

January 2002 Celestial Timings

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Astrological patterns are recognized in terms of the *meaning* that we bring to inner and outer experiences, although we are perhaps in turn predisposed to the quality of our experiences by the patterns themselves. However, rather than trying to pre-empt fate, to ward it off or pretend it does not exist, we may perhaps work with it as consciously as we are able: thus we participate in the alchemical *opus*, the hero's journey, the [philosopher's stone](#), or the finding of the long lost kingdom.

Chiron and the Healing Journey
An Astrological and Psychological Perspective
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Chiron's journey through Capricorn began Dec 15, 2001 and lasts until Dec 5, 2005. Chiron expresses as the archetypal pattern of the Shamanic Healer taking us beyond our known edges to the place where the wounds of the past become the medicine or gifts that lead us into new territory or new realms of experience. This is a Shamanic Journey or initiation everyone experiences at least once in a lifetime whether it is recognized as such or not. In these speeded up times these initiations are often happening repeatedly. Consciously choosing to be with this process does *not* necessarily lessen the impact of such a journey, but it does help facilitate the alchemical transformation intended to take place. This process is the Chironic [Philosopher's Stone](#), changing base elements into gold, changing poisons into medicine. Humanity's collective Shamanic Journey at this time is to heal the past wounds of limiting beliefs that have become the basis of the cultural rules and laws that limit the realization of our true divine potential and sacred expression.

It is interesting to note that the book and now movie *Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone* was originally titled *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. The American Publisher didn't think American's would understand what the Philosopher's Stone was, so the title was changed. However, regardless of the title this energy, or archetype, is emerging strongly in our collective psyche given the huge success of first the books and now the movie.

I found this definition of the Philosopher's Stone... "The stone, also referred to as the "tincture," or the "powder" (Greek *xerion*, which passed through Latin into Arabic as *elixir*), was allied to an elixir of life, believed by alchemists to be a liquid derived from it. Inasmuch as alchemy was concerned not only with the search for a method of upgrading less valuable metals but also of perfecting the human soul, the philosopher's stone was thought to cure illnesses, prolong life, and bring about spiritual revitalization. The philosopher's stone, described variously, was sometimes said to be a common substance, found everywhere but unrecognized and unappreciated." (*Encyc. Brit.*, 15th ed., 1976 for more information about the Philosopher's Stone see this web site <http://www.quackgrass.com/stone.html>)

This sums up an emerging archetypal knowing or awakening in the collective psyche. In part this has to do with the true essence of the Philosopher's Stone, the Chironic Shamanic Journey, the initiation of these times. This includes the common substance of thought, feelings and belief. Our thoughts, beliefs and feelings when understood and applied correctly are the elixirs that heal all our ills, attract and bring forth the experience of joy, abundance and prosperity, and revitalize every aspect of our being. We all carry the ability to source these mysteries within ourselves. Chiron is currently facilitating the healing of past and present wounds, providing a possibility for greater conscious choice in how we engage in healthy creative structuring of our reality.

This quote is from *Brother's of the Grape* by Arnold Michael. "Everyone comes into life with a divine mission particular to her or him and that mission is to awaken a particular quality of consciousness within. The ultimate destiny of us all is to unfold all the facets of the 'philosopher's stone,'

which means all the attributes of our inherent wholeness and perfection.” *Bothers of the Grape* author Arnold Michael also founded the Madonna Ministry with his wife Kathryn in 1970. For more info about this dramatic novel that offers answers to the question “What can I, as an individual do to assist in bringing peace to a troubled world?” and for more info about The Madonna Ministry check out <http://www.MadonnaMinistry.org>

Week of Dec 30 - Jan 4 The Cancer [Full Moon](#) Eclipse occurred on Dec 30, 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. The Moon then begins to wane this week representing the dissemination or integration of these gifts. Once each year the Moon is Full in Cancer bringing to light responsible nurturing of ourselves, our children, our children’s children and our beloved planet.

Jan 1, Tuesday. This Gregorian New Year begins with the waning Moon in Leo reminding us that we are divine beings, we are the radiant and shining ones returning. The Hopi Elders tell us, “We are the ones we have been waiting for.”

Also Jupiter is still opposite the Sun. As mentioned last month these energies lend themselves to the expansion of the mysteries of balancing personal self-care with the care of family and community in healthy ways. Another way to look at how Jupiter expresses through the Cancer mysteries is through the spirit of cooperation and community. When we all work together we not only find survival is easier, but thriving is also.

Jan 2, Wednesday. Moon moves into Virgo today, activating the ancient mysteries of the patterning of life, of the natural cycles and rhythms that helps us to know what time it is for us and the weaving and the unweaving of the web. Spider Woman teaches us how to weave new webs when the old ones no longer serve. This is a good time to notice our personal webs. It is time to unweave and reweave parts of them, or is it time to weave a whole new more conscious web?

Mercury crosses 28 Capricorn where it stations direct on Feb 8 activating the energies of the next Mercury Retrograde beginning Jan 18.

Jan 3, Thursday. Mercury moves into Aquarius today where it remains until mid-March, except for a short time during its retrograde where it dips back into Capricorn. Mercury is the transformational

messenger and in Aquarius the message concerns the big picture, the cosmic overview, and the revolutionary ideas that take us into new ways of experiencing and perceiving ourselves and our world. It is time to back up your computer hard drive if you haven’t done so recently. This is a wise practice anytime, but it is especially important now due to the unpredictable energies of Mercury in Aquarius intended to challenge us to think outside the box and entertain radical and unusual viewpoints while further opening our minds to revolutionary possibilities promoting the freedom to live heaven on Earth.

Jan 4, Friday. The waning Moon moves into Libra emphasizing the mysteries of conscious equal partnership in all our relationships. This is the diplomat who listens to all sides so the truth of all the various parts is acknowledged and honored promoting, peace, harmony, and balance with all life.

Week of Jan 5-12 This week marks the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#). In the Hero or Heroine’s quest this is the crossing of the return threshold back into the world they left, returning with the gifts and boons gained during the journey. This is the time of the final harvest, where the plant begins its death process, preparing the seeds for the next cycle. As the Moon continues to wane, the completion phase of the integration process of the current journey continues and we begin to look at what seeds to plant in the next cycle beginning with the Capricorn New Moon on Jan 13.

Jan 5, Saturday. Today is the exact [last Quarter Moon](#) located at 16 Libra. This last quarter Moon return threshold experience centers around the mysteries of conscious equal partnership in harmony and balance with all life. We exist in relationship to the Earth and Sky, each other, and to all that is seen and unseen. Are you conscious of your interrelatedness to every aspect of creation? Are you engaging a conscious relationship with yourself and all of life? Are you willingly growing in this conscious awareness of self and how you exist in relationship to the rest of life?

Jan 6, Sunday. The waning Moon slipped into Scorpio yesterday transmitting the mysteries of passionate aliveness through the willingness to live on the edges and beyond. Last year collectively stretched our global experience beyond our known accepted edges, facilitating deep inner and outer changes giving us opportunities to expand and grow beyond previously known territory. Moon in Scorpio facilitates regeneration on a deep cellular level

transforming our experience in ways we may not have yet imagined. It is wise to trust our intuition and inner knowing to guide us as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Jan 7, Monday. Saturn remains visually aligned with the fixed red [star Aldebaran](#) well into this summer and is worth checking out in the evening sky. According to the book *Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing* by Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld <http://hilarion.com/stars.html>. "Aldebaran has a loving energy that has learned how to understand the real nature of grief, sadness and loss. Working with Aldebaran can assist in accelerating the grieving process assisting individuals in finding their own inner love and inner strength, thereby helping to facilitate the transmutation of grief into peace. They go on to say that the underlying message of Aldebaran is "You are, you exist, and that is enough, and that is praised and loved."

Jan 8, Tuesday. Venus (17 Capricorn) is deep into her underworld journey due to catch up with the Sun on Jan 14. In the story of Inanna this represents her 60 days in the realm of the dead where she is awaiting rescue or rebirth. This corresponds to how the goddess lies within everyone awaiting rebirth through recognition of how she expresses through each of us.

Jan 9, Wednesday. Mercury and Neptune conjunct today at 7Aquarius44. Conjunctions are similar to New Moon energy, which are the seed points for new cycles. Mercury (messenger) and Neptune (visionary) are seeding our imaginations with new visions, new dreams, new possibilities, and new ideas, when we open to receive the incoming inspiration. This is not about having to know or define what it is in logical, linear, rational fashion, but rather allowing the inspiration to find its expression within the dream of the Great Mystery.

Jan 10, Thursday. Waning Moon entered Sagittarius yesterday emphasizing the quest for truth and meaning. Before sunrise the Moon will be visible just past the fixed star Antares (heart of the Scorpion). Antares is a powerful fixed star the Egyptians connected to Isis and worked with as an interdimensional gateway. As I mentioned last month, according to the book *Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing* by Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld <http://hilarion.com/stars.html> "Antares influences the place just before choice and does so in a beautiful way. If you attune to this in anyway, asking with love in your heart for the higher

path to be shown, so it will be. The opportunities for this may come forth in ways that were perhaps unexpected." The Moon also conjuncts Pluto today calling us to face any fears we may have around facing the truth of who we are.

Jan 11, Friday. Waning Moon in Capricorn is crossing the Galactic Plane where the Winter Solstice Sun currently rises marking the [Turning of the Ages](#). The Capricorn mysteries relate to the law, and how to most efficiently, effectively and responsibly administrate the domain of our personal and collective lives. The next couple of days are good for getting more organized and completing or making notable progress with projects.

Jan 12, Saturday. Moon, Chiron, Venus, the asteroid Pallas Athena (goddess of wisdom) and Sun are all lined up in Capricorn. The Moon conjuncts Venus and the Sun tomorrow and Venus conjuncts the Sun on Jan 14. If we are not acting responsibly in our lives it is likely to become evident now. This is a good time to wisely choose our course of action for the purpose of supporting the manifestation of our true heart's desire.

Week of Jan 13 – 20

This [New Moon](#) is the first New Moon after the Winter Solstice renewal of the seasonal yearly cycle. During this new Moon window of the yearly Solar cycle it is an especially important time for setting clear intentions.

Jan 13, Sunday. The Capricorn New Moon (23 Capricorn) is also conjunct Venus and the asteroid Pallas Athena. This seed point has a strong emphasis on responsible administration or stewardship of this Earthly domain. How do our decisions and actions affect the next seven generations? How are we responsibly and effectively administrating the domain of our personal lives? Getting organized in thoughts and deeds maximizes this timing for the purpose of conscious co-creation in structuring our lives.

Jan 14, Monday. Venus and the Sun meet (24 Capricorn) illuminating the queen of Heaven (Venus) with the Divine Light of solar radiance consciously infusing her with renewed life force. This marks the center point of Inanna's journey in the underworld or otherworld where she receives the gift of illumination and new life before she finds her way back to the evening sky. Venus will rise as an evening star around Feb 25.

Jan 15, Tuesday. Waxing Aquarius Moon meets with Uranus. These energies are highly unpredictable requiring patience and a willingness to let go of any pictures of how things “should” go today. Key words are Trust and Surrender for the purpose of maximizing freedom of being.

Jan 16, Wednesday. Moon moves into Pisces this morning energizing the mysteries of inspired dreaming through the conscious use of our imagination. This is not about doing in the sense of “hard work pays off” but rather its about remembering to allow these energies to flow through us and trust what is emerging. Consciously choosing where we focus our thoughts and dreaming energies is key to the co-creative process. Healthy Pisces serves the divine through compassionate sacred service. Listening to our inner heart song and imaging that song being joyfully fulfilled in the world of our personal experience, guides and directs us in carrying our personal life message into the world through our example.

Jan 17, Thursday. Checking in with Chiron’s journey this year we find Chiron now at 3Capricorn53 very near the degree and minute where it will station direct on Sep 8 of this year (3Capricorn13). Jupiter and Chiron are traveling closely opposite one another until May. Then Jupiter picks up speed and heads into the sign of Leo by August. This Jupiter/Chiron opposition is a potent activation of the Cancer/Capricorn axis of family and community. Chiron is collectively healing the wounds that prevent us from experiencing healthy community and family, while Jupiter is expanding this Shamanic Healing process into new territory. Challenges may arise in finding a balanced way to responsibly self-nurture and responsibly nurture family and community at the same time. There is a great deal of inner wisdom and understanding that is available to assist in this process of discovery, though it may feel as if there are many directions demanding our attention all at once. It helps to keep in mind the intent of these energies designed to expand the personal and community structures we engage while bringing greater wholeness and truth into our life experience.

Jan 18, Friday. [Mercury goes retrograde](#) (see Jan 20) at 14 Aquarius and Venus enters Aquarius today, where it will remain until Feb 11. The Sun enters Aquarius tomorrow where it remains until Feb 18. This powerful Aquarian line up joins Neptune and Uranus in their long journey through Aquarius further energizing the freedom oriented revolutionary, operating from a cosmic perspective bringing whatever changes are necessary through whatever

means it takes to facilitate greater freedom in experiencing who we truly are.

Mars and the Moon move into Aries and link up in the morning sky. See Jan 19 for details.

Jan 19, Saturday. The fiery nature of Moon and Mars in Aries spontaneously calls us to nurture and celebrate the inner child. One way to do this is to take time to do something fun and in the moment. These energies are also calling us to be conscious of what we are committed to protecting and defending within the cosmic order of life. Trust, spontaneity and courage, along with a willingness to pioneer new territory assists us in receiving the full potency of the Moon and Mars journey through Aries. Moon is in Aries until Jan 21 and Mars remains in Aries until March 1. (See Jan 29)

Sun moves into Aquarius today. See Jan 18 for details.

Jan 20, Sunday. [Mercury went retrograde](#) two days ago and remains retrograde until Feb 8. These next 3 weeks provide a great timing for engaging right-brained creative projects, completing projects already in motion and doing inner healing processes. Communications that rely on linear and logical left-brain functioning may be challenging as creative right-brained communication is heightened, opening the way for new, uniquely different and innovative ways of perceiving the world.

Week of Jan 21-27 The Taurus [First Quarter Moon](#) is found directly overhead the evening of Jan 21. The waxing half full Moon represents the balance between light and dark. This is the most visible growth phase of the Moon and the best time to put our ideas and plans into action. As the week progresses the Moon waxes or gains in light until reaching its full phase in Aquarius on Jan 28.

Jan 21, Monday. Today’s [First Quarter Moon](#) is occurring at 2 Taurus activating accelerated growth in the mysteries of receivership and savoring life. This includes fully receiving and savoring the gifts of beauty, intimacy and pleasure as a sacred art. In a culture that believes *it is more blessed to give than receive*, the art of true divine receivership has not been fully understood for a long, long time. Beginning with gratitude for all the gifts we already have opens the doors to the mysteries within our hearts around true receivership. True feelings of gratitude magnetizes more and more for us to be grateful for, fulfilling the sacred circuit of life that includes a balance of both giving and receiving.

Jan 22, Tuesday. The South Node is still hanging out in the area of Galactic Center where it has been for a couple of months now. Many have noticed this has produced a heightened dreaming energy connected to the ancient past with messages intended to empower the now. Intense emotions connected to ancient feelings may be surfacing for release and completion. This often involves a conscious grieving process that when embraced facilitates greater freedom of being. This is a once in 19 year activation that is worth noting in our personal and collective experience.

Jan 23, Wednesday. Saturn retrograde (8 Gemini) trines Neptune (8 Aquarius) symbolizing the balance between the ideal and the real, between the spiritual (Neptune) and material (Saturn). These energies support decisions that help fulfill personal dreams. Artistic or spiritual work can flourish and there may be opportunities furthering individual goals. Following inner instincts is key. This influence began around Summer Solstice last year and completes in April of this year. Noticing how this has already been at play since last summer may help you to know how best to further engage these energies for personal growth and creative expression.

Jan 24, Thursday. The Moon is making its 9th occultation to Saturn (8 Gemini) since June of last year. This is visible in Central Africa, Saudi Arabia, southern Asia except southern tip of India, Philippines, and southern Japan. Continuing to build on the previous 8 Saturn Moon occultations that occurred in 2001 (with five more, including this one, occurring this year for a total of 13 between June of 2001 and May of 2002) there is a momentum to uncover what is hidden in our structural reality and belief systems that is limiting our experience around our true co-creative abilities.

Jan 25, Friday. Building on the energies activated in yesterday's occultation of Saturn, today Venus trines Saturn and conjuncts Neptune. Venus as the feminine principle seeks harmonious balance with the structural reality (Saturn) of her life and personal relationships. Ideally, (Neptune) Venus feels inspired, happy, confident, and secure with what she knows and how she expresses her revolutionary wisdom.

Jan 26, Saturday. Moon in Cancer occults Jupiter (7 Cancer) visible in the North Atlantic Ocean, British Isles, Scandinavia, Greenland, Arctic Ocean, northern Alaska, northern Canada and N.E. Asia. Jupiter continues to magnify and expand the mysteries of responsible nurturing first for ourselves

and then others. Responsible nurturing is the key to these mysteries. If our self-nurturing is used as a way to avoid or hurt others it is not responsible. Practicing daily self-care, resting when tired, and self-nurturing in gentle, easy, conscious ways, assures our health and vitality so what we have to give comes from a place of wholeness and balance.

Retrograde Mercury is passing by Venus and Neptune today seeding our imaginations with new visions, new dreams, new possibilities, and new ideas, when we open to receive the incoming inspiration.

Jan 27, Sunday. Sun conjuncts Mercury (7 Aquarius) near Neptune (8 Aquarius) with all three trining Saturn (7 Gemini). The transformational messenger is bringing messages from the radically inspired Aquarian domain intending to expand our horizons and eliminate limiting beliefs that prevent us from fully accessing the field of all possibilities (Neptune). It helps to remember to let go of any attachments to outcome and roll with the flow of any unpredictable events intended to liberate our thinking and beliefs.

Jan 28, Monday. Full Moon (9 Leo) with Sun conjunct Neptune (8 Aquarius) adds an element of inspiration and visioning to this Leo Full Moon that may include images of a golden age, when the Shining Ones walked the Earth with radiant golden auras living in balance and harmony with all life. There was peace and plenty. Golden ages past are remembered through myths and stories in nearly every culture on our planet. It is a time many of us yearn for in our deepest heart's desire. It is a time we have come to co-create again during the [Turning Of The Ages](#) through our willingness to envision it and feel it as our emerging reality.

Jan 29, Tuesday. Mars (8 Aries) sextiles retrograde Saturn (8 Gemini). This means these two planets are visible within 60 degrees of each other in the evening sky. This is worth checking out over the next few months as Mars catches up to Saturn in late April and early May. Mars remains in Aries (its home sign) until March 1. Seasonally Aries is a time of rapid growth marking the Spring Equinox. With the wise guidance of Saturn, Mars has an opportunity to focus this rapid growth energy in a conscious structure that supports a truly healthy expression of this wild energy. Aries reminds us life is not about doing for the purpose of receiving value and worth from an outside authority. Aries performs action for the purpose of enjoying life and discovering more about self. Aries action often shows up in the form of aggressive play. For children play is their greatest

teacher and how they learn to interact with their world. When caught up in work and the responsibilities of life adults often forget the importance of play as a great teacher and a way to experience new perspectives. So this is a great time to give yourself permission to play with your children, or children you know, or with your own inner child. Here are a few suggestions to get started...Play games, play with toys, create toys out of whatever is handy, role play, dance, sing, make a hide-out or fort out of blankets and pillows, draw, color, make up stories, laugh, be silly, let your imagination run wild.

Jan 30, Wednesday. Mars (8 Aries) sextiles Neptune (8 Aquarius). As mentioned yesterday Aries moves and grows most rapidly through the element of play. Neptune reminds us that when play incorporates imagination whole new worlds of experience are available to us.

Jan 31, Thursday. Moon moved into Virgo yesterday ending this month almost where it began. These are the teachings of Spider Woman. How can we playfully spin new webs of peace, love and joy? The Mars in Aries activations are reminding us of the importance of play and the Moon in Virgo reminds us that all life is sacred. Thus, play is a sacred function of life. So, how do we weave more sacred play into our lives and have immense amounts fun in the process?

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Healing From the Heart 7 days of Shamanic Healing In Alamos, Sonora, Mexico February 17 - 23, 2002 Camp includes Shamanic Ceremony, Sacred Dance, Sweat Lodge, Massage, Shamanic Astrology, Shamanic Journeys, Sacred Music...Community and more. More info at this URL <http://shamanic.net/events/mexicohealers.htm>

Spring Equinox Chart Analysis Intensive

Mar 16-20 with Daniel Giamario and Carolyn Brent in Sedona Arizona hosted by Jade Wah'oo. This indepth 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 .

Southwest New Mexico – Standing Stone Circle at **Faywood Hot Springs near Deming, New Mexico** **[May 2-5 Beltaine Cross-Quarter](#)** Gathering with Daniel Giamario Carolyn Brent, and John Dumas Contact Daniel (208) 255-1743 or Carolyn (520) 744-0506

January The Tucson Astrologer's Guild Presents:

Phillip Sedgwick Friday, Jan. 11th 7:30-10 pm
Return of the Matriarch Using the rare and unique Venus occultation alignments of June, 2004 and 2012, a look at the restoration of feminine power, healing and attitude is examined. The Venus eclipses mark the first time in 121.5 years since such an effect occurred. Revealing and insightful, the forthcoming political, social and healing trends become more clear with this investigation. **Location:** Awareness Room - Unitarian Church North side of 22nd St, just east of Swan in Tucson, Arizona **Cost:** Members \$5 - Guests \$10

Phillip Sedgwick Saturday, Jan 12th 1-5 p.m.
A Healthy Look at Chiron The mythological and symbolic look at Chiron set the stage for a tour of Chiron's emphasis on physical, mental, emotional and spiritual healing. Chiron will be traced through all the signs and houses. **Location:** Awareness Room - Unitarian Church North side of 22nd St, just east of Swan in Tucson, Arizona **Cost:** Members \$20 – Guests \$25

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Erin Sullivan Friday, Feb. 8th 7:30-10 pm
Life Cycles: Adolescence Saturday, Feb. 9th 1-5 p.m
Life Cycles: Midlife

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