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Aug 2004 Celestial Timings

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The Whirling Rainbow



For the Hopi and others, the 5th World is symbolized by the whirling rainbow. Each tribe on earth represents a color in the rainbow, unique yet together, living harmoniously with each other and the earth. <http://www.5thworld.net/prophecy/>

It was said by some that in "the time of the White Buffalo" sundogs, sunbows, or whirling rainbows, would begin to appear more frequently as a sign to the people. <http://www.merceronline.com/Native/native05.htm>

The Whirling Rainbow Prophecy

" There will come a day when people of all races, colors, and creeds will put aside their differences. They will come together in love, joining hands in unification, to heal the Earth and all Her children. They will move over the Earth like a great Whirling Rainbow, bringing peace, understanding and healing everywhere they go. Many creatures thought to be extinct or mythical will resurface at this time; the great trees that perished will return almost overnight. All living things will flourish, drawing sustenance from the breast of our Mother, the Earth.

The great spiritual Teachers who walked the Earth and taught the basics of the truths of the Whirling Rainbow Prophecy will return and walk amongst us once more, sharing their power and understanding with all. We will learn how to see and hear in a sacred manner. Men and women will be equals in the way Creator intended them to be; all children will be safe anywhere they want to go. Elders will be respected and valued for their contributions to life. Their wisdom will be sought out. The whole Human race will be called *The People* and there will be no more war, sickness or hunger forever."

~ An ancient American Indian Prophecy

For several weeks before Venus transited the face of the Sun on June 7/8, 2004 I had several out of the ordinary "be sure to pay attention" type encounters with the Whirling Rainbow energy. At 6 am on June 8 at Kealakekua Bay on the Big Island of Hawaii a beautiful rainbow stretched up into the sky from Captain Cook's monument creating a rainbow bridge between Heaven and Earth. Further anchoring the magic of this moment were the dolphins jumping and spinning in the path of the rainbow reflection on the surface of the ocean stretching across the bay. The Rainbow Goddess was clearly showing up and her message has stayed with me inspiring me to share the above quotes on the Whirling Rainbow for those who also feel a resonance with these mysteries.

Visible Planets and where they are in August

Mercury is traveling through the constellation of the Lion and the sign of Virgo visible in the western evening sky until Aug 17 reappears in the morning sky Sep 1

Venus is traveling through the constellation of the Twins and the sign of Cancer visible high in eastern morning sky

Mars is traveling through the constellation of the Lion and is in the sign of Leo until Aug 10 not visible

Jupiter is traveling through the constellation of the Lion and is in the sign of Virgo visible in the western evening sky
Saturn is traveling through the constellation of the Twins in the sign of Cancer rising in the eastern morning sky
[See The Difference Between Signs and Constellations](http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/ataglance/article_110_1.asp)
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Perseid meteor shower is expected to have a strong but brief showing centered on late evening August 11 through predawn on August 12. Also note the times given are calculated for Pacific Daylight Time unless otherwise stated and each Timing has at least a three day window including the day before and after, some last much longer.

Week of Jul 30 – Aug 5. This week featured the Aquarius [Full Moon](#). The Moon is waning as August begins representing the return journey and integration of the gifts received at the Full Moon for later dissemination once the Return Threshold is crossed at the Last Quarter Moon exact on Aug 7.

Aug 1, Sunday. The August Cross-Quarter, also known as Lammas in the Christian Calendar, was celebrated as Lughnassadh (*pronounced Loo-nuh-suh*) a time of harvest

and victory in the Celtic Calendar. Lughnassadh was the first of three harvest festivals celebrating the plentiful ripening grain and the prosperity of the land and people. The Christian religion adopted this celebration and called it 'Lammas', meaning 'loaf-mass', a time when newly baked loaves of bread were placed on the altar. [More info on Lammas](#) Currently celebrated on August 1st or 2nd. The actual astrological cross-quarter is on Aug 7. (See Aug 2003 Celestial Timings Archives).

Also today Mercury (6 Virgo) is opposite Uranus (6 Pisces) marking the first of three oppositions due to Mercury's retrograde on Aug 9. In fact this influence will be highlighted until Sept 13 when Mercury makes its last opposition to Uranus in this series. Because Mercury is already slowing down for its retrograde station and will oppose Uranus again on Aug 16 the energy of this timing remains at high intensity. Mercury and Uranus can help facilitate ever-greater creative self-expression, and conscious open-minded freedom oriented communication. This is a time for exploring and experiencing new territory in the domain of the mind, communication and visionary inspiration. Uranus often brings change in sudden and unexpected ways, breaking down the old limiting beliefs, breaking through to new perspectives, insights and understanding. Be aware that sometimes we can get stuck in the breakdown by holding on and resisting the changes now possible and thereby miss the break through. It helps to go with the flow and note the messages of change that are innovative, brilliant, cutting edge, and liberating. Meanwhile be sure to back up your computer files just in case!!!

Aug 2, Monday. In this time of the cross-quarter it is interesting to note that in Central America in the town of Cartago, Costa Rica on August 2 La Negrita is honored and celebrated. La Negrita is a small Black Virgin statue found by a girl in 1635. The statue demonstrated magical powers by always mysteriously returning to the spot where it was first found and so a church was built on that spot where La Negrita's resides to this day. On August 2 Pilgrims from all over Central America journey to honor her. [Negrita Story more on Negrita](#)

The waning Pisces Moon is meeting with revolutionary Uranus (6 Pisces) illuminating the Pisces mysteries and the shifting assemblage point of the Pisces lineage that has been centered on the old limiting belief that suffering and sacrifice is necessary for atonement and liberation. Independent films like "**What the Bleep Do we Know**" remind us it is up to us to take personal responsibility for the reality we are experiencing. Each month the Moon passes by Uranus, now traveling through the Pisces domain for approximately seven more years, illuminating this shifting revolutionary assemblage point where the emergence of a new paradigm based in freedom and love is emerging. If you haven't seen "What the Bleep Do we Know" you can check out their website to find out where it is playing near you <http://www.whatthebleep.com> It is truly a movie worth seeing for its expansive, innovative and revolutionary approach that will more than likely radically further shift your own assemblage point. Samuel Goldwyn/Roadside Attractions recently picked up this movie and is now

booking theaters around the country hopefully bringing this movie to a theatre near you by September if not sooner.

Aug 3, Tuesday. Venus is rising about three hours before Sunset and is again aligned with the fixed star [El Nath](#) or Zeta Tarui marking the northern horn of the Bull and is visible about 75 minutes before Sunrise over the next few days. Saturn is to the lower left of Venus very near the fixed star [Pollux](#) in the constellation of the Twins. Castor is above and slightly to the right of Pollux. (see Aug 13 and 30) The horns of the Bull are on the eastern edge of the Milky Way where it crosses the Ecliptic and an area of the sky traditionally seen as a gateway where souls enter this world. *...This explains why the bull has the most important role in the Egyptian conception of how one enters the Elysian Fields. To gain admittance to the Elysian Fields, the hero must defeat the bull; he enters as the conqueror of the bull that guards the route to the West, that guards the Elysian Fields. One of Pyramid texts reads: "The Bull of the Sky inclines his horn, so that he [the deceased] may pass." In classical mythology, the Elysian Fields was a place of blessedness and peace where everything was delightful, with soft green meadows, lovely groves, a delicious life-giving air and sunlight that glowed softly purple. There dwelt the great and good dead heroes, poets, priests, and all who had made men remember them by helping others. [The Fixed Star Site](#) Venus stationed retrograde by this star last May and is once again passing by and connecting with these mysteries. Over the next few mornings before the sky begins to brighten for Sunrise we have a great opportunity to visually experience this alignment.*

Aug 4, Wednesday. Yesterday Venus crossed the exact zodiacal degree of her station retrograde in May meaning she is moving beyond the area of the sky she has been inhabiting since last April. This also means Venus is in the process of crossing the Galactic Gateway or Galactic Anti-Center that looks out into deep space and is located opposite Galactic Center. (See Aug 25) Venus reaches the exact center point of the Galactic Axis on Aug 7 when she moves into Cancer. Once again Venus is drawing our attention to the galactic shift that was accentuated when Venus transited the face of the Sun on June 7/8 inside the [Sacred Hoop](#) birthing a new galactic awareness for humanity.

Also today the Moon moves into Aries in the wee hours of the morning until Aug 6. One of the questions Aries asks is *what are we committed to and what authentic action are we willing to engage to support fulfillment of that commitment?*

Aug 5, Thursday. Retrograde Neptune (14 Aquarius) reaches its annual opposition to the Sun (14 Leo) marking the mid-point of Neptune's retrograde journey that lasts until October 24. A planetary retrograde takes us deeper into the archetypal mysteries of that planet. The Neptune mysteries govern ideals, visions, dreams, intuitive guidance, and the place where dreams become reality. Asking questions, listening for answers, staying attuned to inner guidance, noticing synchronicities are ways our questions get answered when we are choosing to stay present with the Neptune process. The shadow side of Neptune expresses through confusion, uncertainty, illusions, losing touch with reality, and what it really takes to manifest our dreams and

desires 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 clues from our external reality is helpful when we are not attached to a specific outcome that may cloud our judgment. 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 tell us we "should" do.

Week of Aug 18 – 25. This week features the Taurus [Last Quarter Moon](#) (16 Taurus on Aug 7) 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 6, Friday. The waning Moon enters Taurus this morning transmitting the mysteries of receivership. True receivership is mostly a lost art because we have been living in a culture that programmed us to believe *it is more blessed to give than receive*. Actually a balance of giving and receiving is necessary for healthy living. True receivership is a celebration and honoring of the sacred experience of life through deep gratitude and appreciation. The shadow of receivership is TAKING without gratitude or appreciation and with an attitude of justified entitlement. However, true receiving enhances life, fulfills the experience of the giver and is complete in the moment. Practicing daily prayers of gratitude while opening to genuinely receive the gifts others have to offer assists us in balancing the flow of giving and receiving.

Jupiter (20 Virgo) squares Pluto (20 Sagittarius) accelerating the alchemy of these expansive and transformative energies. The shadow (unacknowledged, repressed, denied, forgotten aspects of our personal and collective selves) is being illuminated in the cauldron of alchemical transformation for the purpose of transmuting these shadow elements.

Aug 7, Saturday. Today the Sun reaches the exact astrological cross-quarter (15 Leo), between the June Solstice and September Equinox. 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 two seasons and was a time for gaining insight and/or inspiration beyond the limits of ordinary time. Utilizing this time for divination, meditation or other forms of guidance is especially effective now. When we also consider the Taurus [Last Quarter Moon](#) at 16 Taurus near the Beltane cross-quarter marker in the sky and at the Nov 2003 Total Lunar Eclipse degree this Timing draws our awareness to the Harmonic Shifts that were accelerated last year.

Venus moves into Cancer crossing the June Solstice Cardinal marker in the sky. Venus remains in Cancer until June 15. The Great Goddess Venus has moved into the archetypal realm of the Great Mother who knows not only how to nurture her children and family, but also how to nurture herself so that she remains balanced and able to more effectively nurture others.

Aug 8, Sunday. 8/8 The waning Moon is moving into Gemini this evening where it remains until Aug 10 suggesting this is a good time to socialize and network, or do something completely unexpected, spontaneous and fun. It is also interesting to note the numerology of today 8/8 and some information provided by Gillian MacBeth-Louthan on what she calls the **8/8 Lions Gate**...Gillian says *Time has quickened and the 'time matrix' shifts into unknown areas. On August 8, 2004 we are given an opportunity to walk through a 'Doorway of Ancient Seeing', the 8:8 LIONS GATE. This Awakening will occur within the cellular records of the Pineal Gland. These cellular records are held within a crystalline structure, which exists in the codon of the DNA....The 8:8 STARGATE VIBRATION is symbolic of the human DNA kept separate and secret purposefully. From the time of July 23, 2004 until September 23, 2004 the symbiotic relationship that humanity has had with earth life will shift into direct alignment with a time passageway.* <http://www.thequantumawakening.com/8.htm>

Astrologically what I find most worth noting about this timing is the exact conjunction of Mars (29 Leo) with the fixed star [Regulus](#), Heart of the Lion, one of the four royal stars also known as Watcher of the North and linked with Archangel Raphael most known for his healing abilities. Also, the constellation of the Lion in the Great Above is linked to the symbolism of the Sphinx in the Great Below. The Sphinx is a guardian for the Earth's Hall of Records. Regulus is a celestial reminder that the portal to the treasures of knowledge and understanding, the Hall of Records we all carry, is through the purity of love in our own hearts. These mysteries are our divine birthright and when coming from pure love then the Hall of Records within our own DNA activates and opens to assist us in fulfilling our divine purpose.

This timing for Mars so near the Sun represents the sacred masculine hero in his underworld initiation where he is encountering his deepest fears and all the beliefs that keep him from a pure experience of himself. The current Mars quest is linked with the quest for the Holy Grail. Many scholars believe the Grail Myth has origins far more ancient than its more recent Christian adaptation and represents the quest for all-knowledge, or for immortality, or is a coded telling describing a spiritual path to God or enlightenment. The chalice is also symbolic of the alchemical cauldron where the base elements are transformed into gold. Thus the Mars Grail quest encountering the Hall of Records through Regulus that provides the knowledge of alchemy and mirrors the inner collective sacred masculine process is intensified at this time.

According to the book [The Fixed Stars and Their Interpretations](#), by Ebertin-Hoffman. "...when Mars or Saturn are in conjunction with Regulus, especially exciting

events are always recorded e.g. assassinations, coup d'etat, revolutions, revolts, demonstrations, overthrow of heads of state and similar events." This is most likely due to the active nature of Mars representing the benefits of decisive action. Regulus also loves heart-centered action. The two energies together represent the active heart centered strength that is needed to successfully achieve long term goals. This conjunction of Mars with Regulus near the Sun is opening a portal into the Hall of Records further energizing powerful shifts in our personal and collective DNA. This energy remains active as the Sun is now making its annual approach to Regulus reaching its exact alignment around Aug 21. Plus, Mercury is retrograding back to Regulus on Aug 24 and passes Regulus again on Sep 9 or 9:9. This means the spotlight is on Regulus over the next few weeks even though we cannot visually connect with this part of the sky because both Regulus and Mars and Mercury are lost in the Sun's glow. If we consider the impact of Regulus encountering the activating sacred masculine force of Mars, and the transformational messenger energy of Mercury, while also being bathed in the illuminating light of the Sun then we get a keen sense of the potential for alchemical transformation in this 8/8 Lions Gate window. For those who have planets in late degrees of Leo or the first few degrees of Virgo this timing is especially personally activating. It might be helpful to ask ourselves...How can I fully open to receive the encoded cellular wisdom and knowledge within me that is now activating new portals, new edges of experience, that are alchemically and cellularly literally transforming and expanding my direct experience of my divine self?

Aug 9, Monday. Mercury (9 Virgo) stations retrograde until Sep 2 (25 Leo) and remains in the degrees of the retrograde until Sep 16. 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 through practices such as meditation, journeying, dance, yoga, or any practice of focused intent that provides conscious access to the Still Point within. Mercury stations often feel disorientating and confusing as the energy shifts direction. The directional shift is not good or bad it is simply a shift from a more logical and linear left brain experience to a more intuitive right brain experience. We do live in a culture that is more familiar and comfortable with the logical, linear approach to thinking and communication so when Mercury goes retrograde glitches can occur. Backing up computer files and taking extra care in communication while allowing for the miscommunications that tend to be more prevalent during Mercury retrograde helps support this timing. Some suggestions include postponing long-term 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. The actual time Mercury spends in the degrees of this retrograde is from July 20 to Sept 16.

Aug 10, Tuesday. Mars enters Virgo today traveling through this area of the sky until Sep 26. The masculine principle currently engaging the quest for the Holy Grail is now moving through the archetypal realm of Spider Woman

who weaves the web of conscious reality reflecting our beliefs and our willingness to engage all life as sacred. These mysteries include full knowledge of the natural rhythms and cycles and patterns of Earth and Sky. As Mars journeys through Virgo some questions worth considering are: How do we attune more fully to the natural cycles of the Moon, the seasons, and the changing times? How do these outer cycles align with and reflect our own personal cycles within? How do we harmoniously attune our own personal rhythms of rest and activity with the larger life cycles, while also honoring our body's needs for exercise, nourishment and rejuvenation? How does awareness of these mysteries help support the fulfillment of the Grail quest bringing the light of faith rushing into our heart and mind?

Aug 11, Wednesday. The Moon is moving into Cancer this morning and catching up to Venus later today. This marks the second [Moon Venus](#) conjunction (4 Cancer) since Venus stationed direct at the end of June. The ancient Sumerian cosmological telling of Inanna closely describes the Venus cycle giving us clues about how we can ceremonially participate with this sacred feminine journey. This is especially important for anyone turning a multiple of 8 (16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64, etc) between June 15, 2004 and Jan 19, 2006. In one version of the story Inanna is described as relinquishing her staff symbolizing her willingness to release any old or outmoded beliefs that limit her experience of her cosmic perception. At each gate Venus or Inanna is required to release or surrender a vestment that is symbolically linked with a chakra. This release represents the many stages of her shamanic death process where she is releasing her attachments to all parts of her former self. This gateway is associated with the 6th chakra release providing additional clues about how we can consciously participate with the intent of this timing. Also today Sun (19 Leo) trines Pluto (19 Sagittarius) see Aug 12.

Aug 12, Thursday. The Sun's (20 Leo) was exactly trine retrograde Pluto (19 Sagittarius) yesterday signaling the rapid slowing of Pluto moving only 6 minutes between now and its direct station on Aug 30. 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. Pluto is entering the Still Point window that will be exact on Aug 30 and won't really noticeably shift until Sep 11 when the Sun and Pluto are squared signaling the acceleration of Pluto through the sky. This is a Timing that encourages us to go deeply within to uncover any fears or misconceptions that are disempowering our lives and offer them up to the transformational Still Point. This mainly requires a willingness to surrender, including surrendering our will, and our need to control outcomes. Surrendering and trusting the divine unfolding of life is the ultimate empowerment much greater than perhaps yet imagined.

Aug 13, Friday. The Moon is visible just above and to the right of Saturn and beside the fixed star [Pollux](#) marking the head of the immortal Twin. This is all happening inside the [Sacred Hoop](#) or Great Shining Circle. This timing draws our attention to the Sacred Hoop symbolizing the circle of life or how all of life is interconnected and that every place within the Hoop or Circle is just as valid and important as every

other place. No one is more or less important than anyone else. When parts of the Hoop are denied then the circle of life is damaged and it is up to us to mend the Hoop so we can again experience wholeness. Saturn's passage through the Hoop over the past two years has emphasized the importance of mending the [Sacred Hoop](#). A question that may help facilitate this process is: *How can we be more inclusive and considerate of our own needs, the needs of others, and the needs of our planet?* (See Aug 3 and 29)

Week of Aug 14 – 21 A [New Moon](#) occurs about every 29 and ½ days when the Moon aligns with the Sun from the Earth's perspective, thus the Moon at a New Moon is invisible due to its proximity to the Sun. The New Moon is a conception point, a time when farmers plant their seeds, or a new adventure (or initiation) begins. Working with a clear intent during the New Moon window (the day before, day of and day after the exact New Moon) is a wonderful timing for collectively planting seeds, or prayers, for wholeness, healing, harmony, balance, peace, and so on. As the crescent Moon increases in light, growing bigger each night, it symbolizes the growth of the seeds planted at the New Moon.

Aug 14, Saturday. Today we are entering the Leo New Moon window transmitting the mysteries of our radiant and shining divine essence also expressed as self love, self confidence, and self acceptance. When we remember we are all aspects of the divine in physical form we will once again experience a Golden Age of Peace and Plenty. No one part of the creation can be any less than its creator, and the only reason we experience it otherwise is because we have forgotten our oneness and come to believe we are separate.

Aug 15, Sunday. This Leo New Moon is still within the window of the 8/8 Lion's gate and is energizing further images of a golden age, when the Shining Ones walked the Earth. The Hopi Elders remind us "*we are ones we have been waiting for*" we are the radiant and shining ones now activating our dormant golden auras of light. When we fully remember we are divine beings, we are individualized expressions of the divine, and we are co-creating our reality then we will create a more loving balanced harmonious world with peace and plenty for all. Golden ages past are remembered through myths and stories in nearly every culture on our planet. It is a time many of us yearn for in our deepest heart's desire. It is a time we have come to co-create again during the [Turning Of The Ages](#) through our willingness to envision it and feel it as our emerging reality. This Leo New Moon energy is a seed point, a time when what we are imagining and seeding in our awareness has an opportunity to grow and flourish like never before.

Aug 16, Monday. Moon moves into Virgo and conjuncts Mars (4 Virgo) and then Mercury (6 Virgo) with a possibility that the tiny crescent new Moon will be visible low on the western horizon after Sunset but Mars and Mercury are lost in the glow of the setting Sun. This Mars Moon Mercury conjunct is occurring in the Mars underworld initiation phase of the 26 month Mars cycle. This phase is where Mars is required to encounter all the limiting beliefs and deepest fears that create experiences of separation from the true

divine essence that he is. This current quest is symbolic of the quest for the Holy Grail that began last August. (See Aug 8)

This is also the second exact opposition of Mercury and Uranus. (See Aug 1) Even if we are again encountering our shadow places, especially the ones we thought we might have handled and yet here they are again, it is helpful to remember that loving who we are, exactly where we are and having compassion for whatever ordeals we may be facing while releasing attachments to outcome often shifts our experience through the power of love, acceptance and surrender.

Aug 17, Tuesday. Venus is now at its greatest elongation about 47 degrees from the Sun reaching the literal high point of her current morning star appearance. This means Venus is as high on the eastern horizon before Sunrise as she will get in this phase of her current cycle. Venus can never be more than 48 degrees from the Sun so she is near her maximum elongation in this cycle as well reaching as far as she can into this process before beginning her drop towards the eastern horizon when she disappears into the underworld Feb 18, 2005.

Aug 18, Wednesday. Moon conjuncts Jupiter in Virgo (18 Virgo) today. Tonight Jupiter is rising around 10 pm and the Moon will rise about 43 minutes later depending on your horizon line. Once each month the Moon is transmitting the ancient Virgo mysteries attuned to the sacred rhythms of life, until Jupiter moves into Libra late September. These Moon Jupiter conjunctions stimulate a renewal of vision around how the cyclical mysteries are manifesting. Hanging out with the Moon and Jupiter in the evening is visually inspiring and helps to facilitate this process. All of those who have Virgo planets on their natal chart are receiving some kind of expansion in relationship to the planet/s involved and the evolving Virgo mysteries until September 24.

Aug 19, Thursday. The waxing Moon in Libra is visibly approaching Spica tonight in the west south western sky. Spica is the fixed star located in the hand of the Virgin Priestess and has associations with the idea that we reap what we sew. According to the book *Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing* by Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld <http://hilarion.com/stars.html> Spica has an ability to transfer awareness from the super conscious to the waking conscious mind and can also enhance lucid dreaming states and psychic abilities.

Venus is moving into zodiacal alignment with Sirius although Sirius is far off the ecliptic so they are not all that close to one another in the morning sky. *Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing* says... "*Utilization of Sirius can set up an internal vibrational resonance between the subtle bodies. This will bring them into a temporary state of harmony while the person is viewing the star or immediately after the elixir has touched the physical body of the person.*" It goes onto say that using visualization deepens this process. So if you are up early in the morning before sunrise and you have a low horizon line Sirius will be to the lower right of Venus near the horizon in the eastern sky. [see sky at a glance](#)

Aug 20, Friday. The Moon is visible just to the right of Spica tonight as you face West South West (See Aug 19) and moves into Scorpio this evening illuminating the mysteries of Death, Rebirth, Regeneration. Healthy Scorpio willingly engages the mysteries of death, trusting the process of rebirth like the phoenix willingly diving into the fires of seeming doom and then magically emerging renewed, revitalize, transformed and more empowered than before.

Aug 21, Saturday. The Moon is moving through the two brightest stars [Zuben Algenubi](#) and [Zuben Alshamali](#) in the constellation of the [Scales](#), marking the pans that weigh the sufficient and insufficient price, or the heart of the dead against the feather (truth) of Maat (Egyptian Goddess of Wisdom) representing the balance point between yin and yang, male and female, Heaven and Earth. The Scales also symbolize justice, or what Just Is, working with the principles of natural law (or cosmic law) and human rules or laws, and finding the balance and wisdom of how these laws ideally support the full experience of our divinity even in this dense dimension of life.

Week Of Aug 22-27. Noting the three day window of each Moon phase the Pisces [First Quarter Moon](#) energy begins Dec 10, is exact Dec 11, and completes Dec 13. This waxing half full Moon phase represents the balance between light and dark. It is also the most visible rapid growth phase of the Moon indicating a good timing for putting our ideas and plans into action. This Moon phase is also intended to bring our conscious awareness to the threshold of initiation that accelerates the growth process. Each night until Dec 19 the Moon waxes or increases in light appearing closer and closer to the Eastern Horizon as the Sunsets.

Aug 22, Sunday. Today the Sun moves into Virgo where it remains until Sept 22 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. This includes the idea of "right timing" or "appropriate timing", 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. A classic Virgo saying is; "Timing is everything!" Virgo understands this more than any other archetype. This is definitely the "right time" to tune in and align with your own life supporting personal rhythms.

Aug 23, Monday. Shortly after sunset tonight the Moon is sitting very near the Fixed Star Antares, heart of the Scorpion and one of the four royal stars, watcher of the West and also linked with the initiations of Isis and the pyramids. Mercury and the Sun conjunct (01 Virgo) marking the beginning of a new synodic Mercury cycle emphasizing the mysteries of Sacred Time and the sensitive attunement to the natural cycles and rhythms of Earth and Sky. (see Aug 22)

Aug 24, Tuesday. The Moon passes by Pluto today illuminating the shadow of these mysteries that may have lost sight of the importance of allowing each person their own process of discovering what is meaningful and true for them. Retrograde Mercury slides back into Leo today conjuncting the fixed star Regulus (See 8/8) bringing additional messages from the heart of the Lion and the Hall of Records as this marks the second passage of Mercury by Regulus. The first was on July 25 and it will pass by Regulus one more time on September 9 (9:9) continuing to build on the 8:8 Lions Gate. When healthy, Mercury in Leo style communication comes from a place of great confidence, courage, and strength and looks ahead taking a leading role in announcing what is coming down the road.

Aug 25, Wednesday. Today the Moon moves into Capricorn crossing the intersection of the ecliptic (path the planets follow) and the Milky Way where the December Solstice Sun now rises near Galactic Center. There is only one time period in a nearly 26,000 year cycle heralding the [Turning of the Ages](#) when the December Solstice aligns with the intersection near Galactic Center. The Center of our Galaxy (a.k.a. Hunab Ku) is a huge black hole that acts as a Divine transmitter and receiver. The pure energy pouring forth from here may be utilized in our conscious co-creative process to amplify and transmit new programs of operation and awareness directly to the DNA. Once each month the Moon passes by here illuminating the ancient and future mysteries available now when we are open to receive them.

Aug 26, Thursday. Venus (19 Cancer) is moving to catch up to Saturn (23 Cancer) on Aug 31. Both are visible in the early morning sky just inside the outer rim of the Sacred Hoop of Stars. The sacred feminine (Venus) is meeting in council with the wise elder (Saturn) for the purpose of gathering insight and information about the structures that will most support the fulfillment of her divine destiny.

In honor of all the radical revolutionary Uranian/Aquarian aspects this month, including Mercury opposing Uranus and the Sun's opposition to Uranus tomorrow, it feels timely to share a quote from Patricia Diane Cota Robles in her March 2004 newsletter <http://www.1spirit.com/eraofpeace>

Never in recorded history has radical, revolutionary, overnight change been more possible, and never has Humanity's collective shift into Divine Consciousness been more probable. Miraculous changes are daily and hourly taking place within every man, woman and child. As we each, with clear intent, consciously focus on both our personal and planetary Transfiguration, our victory is assured.

Aug 27, Friday. Waxing Moon moves into Aquarius transmitting the mysteries of the cosmic revolutionary, whose intent is to ultimately revolutionize conscious awareness through the living expressed truth of our divinity. Aquarius energy is committed to its own unique path of self-expression, questioning what is and not settling for the limitations of the status quo. Aquarius has the ability to step back, see the cosmic overview and then forgive the unforgivable, letting go of all the injustices and pain that limit

the experience of true freedom. This revolutionary energy pushes for the changes that are cathartic, liberating and evolutionary. The Sun reaches its annual opposition to retrograde Uranus (4Pisces51) marking the center point of the current Uranus Retrograde cycle symbolizing a crossing of a threshold into a new level of experience connected to unique, wild, revolutionary and cutting edge experiences. This week may bring sudden and unexpected events challenging any long held sense of self. Remember, disruptions are excellent opportunities to break out of old limiting patterns and break through to greater freedom of being. (See Aug 1 and 26)

Week of Aug 28 – Sep 4 This week features the Pisces [Full Moon](#) on Sep 21 (7 Pisces). The Full Moon window is three days including the day before and after the exact Full Moon. This timing symbolizes fulfillment, or fruition when the seeds of earlier cycles are reaching their Full Bloom. Thus, each Full Moon reminds us of the seeds we may have coming to maturity, to their fullness, to the place where the fruits or gifts are received. The annual Pisces Full Moon helps deepen the fulfillment of the dreaming process.

Aug 28, Saturday. Today the Moon conjuncts Neptune and we enter the Pisces Full Moon window. Pisces and Neptune speak to our ability to dream our dreams into being. We are only limited by our imagination and beliefs. Anything we can conceive, dream, imagine and believe is possible to achieve and experience. Three steps assist this process. First ask for your dream to manifest. Then expect it will manifest and finally accept it, embrace it and give thanks for what does manifest. It is important to remember that often our request is fulfilled in unexpected ways, so it also helps to be open to how the Great Mystery is manifesting our intent, because when we can do that, more often than not, what manifests is even better than what we first imagined.

Aug 29, Sunday. The reddish bright orb of the Full Moon rises South of East about 10 to 20 minutes after sunset tonight depending on your horizon line. The Pisces Full Moon is at 7 degrees Pisces and the Sun is at 7 degrees Virgo. This Chinese Proverb captures the essence of the Pisces Full Moon energy... *The first step to better times, is to imagine them...* Pisces is the archetypal energy most associated with dreaming or imaging our reality. It is important to be conscious of what we are choosing as our reality through our thoughts, visions and dreams. Also if your up early in the morning tomorrow before Sunrise you may have an opportunity to See Venus and Saturn very close to one another with their closest conjunction on Aug 31 when they appear only 2 degrees from each other an hour and a half before sunrise. This is all happening near the fixed star [Pollux](#) inside the [Sacred Hoop](#) or Great Shining Circle and Saturn is visible about 7 degrees south and to the right of Pollux. (See Aug 13 and 31 and [see sky at a glance](#))

Aug 30, Monday. Pluto stations direct at 19Sagittarius32 this afternoon. Pluto retrograde deepens the investigation around the mysteries of death and rebirth, resurrection and renewal and with its direct station is now shifting forward to integrate the deepening of the past few months. Pluto ultimately intends to facilitate empowerment through the

Shamanic Journey that calls us to face all the fears that disempower us. When a planet stations (either direct or retrograde) there is often a feeling of chaos and confusion as the focus of the energy shifts directions. Pluto requires surrender and at this phase in the cycle we might say now more than ever. One way this occurs is by forcing us through circumstances beyond our control to surrender our need to have life be different than what it IS. When the caterpillar enters the cocoon it is not because the caterpillar has done anything wrong it was simply time for the initiation or transformation to begin. The caterpillar is required to surrender or give up being a caterpillar. It is a natural process that happens in spite of our fears and resistance. Surrender however makes the process much easier.

Aug 31, Sunday. Today marks the closest conjunction of Venus and Saturn in the morning sky near the fixed star Pollux. (See Aug 29) According to *Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing* by Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld <http://hilarion.com/stars.html> Pollux works with the intuitive process. They say, *“Thought is manifested on multi-dimensional levels and then transmitted through receiving mechanisms to the physical form, and then manifests as electrical activity. Because of this, the intuitive energies that connect to subtler realms have components that are lost in the translation process. These lost components are still available, since thought in its true essence and form does not have the same constraints that time on three dimensional processes, including electrical activity in the brain, must adhere to. As a result, these thoughts that have not been fully received are able to remain accessible to the individual. There is no time limit on this. These thoughts don’t just fade away over time, but can become available as the person attunes to them.”* We now have greater access to these mysteries with Saturn and Venus drawing our attention to Pollux. Venus is here for a few days but Saturn makes three passes (including Jan and May of 2005) due to the retrograde loop that begins later this year. After that Saturn will not visit Pollux again until July 2034 (See Aug 13 and 29)

The Moon returns to the Aries domain this morning transmitting the mysteries of decisive committed action. Actively choosing to be more aware of how our thoughts manifest our reality helps to support a more expanded experience of who we are and why we are here. (See Aug 4 and definitely see “What the Bleep do We Know?” discussed on Aug 2 <http://www.whatthebleep.com>)

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