

February 2004 Celestial Timings

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*Our culture, as opposed to indigenous cultures,
is cut off from our natural surroundings and to the "Natural Cycles" of life.
One could say we are fixated or even addicted to convenience and glitz.
Probably less than 5% of the people you know could tell you what phase the moon is in.
(excluding Celestial Timings readers of course)*

*Our mental disconnection from the underlying patterns of our evolvement as the human race
has caused an increasing unbalance of emotion. We exhibit this with crime, pollution and wars.
As a result, Mother Earth's upset is expressed in "weird weather" such as earthquakes and volcanoes
simply because we are not paying attention anymore!*

*If we seriously want to heal our relationship with Mother Earth, we must spend some "quality time"
paying attention to these natural cycles. Doing things like watching a moonrise,
sitting through a sunset or finding, North, South, East and West from where you are now.
These are natural cycles.*

by Ian Lungold

<http://www.mayanmajix.com/interviews.html>

The above quote reminds us we live in relationship not only with the Earth but also the natural cycles and rhythms of Earth and Sky. When we are living our lives in conscious relationship with the natural cycles then life is balanced and magic happens! When we align with the intent of the Celestial Timings we align with magic. Magic becomes our natural reality.

Ancient sites around the world are physical evidence of cultures that lived their lives with precise knowledge of solar, lunar and stellar cycles capturing the magic of these cycles in their building alignments and petroglyphs. It was vital for ancient cultures to be attuned to the seasonal cycle of the Sun and the monthly cycle of the Moon for purposes of planting crops and performing sacred ceremonies that reminded the people of their interconnectedness to all life. The planets, stars, comets, asteroids, and other celestial beings, inspired mythic stories that provided understanding of how we are all a part of the grand cosmic design.

As we remember and ceremonially acknowledge these celestial mysteries, we are participating in the magic of the unfolding Great Mystery and we experience magical happenings as a result. We are living in an accelerated time with an increase of remarkable celestial events designed to wake us up on all levels to the reality of who we truly are. When we consciously participate with these events we are actively awakening and expanding our personal and collective awareness of our role as co-creators of The Turning Of The Ages.

February Sky

FYI...[Sky and Telescope](#) has a weekly update on what is happening in the sky, plus a weekly email update is also available. This is a great way to stay tuned to what is going on in the sky.

This month four planets will be visible in the evening sky by month's end. Venus, Mars, and Saturn are already visible and Jupiter is rising around 9 pm as the month begins then joins the evening showcase rising around 7 pm by the end of February. The end of March, Mercury appears on the western horizon after sunset completing the five visible planet line-up in the evening sky. This is

not considered a rare occurrence as it has happened more than 10 times in the last 20 years and yet it is an inspiring opportunity to visually connect with and experience all five visible planets stretched across the evening sky. The passage of the Moon by each of the planets helps us to locate them. On Feb 2nd the waxing gibbous moon passes Saturn. On Feb 8th the waning Moon passes by Jupiter. The waxing crescent Moon passes Venus on the 23rd and Mars on the 26th.

The fullest rise of the **Leo Full Moon** is on the evening of Feb 5 about a half or so before Sunset and is followed two and a half hours later by Jupiter. An interesting side note is that the February Full Moon is known as the Powamuya or "Purification Moon" by the Hopi. **Saturn** is slowing this month towards its direct station on March 8, and is easily located above Orion's head near the feet of the Twins (Castor and Pollux) located inside the [Sacred Hoop](#). **Jupiter** is in the sign of Virgo but is located in the Constellation of the Lion, and is rising around 9:00 pm as February begins, rising opposite the Sunset by March 4. (See [Difference between Signs and Constellations](#))

(Please note that all the following events are generally around Pacific Standard Time unless otherwise noted. Also all Timings mentioned are at least a three-day window, with the influence occurring the day before and after the date given. In many cases the influence may be felt longer, which is usually noted.)

Week Of Jan 29 1 - Feb 4 The Taurus [First Quarter Moon](#) (9 Taurus) was exact on Jan 28. Each night until Feb 6 the Moon waxes or increases in light appearing closer and closer to the Eastern Horizon at Sunset. On Feb 5 we have the fullest rise of the Leo Full Moon, with the Moon already waning by Moonrise on Feb 6 because the exact Full Moon is in the early morning hours of the 6th for most time zones.

Feb 1, Sunday. February begins with Moon in Gemini further activating the Venus (22 Pisces) square to Pluto (22 Sagittarius) as the Moon opposes Pluto and squares Venus today. The Moon adds the trickster coyote energy

to this line-up taking us beyond rational, linear, logic, and beyond the rules of humanity, even beyond the rules of the physical world and the rules of duality. The magical feminine principle currently integrating the archetype of the Shaman Sorceress, in the collective psyche of humanity, has an opportunity to deepen her experience of her own power when she has faced her fears and embraced her shadow side. This is a time for decisive action, boldly taking steps that affirm the strength and power of our feminine wisdom and inner knowing when we fully trust in it. (See Feb 27)

Feb 2, Monday. The Moon in Cancer emphasizes the mysteries of responsible nurturing and calls us to notice how we respond consciously in caring for ourselves, each other, and our beloved Earth. Within the zone of magnified power of the first quarter moon responsibly acting in nurturing ways accelerates the fulfillment of these mysteries in our personal and collective experience. Traditionally today is celebrated as Candlemas (festival of lights) or Imbolc. *In Gaelic this holiday is known as Là Fhèill Brìghde nan coinnlean which translates as "The feast day of Brìghde of the candles". Brìghde is Bridget of Kildare, the Celtic goddess of fire, the hearth, smithy, fields, poetry and childbirth. She also gives blessings to women who are about to marry. Women still bear her name on their wedding day to honor her. They are called [a] Bride for the day.* This is the time of extinguishing old ceremonial fires and lighting new ones, while celebrating the return of the light symbolized by the slowly lengthening days. For some parts of the world, winter is loosening its hold and the Winter Solstice seeds are stirring, breaking free of their shells, and showing signs of growth. Today is also known as Ground Hog Day. The tradition of Ground Hog Day began in Europe with hedgehogs coming out of their burrows to judge if winter was nearly over. The New World did not have hedgehogs, so groundhogs were adopted, thus the name Ground Hog Day. <http://www.web-holidays.com/candle/> In the Dreamspell Mayan calendar today is a Galactic Activation Portal of the Red Resonant Serpent. (See Feb 22)

Feb 3, Tuesday. Mars enters Taurus early this morning in most time zones transiting here until March 20. The current Mars quest for the Holy Grail within (see Jan 27, 04 archives) is now engaging the often illusive and mysterious realm of sacred pleasure, intimacy and beauty as a highly spiritual experience. Imagine if we lived in a world that honored beauty and pleasure as our highest sacred expression? Imagine living in a world that truly valued intimacy and enjoyment while also celebrating and receiving them as sacred expressions of life. Imagine living in a world where the sacred feminine and the sacred masculine are both equally honored for their unique differences and equally important contributions, providing a sound basis for balance and harmony. Then moving beyond imagination into the realm of decisive action, Mars indicates this is the time to act in ways that support these images manifesting into our reality.

Feb 4, Wednesday. We have reached the astrological cross-quarter (Sun at 15 Aquarius) or exact half way point between the December Solstice when the Sun crosses 0

Capricorn and the March Equinox when the Sun crosses 0 Aries. This is traditionally a time for continued cleansing and purifying of old energies while creating space for new ones. The Moon goes Void of Course (VOC) this morning until late this afternoon when it shifts into Leo around 4:50 pm Pacific Time. So today is a good day to relax, rejuvenate, renew and go with the flow preparing to engage the BIG Leo energies that will lead us to the Full Moon in Leo on Friday the 6th.

Week of Feb 5–11 This week features a Leo [Full Moon](#) symbolizing the fulfillment, or fruition, of the seeds planted at the New Moon or some earlier cycle. Each Full Moon reminds us of the seeds we may have coming to maturity, to their fullness, to fruition, to the place where the fruits or gifts are received. Once each year we have a Leo Full Moon bringing to light our divine essence, illuminating how consciously we love ourselves or not, and how confident and accepting we are of our divinity.

Feb 5, Thursday. Tonight marks the fullest rise of the Leo Full Moon reaching its exact Full Moon point after midnight tonight in most time zones. This is the best time to ceremonially engage the waxing full Moon rise and to energize the Leo mysteries. I am inspired to again share a quote that I feel brilliantly sums up the essence of the Leo Mysteries. It comes from [Marianne Williamson's](#) book [A Return to Love](#). This quote is often mistakenly credited to Nelson Mandela's 1994 inaugural speech, and the above link also provides links to his actual speeches. This quote really captures the essence of the Leo Mysteries and is a good one for energizing the Leo Full Moon and our own radiant and shining selves.

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.

http://www.skdesigns.com/internet/articles/quotes/williams_on.html

It is also interesting to note that from now until about Feb 21 the North Node is moving across the astrological cross-quarter marked by the season of Beltane (15 Taurus) exactly aligning here on Feb 9. The South Node is always opposite the North Node (15 Scorpio) and is activating the astrological cross-quarter known as Samhain. The Nodes can only cross this area of the sky in this alignment about every 19 years and the last time this alignment took place was Jul 22, 1985. This alignment activates the tantric axis of life force empowerment that reminds us that it is our destiny to enjoy, savor and hold sacred this earthly experience. In the Dreamspell Mayan calendar today is a

Galactic Activation Portal of the Yellow Planetary Star.
(See Feb 22)

Feb 6, Friday. The Leo Full Moon was exact early this morning just after Midnight Pacific Time. (See Feb 5) Within this Full Moon window Mercury is entering Aquarius today where it remains until Feb 25 transiting this area of the sky in about 21 days. Mercury is our fastest moving planet completing one orbit around the Sun in 88 days. This speed lends itself to our understanding of Mercury's link with the mind, how we think, perceive, reason, learn and communicate. Innovative, unique, revolutionary, unexpected, avant-garde, and unusual describe the tendencies of Mercury as it expresses through the Aquarius lens. This is a great time to think new and even revolutionary thoughts, entertain and express innovative ideas that radically shift personal and collective assemblage points out of out-moded belief systems and ways of communicating, creating space for connecting to the big picture or grand cosmic perspective that is constantly changing and evolving through the natural flow of life. These changes can feel scary and uncomfortable as we test out new territory but the anxiety we might feel lets us know we are stretching beyond the old limits into ever expanding possibilities.

Feb 7, Saturday. Moon moves into Virgo this afternoon, and will catch up to Jupiter in Virgo tomorrow morning. Tonight the waning but still nearly Full Moon is rising an hour and half after Sunset and about a half hour before Jupiter. Tomorrow night Jupiter will rise about two hours after Sunset and about a half hour before the Moon. Moon and Jupiter are activating the ancient mysteries concerning the patterning of life that includes the natural cycles and rhythms of Earth and Sky. Spider Woman weaves the web of time and space teaching us (if we are listening) when, where and how to weave new webs when the old ones no longer serve. Spider woman knows if the web is properly woven it will draw to her all she needs, all that supports and sustains her life when she is patient and trusting. If our current web is not bringing us what we need, it may be time to relocate and reweave the web, because our web, or foundation, is intended to support the reality of who we believe ourselves to be.

Feb 8, Sunday. Venus moves into Aries today crossing the Spring Equinox marker in the sky and will remain in the Aries domain until March 5. In her current journey Venus is now reclaiming all the parts she gave up in her descent into the underworld last year. So far she has returned through 4 of the 7 gates that lead out of the underworld. Venus met with the Moon on Jan 24 marking the 4th gate where she reclaimed her ability to love herself and others with compassion. This means she no longer has a need to fix, change or control outcomes, but rather is able to value and compassionately be with what IS accepting life on life's terms. As Venus moves through Aries she is also reclaiming her independent Amazon Warrior Wild Woman self who does not need anyone to help define who she is. She knows herself through her own authentic experience of herself and life. She is spirited, adventurous, spontaneous, and treasures her sovereignty. [More on Venus in Aries](#) Moon is Void Of

Course this afternoon until early tomorrow morning suggesting this is a great time to relax, renew, and be with what IS.

Feb 9, Monday. The Moon moves into Libra early this morning energizing the mysteries committed to recognizing the importance of all our relationships with ourselves and with others. All relationships have value and purpose, teaching us more about ourselves and each other. Sometimes it is important to recognize when a relationship has been fulfilled and it is time to end it with love and gratitude. Sometimes it is important to recognize when it is time to make a deeper commitment to a current relationship. Sometimes it is important to be with what Just IS in whatever relationships we are currently experiencing not ending them or taking them deeper but rather just being with them as they are until clear guidance is available for further action. Today is the exact alignment of the North Node with the Beltane cross-quarter of 15 Taurus. (See Feb 5)

Feb 10, Tuesday. Sun (21 Aquarius) sextiles Pluto (21 Sagittarius) today. The Sun Pluto conjunction on December 11, 03 (20 Sagittarius) began a new cycle of Pluto and its annual dance with the Sun, illuminating our personal and collective experience of authentic power. This is not the power over others but the power of our divine essence fully expressed. This is the first major aspect of Pluto with the Sun since the conjunction and it is activating revolutionary growth based on the intentions seeded then. Continuing to release any outmoded beliefs, truths and misconceptions still lingering in our awareness assists us in having a more authentic experience of our true original core self. Any lingering shadow issues including the fears and judgments, and forgotten or denied skills and abilities we carry may surface now for further clearing. The Sun brings to light any remaining shadowed elements providing the fuel to transform these aspects so we can claim their wealth as the medicine we carry. (see Feb 13) In the Dreamspell Mayan calendar today is a Galactic Activation Portal of the Red Lunar Skywalker. (See Feb 22)

Feb 11, Wednesday. Waning Moon enters Scorpio today energizing the mysteries of alchemical transformation through conscious death and rebirth. Scorpio connects to our heart's passion and what needs to die, i.e. what beliefs, ideas, concepts, habits, and attitudes can we shed, release, or transform to support the fullest connection to passionate, alive, life force energy? One of the ways the Scorpio archetype expressed in ancient times was through the oracular Snake Goddesses (embodied through the Snake Priestess) whose prophetic powers were highly valued and sought after. This reminds us then that the Scorpio Moon can also be a powerful timing to tune into the prophetic messages coming from deep within our own knowing and from within the Earth herself.

Week of Feb 12-23 This week marks the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) in Scorpio. This Moon phase marks the crossing of the return threshold of the current Moon journey. This is similar to the hero or heroine's quest

where they return to the world they left behind when the journey began suggesting this is a time of mastering the experience of multiple worlds as the journeyer is returning with the gifts and boons gained during the journey for his or her people and his or her world. As the Moon continues to wane this week it is also a time to notice what the new seeds are to plant in the next cycle beginning with the next New Moon in Pisces on Feb 20.

Feb 12, Thursday. Retrograde Saturn (6Cancer49) is now rapidly slowing down preparing for its direct station on March 8. (Saturn will be at 6Cancer17 moving only 32 minutes between now and the direct station in less than a month). When planets station or change direction (either retrograde or direct) it creates a shift in the energy related to that planet. This time between now and the Saturn square to the Sun on March 25 may feel chaotic with unexpected events, seeming delays or detours or any number of other unknown factors that invite us to stay present while trusting what is unfolding. By March 25 decisive action may be required to formalize the new structures that are slowly emerging between now and then. However, until then if actions are delayed then taking time to go deeper and ask more questions is completely appropriate. Remembering to breathe deeply, relaxing and meditating whenever possible and tuning in for inner guidance helps to align you with the unfolding mysteries. This is especially true for anyone who has planets or angles in Cardinal Signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn) between Zero and 15 degrees as this is a personal time of initiation for you. (See Feb 25)

Feb 13, Friday. Waning [Last Quarter Moon](#) (24 Scorpio) rises sometime after mid-night. The Last Quarter Moon is sometimes known as the Shaman's Moon and archetypally, the Scorpio Mysteries are most associated with the shamanic mysteries. Shamanic traditions recognize the importance of personal power. When healthy this is NOT the power over others but rather is the ability to access and generate personal power from within. It feels timely to revisit some statements of power I first shared in the Feb 2002 Celestial Timings. Here they are again with a few changes.

I Am Power
I Am Shamanic Power That Takes Me Beyond Who I Think I Am
I Am The Power Of My Imagination Creating My Reality
I Am The Power Of My Thoughts And Words In Action
I Am Power Enjoying My Creation
I Am The Power Of Living My Waking Dreams
I Am The Power Of The Shadow Seeking Expression
I Am The Power Of Fear Recognized
I Am The Power Of Courage
I Am The Power Of Anger Expressed And Accepted
I Am The Power Of Change That Accepting My Fear And Anger Brings.
I Am The Power Of The Wound
I Am The Power Of Healing That Transforms The Wound Into Medicine
I Am The Power Of The Medicine Or Gift Of The Transformed Wound

I Am The Power Of Wisdom, Knowledge And Understanding

I Am The Power Of Gratitude And Celebration

I Am The Dance Of Power

I Am The Song Of Power

I Am The Joyous Loving Expression Of Power

I Am The Power Of Movement, Inspiration, And Creativity

I Am The Power Of Magic And Mystery

I Am Power Living Heaven On Earth

In the Dreamspell Mayan calendar today is a Galactic Activation Portal of the Yellow Overtone Warrior. (See Feb 22)

Feb 14, Saturday. Happy Valentine's Day. The Moon slipped into Sagittarius yesterday transmitting the mysteries that include the ever-expanding quest for truth and meaning. Carved in the doorway of the Delphic Oracle are two important archetypal Sagittarian inscriptions. The first inscription is "Know Thy Self." The second inscription, "Nothing in Excess", is a helpful reminder to the sometimes over obsessive Sagittarian nature that often operates from the belief that "if a little is good, a lot must be better." This excessive tendency applies to all sorts of possibilities including spiritual practices that although maybe well-intended if there are excessive they also may be a way of avoiding fully experiencing this life. So this timing invites us to look at how well we know ourselves and how balanced are we in living our lives in ways that naturally support continued expansion of that self-knowing?

Venus (7 Aries) is making a last quarter square to Saturn (7 Cancer), indicating Venus is crossing the return threshold of her journey through Saturn's domain where she is now integrating new forms of the feminine principle that were seeded when Venus conjuncted Saturn last May 7, 2003. Due to the Venus retrograde in June she will not catch up to Saturn again until Aug 31st of this year. Venus and Saturn are now evaluating what forms no longer serve and what new forms are preparing to birth at the Venus Saturn conjunction in August. This is the time to tell the truth about the forms that are truly supporting our relationship with the divine feminine within ourselves. What beliefs, habits, expectations, and actions are limiting our experience of the divine feminine expression? And what new choices facilitate a healthier experience of these mysteries?

Feb 15, Sunday. The Sagittarius Moon conjuncts Pluto illuminating the shadow side of truth or where old truths no longer serve. This is another opportunity to continue letting go of outmoded truths and belief systems that may have served very well at one time, but are now obsolete. This is Pluto's gift - providing the wisdom of knowing when it is time to die to what was, making room for what is emerging. What beliefs need remodeling and what beliefs do we simply bulldoze and build anew? What is worth keeping and what is worth letting go? This process of inquiry receives inspiration and guidance from Mercury and Neptune (13 Aquarius) as they join together further stimulating divinely guided intuitive action. When unconscious Neptune tends to operate through illusions,

and misconceptions that may seem very real especially when we are attached to a certain outcome. Willingness to die to the illusions that distract us from our true calling, our true purpose, our true heart's desire supports a rebirth into a active authentic true expression of who we are and why we are here.

Feb 16, Monday. The Moon moved into Capricorn last night reminding us that effective and efficient administration of our domain creates the possibility of more time for maximum creativity and fun. How do we creatively contribute to the health and well being of our personal and collective environment? Are we conscious of how we use resources in our everyday lives? For example, do we leave the water running in the sink while wiping off a counter or brushing our teeth unaware of the thousands of gallons of precious water being wasted everyday from these simple acts? Are we wisely and efficiently using electricity by turning off lights or appliances when they aren't being used? Are we conscious of what we consume and what we throw away? In a world where many do not have clean water to drink, nutritious food to eat, or the conveniences of electricity, it is worth considering how we can take simple actions in our daily lives to more efficiently utilize the Earth's resources benefiting everyone. It is worth asking ourselves, how can we live simply so that all people in the world can simply live a life where all their most basic needs are easily met? Are we willing to change our wasteful habits, taking responsibility for our actions and how these actions affect the next several generations to follow; contributing to the creation and legacy of a healthy balanced world?

Feb 17, Saturday. The Moon is Void of Course (VOC) all day before moving into Aquarius tonight at 8:27 pm Pacific Time. The VOC Moon reminds us this is a great time to go hiking, read a book, meditate, do some journal writing or anything that is spiritually oriented or inner focused. This extended VOC Moon inbetween space, is an opportunity for something otherworldly to occur.

Feb 18, Wednesday. The Aquarius Moon conjuncts Neptune (14 Aquarius) today while the Sun moves into Pisces late tonight or early tomorrow morning depending on your time zone. Mercury (19 Aquarius) and Vesta (2 Aquarius) add to the unique energies of the Aquarian activation from the Moon, further emphasizing the Aquarian ideals of living freedom for all beings free from the rules of outside authorities who seek to control, limit and restrict the human experience. Unique, innovative and ahead of its time the Aquarian energies break down old restrictive systems for the purpose of breaking through to new experiences of expanded states of awareness. One way to attune to the cosmic perspective of Aquarius today is to think out side the box doing something completely original and unexpected.

Week of Feb 19 – Feb 25 This week features a Pisces [New Moon](#) "call to adventure" or beginning of a new 29 and ½ day Moon cycle. Visually from the Earth's perspective Moon phases last for three days. Based on

the direct visual experience of each Moon phase, the visual window actually begins the day before the exact phase. Actually, there is no direct 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. When the New Moon is exact there is no Moon visible at all because the Moon is with the Sun. Therefore the dark of the Moon or New Moon window (the day before, day of and day after the exact New Moon) is a wonderful time for collectively planting seeds, or sending out prayers, for healing and dreaming new dreams of living Heaven on Earth.

Feb 19, Thursday. The Sun makes its annual move into Pisces today (or late last night depending on your time zone) where it remains until March 20. This seasonal cycle of the Sun burns the fuel of compassion, imagination, and dreaming. It is a time to focus on the dreams that need our conscious attention, nurturing, and care to come into manifestation. In the cycle of plant growth this is when the tender new shoots require attentive protection and nurturing (not too much sun or water but also not to little) to grow into healthy young plants. Compassionate attention to the needs of our growing and ever evolving selves assists this physical growth process.

Moon passes by Mercury (20 Aquarius) transmitting unexpected messages that are intended to revolutionize our cosmic outlook.

Feb 20, Friday. The Pisces [New Moon](#) (1 Pisces) is occurring near Uranus (3 Pisces) suggesting unexpected unusual and even radical events maybe a strong feature of this New Moon energy. Pisces operates in the realm of visionary imagination where we have the power to dream our dreams into reality. Piscean qualities include compassion defined as the ability to fully accept ourselves and others without having to fix or change anything. It is the ability to allow whatever needs to be in the moment a safe, accepting space and then true healing is possible and the ability to be of selfless service to spirit or the divine. Uranus is a change agent, a catalyst intended to maximize evolution of consciousness. Some Uranus catch phrases worth remembering are "revolution for evolution" "break down to break through" and "whatever it takes" to shift assemblage points. This New Moon Pisces with Uranus energy is seeking innovative, creative and unusual ways to wake us up to true compassion and acceptance. It is wise to expect the unexpected and roll with the flow and trust that whatever is unfolding is in alignment with the divine plan.

Mercury (21 Aquarius) disappears from the Morning sky or descends into underworld on other side of the Sun entering the psychopomp (guide for souls) phase of its current cycle.

Feb 21, Saturday. Still within the window of this powerful Pisces New Moon the Sun is making its exact conjunction with Uranus (3 Pisces) today. This is in addition to the Moon going VOC this afternoon lasting until early tomorrow morning. These aspects suggest this is a time

that for many may manifest as continued experiences with unpredictable changes, further facilitating an increasing desire to break out of existing conditions. These energies may feel wildly chaotic and out of control. Surrendering, trusting, and going with the flow support the changes already in motion helping to smooth out the restlessness and anxiety that unexpected changes sometimes brings.

Feb 22, Sunday. The Moon moves into Aries early this morning transmitting the mysteries of the Warrior/Adventurer/Explorer. This is a great time to take decisive action toward a cause or a goal. If you don't have a sense of clear action to take then do something fun and spontaneous, have some kind of adventure even if its just taking a hike or going shopping, or to a movie. Taking action helps move the energy so the next step can reveal itself. **Side Note:** Tomorrow, Feb 23, begins a 10 day cycle of Galactic Activation Portals based on the Mayan Dreamspell calendar lasting through March 4, 2004. In an article by Mark M. Cook entitled "Insights About the Dreamspell Calendar" he shares this about Galactic Activation Portals. *As the ancient Maya studied the energy cycles of Earth, they observed that on some days, there is an opening, a window, or portal in which energies flow between dimensions. On these days, we add the line, "I am a galactic activation portal ... enter me" to the affirmation of the day. On portal days, by saying these words, you ask the Creator, Hunab K'u, to allow these special activation energies to flow through you and enter the Earth plane through you so that Mother Earth may receive them. Being the conduit of these energies will have the effect of opening your being to be activated.* This is timing that may or may not resonate for you but worth considering and if it does resonate then utilizing this time for meditating or doing other energy practices that channel this heightened energy from Hunab Ku (a.k.a. Galactic Center) into you and into the Earth are highly effective over these next 10 days starting tomorrow.

Feb 23, Monday. Moon conjuncts Venus (18 Aries) marking the passage of Inanna/Venus through the fifth gate on her journey OUT of the underworld. When Inanna Queen of Heaven and Earth goes INTO the underworld she is required to release a vestment at each gate. She has no choice! This is a shamanic initiation beyond her control and she must play by the rules. This initiation will force her to die to who she believes herself to be, eventually being reborn into a clearer more real sense of self. Inanna is forever transformed by this experience. In her ascent FROM the underworld she retrieves the vestments or symbols she released going in and finds she has a whole new, healthier relationship and experience with them. Various versions of the story give us clues about the significance of the fifth gate retrieval of her fifth charka vestment. In one version, Inanna retrieves her double strand of lapis beads symbolizing healing and protection. In another version she retrieves her necklace symbolizing the rapture of illumination (from [Ishtar Rising](#) by Robert Anton). Several other versions relate her retrieval of the lapis beads or jewels around her neck symbolizing the retrieval of her ability to speak powerfully her heartfelt authentic truth. Truth spoken from the heart, not from the head, or from the wounds, or from insecurity,

or from fear, but rather from love, is healing for all who hear it.

Feb 24, Tuesday. The Moon sails into Taurus this afternoon after being VOC for about 2 and ½ hours. The Taurus Moon is a timing that supports our lived experience of the art of receivership, especially in the context of Grace (defined as a blessing freely bestowed on a person by God, or great spirit, or however one describes their higher power) for no apparent reason. Grace, is not a reward for good behavior, or something that is earned, purchased, or won. Grace is realized when we are open to receive it. It helps to practice acceptance of self. Trust the experience and know you are a vital expression of the life force current when you fully receive with love and gratitude the gifts of life and grace being offered you.

This is further activated with Mars (14 Taurus) squaring Neptune (14 Aquarius). What judgments, fears and limiting beliefs do we still experience around the practice of savoring and enjoying life? Awareness helps us to make a new choice and change our response to the current cultural programming. You might feel agitated or anxious as your new choices conflict with the old programs now dissolving. The conflict between the old and new conditioning may feel stressful, irritating and confusing at first. This is normal and part of the growth process. When you notice this happening remind yourself to breathe and release the need to fix it, change it, or have it be different than what it is. Acceptance can help you to be with the changes even if you are feeling anxious. Resistance is also normal due to the fear and anxiety new belief systems and paradigms can evoke. Along with trust and surrender, gratitude and appreciation are primary key elements in raising our energy and transforming the fears that limit our experience.

Feb 25, Wednesday. The Sun (6 Pisces25) trine retrograde Saturn (6Cancer25) is an indicator for the even more rapid slowing of Saturn before it stations direct on March 8. (See Feb 13) The Moon conjuncts and occults Mars (14 Taurus) about 6:05 pm Pacific Daylight Time. Sunset is 6:13 pm. This occultation is primarily visible in the South Pacific Ocean. Occultations occur when the Moon covers a star or planet, symbolically covering and uncovering the mysteries contained therein. This is an opportunity to uncover hidden beliefs that limit our life experience, releasing them with compassion and acceptance. This Moon occultation over Mars marks the fifth labor of Mars in his current quest for the Holy Grail (the divine feminine within) that began last August 2003. In this current Mars quest, the labors of Mars could be thought of as encountering the wounding from the limiting beliefs of the old paradigm that devalued the feminine principle, creating an imbalance between heaven and earth, spirit and matter, sexuality and spirituality, and masculine and feminine. This has damaged not only women but men maybe even more so because it cuts them off from the regenerative power of the feminine that renews and revitalizes life when it has a healthy expression. The task or labor then is to find the courage to once again honor and value the wisdom and revitalizing power of the divine feminine.

Week Of Feb 27 to Mar 5. [First Quarter Moon](#) This waxing half full Moon phase represents the balance between light and dark and is the most visible growth phase of the Moon. This is the best time of the Moon cycle to put our ideas and plans into action, and marks the phase in the Moon's cycle intended to bring our conscious awareness to the threshold of initiation accelerating the growth process. Each night until Mar 6 the Moon waxes or increases in light appearing closer and closer to the Eastern Horizon at Sunset. By Mar 6 the Full Moon (in Virgo) is rising in the East about the time the Sun (in Pisces) is setting in the west depending on your eastern and western horizon lines.

Feb 26, Thursday. Today Mars (15 Taurus) is trining Jupiter (15 Virgo) and Mercury conjuncts Uranus (3 Pisces). These aspects are indicators for unusually high intense mental processes and provide potential for breakthroughs in these areas. This is an excellent time to expand ordinary modes of thinking by considering radical and unusual viewpoints, further opening our minds to new possibilities. It is an ideal time for writing or any engaging in any type of communication that requires clarity of vision and expression.

Feb 27, Friday. This Gemini [First Quarter Moon](#) (9 Gemini) represents a rapid acceleration of the creative expression operating through the Gemini Mysteries. Gemini goes beyond the rules of humanity, going beyond even the rules of the physical world. This imagery is addressed in the Tarot Fool Card. The Fool is pictured, jumping empty handed into the void, but the Fool knows he or she is no longer at the effect of the laws of gravity.

Also today, Venus (22 Aries) trines Pluto (22 Sagittarius). On Feb 1 Venus squared Pluto accelerating the process of the Shaman Sorceress embracing her shadow for the purpose of transforming and empowering her ability to show up authentically. That timing called for decisive action. This timing calls for deep inner reflection before taking further decisive action. This challenges the Aries warrior expression of the feminine whose nature is to act spontaneously and decisively in the moment. However now is the time to step back for a few moments to deeply feel into what is unfolding before responding.

Feb 28, Saturday. Mercury (6 Pisces) trines Saturn (6 Cancer) further the energies of last month's Mercury opposition to Saturn. When Mercury opposed Saturn it was indicating the need to balance the swift moving insightful Mercury with the slower moving focused Saturn. Now it is time to evaluate and reflect upon the ideas and plans already in motion while being open to new ideas without attachment to the original plan. Focus on planning and organization helps formalize what is emerging.

Feb 29, Sunday. With Moon's move into Cancer this afternoon this is great day to spend nurturing yourself and lovingly parenting your inner child. You might take your inner child on an adventure, a family outing, a day in nature, a fun movie, or to play with friends. Anything that feels honoring of your inner child that is fun, spontaneous and in the moment is perfect.

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Sedona, Arizona 2004 March 31 - Apr 4 Chart Analysis Intensive Script and Archetypes Track with Daniel Giamario and Carolyn Brent hosted by Jade Wah'oo. \$400 This in depth intensive teaches the most important tools of Shamanic Astrology and is a required course for those in the Shamanic Astrology Apprenticeship program. To register contact [Daniel Giamario](#) at 541-471-7109 or [Carolyn Brent](#) at 520-744-0506. [Full Details](#)

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