

## August 2003 Celestial Timings By Carolyn Brent

You are here to enable the divine purpose of the universe to unfold.  
That is how important you are!  
Eckhart Tolle author of The Power of Now.

“Once you become conscious of the questions active in the moment,  
you always get some kind of intuitive direction of what to do, of where to go.  
You get a hunch about the next step. Always.  
The only time this will not occur is when you have the wrong question in mind.  
You see, the problem in life isn't in receiving answers.  
The problem is in identifying your current questions.  
Once you get the questions right, the answers always come....  
Let your perception of beauty and iridescence lead your way.  
Places and people who have answers for you will appear more luminous and attractive.”  
The Celestine Prophecy by James Redfield.

In one of the tellings around the Quest for the Holy Grail as told by Chretien de Troyes written around 1185 A. D. Perceval sets out to return to the house of his mother after becoming a knight of the round table. He comes upon a wounded fisherman who invites him to stay at his castle. During the evening feast Perceval notices on several occasions a damsel passing through the hall carrying the grail. Perceval longs to ask: “Whom does the Grail serve?” He has other questions as well but hesitates to ask them due to his training that strongly discouraged him from asking questions because it was impolite. Later Perceval learns that his host had actually been a king, the wounded fisherman and if he had asked the questions burning in his heart especially the question “Whom does the Grail serve?” he would have restored the fisherman and freed the land from a terrible barrenness. He also learns his mother has died and so now his quest changes. He must again find the castle and the Grail and ask the question that will heal the land. (sourced from The Grail Castle by Kenneth Johnson and Marguerite Elsbeth) In the opening quote above from James Redfield and in the grail story the indication is around the importance of asking the questions that will serve to further our own life quest. The Celestial Timings are intended to inspire your own questions and your own direct connection to the mysteries, and are therefore not intended to be predictive, but rather they provide suggestions on how these energies might possibly manifest. How we choose to participate, or not, is an important determining factor in what our personal experience will be. From my own personal experience and the testimony of many others, consciously attuning to these mysteries does produce experiences of increased inspiration, insight and synchronicity.

### August Sky Highlights.

This is it!!! A once in many lifetimes event is happening this month. **Mars** comes closest to the Earth in approximately 60,000 years based on detailed computations of world-renowned astronomer Jean Meeus

of Belgium, an 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://skyandtelescope.com/observing/objects/planets/article\\_98\\_5\\_1.asp](http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/objects/planets/article_98_5_1.asp) Mars is now six times larger and shines 85 times brighter than it did three months ago. For those desiring a direct visual experience Mars begins the month rising around 10 pm, rising earlier and earlier through out the month until Aug 28 when Mars rises as the Sun sets beginning a new 26 month quest for the Masculine principle in the Pisces realm of Compassionate Service and can also be linked with the Quest for the Holy Grail, or said another way the Quest for Eternal Life or the Quest for Mystical Union With the Divine. Mars reaches its closest approach to the Earth on Aug 27 and its perihelion (closest approach to the Sun) on Aug 30. **Jupiter and Venus** are both traveling with the Sun this month and therefore not visible to our observation. **Saturn** is rising about 2 and ½ hours before the Sun as the month begins and 5 hours before the Sun at months end.

**Perseid meteor shower** peaks August 12th and 13th. [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/17jul\\_perseids2003.htm?list608224](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/17jul_perseids2003.htm?list608224) More Night Sky observing Highlights for August are updated here [http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/ataglance/article\\_110\\_1.asp](http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/ataglance/article_110_1.asp) Note: These timings are set to Pacific Daylight Time unless otherwise noted and events listed have at least a three-day minimum effect including the day before and after the exact aspect. Many of these influences will be felt for much longer especially when the outer planets are involved.

**Week of Jul 27 – Aug 3** The Leo [New Moon](#) was exact on July 28 at 5 Leo and continues to increase in light reaching the first quarter phase exact on Aug 5 at 13 Scorpio. The New Moon phase is similar to what Joseph Campbell describes as the Call to Adventure phase of the Hero/ine's quest. This is when a herald, someone or

something, signals the beginning of an initiation and destiny summons the hero/ine. Sometimes we go willingly and other times we are driven there. Mythically, the driving force may be a dark, terrifying beast or a veiled mysterious figure of the unknown. Or the journey may begin as an accident, stumbling into initiatory circumstances that take us out of our ordinary world to extraordinary experiences.

**Aug 1, Friday.** This month begins with a Void of Course (VOC) Moon in Virgo that lasts until nearly midnight tonight PDT. The VOC Moon is a timing similar to an in-between the worlds space where major changes can be facilitated outside the confines of the current collective matrix. It is an opportunity to by-pass the sometimes lengthy process of change we might normally experience. Maybe it seems that nothing happens in this nothing sort of space and then again it is possible for something profound to shift in our awareness and understanding of ourselves that will be reflected clearly in our lives and relationships with others. Being open to change, taking time to go within, meditating, or just relaxing and be with what is can be amazingly helpful. If possible avoid making important long lasting decisions, putting them off until tomorrow morning. Expect the unexpected and be prepared to roll with the flow and release attachments to outcome as events may unfold in ways that are surprising.

**The August Cross-Quarter also known as Lamas or Lughnassadh: (harvest and victory)** *Lugh was the Irish Sun God and was also known as 'Samildanach' which means 'many-skilled'... Lughnassadh (pronounced Loo-nuh-suh) was celebrated with a fortnight of contests and games, of exhibitions of skill and strength. In the Celtic calendar, this festival was known as the Games of Lugh and would begin on the eve of August 1st in the Northern Hemisphere (February 1st in the Southern Hemisphere). Lugh represents a newer phase of development in the mythology of Ireland. He was apparently introduced to the Celtic pantheon around the time of Christ. His coming marks the rising ascendancy all across Britain, Europe and the Mediterranean of the male gods of the Sun over the Sun Goddess known to the people of the ancient world. Originally, this Lugh's feast would have been a festival of ripened grain, celebrating the Mother's bounty just as Oimelc celebrates her power to give life or Bealtaine celebrates her passion or Samhain celebrates her power to live through death to new life. But, how the grain festival must have been traditionally celebrated has been lost beneath the mantle of two weeks of games and contests in honour of Lugh.* By Neil Giles <http://www.astrology.com/celtfire.html> For the astrological cross-quarter see Aug 7

**Aug 2, Saturday.** The Moon slipped into Libra late last night or early this morning depending on your time zone illuminating and transmitting the mysteries of relationship with self and others. In the domain of conscious equal partnership these mysteries recognize that no one person is more important or less important than any other. Each point in the circle or wheel of life has a purpose and each individual represents a place on the wheel necessary for wholeness to exist. Honoring all the places on our inner

and outer wheel helps us to experience greater harmony and balance.

**Aug 3, Sunday.** Retrograde Neptune (12 Aquarius) is reaching its exact opposition to the Sun (12 Leo) tomorrow marking the mid-point of Neptune's retrograde journey. Neptune returns to direct motion on October 22. Any planetary retrograde process takes us deeper within the archetypal realm that planet governs. Some things Neptune governs are ideals, visions, dreams, and intuitive guidance. It also governs the place where dreams become reality when we remain conscious in part by asking the correct questions and staying attuned to the inner guidance and synchronicities that show up to guide us and answer our questions. The shadow side of Neptune can express through confusion, becoming lost in the dreams, losing touch with reality and what it really takes to manifest in this dimension. This timing is one of the deepest most inner directed times for accessing our own "big picture" through inner processes. It is important to take time to dream the dreams of our destiny, sorting out what is real and what is fantasy. Noticing the cues from our external reality is helpful when we are not attached to a specific outcome that may cloud our discernment. Trusting and acting on inner guidance is vital in creating the space for our dreams (the ones connected to our true heart's desire) to become our reality even when it contradicts societal norms or what others may be telling us is what we "should" do.

**Week of Aug 4 - 10** The Scorpio [First Quarter Moon](#) window is visible Aug 4, 5 and 6 directly overhead at Sunset. The waxing half full Moon represents the balance between light and dark and is the most visible rapid growth phase of the Moon. This is a great time to put our ideas and plans into action as the Moon increases in light until the Aquarius Full Moon on Aug 12.

**Aug 4, Monday.** The Moon moves into Scorpio early this morning opening the Scorpio First Quarter Moon Window and transmitting the mysteries of life, death, regeneration and rebirth; including sourcing a direct experience of powerful ecstatic life force energy. Sun (12 Leo) opposes retrograde Neptune (12 Aquarius). (See Aug 3)

**Aug 5, Tuesday.** Today is the Scorpio [First Quarter Moon](#) at 13 Scorpio near the fixed star [Zuben Algenubi](#) in the constellation of the [Scales](#). This fixed star represents justice, what just is, and the balance point between yin and yang, male and female, Heaven and Earth. Currently this star is marking the astrological cross-quarter between the September Equinox and the December Solstice (a.k.a. Samhain) and provides a pathway between the worlds easily accessing other realms and dimensions expanding our experience when we choose to work with this energy. When healthy Moon in Scorpio is transmitting the tantric mysteries of the most passionate alive expression of life force energy available. This passionate intense energy is often feared and repressed and then the energy gets our attention through what is often considered the shadow elements of depression, anxiety, anger and so on. These feelings are messengers that push us past our edges and push us to grow when we can embrace them. Then we can more easily experience healthy Scorpio as intensely

passionate, alive, ecstatic and blissful. We might ask ourselves...in what ways do we fear and repress our natural intensity and passion? And how can we give ourselves permission to safely explore these feelings for the purpose of empowering our personal experience?

**Aug 6, Wednesday.** Transformational messenger Mercury (10 Virgo) is opposing the sacred masculine principle Mars (10 Pisces) who went retrograde last month and is preparing for a new quest beginning Aug 28. Mercury is also going retrograde later this month in Virgo and is transmitting messages to Mars that will assist the sacred masculine in completing the assimilation process of the current quest for truth while preparing for the next quest that includes compassion. The messages may be coming through what you are feeling. Fatigue, spaciness, anger, frustration, loneliness, irritation and/or impatience are some of the feelings that might be surfacing. These feelings are bringing messages as much as any insights or inspiration that may also come through at this time. Choosing supportive actions regardless of how we feel is one way to maximize the power of this timing. Allowing extra time for projects, getting extra rest when possible if fatigue is an issue, releasing attachments to outcome, and being with what is are some of the more helpful ways to be with this timing that lasts until early October. Waxing Moon moving into Sagittarius this morning until Aug 8 emphasizes the quest for knowing, expanding and experiencing the truth of who we are.

**Aug 7, Thursday.** Today the Sun reaches the exact astrological cross-quarter (15 Leo). The days are growing shorter, though still longer than the nights, and Autumn is just around the corner. In ancient times the cross-quarter dates between the equinoxes and solstices were celebrated as the "border time" or in-between time, the mid-point in-between solstices and equinoxes. Also today the Moon conjuncts retrograde Pluto (17 Sagittarius) pulling out the shadow elements that disempower or limit our freedom of being. This process may bring up feelings of confusion, discomfort, fear and uncertainty. If these feelings do arise it is helpful to understand this is simply a part of the ever-evolving growth process and the feelings do have a message for us. Releasing judgment helps us to accept and stay present with our feelings, and choosing healthy actions regardless of what we are feeling helps to empower the process.

**Aug 8, Friday. 8/8** The Moon moves into Capricorn this morning in the Pacific Time Zone and is crossing the December Solstice marker currently aligned between the Archer and the Scorpion near Galactic Center marking the [turning of a 26,000 year cycle](#). Noting where the Moon is tonight gives a visual connection with this area of the sky where the seeding energies for the New Cycle are pouring in from the great Galactic Gateway. Mercury is crossing 12 degrees Virgo today the degree it will station direct on Sep 20 which opens the window of energy for this Mercury retrograde that will last until Mercury crosses the degree of its retrograde station on October 4 (26 Virgo). (See Aug 28) Today also marks the 4 month count down to the Nov 8 total Lunar Eclipse. See John Mirehiel's full story about this event [http://www.astrosite.com/\\_JM1.htm](http://www.astrosite.com/_JM1.htm)... *The total*

*lunar eclipse of November 8, 2003 reveals a moment in time with echoes that are at least as provocative as the August, '99 Solar Eclipse and potentially more potent than the "cosmic stampede" in Taurus in May of 200...In at least one viewpoint, an eclipse carries the implication of the beginning of some important undertaking or the bringing to fruition of an issue that had its conception at an earlier time. This eclipse could just so mark one of those milestone events. It is not too early to consciously begin tuning in and preparing for this timing in whatever ways feel most alive for you. Also, according to Gillian Beth Louthan of The Quantum Awakening Website on Aug 8 or 8/8/2003 we have an opportunity to walk through what she is referring to as the 8/8 Lion's Gate Doorway of Accelerated Awakening. If you would like more information about this you can visit her website and determine for yourself if this perspective resonates for you. <http://www.thequantumawakening.com/>*

**Aug 9, Saturday.** The Capricorn Moon goes Void of Course this morning and remains VOC until mid-day tomorrow and is a time when it may feel challenging to have a clear direction. There may be some days when you are cruising along and all of sudden the momentum disappears, things start going haywire, unexpected things happen and you know Mercury is not retrograde...at least not until August 28. Remembering to relax and go within for guidance and direction can be a helpful. (See Aug 1)

**Week of Aug 10-17.** This week features the Aquarius [Full Moon](#). Experientially we see the Moon rising full for three nights, the day before, the day of and the day after the exact Full Moon. Therefore, we experience the potency of the Full Moon Window for three days. As I mentioned last month, elements of the hero/ine's quest as described by Joseph Campbell in his book *Hero With A Thousand Faces* assists in deepening our understanding of ways to attune to the essence of the Moon Phases. The New Moon phase is similar to the Call To Adventure alerting the Hero/ine that an initiatory journey is about to take place. The First Quarter Moon phase is similar to the crossing of the threshold into the zone of magnified power where the journey or initiation takes place. The Full Moon Phase relates to the Mystical Marriage or Apotheosis where the goal of the journey is achieved. Apotheosis is the: *Exaltation to divine rank or stature; deification*. This is the phase in the cycle where we have an opportunity to remember and experience our divinity. The Moon begins to wane this week representing the integration and dissemination of the gifts received at the Full Moon. Once each year the Moon is Full in Aquarius emphasizing the cosmic overview and the revolutionary cutting edge ideas that bring evolutionary change.

**Aug 10, Sunday.** Waxing Moon enters Aquarius today opening and energizing this Full Moon window illuminating our awareness that is intended to transcend the duality of light and shadow. This is further indicated by the Sun's (17 Leo) trine to retrograde Pluto (17 Sagittarius) signaling the rapid slowing of Pluto moving only 5 minutes between now and its direct station on Aug 28. When a planet stations either direct or retrograde from the Earth's perspective it reaches the Still Point, an experience 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 especially in relation to the mysteries of that planet.

**Aug 11, Monday** The Aquarius [Full Moon](#) (19 Aquarius) is rising at its fullest point tonight and is illuminating the mysteries of the cosmic revolutionary. This energy is committed to its own unique path of self-expression, questioning what is and not settling for the limitations of the status quo. This is a good time to step back for a good look at the big picture, and make changes where needed. This Full Moon energy is joined by Neptune near the Moon and Venus (17 Leo) trining Pluto (17 Sagittarius) late tonight or early tomorrow. Neptune enhances the visionary possibilities of this Aquarius Full Moon through the qualities of inspired dreaming. Venus trine Pluto emphasizes the shamanic process of diving deep into the mysteries of the feminine for the purpose of integrating any shadowed aspects that have been forgotten or denied out of fear or judgment. Integrating the experiences of duality, particularly the experience of light and shadow, allows the space for wholeness to fully express and thrive.

**Aug 12, Tuesday.** The exact Aquarius Full Moon is happening after midnight in the Eastern Time Zones. The Moon moves into Pisces around 5:19 pm PDT after being Void of Course all afternoon. Moon in Pisces inspires our dreaming process through conscious use of our imagination. Mars (9 Pisces) is trining Saturn (9 Cancer) directing the active Mars energy into a practical focused expression for the purpose of accomplishing desired goals through taking decisive action and getting things done. Transformational messenger Mercury (17 Virgo) squares shamanic transformer Pluto (17 Sag) in the first of three squares including Sep 11 and Sep 28 due to Mercury's retrograde starting later this month. This is an opportunity to deepen and intensify our mental experience of who we are in relationship to the overall pattern of life. Allying with Spider Woman may be helpful in understanding our place within the web or pattern. One way to work with this is to notice what is showing up in your web and how consciously are you in engaging these aspects of self? Are you getting entangled in your own web or are you creating new pathways, reweaving the confusing and maybe even damaged parts of your web to reflect more of your true heart's desire? Pluto dives deep into the fears that limit our fullest most empowered expression of who we are. Pluto also dives deep to discover the strengths and abilities that are still unconscious and brings them forth often through experiences that challenge and test us. Perseid meteor shower peaks August 12th and 13th.

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**Aug 13, Wednesday.** The waning but still nearly Full Moon in Pisces is conjunct retrograde Mars (8 Pisces). Moon and Mars rising are close together tonight sometime between 8:30 and 9:30 pm depending on your location and horizon line. This is the last Moon Mars conjunction before Mars begins its new quest on Aug 28. This could be thought of as the final council of Moon and Mars in the quest for the sword of truth as well as preparation for the

new quest for the compassionate warrior or using another Pisces imagery the quest for the Holy Grail a.k.a. Eternal Life or Eternal Youth among other images. One possibility is it has to do with finding our own eternal source, or Holy Grail, within.

**Aug 14, Thursday.** The Moon in Pisces goes Void of Course early morning and remains VOC until tomorrow morning when Moon moves into Aries. In dreamy Pisces the VOC Moon more than ever lacks direction and decisiveness. However it is a great time for inspiration that comes through altered state experiences such as meditation, prayer, or vision quest. Evening star Mercury (19 Virgo) reaches its greatest elongation 27 degrees from the Sun (22 Leo). This means Mercury has reached its maximum height above the western horizon after Sunset although it is still not all that easily visible for those in mid-northern latitudes. When Mercury reaches its greatest elongation from the Sun in the evening sky this event always signals an approaching Mercury retrograde cycle and a rapid slowing of Mercury as it moves towards the retrograde station. In fact, the effects of Mercury retrograde are often felt when Mercury first crosses the degree it will return to when it stations direct. Aug 8 Mercury crossed that degree and Aug 28 Mercury goes retrograde.

**Aug 15, Friday.** Waning Moon moves into Aries in the early morning hours energizing the mysteries of the rugged individualist, the impetuous youth, and the Warrior Amazon, who is courageous, and strong, committed to upholding what they believe is truth and justice. In the masculine principle this is the Sacred Warrior archetype willing to defend and protect the cosmic order of life. The Egyptian Goddess Sekhmet is a good example of a feminine expression of the Aries energy because she is actively committed to upholding and maintaining the law of Maat (sacred cosmic law). In some versions of Sekhmet's story she is the daughter of Ra, the feminine eye of the Sun, sent to Earth by Ra to restore balance and order among the people. Sekhmet is derived from Sekhem, an ancient Egyptian word meaning "power". Thus, Sekhmet carries the power to transform through action. Aries asks *"what action are we committed to take for the purpose of upholding and protecting the cosmic order of life and bringing our dreams into reality?"*

**Aug 16, Saturday.** Venus currently at 22 Leo makes its exact conjunction to the Sun (25 Leo) on Aug 18 and Jupiter makes its exact conjunction to the Sun (29 Leo) on Aug 22. These energies are already being felt as Venus and Jupiter are traveling close to the Sun. Venus remains within 10 degrees of the Sun until Sep 28 and Jupiter remains within 10 degrees of the Sun until about Sept 5 when it will begin its heliacal rise with a low horizon line. The Sun acts as a doorway to the mysteries. The Sun near Regulus, the heart of the Lion, illuminates the mysteries of the transformative power of the alchemical flame within the heart of who we are. The powerful feminine expression of Venus and the ever-expansive qualities of Jupiter are adding their unique energies to this powerful portal from now until early next month. These energies support a growing sense of Self that does not need external validation to know the truth of its being. If

you find yourself looking for external validation such as approval from others, or if you are at the affect of what you feel others might think of you, then this is a great time to begin trusting your own heart-centered knowing. If you aren't sure how to accomplish this then begin asking questions and notice who and what shows up to assist you in developing greater heart-centered self-awareness. This will further help to activate your own radiant and shining Self in balanced harmony with your unfolding destiny.

**Aug 17, Sunday.** The waning Moon enters Taurus late morning in the Pacific Time zone activating the cellular codes of the mysteries of receivership. In a culture that has taught us *it is more blessed to give than receive*, the art of receivership is very misunderstood often seen as selfish and far from spiritual, or it is something that might obligate us to another. For example, if we accept assistance or allow someone to give us something then in the current cultural program that suggests we now owe that person something in return for what they gave us. True giving is done without strings attached and true receivership occurs when we can fully receive the gifts offered with gratitude and appreciation beyond any sense of obligation. Giving and Receiving are a natural part of the life force current or circuitry. When we do not allow others to give of their talents and gifts to us we cut off the flow of life force. The same is true when we are not allowed to fully give our gifts. Practicing the sacred art of true receivership is not easy as there are few if any healthy models in our culture. Practicing daily prayers of gratitude and opening to receive the gifts others have to offer assists us in balancing the flow of giving and receiving.

**Week of Aug 18 – 25.** This week features the Taurus [Last Quarter Moon](#) illuminating what we value and appreciate in ourselves and in the world. Savoring and enjoying life as a divine gift of sacred pleasure is the one of the highest expression of the Taurus Mysteries. This return threshold of the hero/ine's journey is an opportunity to slow down, relax, breathe deeply, and fully absorb and appreciate the energizing qualities available to us when we engage and acknowledge the beauty of life.

**Aug 18, Monday.** Venus and the Sun meet (26 Leo) illuminating the queen of Heaven (Venus) with the Divine Light of solar radiance infusing her with renewed life force. This marks the center point of Inanna's journey in the underworld or otherworld where she receives the gift of illumination and new life before she finds her way back to the evening sky around Sep 28. (See Aug 16)

**Aug 19, Tuesday.** The Taurus [Last Quater Moon](#). (26 Taurus) is also occurring near the Pleiades, a star group that represents a Star Gate to other realms and dimensions. In *The Peacemaker and The New Key of Life*, William Henry links the Pleiades with dove medicine saying. "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 represents Heaven on Earth, Shambala, the New Jerusalem and the Great Central Sun our true home where we all eventually return. Tuning into this return threshold of the Moon through the energy of the Pleiades and the medicine of the dove may further facilitate the power of this Timing. Doves are known for their ability to communicate between worlds as messengers of peace, purity, and love. They also symbolize new life emerging.

**Aug 20, Wednesday.** The Heyokah, Coyote, Contrary, Shapeshifter, Magician is showing up as the Moon moves into Gemini where it remains until Aug 22. This is the eternal youth, free from the rules, reminding us not to take ourselves so seriously, to have fun, to play, and to creatively express who we are. This is a good time to socialize and network, or do something completely unexpected, spontaneous and fun.

**Aug 21, Thursday.** Venus conjuncts Jupiter (29 Leo) in the underworld meaning neither Venus or Jupiter is visible because they are both traveling with the Sun (28 Leo). All three Venus, Jupiter, and the Sun are closely aligned with the royal fixed star [Regulus](#), Heart of the Lion constellation, one of the four royal stars that was Watcher of the North and linked with Raphael, the Healing Archangel. According to the book *Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing* by Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld <http://hilarion.com/stars.html> Regulus assists in unblocking buried subconscious patterns. They suggest that working with this star over time brings a sense of appreciation and understanding of how we fit into our patterns. From this place of compassionate understanding, self-love, and self-awareness we are better able to gently transform any limiting patterns with loving patience and self-acceptance. With the Sun, Venus and Jupiter all aligned in this area of the sky the spotlight is on Regulus even though we cannot visually connect with this star or with Venus and Jupiter at this time because the Sun outshines them. However bathed in the light of the illuminating Sun the possibility for alchemical transformation is heightened. This is a rare opportunity worth noting because even though once each year Venus and the Sun pass by Regulus, it is only once every eight years they will pass by together within this particular Venus cycle. Jupiter passes by Regulus approximately every 12 years and not always with the Sun or Venus. This alignment is worthy of our attention especially for those who are working with the Leo mysteries this lifetime because this is not only a collective activation but also a deeply personal activation as well.

**Aug 22, Friday.** Moon moves into Cancer this afternoon reminding us to nurture ourselves and each other. (See Aug 23) Once every 12 years the Sun conjuncts Jupiter in Leo (see Aug 21) illuminating our experience of self-love and self-confidence or lack of it. Working with Regulus as suggested in yesterday's Timings and being willing to take divinely inspired risks is a key element in further utilizing these energies for enhancing growth, optimism, and confidence. Venus moves into Virgo today where it remains until Sep 15 incorporating the mysteries of Spider Woman into Venus' current journey. The Virgo energies are being magnified and expanded by Jupiter's move into

Virgo on Aug 27 and Mercury's station retrograde in Virgo on Aug 28. The emphasis here is on the teachings of Spider Woman and our connection to the patterning of the web of life. Spider woman is continually weaving ever-evolving patterns in accordance with sacred time within the great mystery. Venus opposes Uranus adding the possibility of sudden unexpected events that revolutionize and transform our patterns and beliefs and the ways we experience this reality for the purpose of creating greater freedom of being. (See Aug 12 and 27)

**Aug 23, Saturday.** Today the Sun moves into Virgo where it remains until Sept 23 depending on your time zone. This seasonal move of the Sun into Virgo emphasizes our relationship to the pattern of life including the pattern of Sacred Time and Sacred Space. (See Aug 26 and 27) The waning Cancer Moon conjuncts Saturn visible in the morning sky. This means the Moon crossed the Galactic Plane yesterday and is energizing the mysteries of Responsible Nurturing. Saturn is traveling through Cancer until July of 2005 and with each monthly Saturn Moon conjunction we have an opportunity to notice how we are structuring healthy nurturing for ourselves and others. This is not an easy task since again we do not have many healthy models for Responsible Nurturing. So we might ask how to responsibly nurture ourselves with compassion and caring so we can then more responsibly nurture others? How can we effectively practice attuning to our personal needs and desires consciously practicing daily self-care that supports us in truly living our destiny?

**Aug 24, Sunday.** The Sun reaches its annual opposition to retrograde Uranus (0Pisces54) marking the center point of the current Uranus Retrograde cycle symbolizing a crossing of a threshold into a new level of experience connected to uniquely wild, revolutionary and cutting edge experiences. This week may bring sudden and unexpected events challenging any long held sense of self. Flexibility and letting go of any expectations or attachments to outcome is especially liberating and freeing now. Remember, disruptions are opportunities to break out of old limiting patterns. Releasing expectations and embracing the opportunities that present themselves when we do let go, helps facilitate the process of change for the purpose of living freedom and joy. Adding a VOC Moon (from 1:51 pm to 9:48 pm PDT) to the mix further emphasizes the possibilities of unexpected experiences. When Moon is VOC it is in an in-between space that may feel disorienting or confusing until the Moon shifts to the new sign, in this case Leo, and then the energy shifts with it. (See Aug 1)

**Aug 25, Monday.** The Moon in Leo reminds us, as do the Hopi Elders; "We are the ones we have been waiting for!" We are the Shining Ones returning. We are the co-creators of the living experience of Heaven on Earth. The question is, how do we know, and act from that knowing, that this is who we are and this is what we are creating? With Leo as our guide it starts by truly loving ourselves and showing up with confidence.

**Week of Aug 26 – Sep 1** The Virgo [New Moon](#) window begins Aug 26, is exact Aug 27, and ends Aug 28. This is because our direct visual experience of any Moon phase

lasts for three days. However, there is no visible visual experience of the New Moon because it is the dark of the Moon when the Moon is traveling with the Sun. There may be the smallest tiny crescent Moon visible the day before the New Moon just before Sunrise or the day after for a brief time just after Sunset. Around the time it is exact there is no Moon visible at all because the Moon is lost in the glow of the Sun. Symbolically this relates to the seeds being planted in the dark womb of the Earth. New Moons are conception points or seeding points for clearly, and even ceremonially, stating our intentions and/or prayers around our hearts' desires allowing them an opportunity to find their most beneficial and supportive manifestation without attachment to the outcome.

**Aug 26, Tuesday.** Venus (5 Virgo) reaches exact opposition to Mars (5 Pisces) drawing our attention to the sacred masculine and feminine polarity on the Virgo/Pisces axis of sacred service. Pisces serves through empathic compassionate caring and creating safe space where we can show up and be fully accepted for who we truly are. Mars in Pisces is an active, in the world expression. Virgo serves through honoring and attending to the sacred patterning of life. Venus in Virgo expresses archetypally as the High Priestess performing the ceremonies aligned with the sacred pattern. Pisces is transpersonal, compassionate and heart-centered energy. Virgo is dedicated and impersonal with the focus on the sacred work. This is an opportunity to notice how this polarity expresses through these planetary influences. Are you feeling balanced within your own masculine and feminine expression with clear communication between them? For those who are on a path of service the questions might be...have I found a balance between an active desire to be of direct service to others and the need to withdraw into my inner temple or sanctuary to do my inner sacred work/ceremonies? How can I participate with these energies to more effectively create healing change in my world?

**Aug 27, Wednesday.** In addition to Mars reaching its closest approach to the Earth in about 60,000 years today (see intro), Jupiter is also moving into Virgo this morning where it will remain until Sep 26, 2004 expanding the Virgo mysteries for the next 13 months. Jupiter meets with the Moon about an hour later just prior to the Virgo New Moon later this morning. Further emphasizing the importance of the initiating Virgo energies is the Moon conjunction with Venus (7 Virgo) who is currently experiencing her underworld initiation that began July 17 and completes Sep 28 as indicated by the cosmological Sumarian telling of Inanna. For Venus this is a time of surrender and shamanic death and rebirth. The Virgo [New Moon](#) Call to Adventure is geared toward sacred service attuned to the natural cycles and patterns of life. With three new beginnings in Virgo today, Jupiter, Venus and the Moon, it may be helpful to remember that Virgo is also strongly connected to "right timing" or the timing that is most aligned with the natural rhythms of life. This includes the right time to plant the seeds, the right time to ceremonially call the rains, the right time to harvest, the right time to call for the return of the Sun, the right time to celebrate, the right time to pray, the right time to rest, eat,

exercise, work and play. One of my favorite Virgo type sayings is "Timing is everything!" Virgo understands this more than any other archetype. In this potent Virgo New Moon Window it is definitely the "right time" to tune in and align with your own life supporting personal rhythms.

**Aug 28, Thursday.** Mercury (26 Virgo) stations retrograde and Pluto (17 Sagittarius) stations direct emphasizing the Still Point of the transformational messenger, Mercury and the Shamanic Initiator, Pluto. Mercury remains retrograde until Sep 20. Retrogrades are like a Still Point where everything exists and does not exist at the same time. A planetary retrograde station or direct station opens an interdimensional portal where we have an opportunity to access infinity especially when we are willing to cultivate our awareness of the Still Point. This might occur through meditation, journeying, dancing, yoga, or any other way that provides conscious access to the Still Point that resides within us. (See Aug 10) Mercury stations often feel disorientating and confusing as the energy shifts direction. It is wise to postpone lasting decisions during at least a week before the Mercury station retrograde and a week after the Mercury station direct, creating a window that in Mercury's case lasts about 35 days. With Mars retrograde in Pisces and Mercury retrograde in Virgo the Virgo/Pisces axis is again being spotlighted. (See Aug 6, 13, and 26) Sun and retrograde Mars reach opposition beginning a new Mars quest that will last for 26 months. (See Intro)

**Aug 29, Friday.** Jupiter is opposite Uranus and the waxing Moon enters Libra whose mysteries include conscious equal partnership and also carries the mysteries of social etiquette or good manners, teaching us that how we treat others is ultimately no different than how we treat ourselves. Kindness towards others is kindness towards self. The fine art of treating others with genuine dignity and respect is a reflection of our own self-treatment. Libra is the mystery school that would agree with the statement "there is no excuse for bad manners". Even when stating our truth we can do so without attacking, shaming, belittling, accusing, or being mean. Stating our truth with compassion requires skills that aren't readily taught in our culture and it requires a willingness to own our own experience even when we are feeling hurt by someone else. Finding healthy ways to communicate our true feelings liberates the shadow and is ultimately healing and freeing for all concerned.

**Aug 30, Saturday.** Around mid-day in the Pacific Time zone the Moon in Libra goes Void of Course until about 7:30 this evening. Again this is an unpredictable in-between space that often is good for accessing inspiration that comes through altered state experiences such as meditation, prayer, or vision quest. (See Aug 1)

**Aug 31, Sunday.** The Moon moves into Scorpio this morning activating the mysteries of life, death, regeneration and rebirth and passionate alive expressions of life force energy. Scorpio connects to our heart's passion and what needs to die, i.e. what beliefs, ideas, concepts, habits, and attitudes can we shed, release, or

transform to support the fullest connection to passionate, alive, life force energy?

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