

Once again I am delighted to announce that Tina Mayerhafer has taken on the huge task of writing the December Celestial Timings. Without her there would be no Timings this month because of my travels in Costa Rica. Writing the Timings is a major labor of love and time each month so I am grateful for Tina and her willingness to show up and do this. I'll be back with the January Timings, and I am hoping Tina and other guest writers will continue to show up from time to time to add their wisdom and insights to these mysteries. Tina is available for personal readings by calling (505)737-9578 or emailing tmayerhafer@worldnet.att.net. **Schedule an appointment with Tina by January 31, 2004, for only \$120, and you'll get \$30 off the regular price of \$150, a 20% savings!** Payment is due in advance, and credit card payments are accepted through paypal. You'll receive a copy of your chart and a tape of our session covering your birth chart and a year of transits. tmayerhafer@worldnet.att.net

December 2003 Celestial Timings by Tina Mayerhafer

The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking. – Albert Einstein

Life is a journey. We often review our lives, particularly in astrology, in terms of cycles. One of our most noticeable cycles is our annual calendar. As each year comes to a close, it tends to be a time of reflection – on what we have accomplished, where we are heading, and our purpose in life. Since ancient times, astrology has been a useful tool in helping us understand our purpose in this life and how to consciously participate with that purpose. It can aid us in our journey to the authentic self. Shamanic Astrology readings activate our divine blueprint on a cellular level and bring them further into conscious awareness and understanding, so we can uniquely and creatively express our true essence.

There is a significant difference between thinking you know and actually knowing, just as there's a significant difference between superficial change and change on a cellular level. It's one thing to move the furniture around for a fresh new look; it's quite another to rearrange your "DNA" – your destiny, nature and aspirations – which is exactly what you're doing when you search for your authenticity. Start to do that and you get a fresh new life.

On paper, Einstein's mathematical equation $E=mc^2$ appears rather benign. But it led to the development of the atomic bomb. On paper, gratitude/ simplicity/ order/ harmony/ beauty/ joy=authenticity appears equally benign. But this equation leads to complete personal and spiritual transformation – a mystical metamorphosis of our particular "DNA" that's so deep our egos don't know whether they're coming or going.

Joseph Campbell describes the ego this way; "What you think you want, what you will to believe, what you think you can afford, what you decide to love, what you regard yourself as bound to." In physics, nuclear fusion occurs when two separate elements, like hydrogen and helium, are forced together. Through the exertion of extreme pressure and temperature, a surge of energy as powerful as the sun is suddenly released until the hydrogen and helium are completely transformed producing an entirely new force in the universe. This is how new stars are created.

In your search for authenticity, a similar process occurs. One day the transformative process builds to a point at which it can no longer be contained within. A huge surge of creative energy is suddenly released, bringing forth a completely new entity: your authentic self, the visible manifestation of your soul. When this happens, "what you think you want, what you will to believe, what you think you can afford, what you decide to love, and what you regard yourself as

bound to," will seem as if they belonged to another person. They did! –Sarah Ban Breathnach, Simple Abundance

Skywatch:

Planets visible in the morning sky – Jupiter and Saturn through the 30th

Planets visible in the evening sky – Mercury to the 21st, Venus, Mars,
Saturn and Mercury on the 31st

Check websites like <http://skyandtelescope.com> for details on how to locate these planets.

Week of Nov 29 – Dec 6 Noting the three day window of each Moon phase the Pisces [First Quarter Moon](#) energy begins Nov 29 is exact, Nov 30, and completes Dec 1. 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 8 the Moon waxes or increases in light appearing closer and closer to the Eastern Horizon as the Sunsets.

Dec 1, Monday, We start the month off with the waxing moon in Pisces on day three of the three day window of the [First Quarter Moon](#) phase. The Moon conjuncts Mars in Pisces before moving into Aries early tomorrow.

Dec 2, Tuesday, The Moon enters Aries early this morning where it will remain until Dec 4. Aries is the energy of the rugged individualist, the impetuous youth, the Warrior Amazon, courageous, and strong, committed to upholding what they believe is truth and justice. The essence of Aries is absolutely straightforward and dualistic, black and white, good and bad. Whenever there is a war, or a battle against the dark lords, you want to have Aries on your side. Therefore, the Gods and Goddesses most associated with Aries are the defenders of the Cosmic Order.

Dec 3, Wednesday, The Moon conjuncts the asteroid Pallas Athena, illuminating the mysteries of this Greek Goddess in the archetype of Aries. Pallas Athena was Zeus' child, and was raised by Zeus alone. She was said to be born from his head, arriving full-grown and in full armor. (Pretty cool wouldn't you say?) She was his favorite child, and has come to represent the father-daughter bond as well as mentor relationships. Pallas Athena is the Goddess of Truth, the representative of Cosmic Truth to the Earth. She was vested by the Sun Goddess with the virtue of Truth and accepted the responsibility to sustain it for the people. All messengers who give truth to mankind are under the radiation and guidance of Pallas Athena. Combine this with the archetype of Aries, and you have a force to be reckoned with.

Dec 4, Thursday, The Moon enters Taurus in the early evening exploring beauty, intimacy and pleasure as its creative artistic expression and reminds us of the art of savoring and enjoying each moment and the importance of receiving all the abundant gifts life has to offer. Savoring life happens more easily when we consciously relax, slow down, breathe deeply, and recognize the boundless beauty of life. The Taurus mysteries also teach that physical love and pleasure in our bodies is a sacred experience. This is the gift of sacred pleasure, of joy in living, and flourishing with all of life.

Dec 5, Friday, The Moon trines Venus and Chiron in Capricorn providing opportunities for Shamanic Healing in the most physically structured realm of experience. It is through the

transformative energies of Chiron that our sacred wounds become the medicine or wisdom that supports conscious co-creation of the healing and transformation that is possible.

Dec 6, Saturday, Venus in Capricorn opposes Saturn in Cancer today, and the theme here is responsibility. Capricorn and Cancer are the archetypes most concerned with the seven generations to come, and Saturn is the structure and form that destiny shapes itself through.

Week of Dec 7-14 This week features the Gemini [Full Moon](#) on Dec 8 at 16 Gemini. The Full Moon window is three days including the day before, Dec 7, and the day after, Dec 9. This timing symbolizes fulfillment, or fruition when the seeds of earlier cycles are reaching their Full Bloom.

Dec 7, Sunday, The moon moves into Gemini in the morning, transmitting the mysteries of the coyote trickster who reminds us not to take things too seriously. These mysteries take us beyond rational, linear logic, seeing the humor in life and creatively seeking fun ways to express it. Creativity is Gemini's essence. Now is a time to creatively socialize and have fun.

Dec 8, Monday, The Gemini [Full Moon](#) is exact in early afternoon followed by an opposition to Pluto in Sagittarius later tonight illuminating the mysteries of the spiritual quest that expands self-understanding, knowledge and the meaning of life. This quest includes discovering new ways of experiencing the realm of spirit.

Dec 9, Tuesday, The moon moves into Cancer in the evening, reminding us of the importance of nurturing ourselves and our dreams for maximum growth and fulfillment, similar to the ways we might nurture a rapidly growing child. When we learn how to nurture our own inner child we are better able to consciously nurture the children of the world in a healthy way.

Dec 10, Wednesday, Venus conjuncts Chiron in Capricorn, prompting a healing crisis or decision about how to more effectively administrate the domain of our earthly life recognizing and releasing the limiting beliefs and structures of the past and choosing to consciously consider how our choices effect the next seven generations. How do we contribute to the health and well being of our personal and collective environment? How can we integrate what we know with what we do in a healthy way? How do we most effectively engage this Shamanic Journey returning once again to wholeness?

Dec 11, Thursday, The Sun conjuncts Pluto in Sagittarius illuminating our awareness around personal and collective power. This is a time for diving deep and going beyond the overlays of outmoded truths and misconceptions and then we can experience your true original core self. The Sun illuminates the shadow including the fears and judgments, and forgotten or denied skills and abilities we may carry while also providing fuel for the transformation to occur. Embracing the truth of our being with loving forgiveness where needed transforms these shadowed elements into our greatest gifts bringing to light their wealth as the medicine we carry.

Dec 12, Friday, The Moon squares Mars as it goes Void of Course very early this morning. When the Moon approaches the end of each sign, it goes beyond its last major aspect, or connection, with another planet. When this happens, and until it moves into the next sign, the Moon is said to be Void of Course. This period is a time when we can feel uncomfortably disconnected and without direction. The Moon is Void of Course for five hours this morning, fortunately while most of us sleep, moving into Leo at 6:40am ET.

Dec 13, Saturday, The waning Moon in Leo energizes the archetypal energy of the King/Queen or Superstar. Healthy Leo energy helps us to once again recognize we are all aspects of the divine. The next couple of days are good for finding ways to celebrate who we are and responsibly demonstrate radical, radiant self-love.

Dec 14, Sunday, The Moon in Leo completes an opposition to Uranus in Aquarius this afternoon. An hour later the Moon enters Virgo, the archetypal realm of Spider Woman who is attuned to the natural seasonal cycles and rhythms of the Earth and Sky. There are cycles occurring daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, and so on. When we attune ourselves to the patterning of the cycles within cycles we can then live more easily in natural harmony with all life.

Week of Dec 15 – 21 This week features the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#). Dec 15 begins the three day window and the Last Quarter Moon is exact Dec 16 at 24 Virgo, and ending on the last day, Dec 17. This Moon phase symbolizes the completion or integration process of the current Moon cycle that lasts until the New Moon window that is Dec 22, 23 and 24.

Dec 15, Monday, The Moon conjuncts Jupiter in Virgo late tonight, further expanding and illuminating the Virgo the mysteries that include full knowledge of the patterning of life. 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 totally honoring our body's needs for exercise, nourishment and rejuvenation?

Dec 16, Tuesday, The Moon enters Libra just before the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) becomes exact, calling attention to the mysteries of conscious equal partnership in all our relationships. This is the archetype of the diplomat who is willing to listen to all sides, to all the parts and threads of the tapestry, weaving together an understanding designed to support the needs of all the parts. Thus the truth of all parts is acknowledged and honored and then we naturally live in right relationship, peace, harmony, and balance with all life. Mars leaves the sign of Pisces and enters impetuous Aries.

Dec 17, Wednesday, Mercury stations retrograde beginning today and lasting three weeks until January 6, 2004. This three week period is a great timing for engaging right-brained creative activities, doing inner healing processes, and for completing projects already in motion. It is always wise to make sure you have a current back-up for you computer at these times and allow extra time for left brained type communication processes to take place.

Dec 18, Thursday, The Moon enters Scorpio late tonight or early tomorrow morning depending on your time zone. The Scorpio mysteries include death and rebirth, resurrection and renewal, and empowerment through the Shamanic Journey that calls us to face the fears that disempower us. It is helpful to surrender to divine will, aligning personal will with divine will for the purpose of mastering the art of magic and manifestation. This requires personal sacrifice or the willingness "to make sacred" through surrender to the divine.

Dec 19, Friday, The Moon squares Neptune in Aquarius today. Neptune's job is to inspire our connection to the field of dreams or the field of all possibilities for the purpose of bringing in new visions and dreams. The Moon is illuminating this infinite field of possibilities and there may be feelings of confusion and lack of clarity about what to choose, especially when old patterns and beliefs and ways of operating are still in place or are still in the process of dissolving. The best way to consciously engage these energies is to trust your inner guidance, because external circumstances are often foggy, unclear, and misleading. Neptune teaches the importance of listening to and trusting those inner promptings to successfully navigate the unknown.

Dec 20, Saturday, The Scorpio Moon squares Uranus in Aquarius as it goes Void of Course before moving into Sagittarius early tomorrow morning. Venus leaves Capricorn and enters Aquarius late tonight or early tomorrow morning depending on your time zone. Hanukkah begins today.

Dec 21, Sunday, The Moon enters Sagittarius this morning illuminating the mysteries of the quest for truth, the expansion of the self to the widest possible horizons, the experience of adventures or vision quests and to boldly go where no one has gone before.

Week of Dec 22 – 28 The Capricorn [New Moon](#) window begins Dec 22, is exact Dec 23, and ends Dec 24 on Christmas Eve. Our direct visual experience of any Moon phase lasts for three days. Visually the Full Moon rises appearing very full the night before, the night of, and the night after the exact Full Moon. There is no 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. That is why the New Moon is the seed planting time. New Moons are conception points or seeding points for clearly stating our intentions and/or prayers around our heart's desires allowing them an opportunity to find their most beneficial and supportive manifestation without attachment to the outcome.

Dec 22, Monday, Happy Solstice. The December Solstice or [Winter Solstice](#) in the Northern Hemisphere is occurring at 11:04 pm MST (Dec 21), 12:04 am PST, 1:04 am CST and 2:04 am EST. The Solstice (named to identify the three day stand still of the Sun as it travels along the horizon) occurs when the Sun crosses zero degrees Capricorn. The Sun appears to stand still for three days rising at its furthest southern point in the Northern Hemisphere (vice versa in the Southern Hemisphere). This timing in the Northern Hemisphere marks the longest night of the year and relates to the New Moon phase (darkest phase of the Moon) of an entire yearly cycle. Solstice windows are always at least three days long including the day before and after the exact Solstice. It is important to note we are not only seeding a new yearly seasonal cycle, but for several years we have been and will be seeding a much larger [26,000 year cycle](#). What we are energizing in our hearts, thoughts, prayers, celebrations and ceremonies are the seeds of the New Year and the great 26,000 year cycle. Conscious intention has never been more important.

Mercury is no longer visible and disappears from the evening sky as it comes within 10 degrees of the Sun and descends into the underworld until rising as a morning star on December 31.

Dec 23, Tuesday, The [New Moon](#) enters Capricorn early today transmitting the mysteries that teach us how to more effectively administrate the domain of our earthly life. When in balance the Capricorn mysteries operate with awareness of how our actions effect the next seven generations and how we can contribute to the health and well being of our personal and collective environment. The Moon conjuncts Mercury in Capricorn, later today, before moving into Aquarius tomorrow.

Dec 24, Wednesday, Christmas Eve, The Moon conjuncts Chiron in Capricorn illuminating the mysteries of the Shamanic Healer focusing on the deep wounds of the past. The Moon becomes Void of Course early this morning, lasting all day and until it moves into Aquarius early tomorrow morning. As mentioned on Dec 12, this can be a time when we can feel uncomfortably disconnected and without direction. It is, therefore, an ideal time for centering ourselves. It's a reminder to kick back, relax and focus your attention inward. Once the Moon shifts to the new sign, in this case Aquarius, the energy shifts with it.

Dec 25, Thursday, Merry Christmas! The Moon moves into Aquarius this morning, conjuncting Venus in Aquarius in the early afternoon and Neptune in Aquarius later tonight. Aquarius is involved with the mysteries of the cosmic revolutionary who experiments with innovative ideas intended to accelerate growth and consciousness. This is a good time to question the rules and structure of your life and find where they are limiting and restrictive. Invite changes that support your freest expression of who you truly are.

Dec 26, Friday, Mercury continues his journey in the underworld, as the Sun reaches an exact conjunction with Mercury in Capricorn tonight. The Celebration of Kwanzaa begins today.

Dec 27, Saturday, The waxing Moon conjuncts Uranus in Aquarius early this morning before becoming Void of Course and later entering Pisces for the second time this month, encouraging us to dream our biggest dreams, imagining or "pretending" that they already exist. Energy follows our thoughts and our words. Imagine it, decree it so with gratitude, and know it is already on its way to manifesting. The final step is to take decisive action that supports the manifestation of your dreams. Hanukkah ends today.

Dec 28, Sunday, Jupiter opposes the Pisces Moon this afternoon, expanding the qualities of empathic compassionate service. Healthy Pisces enjoys a mystical connection with the divine and simply serves all life through loving compassion, but must first direct their compassionate energy towards themselves. Then when in balance these mystical dreamers can serve the world in a way that is most supportive to all.

Week of Dec 29 – Jan 4 December ends near where it began with the [First Quarter Moon](#) phase. The window begins Dec 29 is exact, Dec 30, and completes Dec 31. 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.

Dec 29, Monday, The Moon enters Aries today for the second time this month, calling us to spontaneously do something fun that nurtures and celebrates the inner child. It also calls us to commit to whatever we are willing to protect and defend within the cosmic order of life. First Quarter Moons are a great time to put our ideas and plans into action, and is intended to bring our conscious awareness to the threshold of initiation that accelerates the growth process. What decisive action are we willing to take to fulfill our intention and desire?

Dec 30, Tuesday, The Moon conjuncts Mars in Aries early this morning just before reaching the exact point of the [First Quarter Moon](#) phase. Uranus leaves the sign of Aquarius and enters Pisces. Neptune conjuncts Venus in Aquarius, bringing in the new visions and dreams for attaining cosmic consciousness and being honored for her mind and her spiritual path.

Dec 31, Wednesday, New Year's Eve, Mercury becomes visible in the sky today as it reaches a distance of 10 degrees from the Sun and rises from the underworld, this time in the morning sky. The Moon enters Taurus, once again calling us to savor life and recognize the boundless beauty in our lives. It's the last day of the year, and all good things must come to an end. Or do they? Ivy Baker Priest said, "The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be only the beginning."

Chronologically, we're at the end of the year, but the beginning of the journey as seekers of love, passion, wholeness and authenticity. Divine love sustains you, surrounds you, enfolds you, protects you. Go in peace. You're as ready as you ever will be; well equipped for the adventures awaiting. Divine Substance – which is your only Reality – provides abundantly. But you must ask. Ask for help, guidance, and Grace. Ask for the Power to be switched on. Ask to catch the Flow. Ask to soar. Ask for a respite from all your crises. Surrender suffering, sorrow, pain. Surrender expectations. Ask to be surprised by joy.

Navigate by the stars. Search the Heavens for yours. Follow it. Keep on the lookout for soulful markers. They surround you. The Soul's awakening is gratitude. The Soul's essence is

simplicity. The Soul's serenity is order. The Soul's serenity is harmony. The Soul's passion is beauty. The Soul's purpose is joy. Give thanks. Wait. Watch what happens. Get excited. Open your arms as wide as you can to receive all the miracles with your name on them. Never forget that all you have is all you need. Believe in yourself. Believe in the One who believes in You. All things are possible to one who believes. –Sarah Ban Breathnach, Simple Abundance

Love and blessings on your journey and Happy New Year!

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**PS April, 2003 Follow Up to above message...Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!** I am so grateful for the amazing response to my request for donations to keep the Celestial Timings going. I would love to have enough time to thank everyone individually who has sent donations or is thinking of sending a donation. However since I don't have time to do that, I hope this thank you will be heartfelt. I am completely amazed and I feel very supported by all the generous donations and words of support and encouragement I have received so far. I also am receiving lots of feedback. Many of you feel strongly that I should charge a subscription fee and I do understand the concepts of placing value on my work and what I have to offer, and certainly valuing myself and placing value on my work is an ongoing issue for me as it is for many who do alternative work (or any kind of work for that matter). So I am looking deeply at that and what it means for me. The other piece is I have also received messages from people who have expressed how supported and helped they feel by the Celestial Timings and they are struggling financially right now. I understand that struggle all too well and so what I am noticing within myself is that I really do want the Celestial Timings to remain available to everyone regardless of their ability to financially support them. For me, this work is not about "making money" but at the same time I do need to support myself and my family. So with all of that in mind I am keeping the Celestial Timings available on a donation basis for now and will continue to be with this process and see where it leads me. Thank you all again for your loving support. It helps me more than I can say.

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