

April 2005 Celestial Timings

April 1 – 16 by Rosalind Shorter

April 15 – 30 by Carolyn Brent

I am so grateful to Rosalind Shorter for writing the first two weeks of this month's Celestial Timings with such great heart and insight. We overlapped on April 15 and 16 so I have included both.

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April 1- 16 Celestial Timings

By Rosalind A. Shorter

“The End of Suffering”

Thich Nhat Hanh

*“May the sound of this bell penetrate deep into the cosmos
Even in the darkest spots living beings are able to hear it clearly
So that all suffering in them cease,
understanding comes to their heart
And they transcend the path of sorrow and death.
The universal dharma door is already open
The sound of the rising tide is heard clearly
The miracle happens
A beautiful child appears in the heart of the lotus flower
One single drop of this compassionate water is enough
to bring back the refreshing spring to our mountains and rivers.
Listening to the bell I feel the afflictions in me begin to dissolve
My mind calm, my body relaxed
A smile is born on my lips
Following the sound of the bell, my breath brings me back
to the safe island of mindfulness
In the garden of my heart,
the flowers of peace bloom beautifully.”*

I have been reminded of three things during the time I spent writing the timings for April: that time is an illusion and life is too short for us to wait for it to come to us, that

suffering is an illusory process and unnecessary and that is of extreme import that women seek their true place in the world in order that it return to a balanced state. I have been reading about Buddhist philosophy and Iroquois cultural history. It is a Buddhist teaching that suffering is unnecessary and is grounded in our perceptions of events. Not that “bad” things never happen because they do, but we can lessen the impact by changing our perception of the events. Thich Nhat Hanh speaks to this in his poem “The End of Suffering”.

I live in northern New York State surrounded by the remnants of the Iroquois Confederacy. In Iroquois society women are the center of all things. They believe that nature has given women the ability to create and therefore it is natural for women to be in positions of power to protect this function. A female child is seen as a blessing from the Creator because she was a sign that the People would continue. Girl children are taught from an early age to be leaders and to never lessen her creative instincts to please a man. Understand that is not an anti-male viewpoint. It is grounded in the belief that women need to have power to balance the aggressive nature of men. Because women can more clearly see the result of aggression toward others, they must have full equality with the male members of the tribe.

April Sky

Jupiter is shining all night rising as the Sun sets on April 3 about 10 degrees away from Spica.

Saturn is about 7 degrees SW of Pollux.

Venus is still in the underworld and not visible in the evening sky to naked eye observation.

Mars is low in the SE at dawn with waning Moon passing by April 3 and 4.

Mercury brightens as a morning star from Apr 16-30 but is just above the horizon before dawn and not visible to most naked eye observation. Mercury reaches farthest point from the Sun or greatest elongation (27 degrees from Sun) on Apr 26 but again not easily visible due to low placement on the horizon.

Moon is visible near Mars April 3 and 4, near Saturn on April 15, near Jupiter on April 21 and 22 passing by the Pleiades Apr 11, The Hyades and Aldebaran Apr 12, the June Solstice and Galactic AntiCenter Apr 13, the Sickle of the Lion and Regulus Apr 18 and Denebola (the Lion's tail) Apr 20, Spica on Apr 23 and 24, Antares Apr 25 and 26, above the scorpion's tail Apr 27, and at the tip of the arrow of the Archer Apr 28.

http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/highlights/article_1456_1.asp

April 1 - Last Quarter Moon at 7:50 pm EST

April 3 - Jupiter is in opposition to the Sun in the sky. As Jupiter rises in the east the Sun sets in the west.

April 4 - At dawn, look for Mars above the waning crescent Moon low in the southeastern sky.

April 8 - New Moon 4:32 pm EDT. Today is an unusual hybrid Solar Eclipse (19 Aries). Full details of the eclipse track are on line. The best visibility is in Central America and partially visible in United States For example in Phoenix Arizona the deepest part of the eclipse is at 2:57 pm, in Atlanta, GA 6:18 pm, Houston, TX is 5:11 pm,

Washington DC is 6:19 pm all local time. Much of the southern U.S. will be able to see some of this solar eclipse. The northern limit of the eclipse ranges from the southern tier of Pennsylvania to southern tip of California. A 20% eclipse is visible in southern states from Texas to southern Georgia.

<http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/eclipse.html>

April 15 - Saturn, Pollux and Castor are gathered around the Moon.

April 16 - First Quarter Moon 10:37am EDT

April 22 - The Moon is between Jupiter and Spica in the eastern-southeastern sky.

April 24 - Full Moon 6:06am EDT also called the "Milk Moon"; a penumbral lunar eclipse visible in Asia, Australia, and the Pacific. It is partially visible in Hawaii and western US at 9:55 UT. [NASA eclipse details](#)

The eclipse window is from April 8 to 24. It might be helpful to remember while we are between eclipses it often feels like an in-between the worlds time where our reality can go through subtle to intense shifting especially for those who have planets or angles near the eclipse degrees.

Note from Rosalind...Daily meditations/affirmations from the Dreamspell Calendar are included in this month's timings. The affirmations are attuned to the galactic energy signature of the day. The Dreamspell Calendar is based on Jose Argüelles' research of the Mayan Calendar. The Dreamspell Calendar consists of 13 months or moons of 28 days each.

Note from Carolyn...Many are confused about the idea of 13 Moons in a year suggesting a 12 month (month is named after Moon) calendar is out of synch with the Moon cycle. The ancient cultures who had a Moon based calendar actually had to insert extra months every 2 to 3 years to stay in synch with the Solstices and Equinoxes. This was due in part to the actual physical Moon cycle from New Moon to New Moon or Full Moon to Full Moon being 29 and ½ days causing the Moon calendar to move out of synch with the Solar cycle.

The 27 and ½ day cycle refers to the Moon returning to a specific starting point. For example, this Apr 1, 2005 the last quarter Moon is at 12 Capricorn it will take 27 and ½ days for the moon to return to 12 Capricorn occurring again on April 28, but it will not be at the last quarter phase. The next last quarter Moon phase occurs on Apr 30 at 11 degrees Aquarius 29 and ½ days past the April 1 last quarter Moon phase.

The reality then is the Moon actually has two cycles. One is 29 and ½ days from Full Moon to Full Moon and the other Moon cycle is 27 and ½ days tracking the Moon from a certain starting point to the time it returns to that starting point. The Dreamspell Calendar tracks a 28-day cycle that falls inbetween the two Moon cycles. I have almost finished an article that will be posted soon on the website describing more about the Moon cycle and the fact that it is only every 2 or 3 years that we actually have 13 Full Moons in a year. So a little more than half the time we only have 12 Full Moons in a year.

If we track the number of Full Moons from Dec Solstice to Dec Solstice this year Dec 21 2004- Dec 21 2005 there are 13 Full Moons. This does not occur again until 2008. Therefore, the concept of both 12 lunar months and 13 lunar months are equally real and valid. This does not mean our current solar-based calendar is the best one for maintaining a connection to the natural seasonal cycles. Calendar redesign does shift our experience of reality as described by Rosalind sharing about April Fool's day. However we can also create that shift within ourselves by creating our own conscious connection to the natural rhythms and cycles of Earth and Sky. It is the intent of the Celestial Timings to support that process.

Part One April 1-16 Timings by Rosalind Shorter

Friday, April 1st The Last Quarter Moon is in Capricorn on this All Fool's Day, also known as April Fool's Day. Traditional pranks are played upon unsuspecting victims "the April Fool". Some feel origins of this custom are related to the arrival of Spring in late March when Mother Nature is said to "fool" the human race with sudden weather changes...showers one minute and sunshine the next. Practical jokes date back to Ancient Rome when such activities were an integral part of the Hilaria celebrations in honor of the springtime resurrection of Attis, a Roman God of Vegetation linked with the seasonal cycle.

Dating back at least as far as the Sixteenth Century the "All Fool's Day" tradition (near Spring Equinox) was a New Year's observation celebrated much like our New Year is today with late night parties and dancing. In 1582 during the reign of King Charles IX, Pope Gregory introduced a revised calendar for the Christian world wherein the New Year fell on January 1. Rural areas did not receive the news of this change for a long time and others refused to accept it. So New Year's Day continued to be celebrated on the first day of April in many areas. Those who celebrated New Year's on April 1 became known as "April Fools". Tricks were played on the "Fools" by those who accepted Jan 1 as the New Year. Over time, this practice of playing pranks evolved into an annual tradition.

Working with "The Fool" in the Tarot's cards we find it represents someone who is carefree, impulsive, spontaneous, enthusiastic, and frivolous. The Fool innocently steps into the unknown, simultaneously innocent and wise. The Animal-Wise Tarot by Ted Andrews' equates the Fool with the Coyote, a trickster and creator, reminding us of our possibilities. This is worth remembering not only today but everyday.

Today's galactic energy is Yellow Magnetic Star:
"I unify in order to beautify
Attracting art
I seal the store of elegance
With the magnetic tone of purpose
I am guided by my own power doubled...elegance."

Saturday, April 2nd Venus (14 Aries) opposes Jupiter (14 Libra) creating tension for this independent goddess when Jupiter magnifies awareness around partnership and relationship. Remember that being in relationship does mean having to give up your independence. It helps to remember to balance the need for a partner with being independent and true to your self.

Today's galactic energy is Red Lunar Moon:
"I polarize in order to purify
Stabilizing flow
I seal the process of universal water
With the lunar tone of challenge
I am guided by the power of birth."

Sunday, April 3rd Daylight Savings Time begins today. The Moon enters Aquarius and the Sun (14 Aries) is in opposition to Jupiter (14 Libra). The Aquarian Moon brings a release from physical and emotional attachments increasing the desire for freedom and unconventional interests. The Aries Sun illuminates and energizes Jupiter's quest for conscious equal partnership.

Today's galactic energy is White Electric Dog:
"I activate in order to love
Bonding loyalty
I seal the process of heart
With electric tone of service
I am guided by the power of timelessness."

Monday, April 4th Moon in Aquarius is conjunct Neptune (17 Aquarius) enhancing the mysteries of spiritual enlightenment by giving guidance through dreams and visions. It may be worth paying attention to dreamtime messages.

Today's galactic energy is Blue Self-Existing Monkey:
"I define in order to play
Measuring illusion
I seal the process of magic
With the self-existing tone of form
I am guided by the power of accomplishment."

Tuesday, April 5th The Moon enters Pisces at 4:45am EDT and conjuncts Uranus (9 Pisces) at 7:43pm EDT. Uranus in Pisces brings unplanned, unexpected, unpredictable events for the purpose of expanding the heart and increasing transpersonal and universal compassion.

Today's galactic energy is Yellow Overtone Human:
"I empower in order to influence
Commanding wisdom
I seal the process of free will
With the overtone tone of radiance
I am guided by the power of universal fire."

Wednesday, April 6th Sun (17 Aries) sextiles Neptune (17 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. With Moon still in Pisces the mystical mysteries of compassionate selfless service are still being illuminated.

Today's galactic energy is Red Rhythmic Skywalker:
"I organize in order to explore
Balancing wakefulness
I seal the output of space
With the rhythmic tone of equality
I am guided by my own power doubled...space."

Thursday, April 7th The Moon enters Aries at 7:28am EDT and conjuncts Mercury retrograde (03 Aries) at 12:07pm EDT energizing impetuous spontaneous action without forethought. Retrograde Mercury emphasizes right brained intuitive thinking that may feel confusing to more left brained oriented thinkers leading to communication glitches and confusion. It helps to honor right-brained processes and put off linear communication for a few more days.

Today's galactic energy is White Resonant Wizard:
"I channel in order to enchant
Inspiring receptivity
I seal the output of timelessness
With the resonant tone of attunement
I am guided by the power of death."

Week of April 7 – 14 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. 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. This New Moon also happens to be a Solar Eclipse activating a window from now until the Lunar Eclipse on Apr 24. This is often experience as an in-between the world's effect where many feel disoriented and confused. For some it may not feel different or like much is happening at the time but that may be a deceiving. Often its when we look back over the months following an eclipse we get more of a sense of what was activated. This is especially true for those who have planets or angles near the Eclipse degrees. [Eclipse info from NASA](#)

Friday, April 8th The New Moon Aries Eclipse (19 Aries) is conjunct Venus (21 Aries) and the North Node (22 Aries) with Retrograde Mercury (02 Aries) further energizing the action oriented Warrior committed to their cause and willing to courageously take spontaneous decisive action. This works well when aligned with an inner intuitive sense. [NASA eclipse details](#)

Today's galactic energy is Blue Galactic Eagle:
"I harmonize in order to create

Modeling mind
I seal the output of vision
With galactic tone of integrity
I am guided by the power of self-generation.”

Saturday, April 9th The Moon enters Taurus at 11:50am EDT bringing in an earthy sensuality reminding us that we are special and deserve to savor enjoy and appreciate true beautiful ourselves.

Today's galactic energy is Yellow Solar Warrior:
“I pulse in order to question
Realizing fearlessness
I seal the output of intelligence
With the solar tone of intention
I am guided by the power of free will.”

Sunday, April 10th Sun (21Aries) squares Saturn (21Cancer) accelerating Saturn's forward motion. This is a great time for putting into decisive action the new structures and forms seeking expression through us especially if they are designed to create safe and loving ways to nurture ourselves and others. This may feel challenging as we do not have many healthy cultural models for Responsible Nurturing. Tuning into what feels nourishing, what feels supportive and compassionate, what feels responsive and healthy, helps to guide this process of remodeling our lives to support consciously nurturing ourselves and each other in harmony and balance with the planet.

The galactic energy is Red Planetary Earth and the affirmation is:
“I perfect in order to evolve
Producing synchronicity
I seal the matrix of navigation
With the planetary tone of manifestation
I am guided by the power of life force.

Monday, April 11th The Moon moves into Gemini this afternoon until April 14. Gemini is footloose, fancy-free, creative energy and this is a good time to reconnect or deepen your connection with your inner muse, with spirit and with humor and freedom.

Venus (24 Aries) trines Pluto (24 Sagittarius) calling the warrior Goddess to deepen her inner reflection before taking further decisive action. This challenges the Aries warrior expression of the feminine whose nature is to act spontaneously and decisively in the moment. However now is the time to step back and deeply feel into what is unfolding before responding.

Today's galactic energy is White Spectral Mirror:
I dissolve in order to reflect
Releasing order
I seal the matrix of endlessness
With the spectral tone of liberation
I am guided by my own power doubled....endlessness.

Tuesday, April 12th Mercury (02 Aries) stations direct today at 3:46am EDT. The still point [Mercury](#) station direct in Aries is interesting because Aries loves action but at the

Still Point of its cycle action may still be delayed until Mercury crosses retrograde station degree on April 30 when Mercury reaches 14 Aries. It may be helpful to continue to have patience in completing business or making decisions delayed in this timing. A helpful reminder is expressed in a few words from TS Elliot's poem the **Still Point**
*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...yet surrounded
By a grace of sense, a white light still and moving.*

Today's galactic energy is Blue Crystal Storm:
I dedicate in order to catalyze
Universalizing energy
I seal the matrix of self-generation
With the crystal tone of cooperation
I am guided by the power of abundance.

Wednesday, April 13th Mars (17 Aquarius) conjuncts Neptune (17 Aquarius). The inner “Cosmic Visionary” is enhanced through the Mars-Neptune conjunction and Moon-Pluto opposition connects with the inner muse accessing the depths of our soul where the truth of our life purpose resides. The Cosmic Visionary and inner Muse join forces to envision a bright future for our world.

Today's galactic energy is Yellow Cosmic Sun:
I endure in order to enlighten
Transcending life
I seal the matrix of universal fire
With the cosmic tone of presence
I am guided by the power of flowering.
I am a galactic activation portal....enter me.

Thursday, April 14th The Moon moves into Cancer at 5:03am EDT energizing the mysteries of loving and nurturing progeny to ensure the success of future generations.

Today's galactic energy is Red Magnetic Dragon:
I unify in order to nurture
Attracting being
I seal the input of birth
With the magnetic tone of purpose
I am guided by my own power doubled....birth.
I am a galactic activation portal....enter me.

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Part Two April Celestial Timings by Carolyn Brent

*"...the worlds shall once again come together,
a world with room for the Goddess and for the Christ,
the cauldron and the cross..."*

The Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley

The Cauldron and the Cross are represented in the [Sacred Hoop](#), or Great Shining Circle, or as it is referred to by present day astronomers the winter hexagon. This circle of stars is marked on the outer ring by the Pleiades, Sirius, Procyon, Castor, Pollux, Capella, and Rigel. Inside the Hoop are the constellations of Orion and the Hyades among others. The circle of stars forming the outer rim of the Hoop symbolizes the cauldron. The cross is symbolized by the Milky Way band intersecting the track of the ecliptic meeting at the center of the Hoop forming a cross. Said another way...the Ecliptic (plane of the solar system) and the Milky Way (plane of the galaxy) cross through the circle of stars marking the Sacred Hoop and intersect near the middle of this configuration, actually forming a cross within a circle.

One way to look at this is the circle or cauldron symbolizes the world of magic and alchemy. The cross represents the world of structure and form. Saturn now at 21 Cancer is about to exit the hoop at the end of May having traveled through this area of the sky since about July of 2000. In May and June 2002 all five visible planets were aligned inside the Great Circle. This planetary line-up was visible in the evening sky visually marking a dramatic consciousness shift or realignment of Earth with the visible planetary bodies.

The faster moving planets Venus, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter all exited the Hoop by mid-July 2002. Saturn however has remained inside the Hoop all this time and is exited the end of May 2005. Venus, and Mercury return to the Hoop each year. Mars returns to the Hoop every two years, two months. This year it retrogrades before it enters the Hoop and won't actually enter the Hoop until early 2006. Jupiter won't return to the Hoop until June 201 and Saturn will not return to the Hoop until May, 2030.

The week of April 15 – 22 The Cancer [First Quarter Moon](#) window is April 15, 16, and 17. (See Week of April 7 – 14 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 15, Friday. Tonight the first quarter Moon is visible beside Saturn actively accelerating formulation of new structures of reality. The hit movie **What The Bleep Do**

We Know? reminds us our thoughts and feelings directly affect the structure of our reality. We can literally rewire our neural net or patterned habitual responses through consciously choosing our thoughts and feelings. This movie is now available on DVD and definitely worth having. (I got my copy at Target!) If you haven't seen it yet its an inspiring visual experience of how our thoughts and emotions are creating our reality. These links have more information. <http://bleepstore.com/products.html>
<http://www.whatthebleep.com/create/>
<http://www.whatthebleep.com/>

Rosalind's Timings for Friday, April 15th The Moon remains in Cancer and is conjunct Saturn (21 Cancer) working together to ensure a healthy legacy for the next seven generations into the future. Venus moves into Taurus activating the Goddess of love, beauty, intimacy and earthy pleasures.

Today's galactic energy is White Lunar Wind:
I polarize in order to communicate
Stabilizing breath
I seal the input of spirit
With the lunar tone of challenge
I am guided by the power of timelessness.

Apr 16, Saturday. Today's [First Quarter Moon](#) in Cancer (27 Cancer) is most effectively experienced when we take decisive committed action to lovingly nurturing ourselves and each other. When balanced the Cancer mysteries actively support vital healthy expressions of family and community. Acts of kindness towards yourself and others strengthens the results.

This quote from the Keys of Enoch by JJ Hurtak inspires imagination in how these energies are manifesting especially when we also consider the Moon's move into Leo later this afternoon. *"The keys to future luminaries are whole light beings who will give energy codes for limitless intercommunication between living universes and "The Power of Righteousness and Compassion" which holds love-powered radiations together in the cycles of the "The Eternal Inheritance."*

Rosalind's Timing for Saturday, April 16th
Today is the First Quarter Moon (26 Cancer) at 10:37am EDT. The Moon enters Leo at 5:17pm EDT. Leo energizes feelings of self-love and self-confidence. Now is the time to empower yourself so you can empower others by showing how to love yourself fully and radically.

Today's galactic energy is Blue Electric Night:
I activate in order in to dream
Bonding intuition
I seal the input of abundance
With the electric tone of service
I am guided by the power of accomplishment.

Apr 17, Sunday. Moon is Leo activates 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. The Keys of Enoch inspire this understanding... *"The divine seed, even expressed as*

human, has been created to exist as a dynamic life force, to experience the many levels of universal Godhood within the divine plan...." (page 361)

Apr 18, Monday. The Nodes are spending this month and most of next month at 22 degrees of Aries/Libra. The North Node (22 Aries) is conjunct the fixed star Baten Kaitos located in the belly of the whale in one of the largest constellations called [Cetus](#) covering 50 degrees of the sky by length and 20 degrees by width. The head of Cetus is located directly under the Ram (a.k.a. Aries) and its body stretches from the bend in the river constellation known as Eridanus to the Stream falling from the Urn (of the Waterbearer (a.k.a. Aquarius). [Cetus](#) lives in an area of the sky where all of its neighboring constellations have some connection with water. East of Cetus is Eridanus, the Great River; north of it is Pisces, the Fishes; west of it are Aquarius, the Water Carrier, and Capricornus, the Seagoat; and to the south lies Piscis Austrinus, the Southern Fish. Many ancient people often called this part of the sky "the Sea" because of the many water-related constellations located here. Cetus is the whale found in Greek myth related to the story of Cassiopeia and Andromeda and the biblical myth of Jonah and the Whale. In his book "Hero With a Thousand Faces" Joseph Campbell indicates that "belly of the whale" is a stage of initiation or "passage through a magical threshold" taking the hero or heroine into the unknown. This also corresponds to initiations of self-annihilation where the hero/ine's journey goes inward beyond ordinary time and space for the purpose of rebirth.

The South Node is located near the fixed star Spica (22 Libra) marking the hand of the Virgin Priestess. (See [Difference between Signs and Constellations](#) and [Virgo](#)) Ancient star lore suggests Spica represents many multi-cultural Goddess images. The Egyptians linked Spica with Isis, the Romans with the goddess Ceres, the Hindus knew Spica as **Citra**, meaning "Bright", their 12th *nakshatra*, figured as a **Lamp**, or as a **Pearl**, with Tvashtar, the Artificer, or Shaper, as its presiding divinity. A Grecian Temple erected in 715 B.C is aligned with "the Great Diana of the Ephesians" also known as Spica.

These images bring to mind how the Goddess (or feminine principle) is often an important guide and ally during our deepest initiatory journeys. These next two months suggest surrendering to the journey, Surrendering to what is dying, to what is dissolving, to what is seeking birth. It may be immensely helpful to trust the process and consciously releasing preconceptions of how things should or shouldn't be, while also releasing attachments to knowing what is going on, to being in control, and to outcome. The process of surrender can then help realign us with our divine purpose or destiny in ways that we have yet even imagined.

Apr 19, Tuesday. The seasonal move of Sun into Taurus (until May 20) marks the phase of the year when we begin to see the fruits of accelerated rapid growth. The waxing Gibbous Moon moves into Virgo early this morning transmitting the mysteries most linked with our sacred relationship to the Earth and to the cycles of life. Taurus

explores beauty, intimacy and pleasure as its creative artistic expression encouraging the art of savoring and enjoying each moment. Virgo Moon and Taurus Sun encourages us to honor our sacred relationship with the beauty and joy of life as a blessed gift where we fully experience flourishing pleasure with all life.

Apr 20, Wednesday. The Moon continues its journey through Virgo today further energizing the sacred patterning of life on Earth. Our Earth is unique in our solar system, having one Sun and one Moon with four primary seasonal cycles defined by the Solstices and Equinoxes. Earth has its own unique sacred rhythm or pattern as it moves through space. The more we connect with this pattern the more connected we are to our Earth's unique experience of sacred time and how that shapes our reality.

Apr 21, Thursday. The waxing Moon enters Libra this afternoon energizing the domain of conscious relationship. Relationships teach us more about ourselves through the interaction and reflection of others. All relationships have value and purpose. This includes our relationship to the collective belief systems that underlie this worldly experience. Gaining greater awareness and consciousness of these belief systems and how they affect our relationships helps liberate us from any limiting or binding beliefs that no longer serve. We are living in an evolving relationship paradigm based on wholeness of self and egalitarian relating with one another. As we approach Earth Day tomorrow it is timely to contemplate the Libra ideal of conscious equal partnership with the Earth and each other.

Apr 22, Friday. Earth Day. The Moon occults Jupiter (11 Libra) at 10:06 am Pacific time. Although this occultation is not visible in western parts of the world it does represent another acceleration of this year's deepening and expansion of the Libra mysteries in how we are relating to each other and to the Earth. The Moon carries all that is known of these mysteries and Jupiter potentially expands this knowing into our conscious awareness when we are willing to receive the insights and inspiration available at this time. Today is a powerful time to gratefully remember our interdependent relationship with the Earth finding ways to express genuine gratitude and appreciation for our lives. In Neale Donald Walsch's *Friendship with God*, he states that "gratitude is the fastest form of healing." Dr. Christiane Northrup said in her recent PBS special on Mothers and Daughters, "The biggest Gift you can give this world is a healed Life."

Week of Apr 23 – Apr 28 This week features the Scorpio [Full Moon](#) Penumbra Lunar Eclipse (Apr 24) visible in North America, Central and South America. New Zealand, eastern Australia, eastern Indonesia and most of Antarctica, North Pacific Ocean except extreme west, South Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea and western Atlantic. The Full Moon window is three days including the day before (Apr 23) and the day after (Apr 25). This completes the Eclipse Cauldron that began April with the Partial Solar Eclipse in Aries. [Nasa Eclipse Info](#)

Apr 23, Saturday. Venus (10 Taurus) sextiles Uranus (10 Pisces) today and then Venus will move on to square Neptune (17 Aquarius) on Apr 29. The ever-changing

feminine principle in her expression as the love goddess is encountering the ever-changing revolutionary innovative freedom loving Uranian expression. How do we love and accept the continual changes that may force us to face any parts of ourselves that have become limited to our freest experience of divine love? Are we in a break down to break through mode and if so how can we fully love ourselves while embracing the process?

Apr 24, Sunday. This [Full Moon](#) in Scorpio eclipse (see intro) is a highly charged experience of raw, primal life force energy enlivening passion, magic, personal power, and manifestation. The intent of the Scorpio mysteries is to feel the increased power of life force as it manifests into form. The fullest experience for Scorpio in this reality comes from living on the edge, discovering personal passion and what feels most alive. Helpful mantras for this time are forgive, shed, release, surrender, accept, and transform.

Apr 25, Monday. The still nearly Full Moon moves into Sagittarius late tonight entering the head of the Scorpion constellation and will approach the galactic gateway in the next couple of days. The exact crossing is on the 27th and early morning of the 28th. This monthly passage of the Moon provides illuminating access to Hunab Ku or Galactic Center. Howard Reynolds a facilitator of Mayan journeys says...*The Mayans believe that we first must be conscious of our connections to the Stars. We are children of the Milky Way and our Greater Lighted Self travels through the Heavens. It is a reclaiming and remembering of our Galactic heritage that will expand our perceptions to include All That We Are. Each person acts as a dynamic fulcrum stretching and opening to be the Divine Conduit between Heaven and Earth. It is only when we can embody the Mother and the Father within that we become whole and can move forward to do our Soul's work.* howru@prodigy.net

Apr 26, Tuesday. The waning Sagittarius Moon is near Antares tonight. This fixed star marks the heart of the Scorpion seen by ancient Egyptians as a star with direct links to the pyramid initiations. According to *The Keys of Enoch* by JJ Hurtak every level of evolution has a Pyramid of Light humanity must pass through on its way to the next dimensional experience. To move beyond three-dimensional reality, we are required to go through our three-dimensional fields of Pyramidal Light Energy. Pyramids synthesize space, time, and matter to form the ideal focus for star energy transmissions This is why the ancients viewed the pyramids as a gateway to the stars and universal intelligence suggesting that when our own pyramidal structures are fully active within us it is easier to receive the stellar and celestial transmissions coded within our own being.

The Moon is rising around 10 pm local time depending on your horizon line. One way to have a direct experience of this timing is to visually connect with or meditate upon the Moon and Antares. Exactly trining Antares is Mercury (9 Aries) the transformational messenger within 5 degrees of where it stationed retrograde in March. The Keys of Enoch provide an interesting meditative inspired message. "...the messenger *Whole Light Beings who cultivate the divine*

seed and aid in the completion of its program of soul growth, are emissaries because they understand the mystery of undoing all the seals which were used to bind the soul between each expansion of the universe..." (page 362)

Apr 27, Wednesday. The waxing Sagittarius Moon joins Pluto late tonight and in the early hours tomorrow depending on your time zone. This is another opportunity to notice any shadow issues around what we perceive and believe is the truth. The external truth is always changing as our perception changes. What we perceive as true now will change as our consciousness expands.

About 2 hours before the Sun sets this evening Mercury (11 Aries) is setting as retrograde Jupiter (11 Libra) is rising. Neither occurrence is visible to naked eye observation, however, it might be helpful to tune into the expansive (Jupiter) messages (Mercury) is making more available now. Here is another meditative message from the Keys of Enoch "...*They who were not captured within 'limited envelopes of light' were thus prepared from the foundation of the world to assist with soul evolution... these messengers administer to the intelligences through hyperspace, teaching the levels of diverse intelligence to carry forth the divine plan... through limitless intercommunication these Councils... stationed upon the earth, are informed of the vast changes continually going on in the heavenly realms..."* (page 362)

Apr 28, Thursday. Waning Moon in Capricorn is crossing the Galactic Plane between the constellation of the Scorpion and the Archer visible in the early morning sky before sunrise. This is the area of the sky where the Winter Solstice Sun currently rises near Galactic Center marking the [Turning of the Ages](#). This Galactic Gateway is a portal pouring forth new creative energies into this dimensional realm and the Moon's passage here helps to illuminate and transmit them. Working with intention and attention is a potent way to engage co-creative magic with Great Spirit thus informing and intending the structure and reality of the next 26,000 year cycle.

Week of Apr 29 – May 6 This week marks the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) beginning the integration aspect of the current Moon cycle. Apr 29 begins the three-day window and the Last Quarter Moon is exact Apr 30 at 11 Aquarius. This current Moon phase symbolizes the completion or integration process of the current journey that lasts until the New Moon in Taurus on May 8.

Apr 29, Friday. Venus (17 Taurus) squares Neptune (17 Aquarius) accelerating the intuitive guidance Venus is receiving intended to assist her in sharpening her ability to listen to her inner voice and act from her inner knowing. If the sacred feminine expression within each of us has successfully let go of the need to know and has reached a state of surrender and trust in moment-to-moment experiences then this timing accelerates the growth already in process. If not - greater confusion may abound. This emphasizes actively fulfilling the intent of the tantric mysteries including intimacy, beauty, pleasure and

receivership as an inspiring and fulfilling path of self-realization.

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 29 reaching its retrograde station about two weeks later on June 15 at 10Pisces46.

Apr 30, Saturday. The waning [last quarter Moon](#) is in Aquarius (11 degrees) transmitting the mysteries of the cosmic revolutionary, whose intent is to ultimately revolutionize conscious awareness through the living expressed truth of our divinity. This revolutionary energy pushes for the changes that are cathartic, liberating and evolutionary.

Mars returns to Pisces today where it began its current journey in Aug of 2003 reaching its completion phase or Elder Wisdom Phase of the current journey. The Mars in Pisces quest is for a healthy active expression of the compassionate Bodhisattva ideal. Ven. Thanissaro Bhikkhud describes it this way...*The [Bodhisattva path](#) is centered on the unimaginable goal of assisting all beings in attaining full enlightenment by way of acquiring great wisdom and compassion for the benefit of themselves and others.*

Further insights about the Bodhisattva Ideal come from [Emir Salihovic](#)...*It seems that the best cure for the egoism, the situation in which we separate ourselves from other people and the "outside" world in general, is the decision to do something for the benefit of others, and not asking for a reward. Of course, there's a trick: you must do what others really need, not what you think they need. It must be something which helps other people to live their lives better, but in their own estimation, not your estimation. It opens a flow between you and others, relieves you of the burden of egoism, and opens space for fresh insights about life, relationships with other people and even the way your mind functions....*

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