

December 2004 Celestial Timings
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Intense control dramas of all kinds, whether they are violent or just perverse and strange addictions,
come from environments where life is so abusive, dysfunctional and constrictive,
and the level of Fear is so great, that they spawn this same rage and anger
or perversion over and over, generation after generation.

The individuals who are born into these situations choose to do so on purpose,
with clarity...because they were sure they had enough strength to break out, to end the cycle,
to heal the family system in which they would be born.

They were confident that they could awaken
and work through the resentment and anger at finding themselves
in these deprived circumstances, and see it all as a preparation for a mission
—usually one of helping others out of similar situations...

The Tenth Insight by James Redfield

I first shared the above quote and the Chiron Saturn information below in the October, 2003 Celestial Timings. The upcoming December Solstice when the Sun crosses Zero Capricorn on Dec 21 marks another annual seeding point in this critical turning of the great wheel of Time. Therefore, the following insights are again timely and worth having in our awareness.

It is important to note that the December Solstice point is now aligned near Galactic Center (a.k.a. Hunab Ku by the Mayans) and this can only happen for a specific span of time in 26,000 years. [See Shamanic Look At Turning of the Ages](#). The exact center point of this alignment was calculated to have occurred in 1998 by acclaimed astronomer John Mues. These points move only one degree every 72 years so we are still very near the exact center point. Likewise the June Solstice is aligned at the opposite point along the Galactic Gateway coinciding with the Earth's movement through the Photon Band. (See Nov 2004 Celestial Timings Archives) This suggests that what we are intending and holding in our conscious awareness is becoming the Seeds for the next great cycle of time.

Both Saturn (25 Cancer) and Chiron (25 Capricorn) are big players this month moving towards another exact opposition on Dec 26 and 27 with these energies being actively felt all month and into next year. We might ask ourselves how we can actively participate in creating a new paradigm, a morphogenic shift in the collective neural net reflecting the reality of peace and plenty for all life? What follows provides some ideas for being with this question...

...One of the many gifts Shamanic Astrology offers, at the *Turning of the Ages*, is seeing how our natal chart reflects the choice or intention individuals have made to end the cycles of abuse and dysfunction by choosing family and social conditions that are entrenched in old limiting and abusive patterns for the purpose of transforming them and creating the space for new healthy energies to emerge.

It is time to remember why we are here and why we have chosen the circumstances we have, forgiving ourselves and all those involved with whatever has been. This is especially true when we consider the current transit of the Shamanic Healer Chiron through Capricorn. The

Capricorn mysteries know the rules and how spirit comes into form. Chiron last transited through this area of the sky 50 years ago. Additionally, the master creator of new structures and new forms is Saturn now moving through Cancer. The Cancer mysteries express through compassionate and responsible nurturing of family and home. Saturn last transited through this area of the sky about 30 years ago. When healthy, both Capricorn and Cancer share a concern and responsibility for making decisions that will benefit the next several generations.

For the last several months Chiron and Saturn have been dancing opposite one another providing an opportunity to not only heal both the dysfunctional family and social systems we have inherited but to also consciously create new healthy forms based in love and cooperation that will not only sustain life on this planet but will also support a thriving experience for all.

Releasing fear of lack that promotes greed and the need to survive at the expense of others and their well-being is an important step. When we cooperate and share our resources with one another there is plenty for all. In the Dec 2001 Celestial Timings I shared about a Star Trek Voyager episode that brilliantly demonstrated the powerful potential of engaging cooperation with each other including different races and even different species of intelligent life. The story begins when Voyager is accidentally pulled into a Void, where it turns out other lost ships are struggling to survive. When Voyager first arrived they were instantly attacked by one of the other ships and 90% of their food and supplies were stolen. Voyager's crew soon discovered the other ships already in the void survived by stealing supplies from each other and whenever possible stealing from new unsuspecting ships the moment they stumbled in the void.

When Voyager's crew discovered they did not have enough power to leave the Void on their own Captain Janeway asked the other ships to form an alliance where each ship would pool their resources and technologies with the other ships in the alliance and thus they would all find a way out of the Void together. It was difficult to convince the other ships this was a good idea, but eventually several ships did join the alliance, shared their resources and technology, and made it possible for all the ships that were working cooperatively to leave the

Void together. Those who refused to join the alliance due to their entrenched patterns of fear and lack were left in the Void to continue as they had before.

This story demonstrates the power of cooperation and working in community to achieve what otherwise might seem impossible. Some of the ships had been in the Void for years, barely surviving by competing for the limited supplies and resources that might wander in through other lost ships. Living from competition had created separation, distrust, hatred and loss of resources that could have benefited everyone if they had chosen to live in cooperation with one another. The ships that chose to cooperate and share resources ultimately changed their lives moving their existence from the experience of lack in the Void into an expansive and abundant world. Cooperation unifies and strengthens the greater whole, moving our experience from struggle to survive into a whole new more abundant world of possibilities.

The transits of Saturn and Chiron through the Cancer Capricorn domain provides opportunities for shamanic healing and complete redefinition of the current competitively based system. The question is: are we ready to wake up and heal these failing systems and embrace new systems based in cooperation, recognizing everyone has a right and a responsibility to thrive together? This is not easy as the current programming is based in a competitive world suggesting there are limits to what is available. So this kind of change requires tremendous trust and a willing leap of faith to revolutionize the ways we participate with reality. When we open to trust that all our needs are met from an ever-renewing, ever-regenerating, ever-flowing vast and abundant divine source that originates within each of us and provides all we need to fully live and express our divine purpose, then we can truly operate from this experience creating an entirely new paradigm of peace and plenty for everyone.

December Sky Highlights

This month all the planetary action is happening in the morning sky with Mercury Retrograde joining the morning line up by Dec 16. Then all five visible planets show up aligned in their natural order starting with Mercury closest to the Eastern Horizon followed by Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn all within 135 degrees. This is most visible (with clear skies and low horizon) from Dec 17 to 22. We have to wait until January/February 2016 another 5 planet alignment comes this close together in the morning sky. This alignment symbolizes the strengthening of our own natural alignment *within* as the planets reflect their natural alignment *without*.

December begins with the waning Moon near Saturn passing by Jupiter, Mars, and Venus respectively from now until Dec 9. Venus and Mars make their closest conjunction on Dec 5. Mercury and Venus dance close together from mid-Dec to mid-January with their closest dance occurring from Dec 26 to Jan 20.

This month I am primarily focusing on a few highlights for the Timings as I continue to consider options for how to keep the Celestial Timings going.

Dec 1, Wednesday. Mercury stationed retrograde yesterday and remains retrograde until Dec 19. This Mercury station occurred at Galactic Center where it is hanging out for the next few days. Galactic Center is also known as Hunab Ku “the giver of all movement and measure” and a direct source of energy and information regulating the flow of life as defined by the Maya. This Galactic Portal is powerful place to tune into noting the messages Mercury is bringing us from this area of the sky. Tonight the waning Leo Moon is rising about 9:30 pm local time and is visible just beyond Saturn rising about 8:30 pm.

Dec 2, Thursday. The Moon is traveling through Leo all day today and is energizing the Leo mysteries beautifully summed up in this quote from Marianne Williamson’s book *a Return to Love*. *“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”*

(Note: this quote is often mistakenly attributed to Nelson Mandela’s inaugural speech the following link explains) <http://www.skdesigns.com/internet/articles/quotes/williamson.html>

Dec 3, Friday. The waning Moon enters Virgo today transmitting the mysteries that include full knowledge of the patterning of life and the natural rhythms and cycles of Earth and Sky. 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 4, Saturday. Today’s last quarter Moon (13 Virgo) return threshold is being energized by Pluto (22 Sag) and Mercury (25 Sag Retrograde) adding to the energies of the Sun (13 Sag) and intensifying the qualities of concentrated focus and deep insightful thinking while staying attuned to the natural cycles and patterns of life.

Dec 5, Sunday. Venus and Mars are both at 16 Scorpio symbolizing a powerful sacred union of the magical feminine and masculine expressing as the sorcerer and sorceress equally manifesting powerful passionate life force emanating from the eternal source within.

Dec 6, Monday. The Moon is traveling in Libra for the next couple of days energizing the mysteries of conscious equal partnership, harmony and balance. We exist in relationship to the Earth, to the Sky, to the plants and animals, to each other, to ourselves and to all of life seen and unseen. This is a good time to reflect on our inner and

outer relationship with life and what these relationships are teaching us about ourselves.

Dec 7, Tuesday. Moon in Libra is occulting Jupiter (14 Libra) in the early morning hours. Then the Moon occults Venus (15 Libra) at 5:32 pm Pacific and 8:32 pm Eastern. Occultations occur when the Moon crosses over (from Earth's perspective) a star or planet symbolically covering and uncovering the mysteries contained therein. Occultations also have an accelerating effect similar to an eclipse. This is an opportunity to uncover hidden beliefs around how we truly relate to ourselves, one another, and all life. (See Nov 8 and 10)

Transformational messenger Mercury (21 Sag) meets with shamanic transformer Pluto (21 Sag) for the second time. The first meeting was Nov 20 and the last will be Jan 4. Pluto dives deep into the fears that limit our fullest most empowered expression of who we are purifying and transforming them. 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 by stretching us beyond our comfort zones. This timing provides an opportunity to deepen and intensify our mental experience of the emerging truth of this time. When we consciously engage this transformative process then a new level of empowerment can come on-line clearly communicating more of who we truly are.

Dec 8, Wednesday. The Moon in Scorpio speaks to the mysteries most noted for a willingness to explore and expand the edges of our personal and collective experience. Edgewalking is a Scorpio type term that helps give a sense of the essence of these mysteries. Conscious Edgewalking occurs when we seek out the edges of contemporary beliefs and existing paradigms moving beyond them to expand and explore new territory. Being willing to walk the edges of the old and the new ways of experiencing life, bridging what has been with what is emerging, allowing death to embrace all that no longer serves, creating space for new ideas, new ways, and new experiences to birth are all Edgewalking practices. Embracing the mysteries of death, trusting there is always a rebirth, or new birth, emerging – this is the Scorpio experience of edgewalking - pushing beyond known edges into unexplored territory where new life and growth occur.

Dec 9, Thursday. The union of Venus (21 Scorpio) and Mars (19 Scorpio) in the morning sky is receiving the blessings of Grandmother Moon or the wise and powerful elder Sorceress. This marks the second to the last gate Venus will pass through on her way to the underworld where she releases the vestment (sometimes symbolized by a bracelet or anklets or a belt) representing all the ways she no longer truly values herself. Mars rose from the underworld last October and this is the second meeting with the Moon since then with the primary focus on the powerful sacred union of the sacred Masculine and Feminine in their tantric connection.

Dec 10, Friday. Sun conjunct Mercury (18 Sag) begins a new cycle of Mercury emphasizing the quest for truth and

meaning and exposing the shadow of fundamentalist beliefs and practices that impose restrictions and limits on having a healthy and full life experience.

Dec 11, Saturday. The Sagittarius New Moon (21 Sag) conjunct Pluto helping to deepen our commitment to the power and magic of living the essential truth of our being that promotes love and joy. Attending to the hurts, wrongs, mistakes and issues of the past through embracing them, forgiving them and moving to new territory is supported by this New Moon energy when we are willing to take authentic action through surrender and release.

Dec 12, Sunday. Waxing Moon in Capricorn is crossing the Galactic Plane where the Winter Solstice Sun currently rises marking the [Turning of the Ages](#). This Galactic Gateway is where new creatively inspired energies pour into this dimensional realm. Capricorn is the archetypal mystery school that is most familiar with how spirit manifests into form and how to most efficiently, effectively and responsibly administrate these forms of manifestation for the benefit of the next seven generations to follow. Of all the mystery schools, Capricorn when healthy understands and utilizes effective and efficient pathways for manifesting spirit into form. An essential underlying principle of Capricorn is summed up by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi (a triple Capricorn) founder of the Transcendental Meditation movement when he was describing the effect of expanded states of consciousness in our world of form experience.... *"Do Less and Accomplish More!"*

Dec 13, Monday. Sun conjuncts Pluto (21 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 14, Tuesday. The waxing crescent Moon enters Aquarius bringing through the mysteries of the cosmic revolutionary experimenting with innovative ideas intended to accelerate growth and consciousness. This timing supports questioning the rules and societal structures that are limiting and restrictive to our creative expression, so we can then courageously invite the changes that open doors to new expansive and exciting experiences.

Dec 15, Wednesday. The Moon meets with dreamy Neptune (13 Aquarius) creating easier access to the field of all possibilities. The challenge is to zero in on your personal dreams knowing that anything is possible when you are passionately aligned with it.

Dec 16, Thursday. Venus moves into Sagittarius today where it remains until Jan 9, 2005. This is the feminine expression of the questing amazon adventurer who boldly goes where no one has gone before in search of personal

and divine truth, life purpose, and expansion of the self to its widest possible expression. Are you feeling inspired by new information, new insights, and new ideas? Are you open to seeking greater meaning and understanding in your life experience? Are you open to expanding your sense of knowing and truth?

Dec 17, Friday. The Moon enters Pisces today enlivening the mysteries of co-creation through what we imagine and dream. Now is the time to actively participate in dreaming the dream onward.

Dec 18, Saturday. This Pisces [First Quarter Moon](#) is a great time for taking inspired action towards fulfilling our dreams while also taking time to express gratitude and appreciation for all the many gifts life brings us each day. Healthy Pisces enjoys a mystical connection with the divine and simply serves all life through loving compassion. Out of balance Pisces energy is unable to know its own feelings and experience because it merges with and then becomes empathically attuned to those around them. Healthy Pisces 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.

Dec 19, Sunday. In ancient Roman times today marked the beginning of Saturnalia, a weeklong festival where they overturned the rules, business stopped, executions and military operations were postponed and the masters served the slaves. Mercury adds its own brand of overturning the rules as it stations direct today reminding us not to take appearances too seriously and to be open to the still point access point that expands our sense and experience of the truth.

Dec 20, Monday. Brightening Mercury is 6 degrees to lower left of Venus in the morning sky. Waxing Moon moves into Taurus late today. The Taurus mysteries remind us of the importance of the art of receiving the fullness of life and the abundance around us each day, including the abundance of love, joy, pleasure, appreciation and gratitude. Appreciating and fully receiving the gifts of life magnifies and attracts more of these gifts to us. This is a great time to not only be aware of the art of giving gifts of love etc. but also the art of receiving and enjoying, while also taking time to express our gratitude for these abundant gifts. Neale Donald Walsch reminds us of the importance of gratitude and appreciation in his book [Conversations with God](#) saying *"When you thank God in advance for what you choose to experience in your reality, you, in effect, acknowledge that it is there - in effect. Thankfulness is thus the most powerful statement to God; an affirmation that even before you ask, I have answered. Therefore never supplicate, Appreciate."*

Dec 21, Tuesday. 4:42 am PST, 7:42 am EST marks the December Solstice (solstice means stand still of the Sun) when the Sun crosses zero degrees Capricorn. This timing is linked to a much larger [26,000 year cycle](#) because the December Solstice is now rising along the Galactic Plane near Galactic Center. This can only occur

for one time period during 26,000 years. This means what we are energizing in our hearts, thoughts, prayers, celebrations and ceremonies is what we are seeding for the next cycle including the coming year and the next 26,000 years as well. This is a three-day window (yesterday, today and tomorrow) as the Sun rises for three days at the exact same alignment on the horizon appearing to stand still. The following link has wonderful information about the Solstice astronomy, history, and divination, plus cool pictures of ancient sites built to capture an experience of the magic of the Solstice Sun. <http://www.candlegrove.com/solstice.html#open>

Dec 22, Wednesday. Chiron (25 Capricorn) and Saturn (retrograde 26 Cancer) have almost reached their exact opposition occurring on Dec 26 and 27 reminding us to examine our reasons for doing what we do. Are you doing because you love it or because you feel me must? Are you *not* doing the things you love because you feel you don't have time? Are you experiencing balance in your doing that supports a joyful, healthy life experience? Are you at least willing to look at what motivates your doing and to consider any changes that would feel more supportive and fun? As Mercury prepares to meet with Pluto one more time Jan 4 this is a powerful time to look deeply at what motivates our doing and how our doing is creating our life experience. (See Intro)

Dec 23, Thursday. Moon moves into in Gemini illuminating the mysteries that take us beyond ordinary reality, beyond the limiting rules of this dimension, beyond rational and linear thought processes. This is the domain of the coyote trickster who encourages us to let go of pre-conceived ideas and beliefs and reminds us things are not as real as they appear. Passing through the [Sacred Hoop](#) over the next few days the Moon is approaching Aldebaran, the eye of the Bull, and by tomorrow night it will appear just beyond Aldebaran at Moonrise.. In some cultures Aldebaran was considered the all seeing "eye of god" and has associations with the restoration of the original perfection of the Earth. <http://www.eclipse.co.uk/solarspirit/maynov2003.html> With the Moon marking Aldebaran in the night sky this is a great time to tune into these energies asking for the restoration of the purity and perfection of our own hearts.

Dec 24, Friday. The Sun (4 Capricorn) is sextile Uranus (4 Pisces) today signaling the approaching Sun Uranus conjunction taking place Feb 25, 2005. Each year the Sun Uranus conjunction occurs four days later than the year before. The Sun is fueling a completion of what was seeded at the Sun Uranus conjunction on Feb 21 of this year. It is helpful to take inspired action that revolutionizes progressive and innovative evolutionary change I our personal experience. With Uranus and the Sun revolutionary events are likely especially when we are resisting them. Thinking and acting outside the box of cultural norms ensures growth and minimizes the drama necessary to make sure change happens.

Dec 25, Saturday. Mars moves into Sagittarius today where it remains until Feb 6, 2005 energizing the spiritual quest for expanding self-understanding, knowledge, and

the true meaning of life. Serge Kahili King author of Urban Shaman speaks about the importance of knowledge (I am interpreting knowledge here as truth that brings wholeness) being available for everyone. He says: "...a true shaman keeps no secrets about knowledge that can help and heal. The difficulty is not in keeping knowledge secret, but in getting people to understand and use it. As for misuse, that only comes from ignorance. The more knowledge everyone has about how to change things, the less inclination and opportunity there will be for misuse. Widely spread knowledge actually has more potency than secrets locked up and unused. Knowledge held secret is about as useful as money under a miser's mattress. And the sacredness of knowledge lies not in its reservation for a few, but in its availability to many..."

Dec 26, Sunday. This morning is the exact Cancer Full Moon (5 Cancer) reminding us it is time to embrace peaceful solutions through the spirit of cooperation and caring. The key here is to let go of the need to control outcome because that limits our experience. Allowing and accepting what IS supports healthy self-nurturing. Further supporting this timing is the Chiron/Saturn opposition exact today and tomorrow. This is intended to move beyond old patterns of giving to get our way and reminds us of the gifts we receive when we trust and allow the divine plan to unfold through supporting everyone in being more of who we are. (see intro and Dec 27) This Full Moon is also illuminating the fixed star Sirius helping to further activate our own personal transformational process.

Dec 27, Monday. Chiron (25 Capricorn) is opposite Saturn (25 Cancer) 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 Intro)

Dec 28, Tuesday. Mercury and Venus are visible together in the morning sky at 15 Sagittarius just beyond the fixed star Antares. Venus is encountering Mercury on her journey to the underworld and Mercury as the transformational messenger brings messages from the interdimensional gateway of Antares where we can choose our reality before it emerges into form.

Dec 29, Wednesday. Chiron and Saturn are still actively energizing the Cancer Capricorn axis shamanically healing any wounds we may still carry around healthy family and community. This means we may experience a healing crisis designed to produce new structures of experience transforming the wounds of the past into the medicine we carry into new ways of caring and cooperation that support the fullest divine expression of everyone.

Dec 30, Thursday. Moon enters Virgo later today calling attention to the sacred rhythms of life. Creating a sacred safe space while honoring your own process of personal and shared experience as a sacred expression of life, is timely especially as we prepare to bring in a New Year.

Dec 31, Friday. Happy New Year's Eve... Around midnight local time on New Year's Eve the triple star **Sirius** (the brightest fixed star in our sky) is found directly overhead on the mid-heaven infusing the earth with this starry energy. Freya Owlsdottir shares this info about Sirius...*The Sirius system is directly "upstream" of our solar system within the galactic arm of our Milky Way Galaxy. Because of this, we now know that the polarized energies of Sirius do indeed wash over us... By coming directly towards us, Sirius creates an axis of rotation with Earth relative to the stellar background. Because of this, of all the stars in the sky, only the annual heliacal rising (meaning its visible rising just before the Sun) of Sirius exactly matches the length of our solar year, 365.25 days.*

Even today, unbeknownst to most of the people of the world, our New Years Eve celebration is a continuation of a most ancient ritual honoring the return of Sirius to the midheaven position at midnight. Occurring down through the ages around January 1st, this midnight alignment marks the moment when the energies of Sirius, directly overhead, most closely touch our lives in her most singular purity. For countless thousands of years and all around the world, without knowing the hidden reason, we have marked this midnight moment by jumping for joy as the rush of this vital connection surges through us. [More on Sirius from Freya's website](#)

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