

February 2000 Celestial Timings

by Carolyn Brent

The Goddess of the New Millennium
Calls

She promises the Taste of Ecstasy
the Joy of Fulfillment.

In Bliss, she asks you to remember
The vows you made so long ago
in the Octaves of Paradise.

How you dreamed of dreaming
the Age of Freedom, the Golden Age of Light
for a distant Planet called Earth
for a lost tribe called Humanity.

The Drum Roll has sounded

The Time is Now

to honor these vows

to Hold the Frequency

by Jeanette DesLauriers

When we are operating in resonance with the natural cycles and rhythms of our world, magic happens! When we open our hearts and our awareness to these mysteries we become co-creative participants in the magic of life. We are between eclipses as February begins, in an inbetween cauldron space, an eclipse cauldron that takes us through new doorways previously unknown or merely imagined. Neptune and Uranus are adding their energies to this cauldron, helping to bring in the new visions and dreams as well as the grand cosmic perspective that revolutionizes our consciousness in unpredictable, unusual ways. The alchemy of our conscious dreaming is especially potent and powerful in this window. When we align with the intent of the celestial timings and natural cycles, we align with magic. Magic becomes our natural reality. We live in a magical world, that continually calls us to remember who we are and to live the magic of our divine destiny.

Partial Solar Eclipse February 5

The February 5 partial Solar Eclipse is revolutionizing the principle of freedom energizing the changes that support the reality of each individual feeling free to fully express and authentically be who they truly are. This will most likely occur in unexpected, unpredictable ways. Change is guaranteed and this eclipse is seeding revolutionary changes that will continue to express for many months to come. **The center point of this partial eclipse is occurring at 5:49 am MST and 7:49 am EST. The Aquarius New Moon (16 Aquarius) is at 6:03 am MST and 8:03 am EST and almost exactly conjoined with transiting Uranus.** According to Abrams Sky Calendar this eclipse is primarily visible in Antarctica and the central southern Indian Ocean. However, this eclipse will be felt world wide especially when we consider the potency of the New Moon conjunction with Uranus, during a partial

Solar Eclipse. Uranus is the agent of change, of leading edge, avante-garde, experimental, expansive energies designed to take us beyond our known reality. The one thing we know for sure when Uranus shows up, is that we don't know anything for sure. The best way to participate with this timing is to let go of all possible attachments to outcome, surrender to the evolutionary changes and trust that by doing so, we will find ourselves exactly where we would want to be if we could fully imagine where it is we are going.

Evening Sky

We have the opportunity to visually connect with a four planet line-up in our evening sky this month. Mercury Saturn, Jupiter and Mars are all moving with about 60 degrees of each other Feb 6-12. The waxing Moon passes by this line up as follows: Feb 6 Mercury, Feb 8 Mars, Feb 10 Jupiter, Feb 11 Saturn. On Feb 13 the Moon is in the Hyades of the Bull (a.k.a. Taurus) passing just north of Aldebaran, the eye of the bull. The space between these four planets shrinks within 55 degrees of each other Feb 18-22. Then Mercury fades rapidly after it goes retrograde Feb 21. Mercury will be visible near the tiny crescent Moon on Feb 6 just above the western horizon after sunset. Mars is to the east side of the Great Square of Pegasus.

Mercury Retrograde

Mercury (17 Pisces) goes Retrograde on Feb 21 at 5:47 am MST. Mercury represents the alchemical magic of the mind, how we process information and how we perceive our reality. Mercury is the fastest moving planet, symbolizing the quickness of the mind. The Moon moves faster than Mercury but it is also not a planet. Mercury carries the energy of the magician, the alchemist, the one who knows how to work with the hidden forces of nature. Mercury also assists us in exploring the realms of magic and mystery, while always keeping us on our toes through its trickster antics. This happens in many unexpected ways. One way it can occur is through communication, what we think a person is saying to us and what they think they are saying to us may be two entirely different things. For example, if one person in a committed relationship says to their partner from an innocent dreaming place, "Wouldn't it be fun to take a vacation to South America?" and the partner hears, "I am not good enough because I can't afford to take you to South America." the person day dreaming about the trip is shocked when this comment creates an argument, because they were simply sharing an idea, and not intending to cause the other person to feel bad. Napoleon Hill summed up Mercury type wisdom when he said, "I am not who you think I am. I am not who I think I am. I am who I think You think I am."

When Mercury goes retrograde it appears to reverse directions in the sky from the perspective of the Earth-based observer. Astronomically planets do not really reverse directions, they only appear to do so in

relationship to the Earth. However, the appearance of this phenomena affects our So Below reality. When Mercury goes retrograde we experience a reversal or slowing down of Mercurial energy. Robert Wilkinson says in his book "A New Look At Mercury Retrograde," that this timing is an opportunity for us to witness magic revealing itself. When the magician slows down we have an opportunity to witness how s/he performs magic. The invisible becomes visible, the unknown becomes known. It is a time for fully exploring the magic and mystery of life in a way that is not always available to us. This timing, if worked with consciously, is an opportunity to experience and understand exactly how magic works.

Mercury retrograde in Pisces is intended to reveal the mystery and magic of divine union, the compassionate heart, the merging of the celestial and earthly realms in an ecstatic, mystical experience. Whatever is not in alignment with this intent will surface for processing and clearing. Mercury Retrograde is notorious as a timing when things glitch, communication breaks down and things tend to not turn out the way we expect them too. If we can relax and release our attachments to outcome, it can be a fabulously creative and magical time.

February Timings

Feb 1, Tue, the Moon begins the month at the Galactic Gateway crossing the Winter Solstice point in the sky when it enters Capricorn this morning at 10:10 am MST. This is a timing to tune into the energies of the new 26,000 year cycle as it relates to where we are in our personal and planetary awareness of peace and the tribes all coming together to exist in harmony and support of each other.

Feb 2, Wed, waning balsamic Moon and Venus (10 Capricorn, 8:04 am MST) meet for the 5th time since Venus rose as a morning star last August. Venus is moving through the 5th gate into the underworld as related by the Inanna myth, where she gives up her belt, symbolizing her power chakra. Thus, she is surrendering the ways she no longer holds her power in balance and harmony, either because she is giving it away to others, or she is afraid to use it for fear of hurting others, or she is using it to hurt others. Whatever the imbalance, Venus now surrenders her power becoming vulnerable and open to the initiation as she progresses through the gates. Venus remains bright although she hovers nearer the pre-dawn horizon.

Feb 8, Tue, Moon meets Mars (27 Pisces, 12:46 pm MST) marking the eighth labor of Mars in his Scorpio quest. Mars began this 26 month journey last April. A reminder of some of the questions Mars is asking during this quest are: *What excites my passion? What really turns me on and feels alive in my life? What fears prevent me from expressing my passion?* These questions are applicable to every area of life. Mars in Pisces is exploring a passionate connection with the divine.

Feb 10, Thu, Moon conjuncts Jupiter (29 Aries, 10:19 pm MST). Feb 11, Fri, Moon conjuncts Saturn (11 Taurus, 6:56 pm MST). The waxing Moon is again

illuminating the impending Saturn, Jupiter conjunction happening in May. Observing the Moon passing by this area of the sky is quite inspiring and worth taking a few moments to look up to the Great Above. **Jupiter enters Taurus on Feb 14, Monday, at 2:39 pm MST.** Synchronistically, this timing is aligned with Valentine's Day. Jupiter, representing, expansion moves into the archetypal sign most associated with love and pleasure, and gratefully receiving the gifts of life from the "Field of Plenty."

Feb 19, Sat, The Sun enters Pisces at 1:33 am just a few hours before the first of two Virgo Full Moons this year. (Full Moon is at 9:27 am MST). The Full Moon in March is also a Virgo Full Moon. It is rare to have two Full Moons in the same sign back to back. It seems our attention is being drawn to the importance of the Virgo mysteries and the honoring of all life as sacred, of attuning to the natural cycles and rhythms and co-creatively weaving the web. Some questions that might help us align with these mysteries are: How can I more consciously participate with the natural cycles and rhythms of my own life and that of the world around me, so I am creating balance and harmony in my world? What is my sacred expression in life and how can I fully express it for the benefit of all life? One way to do this is to ask spirit to guide you and then follow the guidance.

This Full Moon is also quite close to the fixed star Regulus, the heart of the Lion further energizing the imagery of the Radiant and Shining Ones anchoring the golden age. (See August, 1999 Total Solar Eclipse article in the Celestial Timings Archives on the web site for more about the Radiant and Shining Ones.)

Feb 28, Mon, the Moon ends the month in nearly the same way it began it. The Moon enters Capricorn at 5:45 pm MST, near the Galactic Gateway illuminating the Winter Solstice point, amplifying the mysteries that structure the new cycle in a form we can understand and engage. This is accessing a dreaming space, where the dreams we dream now become the reality we live in the new cycle. Dream on.

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