

## July, 2000 Celestial Timings by Carolyn Sky Dancer

*All Dreams Spin Out From The Same Web*  
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The *As Above, So Below Mysteries* remind us of our connection to the web of all life. We live in relationship to each other, to the plants, animals, and minerals of the Earth. We also live in relationship with the Sky. The Sun reminds us of what time it is in the yearly cycle by marking the seasons. The Moon and her phases help mark the months and the time for planting, harvesting and effects the ocean tides. The planets, stars, comets, asteroids and other celestial beings inspire our myths and stories and understanding of who we are and what time it is for us in this grand cosmic design. Many ancient people understood the importance of honoring our relationship with the sky. The remains of the ancient pueblos in Chaco Canyon is a magnificent example of a people who erected these sites with highly advanced knowledge of solar and lunar cycles capturing the magic of these cycles in their buildings and petroglyphs. Ancient sites like the ones in Chaco Canyon help to remind us of the importance of the *As Above, So Below Mysteries* and how knowledge of these mysteries help us to remember our relationship with the divine nature of all life while also inspiring our dreaming. What we dream creates our reality and our inspired dreams bring into manifestation new expressions of peace, pleasure, love, beauty, joy, abundance and harmony.

The cosmic design of the current times feels like a continuous weaving of potent celestial events that are awakening and expanding personal and collective awareness of our roles as co-creators in these rapidly changing times at the Turning Of The Ages. This July continues the trend giving us three eclipses in one month, two solar and one lunar. This rare occurrence is definitely worth our attention as we enter the transformational cauldron of the eclipse energies spanning July 1-30.

July also features Venus and Mercury rising out of the underworld. Venus rises as an evening star and Mercury rises as a morning star mid-July. Venus may not be clearly visible until closer to the end of the month depending on your western horizon. By month's end Venus is setting about 45 minutes after the Sun.

**Mercury is clearly visible in the morning sky by July 15<sup>th</sup> reaching its greatest elongation on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 15 Cancer** during the peak of the Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower. This shower is active from July 12 to Aug 19. These meteors tend to be faint, moving at a medium speed, and about 5 to 10 percent have persistent trains. From July 3 to Aug 15 is the Alpha Capricornids meteor shower peaking on July 29. These meteors are slow, bright and sometimes appear as fireballs. Both of these meteor showers are peaking just prior to the New Moon.

For those who enjoy early summer mornings before dawn, Jupiter and Saturn are visible in the early morning sky between the Pleiades and Hyades clusters in early July. On July 24, Jupiter will lie in a near equal distance between the Pleiades and Aldebaran, the eye of the Bull, found in the Hyades cluster.

**Note:** The end of July features some spectacular night sky events. A great way to enjoy these events is to join me at the Tree of Life Rejuvenation Center in Patagonia, Arizona for a weekend journey into the *As Above, So Below Mysteries* through Shamanic Astrology. The cost is \$322, and includes Shamanic Astrology Classes, Night Sky experience on both nights (weather permitting), plus room and gourmet

vegetarian meals. Plan to arrive by noon on Friday, July 28 and we will complete by noon on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. To register for this event please call The Tree Of Life Rejuvenation Center at 520-394-2060.

### July Timings

**July 1, Saturday, New Moon Solar Eclipse (10 Cancer) at 12:33 pm MST/PDT.** This partial eclipse is only visible in extreme South America and Antarctica. However, this celestial event is creating an alchemical cauldron of continued planetary transformation that is building towards the Total Lunar Eclipse on July 16<sup>th</sup> and the second Solar Eclipse July 30<sup>th</sup>. Today's eclipse occurs near the North Node of the Moon accelerating humanity towards their divine destiny. It is also interesting to note that this event is occurring near the fixed star Al Hena in the constellation of the Twins. This star marks the left foot of Pollux and is considered a star that has to do with important missions. The New Moon eclipse in Cancer near Al Hena suggests this mission is about compassionate nurturing of ourselves and our planet. This is a time to not only visualize, but feel and embrace peace and plenty for all who choose it as a manifest reality. According to Edith Hamilton's book on Mythology Castor and Pollux were inseparable twin brothers and were "represented as riding splendid snow white horses." They were the guardians of sailors and among other things joined 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." These are all great images to work with when tuning into this event.

This New Moon Eclipse coincides (within three hours of exactness), with the Moon at perigee or closest approach to the Earth this year. This month then produces the highest tides of the year. Interestingly, this lunar perigee coincides with the time of year when the Earth perihelion (farthest away from the Sun), exact on July 4. This annual event usually occurs between July 2 and July 6 each year.

**Mars (10 Cancer) joins this Celestial lineup today adding the activating or inseminating force of the sacred masculine principle as we enter this transformational eclipse cauldron,** emphasizing the importance of compassionate self nurturing. Venus (15 Cancer) also journeying in the underworld is joined by the Moon around 9:56 pm MST/PDT. **Finally the Moon joins with Mercury (18 Cancer) who is still Retrograde at 11:23 pm MST/PDT.** Mars, Mercury, and Venus in council with the Solar Eclipse energy strengthens the potency of this timing.

**July 6, Thursday, Mercury conjuncts the Sun (15 Cancer) at 4:35 am MST/PDT.** This marks the mid-point of the Mercury Retrograde cycle and the new call to adventure or conception seed point of Mercury's new cycle calling our current perceptions and beliefs out of our ordinary world initiating a new process through extraordinary experiences. The new adventure in Cancer deals in part with how we communicate our emotional needs and desires, and how we perceive ourselves and our ability to totally love and accept our divine nature in all the ways we are expressing now.

**July 13, Thursday, Venus enters Leo at 1:02 am MST/PDT.** (Note: Mars also enters Leo this month on July 31 at 6:21 pm MST/PDT.)

Venus is returning to the sign of Leo where she rose heliacally last August. This symbolizes the archetypal journey of the collective feminine principal through her expression as the Amazon Queen, sovereign and whole within herself and able to step forward in the world as a radiant and shining one experiencing and expressing total self love, self acceptance and self confidence. Venus in Leo is exploring the pure essence of our divine nature. This pure love of Self radiates inspiration for all without holding back. It is much like the life giving light of the Sun that continuously shines in the Great Above, even when it is covered by clouds or set below the horizon.

One shadow expression of Leo shows up as "I am God and you are not." Or "I am special and you are not." However, the pure essence of Leo knows that everyone is a divine being, and no one is more or less important than anyone else. Even the Super Star steps off center stage at times to allow others to play their roles in the spotlight. Leo knows that the starring leading role is only one essential part of the greater whole and without the supporting roles the whole is not complete and therefore without all the roles being fulfilled they are not complete either. No one being is any more important or less important than any other. We are all an expression of the divine essence of life and the Leo Mysteries are helping to remind us of this important truth.

**July 16, Sunday, Capricorn Total Lunar Eclipse Full Moon (24 Capricorn) at 6:55 am MST/PDT.** Most of this Lunar Eclipse will occur after the Moon has set in North America. Hawaii, however, has a great view. This Full Moon Lunar Eclipse also coincides with Vesta (24 Capricorn) opposite the Sun (24 Cancer) at **10:57 am MST/PDT** making one of its rare closest approaches to the Earth. When the Sun and Moon are in opposition it is a Full Moon phase, thus Vesta is experiencing her Full Moon phase at this time. A few days before or after the Full Moon it is likely Vesta will be bright enough to be seen with the naked eye, if one is looking towards the constellation of the archer and in the area of the hip of the horse, near the fixed star Terebellum. The brightness of the Full Moon tends to obscure all but the brightest of stars, so chances of seeing Vesta are better before or after the Moon passes this region of the sky. The fixed star Terebellum linked with this Celestial line up inspires us with the imagery of the power the horse draws from its hips. Thus, Vesta and the Full Moon in this region of the sky suggests a gathering of strength and power to move forward with purpose. Indeed, Vesta will have crossed this area of the sky three times by mid-October. The first crossing was during the last week of April. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vesta went Retrograde (1 Aquarius) and returning Terebellum July 16<sup>th</sup>, remaining retrograde until August 28 when Vesta goes direct at 18 Capricorn. Vesta will then complete with this area of the sky mid-October.

Vesta was the primary goddess of the vestal virgins. The original meaning of the word virgin meant whole and complete unto oneself, and usually referred to a woman who was unmarried. The original vestal virgins were priestesses trained in the ways of sacred sexuality. It wasn't until Roman times that the role of these priestesses and the meaning of the word virgin was changed to represent a woman who was not married, and who also did not engage in any kind of sexual practices. The word virgin then became a way of identifying women who had never had sexual intercourse. As beliefs and definitions were changing these new attitudes became an early manifestation of the split between sexuality and spirituality.

Vesta's retrograde journey through Capricorn as she makes her closest approach to the Earth and opposition to the Sun during a total Lunar Eclipse suggests an acceleration of a change in the form of our relationship to Vesta's mysteries. Vesta carries the original codes of wholeness for the feminine principle as well as the nearly forgotten codes of sacred sexuality. This Capricorn Full Moon South Node Lunar eclipse

illuminates these ancient mysteries and assists in creating new forms of expression for them through the purifying alchemical flame Vesta carries as she gathers in council with the Full Moon and Terebellum.

Now we look to where the Sun is at the time of this Full Moon Eclipse and we find the Sun at 24 Cancer conjunct the North Node, symbolizing humanity's destiny, and the fixed star Procyon in Canis Minor. Procyon was the navigator for the ship Argo that carried Jason and the Argonauts in search of the golden fleece. So this star has a lot to do with navigating our way towards our destiny and is also found in what the ancients referred to as Heaven's gate the area of the sky where souls were thought to enter into this dimension. Heaven's Gate is an equilateral triangle of three stars formed by Sirius in Canis Major, Betelgeuse in Orion, and Procyon in Canis Minor. This adds to this already amazing Full Moon total Lunar Eclipse with additional layers of multi-dimensional qualities. Meditating on these images may be helpful in tuning into the best way to work with these inspiring celestial energies.

Another factor worth noting is the possible rising of Venus from out of the underworld in this Full Moon window. Venus is about 10 degrees from the Sun today, meaning if you have a low western horizon (no big hills or mountains) Venus may be visible just after sunset. Venus rising as an evening star marks a significant point in her current initiation cycle and symbolizes a collective shift for humanity as the feminine principle rises from the underworld more mature and far wiser than when she went she entered.

**July 17, Monday, Mercury (10 Cancer) goes direct at 6:20 am MST/PDT.** Mercury is stationing on the Solar Eclipse degree of July 1, within this Full Moon window. The window of potency for New Moons and Full Moons is three days, beginning the day before the exact point and ending the day after the exact point. This marks Mercury's crossing the threshold of initiation as determined by the call to adventure that occurred when Mercury was conjunct the Sun July 6<sup>th</sup>. According to the way Joseph Campbell describes the monomyth in his book Hero With a Thousand Faces the phase of the journey where the hero or heroine crosses the threshold of initiation is an encounter with the unknown, where we are somehow stretched beyond our known comfort zones. Mercury's retrograde journey through the Cancer mysteries stretches us to see how well we nurture ourselves and accept the divine essence we all carry within. Here we encounter the divine mother and divine father as we perceive them. Ideally this is an opportunity to stretch into new territory and truly love and accept who we are more than ever and to truly love the divinity we are expressing in every moment.

**July 30, Sunday, Leo New Moon North Node Solar Eclipse (8Leo12) at 7:25 pm MST/PDT.** This partial solar eclipse is also not visible in the United States. This Leo New Moon eclipse emphasizes another level of the call to adventure in the Leo Mysteries, where we have been journeying collectively since the Total Solar Eclipse of August 1999. We are again being called to die to the old paradigm, embracing the shamanic death process of dying to all the fears that prevent us from totally loving ourselves and remembering our divine essence. As I stated last year in the August Celestial Timings, it is time to remember we are the Radiant and Shining ones carrying golden auras of light emanating the frequency of ascension for ourselves and for the planet. All the beliefs and patterns that are not aligned with this truth are coming up for clearing and often these fears and shadow elements are ones that have been carried in our genetic codes for a long, long time. Many here on the planet now have agreed to transmute these limiting genetic/soul patterns and consciously assist in our own personal and collective planetary ascension process. Predictably this eclipse represents another As Above timing, coinciding beautifully with our So Below process.

The most important thing to remember as we encounter these energies is to *trust* the process and the divine essence that is each and everyone of us. There is no right or wrong way to engage these energies, it is simply a matter of our choice. So why not choose a joyful experience? After all the ultimate purpose of life is to experience joy and all these amazing and magical Celestial Events are intended to inspire us to remember that when we live each moment in joy and love we will again experience and live in a golden age. Blessed be!

*(Astronomical information including Eclipses and Meteor Showers is from **The Astronomical Calendar 2000** by Guy Ottewal.)*

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