycle, where there maybe a pronounced feeling of disorientation and chaos, as the reorientation to forward movement begins. Since December 4, 2002 the Jupitarian quest for self-love has had an inner focus and direction as Jupiter retraced the Star Patterns from 18 Leo back to 8 Leo. The retrograde process of a planet is similar to the image of pulling the arrow back on the bow, moving away from the intended target for the purpose of gathering power. Then when the arrow is released it moves quickly and easily towards the target or goal. The station direct of a planet then represents the pause just before the arrow is released. Another image that works to describe this effect is the Still Point. The shift in direction of a planet’s motion from the Earth’s perspective creates a pause or Still Point indicating the center balanced point of power where there is no movement but everything is possible and everything exists at this infinity point before it begins to differentiate or move into form. This Still Point is similar to the experience of a pendulum as it changes direction, where it appears to stand still or stop. This is further explained by Heisenberg’s Uncertainty Principle stating that “The more precisely the position is determined, the less precisely the momentum is known in this instant, and vice versa” <http://www.aip.org/history/heisenberg/p08.htm> Now this gets a bit technical but it is worth having a sense of for better understanding of the Still Point of a planet. In other words ...”If we know the exact momentum of a particle, then its position is completely unknowable, and vice versa. We know when the pendulum is in the changing point, when it is

at rest, its velocity is zero. But the momentum, at low speed at least, is equal to velocity multiplied by mass. We know the velocity is zero, so when we multiply any quantity with zero, we get zero. According to Heisenberg’s principle of uncertainty, the position of the pendulum at rest becomes diffuse and completely indefinite. In other words, the pendulum can be just about any place in the Universe for just a tiny fraction of time with infinite speed. The rapid disappearance of the pendulum into the Universe is so fast, that we cannot detect it in our level of existence and reality. The reason we have used the swing of a pendulum as a showcase is because the pendulum represents any system that oscillates or moves back and forth, whether such an oscillator pulsates concentrically, goes around in orbits, or turns about itself. From the standpoint of one observer, there are always two points at which either of these systems appears to be at rest. To be completely at rest means that the movement has reached the point where it changes or reverses direction. That point of rest implies somehow a disappearance of matter in infinite or almost infinite velocities. <http://home22.inet.tele.dk/hightower/octave2.htm> So with this background we get a sense of what our senses experience when a planet shifts direction from the Earth’s perspective, because ultimately the planet is not reversing in its orbit but the Earth is passing the orbit of the planet so it appears to shift direction. However, the effect on the Earth based observer creates the experience of the Still Point, which is not limited by time or space. The Still Point is beyond duality in a place between the worlds where past and future meet in the now. So any planetary station is an opportunity to more consciously experience infinity. Considering the already expansive qualities of Jupiter that are designed to actualize the path of self-realization it is especially useful to consciously attune to this timing pausing at this Still Point to reflect upon the aim of the intended target for the arrow of consciousness to fly towards. (See opening quote)

Apr 4, Friday. The waning Moon entered Taurus yesterday activating the mysteries of receivership, intimacy and scared pleasure (See April 5). There aren’t many healthy models for the art of receivership in a culture that operates from a core belief that *it is more blessed to give than receive*. Giving and receiving are equally important and complete the natural life force circuit and there are healthy ways to give and receive. However, with the cultural emphasis on giving, the art of true receivership that celebrates, validates, and honors the gifts of life has been lost. Truly receiving with gratitude is as important as giving freely with no strings attached. One way to begin practicing healthy receivership is to start by noticing and acknowledging all the gifts we have to be grateful for each day. Some traditions begin by giving thanks that we live, we have life, we are alive, and then go onto to give thanks for the beauty of the Earth, the warmth of the Sun, the plants and animals, the ancestors, and the helping spirits. Gratitude is a powerful energy that magnetizes more of itself to itself, giving us more and more to be grateful for, more and more to savor and enjoy each day.

Apr 5, Saturday. Mercury moves into Taurus today where it remains until June 12 due to its retrograde motion that

begins April 26. This long transit of Mercury through Taurus is emphasizing additional messages around the art of receivership, intimacy and aesthetics. One of the principle qualities of the Taurus mysteries is found in enjoying sacred pleasure. Truly receiving, savoring and enjoying the sacred pleasures of life is our divine birthright and it is time to consciously reclaim it. This quote from Amy Sophia Marashinsky in her book *The Goddess Oracle* describes this beautifully when the Egyptian Goddess Hathor speaks...*When you come to me – I take your spirit from the stars- and clothe it in a body of sensation – to finely focus you on form – to benignly bask you in bliss. You are here to experience delight - enjoy gratification–know satisfaction – have pleasure - in all ways – in all modes – in all aspects. Pleasure makes you juicy - twinkles your eye -enlivens your life force. - The exquisiteness of existence is pleasure.*

Apr 6, Sunday. Moon moved into Gemini yesterday transmitting the mysteries of the coyote trickster. Gemini is beyond rational, linear, logic, seeing the humor in life and creatively seeking playful ways to express it. Freedom is key. Gemini goes beyond the rules of humanity, moving beyond the rules of the physical world and the rules of duality. Returning to the imagery of the Fool in the Tarot Cards, s/he is pictured, jumping empty handed into the void with total trust going beyond logic or reason. The Fool has the ability to travel safely to all realms, dimensions and worlds, including the upper, middle and lower worlds, as a psychopomp or guide for souls, but s/he is not from any of these realms because s/he is beyond all of that. Now is a good time to notice how trusting and willing you are to embrace the Fool within and take the leap of faith into new realms and dimensions of your own being.

Apr 7, Monday. The waxing Gemini Moon is Void of Course all afternoon and into the early morning hours tomorrow. When the Moon is Void of Course it is not making any major aspects to other planets and can often generate a feeling of disconnection in the external world calling us to center ourselves internally. So this is generally a good time to relax when possible and if things are not going according to plan it is a good reminder to be in the moment, letting go of any attachments to outcome, and trusting the process even if it doesn't make any sense. If you have a new project in mind, this afternoon is a great time for dreaming, imagining and planning the project, but not a good time to begin it. By tomorrow morning the energy is much stronger for decisive action that produces tangible results.

The week of April 8 –14 The Cancer [First Quarter Moon](#) window is April 8, 9, and 10. (See Week of April 1 – 7 for explanation). The waxing half full Moon is visible overhead as the Sunsets and will grow rapidly each night until the Moon rises fullest in the East on the night of April 15 in Libra with the exact Full Moon occurring mid-day on the 16th. This Moon phase represents the balance between light and dark, yin and yang, day and night, and is the most rapid visible growth phase of the Moon. This timing supports bringing our ideas and plans more fully into the world of form by taking decisive authentic action.

Apr 8, Tuesday. Moon is crossing zero Cancer this morning a couple of hours after mid-night for those in the Pacific Time Zone. This is currently aligned with the area of the sky that looks out into deep space and currently marks the June Solstice at zero Cancer at the center point of the [Sacred Hoop](#). Moon in Cancer illuminates the mysteries of responsible nurturing and building a new world based on mutual cooperation and the sense we are all part of a global family. (See April 9)

Apr 9, Wednesday. [First Quarter Moon](#) in Cancer (20 Cancer) is emphasizing decisive action that includes responsible nurturing. True responsible nurturing begins with the self. We live in a world that has nearly forgotten the importance of self-care and tends to program us to care for others first so the concept and models for self-care are limited. Daily self-care includes taking care of our bodies needs such as resting when tired, eating nourishing food when we are hungry, and engaging some form of daily exercise. One way to approach this is to think of it as taking on the project of parenting ourselves in ways that assure our health and vitality so that what we have to give comes from a place of wholeness and balance. Also today the Sun (19Aries52) trines retrograde Pluto (19Sagittarius52) drawing our awareness once again to the Still Point of the Pluto cycle. Noting that Pluto stationed retrograde on March 23 sixteen days ago at 19Sagittarius57 we see that Pluto has only moved about 5 minutes in the past 16 days. Outer planet trines to the Sun always occur just after the planet has gone retrograde or is about to turn direct and is moving very slowly in the sky. So this timing supports inner reflection and meditation, and in the case of Pluto, the focus is best served when reflecting upon our relationship with our shadow issues, including whatever maybe repressed or denied within us. This is a time to consciously contact the truth of our being within our own personal Still Point. (See April 5)

Apr 10, Thursday. Moon moves into Leo today activating the mysteries of self-love, self-confidence, self-approval, and self-acceptance. When Leo is healthy it remembers its radiant and shining divine essence inspiring others to remember theirs as well. Messenger Mercury (9 Taurus) is making a last quarter square to expansive Jupiter (9 Leo) before Mercury catches up to Jupiter on July 25th. This is a process of assimilating the expansive visions of Jupiter and pushing or expanding the limits of the mind into new territory particularly around the issues of self-worth, self-love, and self-value. Some questions worth asking now are around how you value who you are? Both Leo and Taurus mysteries speak to the value of simply being and enjoying who we are in this world of existence without having to prove ourselves to any external authority figures. Being is enough! However, much of our cultural programming says being is not enough and we must contribute something of value that is usually determined by external references within the collective reality. How can we truly know and live from the knowing that our presence, our being, the fact that we are alive, has value? This question about how we value ourselves, or not, is in motion from now until July 25 when Mercury and Jupiter seed a new relationship in the Leo mysteries. The first quarter Moon is near Jupiter tonight

making its conjunction in the early morning hours and tomorrow night is showing up well beyond Jupiter after Sunset bringing further illumination to this timing. (See April 11)

Apr 11, Friday. Moon and Jupiter meet early this morning expanding and transmitting the mysteries of the Radiant and Shining Ones who are none other than ourselves. We are the co-creators of the living experience of Heaven on Earth. The question is, how do we fully remember and know this is who we are? How do we then take action based on this reality creating a world that reflects our divine status? Truly loving ourselves and showing up with confidence supports the manifestation of this reality in a natural and easy way.

Apr 12, Saturday. The waxing Moon moves into Virgo later today emphasizing the ancient Virgo mysteries held in safe keeping and passed down through the ages by the hierophants, who are the keepers of sacred knowledge and wisdom. They have maintained the mysteries around the hierophanies, or the manifestations and revelations of the sacred world, including natural and constructed sacred sites with astronomical alignments attuned to patterning of the natural seasons and cycles of Earth and Sky. This is a time to remember our own cycles within including the cycles of rest and activity, growth and decline, day and night, along with the seasons of our own personal lives of birth, growth, life, fruition, integration and death. Taking time to attune to and honor the cycles of the Earth reminds us of our own internal cycles and how best to honor them.

Apr 13, Sunday. Venus (19 Pisces) squares retrograde Pluto (19 Sagittarius) either late last night or early this morning depending on your time zone. The magical feminine principle currently integrating the archetype of the Shaman Sorceress in the collective psyche of humanity is reaching a first quarter square with Pluto since her conjunction on January 25. What was seeded then is accelerating now and there is an opportunity to note if we are in balance with our own personal power or if there is still unresolved shadow issues.

Apr 14, Monday. The Moon moves into Libra this evening activating the mysteries of conscious equal partnership. (See April 16 Libra Full Moon). The Sun (25 Aries) sextiles Saturn (25 Gemini) signaling the upcoming annual conjunction of the Sun and Saturn on June 24. This means Saturn has picked up speed since its station direct on Feb 22 and will continue moving at an accelerated rate inside the [Sacred Hoop](#). The Sun energizes Saturn assuring success in building new supportive structures in the world of form when we are focused with clear intent and authentic action. This timing is about healthy forward movement when we are aligned with our true divine purpose. When utilized properly this timing supports a clearer sense of direction and connection along with a feeling of obstacles melting away and a steady sense of accomplishment.

Week of Apr 15–21 This week features a Libra [Full Moon](#) symbolizing the fulfillment, or fruition, of the seeds planted at the New Moon or some earlier cycle. Each Full Moon

reminds us of the seeds we may have coming to maturity, to their fullness, to fruition, to the place where the fruits or gifts are received. The Moon then begins to wane this week representing the dissemination or integration of these gifts. Once each year the Moon is Full in Libra illuminating the mysteries of conscious equal partnership, and how we can learn more about who we are, through our relationships with others.

Apr 15, Tuesday. The Libra Full Moon window opens today with the nearly Full Moon rising fullest tonight just before Sunset. The Libra Full Moon is exact tomorrow but will already be waning by the time it rises tomorrow night. The Libra mysteries include the internal relationship with ourselves reminding us to call all our parts and all our relationships to the round table council where all aspects are equally valued, acknowledged, and recognized for the piece they bring. This includes recognizing when it is time to commit more deeply to a current relationship with a part of ourselves or with another, or recognizing when a relationship needs to end or change form, or recognizing when it is not about defining the relationship within the limits of old cultural terms and beliefs, such as the current system of marriage or partnership, but rather finding healthy new ways to harmoniously dance with one another.

Apr 16, Wednesday. The Libra Full Moon (27 Libra) is being energized by Mars in nearly an exact square at 27 Capricorn intensifying the energy of this Full Moon. Mars when balanced energizes decisive spontaneous action that produces authentic and rapid results. When out of balance hasty actions may lead to injury, conflicts and or arguments along with unnecessary delays. Tuning in and following inner guidance supports maximum results from this timing. This Libra Full Moon (27 Libra) reaches its fullest point later today and then goes Void of Course (See April 7) for several hours before slipping into Scorpio this evening transmitting the mysteries of passionate aliveness through the willingness to live on the edges and beyond. Moon in Scorpio facilitates regeneration on a deep cellular level transforming our experience in ways we may not have yet imagined. Also today Venus (24 Pisces) is square Saturn (24 Gemini). This is a last quarter square where Venus is crossing the return threshold of her journey through Saturn's domain where she is now integrating new forms of the feminine principle that were seeded when Venus conjuncted Saturn about May 7 of last year. Venus will join Saturn around July 8 of this year in council to evaluate what forms no longer serve and what new forms to birth. This is the time to tell the truth about what is working in our relationship with our feminine expression within. What beliefs, habits, expectations, and actions are limiting our experience of the inner and outer feminine? And what new choices facilitate a healthy experience of our relationship to the feminine principle?

Apr 17, Thursday. Sun (28 Aries) squares Mars (28 Capricorn) in a first quarter square since they conjuncted on August 11, 2002. This timing signals the acceleration of Mars who is in the process of integrating the current quest for the sword of truth while also encountering the dual aspects of the impetuous youth (Aries) and the wise elder (Capricorn). This is a high energy combination that requires

both wise reflection and spontaneous authentic committed action simultaneously. Mars is also currently engaging the elder wisdom phase of his 26 month journey and will begin the gestation and incubation phase on June 18 when Mars enters Pisces the sign of his next quest. Mars then turns retrograde on July 29, 2003 at 10 Pisces and begins the new journey at opposition in late August. This Mars retrograde is remarkable due to the brightest appearance of Mars in over 70,000 years according the Astronomer John Mues. (See Intro)

Apr 18, Friday. The waning Moon enters Sagittarius for the next two days emphasizing the quest for truth and meaning. Tonight the Moon is approaching the fixed red star Antares (heart of the Scorpion). The Egyptians linked Antares with Isis and worked with this star as an interdimensional gateway. Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld authors of *Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing* <http://hilarion.com/stars.html> say, "*Antares influences the place just before choice... If you attune to this in anyway, asking with love in your heart for the higher path to be shown, so it will be. The opportunities for this may come forth in ways that were perhaps unexpected.*" Gently accepting and being with What Is, brings us into our hearts where we naturally find ourselves loving what is, what was and what is becoming. This place dissolves the judgments and blockages that prevent us from accessing the wisdom and knowing we already have within.

Apr 19, Saturday. Neptune (13 Aquarius) is slowing down to station retrograde on May 15 and will only move 11 minutes between now and then. The Sabian Symbol for 13 Aquarius is A Barometer and the keynote is *the ability to discover basic natural facts that allow us to plan in advance for action.** This energy speaks to the ability to naturally intuit what action is most useful and supportive similar to how animals automatically grow the right thickness of winter coat somehow knowing how mild or severe winter will be. Neptune is quickly moving on to activate the next Sabian symbol of A Train Entering A Tunnel. The Keynote is *the ability to short-cut the process of natural evolution by the exercise of will, mental skill and physical self-discipline.** These two symbols work together accelerating our conscious experience and relationship with evolutionary change through the discipline of following our internal intuitive guidance with the strength endurance and determination to take the committed, decisive action that will produce maximum results with the least amount of effort and time. (*An Astrological Mandala: The Cycle of Transformations and its 360 Symbolic Phases* by Dane Rudhyar)

Apr 20, Sunday. The day begins with the Moon conjunct retrograde Pluto (19 Sagittarius) illuminating any fears we may have around fully living the truth of who we are. Then the waning Moon moves into Capricorn this evening crossing the Galactic Plane where the Winter Solstice Sun currently rises marking the Turning of the Ages. This Galactic Gateway is where new creative energies pour into this dimensional realm. Working with intention and attention to this area of the sky assists in the co-creative magic that brings spirit into matter and manifests our true heart's

desires. The seasonal move of Sun into Taurus marks the phase of the year when we begin to see the fruits of accelerated rapid growth. Taurus explores beauty, intimacy and pleasure as its creative artistic expression. Taurus reminds us of the art of savoring and enjoying each moment and the importance of actively receiving all the abundant gifts life has to offer. Savoring life happens more easily when we consciously relax, slow down, breathe deeply and are willing to recognize and receive the boundless beauty of life. The Taurus mysteries also teach us to enjoy and receive physical love and pleasure in our bodies as a divine experience. This is the gift of sacred pleasure, of joy in living, and flourishing with all of life.

Apr 21, Monday. Venus moves into Aries today crossing the Spring Equinox marker in the sky. The sacred feminine principle expressing through the Aries archetype shows up as the independent Amazon Warrior Wild Woman willing to fight for any cause she truly believes is just. She is spirited, adventurous, spontaneous, and she treasures her sovereignty. On the articles page describing the Venus in Aries Cycle there is a story explaining the importance of women having the power and sovereignty to choose their own path for the purpose of staying consciously connected to their truly beautiful and authentic selves. Mars is moving into Aquarius today energizing the cosmic revolutionary who when healthy is willing to take decisive committed action that promotes evolutionary change. Thus, Venus and Mars are dancing in sextile to one another in two archetypal realms that value freedom, independence and exploring new ways of being; though these archetypes operate in different ways and with different motivation both Aries and Aquarius understand the importance of having the opportunity to consciously choose living freedom in every moment.

Week of Apr 22 - 29 This week marks the last quarter phase of the Moon beginning the integration aspect of the current Moon cycle. Apr 22 begins the three day window and the Last Quarter Moon is exact Apr 23 at 3 Aquarius. This current Moon phase symbolizes the completion or integration process of the current journey that last until the New Moon in Taurus window that is Apr 30, May 1 and 2.

Apr 22, Tuesday. Moon Moves into Aquarius and the Sun (2Taurus01) is Sextile Uranus (2Pisces01) indicating possible unpredictable events for the purpose of liberating limiting beliefs through unexpected change. The Sun sextile Uranus indicates a time when Uranus is moving with purpose in a clear direction and is not slowing down anytime soon. Uranus will begin slowing down after the Sun squares Uranus on May 24 reaching reaches its retrograde station about two weeks later on June 6 at 2Pisces49.

Apr 23, Wednesday. Today is the exact last quarter Moon at 3 Aquarius. The Moon is rising after midnight and will be visible in the sky in the morning hours. The last quarter Moon is integrating the wisdom and experience gained from the journey so far and there is no better time to check in for a big picture overview from a unique and inspired perspective letting go of all the 'shoulds' that distract us from being present in the moment.

Apr 24, Thursday. It is worth noting that The North Node of the Moon that represents the current and future time track of humanity moved into Taurus on April 13 and will remain in this sign precessing backward through Taurus until Dec 26, 2004 when it moves into Aries. It has been about 19 years since the North Node traveled through Taurus entering here on Sept 11, 1984. This Nodal Transit provides humanity with an opportunity for more consciously engaging and exploring the Pleasure Paradigm where the art of ecstatic bliss and sacred pleasure experienced through enjoying, savoring, and honoring the precious gift of life can become our foundational experience.

Apr 25, Friday. Moon moves into Pisces this morning energizing the mysteries of inspired dreaming through the conscious use of our imagination. This is not about doing in the sense of "hard work pays off" but rather its about remembering to allow these energies to flow through us and trust what is emerging. Consciously choosing where we focus our thoughts and dreaming energies is key to the co-creative process. Healthy Pisces serves the divine through compassionate sacred service and inner intuitive listening that takes cues from the external world but is centered in the inner place of knowing.

Apr 26, Saturday. [Mercury](#) stations [retrograde](#) today at 20 Taurus turning direct on May 20 at 11 Taurus. The retrograde station is one of two exact Still Points in any planetary cycle and since Mercury is usually the fastest moving planet, the Mercury Still Point is often more dramatically felt than when other planets shift direction. Mercury is linked with Thoth/Hermes Trismegistus, the progenitor of the Emerald Tablets and connected with the Hall of Records. At the Still Point everything exists and does not exist at the same time. It is an inter dimensional portal where we have an opportunity to access the Hall of Records within our own being through cultivating awareness by finding what works for us. This can occur through meditation, journeying, dancing, yoga, or any way that provides conscious access to the Still Point where the ancient/future divine wisdom and knowing that we all carry resides within us.

Apr 27, Sunday. The Moon is Void of Course for several hours today from mid-morning to early evening in the western time zones before moving into Aries. With the retrograde station of Mercury yesterday and the long Void Of Course Moon today all happening in Taurus we have an excellent timing for letting go of any culturally driven "doingness" we might tend to engage knowing it is very likely not to produce the desired results anyway and trusting the inner impulses that may not seem practical or grounded but when willingly engaged just may provide magical synchronicity that is more productive, insightful, inspiring or otherwise useful than anything we might have imagined. (For Aries Moon info See April 1)

Apr 28, Monday. The waning Aries Moon is making its 6th conjunction with Venus since she began her current cycle last November. This symbolizes Inanna's descent through the sixth gate into the underworld corresponding with her 2rd

charka linked with her sexuality, value and worth. Here Inanna is stripped of all the ways she no longer truly values herself or has allowed her value to be based upon external standards. These may include external standards of beauty, talent, brilliance, success, etc. This is an excellent time to ceremonially release the external standards and belief systems that limit our personal experience of our own value and worth as well as intentionally opening to receive a greater sense of self-acceptance and love from within, bestowing upon ourselves the grace of forgiving any feelings of *less-than* or over self-importance that compensates for the *less- than* experience.

Apr 29, Tuesday. Sun (10 Taurus) squares Jupiter (10 Leo) indicating Jupiter is picking up speed since it stationed direct on April 3. The Sun fuels life when in proper balance. Too much Sun scorches the Earth and destroys life and too little Sun prevents life from growing and flourishing. Jupiter is an expansive energy and although it is often inspiring when linked with the Sun it can also indicate a tendency towards overexpansion, overdoing, overconfidence, overload and even overoptimism. Too much is just as much of a problem as not enough and is ultimately not supportive to a practically embodied growth experience. This timing requires us to look at how to balance these energies. It may help to notice where you feel inspired and then act with wisdom and self-assurance to ground these intense light energies in ways that are beneficial and supportive.

Week of Apr 30-May 7 This Taurus [New Moon](#) seed point calls us to savor and enjoy with heart felt gratitude this beautiful garden of Earthly delight and all the abundant gifts we enjoy everyday. New Moons are conception points or seeding points for clearly stating our intentions and/or prayers around our heart's desires allowing them an opportunity to find their most useful and supportive manifestation without attachment to the outcome. As the crescent Moon increases in light, growing bigger each night, it symbolizes the growth of the seeds planted at the New Moon.

Apr 30, Wednesday. The Taurus [New Moon](#) (11 Taurus) window begins today and is exact tomorrow May 1 and completes on May 2. This timing inspires us to seed our truest heart's desires for Heaven on Earth. One way to begin is by imagining "the garden" of abundance, of beauty, of sensual sacred pleasure, where our hearts sing with gratitude for the gifts of life, love and joy. These are just some of the possible seeds worth energizing and nurturing in this New Moon window.

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