

January 2005 Celestial Timings

By Carolyn Brent

A grateful heart is a radiating force field of Light
that generously adds to the Light of the world.

When we FEEL Gratitude, we emit harmoniously-qualified energy
that permeates our bodies and blesses all of the people around us...

Patricia Diane Cota-Robles ~ **The Empowering Aspects of Gratitude**

<http://www.1spirit.com/eraofpeace/index.html>

"If the only prayer you ever said was 'Thank You', that would be enough!" ~ Meister Eckhart

"When all the stars were ready to be placed in the sky First Woman said,
'I will use these to write the laws that are to govern mankind for all time.
These laws cannot be written on the water as that is always changing its form,
nor can they be written in the sand as the wind would soon erase them,
but if they are written in the stars they can be ready and remembered forever.

Trudy Griffin-Pierce

**Earth is My Mother, Sky is My Father:
Space, Time, and Astronomy in Navajo Sandpainting**

The stars and planets inspire us with their mysterious beauty and when we are willing to engage a relationship with our celestial family we find each star, comet, planet, etc. is uniquely encoded with specific mysteries awaiting our remembrance of them. Ancient shamanic practices have existed around the world connecting with these mysteries in ways that benefited everyone. Page Bryant brings our awareness to these mysteries in her book *Starwalking, Shamanic Practices For Traveling Into the Night Sky*. She describes how we can begin to draw on "star power for personal use", describing the importance of beginning with gratitude and reverence. What gifts are you bringing to this exchange? Surely, the greatest gifts we have to offer are love, appreciation, gratitude, and acknowledgement, along with willingness and openness to receive their mysteries. It is unwise to intrude upon these celestial beings and their mysteries without asking permission or offering them honor and respect. When we make our request with respect and gratitude it helps to facilitate a conscious relationship with these celestial mysteries. Attunement to the Celestial Cycles is a great place to begin for many reasons, and one reason especially in this context is because these cycles are designed to draw our attention to certain planets, stars, and star groups providing us with an invitation to connect more deeply with these codes and pathways. We decide whether we want to accept the invitation or not. When we do accept however, we are engaging whole new realms of experience based in the As Above, So Below mysteries that provide powerful guidance and support beyond the limits of our previously known reality.

Personal Note: Due to time out with the flu and some other unexpected factors I only had time to share the main highlights that I noticed this month. I am still being with the question about how to create a way to continue the Celestial Timings in light of the intensity of my own current life process. I really love tuning in and writing the Celestial Timings and I love offering them. However, I have been through so much intense personal transformation this year (courtesy of Pluto transiting my Moon with Chiron and Saturn squaring my Venus) on so many levels my time to write the Timings has been affected. I know for now I will continue to write them at least some of the time with a few more quest writers and seeing what else might develop. I so very much appreciate all the emails of support and encouragement I have received in the past few months. I know many of you really value the daily Timings and I know I have often been amazed at how helpful they are for me too. So, I am not sure where this is all leading but trusting it is all in divine order and feeling great gratitude for your continued support.

Also it feels important to acknowledge all the prayers of support and love being sent to the survivors of the Tsunami and to the Earth herself. Mei Lan Willis of the Madonna Ministry shares a beautiful reminder asking we *send healing Light, Love & energy through the Light of the Divine Mother to Gaia also. Scientists have discovered that the earthquake moved the earth's plates 98 feet under the Indian continent, and that the earth's rotation sped up by 3 milliseconds along with a slight wobble. This is very very huge stressful to Gaia - on many planes, and may precipitate a plethora of other earth shifts & changes. She*

needs our support and love at this time of changes & challenges. I ask each of us to take a moment every day in the coming new year, as the sun rises bringing warmth & life to our beloved Gaia - to hold her in Positive Regard, Love & Light; to joyfully & gratefully embracing her in Divine Union of Life, knowing that we are all a part of the Divine web of Light holding the Chalice for Humanity. [Madonna Ministry](#)

January Sky Events

We begin January with all five visible planets still aligned in the morning sky. Remember it will be 2016 before we have another viewing like this. This is an excellent opportunity to visibly connect and draw upon these planetary mysteries to help inform and guide our choices at this time.

It might be worth noting that there is a solar wind stream flowing from a large coronal hole that could strike Earth's magnetic field on January 1st or 2nd. This often has the effect of producing Northern Lights where the Earth's magnetic field is affected by these Solar Wind energies. A coronal hole is a hole in the Sun's atmosphere, showing up as dark areas on x-ray photos of the Sun. Check out [Spaceweather.com](#) for more info

Jan 1, Saturday. This year opens with the visible planets in this order Venus (20 Sag), Mercury (19 Sag), Mars (5 Sag), Jupiter (18 Libra), Moon (Virgo), and Saturn (retrograde 25 Cancer), all within 145 degrees of each other. Mars is 15 degrees to the upper right of Venus and 7degrees above the fixed star Antares. Mercury is just 1.2 degrees above Venus. For the next several days the visible planets Venus (exact **Jan 3**) Mercury (exact **Jan 4**) are conjuncting invisible Pluto (and we will be feeling these effects until about **Jan 10**) forcing the edges of our conscious (Mercury) and intuitive (Venus) knowing into new territory. This is accomplished in part through bringing shadowed or forgotten parts of ourselves to light so we can more fully experience the truth of who we are. This is all occurring near the fixed star [Ras Alhague](#) considered the head or third eye of the constellation [Ophiucus](#), also known as the serpent holder. [Ras Alhague](#) is known for its desire to heal wounds and is strongly connected to the concept of healing, whether on a personal level or in society as a whole. The constellation of [Ophiucus](#) is also thought to be the Greek healer Asclepius, who carries the healing codes of resurrection, regeneration, and rebirth taught to him by a snake that revived its dead mate with a healing herb it carried in its mouth.

Pluto remains in contact with [Ras Alhague](#) most of this year emphasizing healing possibilities that are revealed through dreams. This is especially true for those who have Sagittarius planets or angles between 21 and 24 degrees. (See Jan 28 when Mars conjuncts Pluto)

Jan 2, Sunday. Today marks the Earth's annual closest approach to the Sun (perihelion), the source of light, heat, and life for our planet. Depending on our seasonal experience (northern hemisphere it is winter and southern hemisphere it is summer). It maybe interesting to note our experience as Earth makes its closest approach to our

light source this year. Even if we are in cold and cloudy climates attuning our awareness to the nearness of this life-giving source may catalyze enlightening inspiration that illuminates our experience.

<http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/EarthSeasons.html>

Venus and Mercury are spending the first 10 days or so of this month passing by Galactic Center a.k.a. as Hunab Ku by the Mayans. Maya Elder, Hunbatz Men remind us... *It is up to us to work with Hunab K'u, giver of movement and measure, and honoring spirit so it does not disappear and consequently our beautiful physical reality too. Let us ask Hunab K'u to show us the way and, through meditation, come to understand the calendric cycles....* [Hunbatz Men article by John Kostura](#)

Jan 3, Monday. QUADRANTID METEORS: On Monday morning, January 3, 2005, Earth will glide through a cloud of dusty debris trailing asteroid 2003 EH1, causing a brief meteor shower over central and western parts of North America. The best time to look is during the hours around 4 o'clock in the morning PST (6 a.m. CST or 12:00 GMT). Observers with dark skies might see a meteor every one or two minutes. Astronomers call this annual shower "the Quadrantids" because it radiates from the extinct constellation Quadrans Muralis. <http://spaceweather.com>

Moon Occults Jupiter (18 Libra) visible in Central Africa, South Indian Ocean and Southern Australia. Occultations have an accelerating effect similar to an eclipse. This is an opportunity to uncover hidden beliefs around how we truly relate to ourselves and one another.

Jan 6, Tuesday. In many Christian Traditions today is known as **Epiphany** in honor of the day the three wise men or magi visited the newly born Christ Child. It is also known as the last of the mystic twelve days of Christmas or Twelfth Night. One dictionary definition tells us *Epiphany is a church festival celebrated on the 6th of January, the twelfth day after Christmas, in commemoration of the visit of the Magi of the East to Bethlehem...*

The word Magi in its Latin form is plural for magus or *sorcerer* and it forms the root of the word *magician* and *imagination*. In the 1st century AD 'Magi' was a popular term used to describe a mysterious person who had access to knowledge not normally known to most people including such areas as medicine, religion, alchemy etc. They were also timekeepers studying the night sky, tracking tides, and noting the seasonal cycles. They knew what they observed in the sky was reflected in the events upon the Earth. In Shamanic Astrology we refer to this as the As Above So Below mysteries. The Magi tracked events in the heavens gaining insights into what was happening, or about to happen upon the Earth. So not only was knowledge of the night sky essential but the actual relationship and direct experience helped inform their reality.

When we use our imagination we are energizing the qualities of the Magi accessing knowledge out of our ordinary experience. In essence we are enlivening all the

magical power of the universe. This ties into other definitions of Epiphany including *a divine manifestation, an appearance, or a sudden manifestation of the essence or meaning of something. A comprehension or perception of reality by means of a sudden intuitive realization that changes how we view ourselves and our reality.*

Using imagination is a direct key to magically creating the reality you desire, and this is most powerful when imagining feeling what it feels like to have the fulfillment of your desire. What does it feel like to have all your financial needs fully met? What does it feel like to have the relationship of your dreams? What does it feel like to be doing the work that is most fulfilling to your soul? It is helpful to let the details go, no need to figure them out, and if you find yourself pondering the details, return to imagining the feeling of receiving and fully experiencing the fulfillment of your desire cause the Universe handles the details providing us with opportunities to respond to the fulfillment of our desires in ways beyond our ordinary thinking. When we keep returning to the feeling for several seconds at a time the universe is receiving our message. This literally changes our neural net shifting old patterns and forming new pathways, then the universe magically supports what we are imagining!!!

([See Intro April 2001 Celestial Timings Archives](#) for more on imagination and the movie **What The Bleep Do We Know** www.whatthebleep.com describes the quantum physics of how this works)

Jan 7, Friday. Moon and Mars (9 Sag) are conjunct near Antares, (heart of the Scorpion, watcher of the west) and will come into zodiacal alignment tonight. Antares is an interdimensional gateway accessing the transformative energies of the oracle designed to expand awareness and meaning in ways that inspire the fulfillment of our divine destiny. Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld authors of *Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing* <http://hilarion.com/stars.html> say, “*Antares influences the place just before choice... 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.*”

Jan 8, Saturday. Moon is passing by Venus (28 Sag) marking the passage of Inanna through the seventh gate into the underworld associated with the first chakra where she surrenders life as she knows it, preparing for an extended shamanic journey requiring her to die to who she has believed herself to be. Venus is being accompanied by Mercury (27) located at the Galactic Gateway. The Moon is an activator or transmitter. Mercury is a messenger and Venus represents the Sacred Feminine Mysteries deep in her own shamanic initiation.

All this is occurring near Hunab Ku or Galactic Center in the seasonal sign of Sagittarius an archetype known for its focused quest for truth. Based on the premise of *As Within So Without* the truth we accept within ourselves is the truth or reality we experience outside ourselves.

Sacred Sites are places where we can access the truth within more easily because the external experience in these places were created and designed to support our inner awakening. Mayan elder Hunbatz Men clarifies this when he shares about the importance of sacred sites.

One of the main reasons so many are drawn to sacred sites around the Earth is that all sacred sites exist on all dimensions at once. When we move into the next reality sacred sites will remain, but our modern society built of skyscrapers and superhighways will not. This is because sacred sites have a thread of energy that ties them to all the dimensions.

Sacred sites are built on energy vortexes. Because of the centuries of solar lightwork done in these places, a magnification of the frequencies has been built. When we visit sacred sites, we feel excited, as they exhibit high frequencies and lower magnetics. These altered frequencies and lower magnetics attract those who are working to be free of limitations. Sacred sites are actually preparing us for dimensional shifting. Higher frequencies help us clear out the unnecessary baggage we have carried for lifetimes and also give our body a workout so we will be in shape for the shifts. Lower magnetics prepare us for the possible disorientation we can feel when we enter a dimension that is timeless and non-linear. Sacred sites prepare our body and spirit for the shift of the ages. ExperienceFestival.com

It is helpful to find your own power spot or sacred site near you that you can visit often. Building a medicine wheel or stone circle with the intent to connect with sacred Earth energy creates your own sacred site. Earth is a sacred being and all her land is sacred when we choose to engage it as such.

Jan 9, Sunday. The Moon crossed zero Capricorn (a.k.a. the December Solstice) last night and Venus and Mercury are crossing zero Capricorn today. This Solstice marker is now near Galactic Center or Hunab Ku, and it is a seed point, a choice point that marks the annual completion and renewal of the Sun's yearly cycle. Zero Capricorn is a place in-between realities, in-between what was and what is becoming, in-between what is known and what is yet to be known, in-between what is ending and what is beginning. It is a place outside our fixed experience where all possible worlds exist and when we are conscious of this center point we can choose the new beginning, the new time-line, the new experience, the new reality, from the center of the great mystery.

Jan 10, Monday. This new Moon (21 Capricorn) makes its closest approach to the Earth this year, though New Moons aren't visible because the Moon is with the Sun the effect of the Moon being so near the Earth is still felt especially since the Sun is still so near the Earth. (see Jan 2). The tiny crescent New Moon may be visible just after sunset with binoculars and a low horizon. This New Moon conjures images of spirit descending from the formless into form. In Edith Hamilton's book *Mythology* she quotes a poem from Aristophanes a great playwright and poet that describes the Greek creation story. First she explains that creation begins with Chaos. Chaos is the “vast

immeasurable abyss...shapeless nothingness.” Erebus and Night are the two Children of Chaos. Erebus is “the unfathomable depth where death dwells.” In the beginning this was all there was. There was no thing. All was “black, silent, empty, endless...And then a marvel of marvels came to pass, from this horror of blank boundless vacancy the best of all things came into being...”

...Black-winged-Night

*Into the bosom of Erebus dark and deep
Laid a wind-born egg, and as the seasons rolled
Forth sprang Love, the longed-for, shining, with
wings of gold. ~Aristophanes*

Jan 13, Thursday. Venus and Mercury are low on the Eastern Horizon and are exactly conjunct by sign and degree and are visible about .3 degrees apart. All five visible planets are still within 160 degrees. Retrograde Saturn (24 Cancer) reaches opposition to the Sun rising as it sets and is visible all night. When Saturn opposes the Sun it is always retrograde and always closest to the Earth and therefore brightest in appearance. This is the point in Saturn's cycle where it is most illuminated and the greatest insights and inspiration are possible. A question worth asking is: How can we create new structures of home and family based in love and cooperation that nurtures and supports us all? (See Jan 20 and 21)

Jan 20, Thursday. Saturn ((24 Cancer) is 6.6 degrees South of [Pollux](#) with Castor nearby (in the constellation of the Twins) marking their second conjunction. The first was on Aug 30, 2004 and the third will be on May 18, 2005. It will be nearly 30 years before Saturn returns to this area of the sky showing up on what appears to be the rim of the Scared Hoop or the Great Shining Circle. According to Edith Hamilton's book [Mythology](#) Castor and Pollux were inseparable twin brothers and were “represented as riding splendid snow white horses.” They are also known for their participation in the quest for the golden fleece. They were said to live half their time on Earth and half their time in “the golden homes of heaven.” Therefore, this constellation that looks like a large Roman Numeral Two is often seen as representing duality. As Saturn is accessing these star mysteries over the next few months we have an opportunity to create new forms of experience, new structures of reality inspired by the possibility...better yet...the reality of truly living Heaven on Earth. This is a time when we can choose to move beyond living in duality that judges things as *either/or*...such as either good or bad, right or wrong, shadow or light, righteous or unrighteous etc... (See Jan 23)

Jan 23, Sunday. The nearly Full Moon is passing through Cancer approaching Saturn on the edge of the [Sacred Hoop](#). Continuing with the theme of moving beyond the effects of duality additional clues are available from the Bhagavad Gita a sacred Vedic text, part of the epic Mahabarata and a famous discourse that takes place between the Lord Krishna and the heroic warrior prince Arjuna, on the battlefield of duality. Arjuna, from the Kshatriya caste or warrior class whose duty it is to defend and protect his people, finds himself questioning his role when he realizes that if he fights in this battle he will wind

up killing friends and members of his own family that are in the opposing army. Krishna reminds Arjuna that he cannot solve his problem on the level of the problem within the framework of duality, rather he must transcend logic and reason that defines right and wrong, going beyond any judgments to a place of “pure being” and from there take naturally inspired action.

Lord Krishna instructs Arjuna to transcend the world of duality, free himself from personal desires and to release attachments to *the fruits of his action*. Krishna counsels that in this state Arjuna will find himself established in a place of pure being having transcended the ego and the entrapments of duality. From this place he automatically acts in ways that are divinely aligned with his dharma or purpose. This is the pure essence of the warrior who has courageously transcended his own need to be right, to have the last word, to be victorious, to dominate others, and to conquer at any cost. Instead the true warrior transcends the apparent external conflict, and aligning himself with divine will spontaneously fulfills his dharma whatever it may be without attachment to the outcome. Thus the gift of moving beyond the effects of duality helps us to remember our true divine state of enlightenment and freedom.

Jan 25, Tuesday. Today is the Leo Full Moon and it is the furthest Full Moon from the Earth this year so it will appear slightly smaller than other Full Moon appearances. The Leo Full Moon inspires images of golden ages past, when the Shining Ones walked the Earth with royal radiant golden auras living in balance and harmony with all life. There was peace and plenty for all. These times 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 or imagine it by feeling what it feels like to live it and to feel and know it as our emerging reality. As the Hopi Elders remind us, “We are the ones we have been waiting for!”

Jan 26, Wednesday. The Moon is in the Sickle of the Lion near [Regulus](#), Heart of the Lion, one of the four royal stars also known as Watcher of the North and linked with healing Archangel Raphael. The constellation of the Lion in the Great Above is symbolically linked to the Sphinx in the Great Below. The Sphinx is a guardian for the Earth's Hall of Records. Regulus is a celestial reminder that the portal to the treasures of knowledge and understanding, the Hall of Records we all carry, is through the purity of love in our own hearts. These mysteries are our divine birthright and when coming from pure love, the Hall of Records within our own DNA activates and opens to assist us in fulfilling our divine purpose.

Jan 28, Friday. Venus (23 Capricorn) and Mars (23 Sagittarius) are now 30 degrees apart and Venus is rapidly sinking toward the Eastern Horizon in the pre-dawn sky. Venus will disappear from the Morning sky in February disappearing into her underworld shamanic journey. (See Jan 8) Mars is also exactly conjunct Pluto today both aligned with the fixed Star Ras Alhague. (See Jan 1) Mars passes by here once every couple of years.

The effects of this added Mars energy are felt for at least two or three days before and after today. Mars is known for taking action and Pluto is known for its power to purify and transform and Ras Alhague is known for its healing energy. Mars expresses through the action and can often be catalyzed through unhealthy anger creating destructive and traumatizing change. If anger is part of what is motivating your action a healthy way to act is through conscious choice and intention creating the most beneficial and graceful changes possible. When we take time to choose decisive authentic inspired action designed to bring the shadow to light then we experience empowering change that comes through purification and transformation.

Jan 31, Monday. An hour before Sun rise the waning Moon again occults Jupiter and is visible in the east south east about 6 and ½ hours after Sunset close to the fixed star Spica in the constellation of the Virgin Priestess reminding us that what we give out is what we get back. Visible in the South Central Pacific Ocean and part of Antarctica. (See Jan 3)

When we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change. ~Wayne Dyer Power of Intention

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Seeing with the Heart: The Twelve Archetypes Workshop - Institute for Applied Meditation (IAM) Tucson, Feb 25-27, 2005; London, Apr 8-10, 2005; Chicago, May 13-15, 2005. IAM uses a matrix of twelve archetypes, representing divine qualities of the human being. Using **Heart Rhythm Practice** sensitizing the heart to the inner qualities of another, and through identifying our own archetypes we will practice looking at ourselves and others through the eyes of our hearts, with respect, in awe of the beauty and strength we find. **For more information and registration, contact the Institute for Applied Meditation: www.appliedmeditation.org 1-888-310-7881 (Please mention this ad when you register)**

Tucson, Arizona March 2 - 6, 2005 Advanced Chart Analysis Training on the Metonic Moon Cycles, Eclipses and other Moon related topics plus deepening chart analysis and questions. The main requirement for this class is you must have completed at least one beginning Chart Analysis Intensive or talk with Daniel or Carolyn for exceptions. This is a chance to bring charts and ask questions. [Full Details](#)

Southwest New Mexico at Faywood Hot Springs between Silver City and Deming, New Mexico Apr 27 - May 1, 2005 Beltane Cross-Quarter Celebration Night Sky Track with Daniel Giamario, Carolyn Brent and Shamanic Astrology Staff. Contact Carolyn (520) 744-0506 or email [Carolyn Brent](#) or [Daniel](#). Counts as credit for Night Sky Track of Shamanic Astrology Certification Program. [Full Details](#)

Southwest New Mexico at Faywood Hot Springs between Silver City and Deming, New Mexico May 4-8, 2005 Beltane Cross-Quarter Advanced Night Sky Track with Daniel Giamario, Carolyn Brent, and Shamanic Astrology Staff. Contact Carolyn (520) 744-0506 or email [Carolyn Brent](#) or [Daniel](#). Counts as credit for Advanced Night Sky Track of Shamanic Astrology Certification Program. [Full Details](#)

Portland, Oregon Jul 20 - 24, 2005 Chart Analysis Intensive Script and Archetypes Track with Daniel Giamario and Carolyn Brent
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](#) or [Carolyn Brent](#) at 520-744-0506. [Full Details](#)

Fishlake Valley, Nevada September 22-25 2005 Shamanic Astrology Autumnal Equinox Night Sky Wilderness Camp
conducted at the ancient petroglyph mystery school with Daniel Giamario, Carolyn Brent, and the Shamanic Astrology staff. [Full details](#).
Call Daniel's voice mail at (310) 281-7651 to register.

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