

July 2003 Celestial Timings

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The Epagomenal Days

July 27	Birthday of Osiris	*15th July	Birthday of Osiris
July 28	Birthday of Horus	*16th July	Birthday of Set
July 29	Birthday of Set	*17th July	Birthday of Isis
July 30	Birthday of Isis	*18th July	Birthday of Nephthys
July 31	Birthday of Nephthys	*19th July	Marriage of Isis and Osiris

These dates come from "The Mysteries of Isis" by Traci de Regulla who sourced them from Dr. Robert Brier's "Ancient Egyptian Magic." The 5 Epagomenal Days Thoth won so Nut could bear her children and are regarded as the 5 days "not of the year" <http://www.thekeep.org/~kunoichi/kunoichi/themestream/nut.html> *These dates come from D.J. Conway in "Moon Magick". There are also other sources that use these earlier July dates. July 17 in our current time marks the helical rise (before the Sun) of Sirius or Sothis, as known to the ancient Egyptians, the star of Isis signaling the rising of the Nile waters.

Epagomenal Days (Egyptian)

Eye of the Epagomenal Days...Mesore 30/ July 26... The first days of the birthdays of the gods and goddesses are about to begin, and a feast is held. Any rite done on this day is thought to have power throughout the coming year.

<http://www.geocities.com/daughterofisis18/holy.html>

The Day Out of Time and Mayan New Year.

On the Mayan Calendar of 13 Moons, July 25th, ...is no day of the week and no day of the month. There are thirteen moons of 28 days, or 364 days plus one day, the extra day is the The-Day-Out-of-Time. July 26 marks the Mayan New Year. <http://www.tribalink.org/pressrelease/day.htm>

July is an interesting month as at least two ancient calendars noted and celebrated a time out of time experience. At the [Turning of the Ages](#) it is helpful to be aware of these timings noting what significance, if any, they have for you. For the **Egyptians** this timing had to do with the Sun's relationship with the fixed star Sirius when it conjuncted the Sun (now on July 6) and then reached its heliacal rise; meaning Sirius appears in the east just before Sunrise. Using a 10 degree orb from the Sun to determine the heliacal rise this is occurring for Sirius around July 17 with a low horizon line. G.R.S. Mead author of [Thrice Greatest Hermes](#) says "In the astronomical science of the Egyptians, the most conspicuous solar system near our own, represented in the heavens by the brilliant Sirius, was of supreme interest. Cycles of immense importance were determined by it, and it entered into the highest mysticism of Egyptian initiation."

Mayan: This excerpt comes from an article <http://www.crystalinks.com/may.html> describing some of the details of the Mayan Calendar*The Wheels of Time ground exceeding fine for the Maya. To be able to predict the seasons for farmers and astronomical events for religious rites, they utilized a calendar of two meshing, repeating cycles. Maya mathematicians could project this calendar millions of years in the past and the future, time had no beginning, no end... The smaller wheels together represent the 260-day Sacred Round; the inner wheel, with the numbers one to thirteen, meshes with the glyphs for the 20 day names on the outer wheel. A section of a large wheel represents part of the 365-day year - 18 months of 20 days each (numbered 0-19). The five days remaining at year's end were considered evil (the year's end is currently on July 25, or **the day out of time**; and the new year begins July 26 according to our present day calendric counting) The article continues and sums up the*

understanding of this complex calendar... *Maybe understanding the Tzolk'in with only the mental body was not the approach the Mayas themselves intended. As we can see, the archeologists are still guessing, with decades of research behind them. If the Maya intended us to understand their knowledge of the universe, they would have to leave remains behind that would **bridge all cultures, languages, and all levels of education.** This is what the Maya have done. Without a doubt I can tell you the knowledge of the cosmos is available to all. It is available to those who can open their hearts to the wonder and curiosity of the universe once again. The encoding of the calendar is intuitive and is remembered with feelings. It is also very mental and can be learned with study. As daykeeper, Hunbatz Men has told me, we need to use all our bodies to remember everything. The physical, mental, emotional and spiritual bodies are needed. Without desire, wonder and curiosity there is no intention to remember. Without study there is no understanding. To reconnect to the cosmos and receive information from the Sun, as the Maya do, one must not only place intention by physical study, but desire to remember! As we move our physical bodies into action to study, the intuitive side will just kick in, but desire is most important and quite essential. That's it! This is what the Maya intended. And this is also the intent of Shamanic Astrology as a powerful way to remember our connection to Great Mystery through a direct experience of the cycles and rhythms of Earth and Sky. Although not necessarily a Mayan based teaching, for those who feel drawn to actively remembering and experiencing their own direct relationship with the cycles, the Shamanic Astrology Apprenticeship Program or any Shamanic Astrology Event is geared toward facilitating this possibility with the knowledge and awareness that assists us in having our own direct experience and remembrance of these mysteries.* <http://www.shamanicastrology.com/events.htm>

July Sky

Looking towards Mars we will see it double in brightness this month as it reaches its brightest appearance in about 70,000 years next month. Mars dominates the night and morning sky going retrograde late on July 29 or early on July 30 depending on your time zone. Willow Murawski-Brown a certified Shamanic Astrologer who specializes in the night sky sent the following important information about Mars. *Mars will be so bright that it can be seen in the daylight, especially with the moon nearby to mark it. On Wednesday, July 16, about 2 and 1/2 hours after Sunset, Mars rises within 2 degrees left of the Moon. The Moon will be seen to close in on Mars for the next several hours. In predawn on Thursday, July 17, the Moon occults Mars in S. Florida (in Miami 4:15-4:52 am EDT). Any morning in July find Mars in the S to SW at dawn, follow it until sunrise, and then have a rare view of Mars in the daytime. This will be easy to do on the morning of July 17 with nearby Moon as a guide.* This description is found in Abrams Planetarium 'Sky Calendar July 2003' Thank you Willow!!! Be sure to look for more contributions from Willow as she will be a guest writer for the Celestial Timings sometime later this year. Also check out this site for more July sky info and where to see Moon/Mars occultation on July 17. <http://www.moonwise.co.uk/year/2003sky.htm>

Jupiter currently located in the western sky is setting two hours after the Sun in early July and only 45 minutes after the Sun by month's end. On July 25 Mercury and Jupiter will appear about three degrees above the western horizon (you'll need a low horizon line to see this one) 40 minutes after Sunset. **Mercury** gains a little more height by the time it comes within one degree of Regulus, visible with binoculars, on July 29 and 30 about an hour after Sunset. The Moon joins the Mercury, Regulus and Jupiter trio on the evening of July 30 forming a low triangle. **Venus and Saturn** are visible within a degree of each other on July 8 just about 50 minutes before Sunrise. **Venus** disappears from the Morning Sky on July 17 beginning her 71 day journey in the underworld arising around Sept 26 in the evening sky. The Delta Aquarids (active Jul 12 - Aug 19) and Pisces Austrinids (Jul 15 - Aug 10) Meteor Showers peek on July 28 in a New Moon window for greater visibility. And the Alpha Capricornids (Jul 3 - Aug 15) peaks on July 30. (See Guy Ottewill's Astronomical Calendar 2003 for details). Note: All events are based on Pacific Daylight Time unless otherwise noted.

Week of Jun 28 – Jul 4

A [New Moon](#) occurs about every 29 and 1/2 days when the Moon aligns with the Sun from the Earth's perspective, thus the Moon is invisible due to its close proximity to the Sun. The New Moon is a conception point, a time when farmers plant their seeds, or a new adventure (or initiation) begins. Working with a clear intent during the New Moon window (which begins the day before the exact New Moon and concludes the day after the exact new Moon) is a wonderful timing for collectively planting seeds, or prayers, for wholeness, healing, harmony, balance, peace, and so on. As the crescent Moon increases in light, growing

bigger each night, it symbolizes the growth of the seeds planted at the New Moon.

Jul 1, Tuesday. Moon enters Leo this morning until the afternoon of Jul 3. When Leo is in its strength and power this energy knows and remembers its radiant and shining divine essence shared by all life. These words from [Marianne Williamson](#) capture the essence of the Leo mysteries. "...We are born to make manifest the Glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's 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."

Jul 2, Wednesday. Moon conjuncts Jupiter (18 Leo) near the degree it stationed retrograde last December completing Jupiter's deep exploration with this area of the sky near the head of the Lion constellation. The constellation of the Lion in the Great above is reflected by the Sphinx in Egypt in the Great Below reminding us of the divine codes we all carry within ourselves. It is time to remember our divine nature. We are the radiant and shining ones returning to walk the earth once again. As the Hopi Elders remind us, "We are the ones we have been waiting for."

Jul 3, Thursday. Moon moves into Virgo this afternoon, activating the ancient mysteries concerning the patterning of life, and the natural cycles and rhythms that helps us to know what time it is for us. This is the realm of Spider Woman who weaves the web and teaches us how to weave new webs or partial webs when the old ones no longer serve. The web when properly woven draws to it all that is needed, all that supports and sustains life when we are patient and trusting. If our current web is not bringing us what we need then it may be time to relocate and reweave the web remembering we are taking who we are with us and that our web supports the reality of who we believe ourselves to be. See Jul 30)

Jul 4, Friday. Happy Independence Day. This historic day anchored a conscious intention of Independence for all people and was inspired by the anagram for America: "I Am Race." This suggests one of the original divine intentions for the land of the Americas is to support the freedom and independence of the pure expression of the "I Am" quality within every individual. Are we living freedom and independence expressing the divine "I Am" that we are and supporting others in doing the same? This morning in the Pacific Time Zone Venus moves into Cancer crossing the June Solstice Cardinal marker at the center of the [Sacred Hoop](#). (See July 9) Venus travels through Cancer crossing into Leo around July 28. This is the realm of the Divine Mother who knows not only how to nurture her children and family, but also the importance of nurturing herself first so that she remains balanced and able to more effectively nurture others.

Week of Jul 6 - 11, The Libra [First Quarter Moon](#) window begins July 6, is exact on Jul 7 and completes on July 8. This Moon phase represents the balance between light and dark, and is the most visible and rapid growth phase

of the Moon, crossing the threshold that accelerates whatever process is already in motion. The Moon continues to increase in light until the Capricorn Full Moon on July 13.

Jul 5, Saturday. The Moon moves into Libra this evening activating the mysteries of conscious equal partnership. We exist in relationship to the Earth and Sky, each other, and to all that is seen and unseen. Are we fully conscious of our interrelatedness to every aspect of creation? Are we engaging a conscious relationship with ourselves and others? Or are we involved in co-dependent behaviors projecting needs and expectations on others? Or are we expecting relationships to complete us somehow and provide us with a sense of purpose? Taking responsibility for fulfilling our own needs is one of the first big steps in engaging conscious equal partnership on all levels.

Jul 6, Sunday. The Libra [First Quarter Moon](#) (15 Libra) accelerates our awareness and experience of conscious equal partnership and all the ways relationships support (or not) our evolutionary process. Also today the Sun moves into exact zodiacal alignment with the brightest fixed star in our sky and the guardian star of the Egyptians known as Sirius. This star was supremely important as its relationship to the Sun signaled the annual rise of the Nile. *"Contrary to other rivers, [the Nile] begins its annual swelling in the hottest time of the year, at the beginning of the dog Days, that is, at the moment when Sirius rises at the same time as the Sun, a date which during the third millennium BC coincided with the summer solstice."* - Lucy Lamie, [Egyptian Mysteries](#) The Sun acts as a doorway illuminating the mysteries and Sirius is a stargate portal accessing many multi-dimensional realms. Consciously connecting with these energies provides access to the Sirius mysteries. Many clues about what these mysteries might be about are available in books and on the internet. One such site is located at this URL. <http://www.louisville.edu/~aoclar01/ancient/astronomy/Sirus.htm>

Jul 7, Monday. The waxing Moon slips into Scorpio late this evening or early tomorrow morning remaining here until late Jul 9 or early morning Jul 10. The Moon in Scorpio is transmitting the mysteries of passionate aliveness through the willingness to live on the edges and beyond. Most of us have felt stretched beyond any previous known edges in recent months, facilitating deep inner and outer changes giving us opportunities to expand and grow beyond previously known territory. The 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.

Jul 8, Tuesday. Venus conjuncts Saturn (5 Cancer) and both are visible about 50 minutes before Sunrise. Venus representing the emerging feminine identity of the current time is meeting with Saturn in Cancer whose wise council is to first learn how to nurture and mother ourselves before taking on the task of nurturing others. We might consider how to truly nurture ourselves and our own divinity in ways

that allows our divine nature to shine and our destiny to unfold with ease and grace? If you don't know how then remember this...*"Ask and you shall receive."* Asking the questions is the first step.

Jul 9, Wednesday. Saturn (4 Cancer), Venus (6 Cancer), Sun (17 Cancer), and Mercury (22 Cancer) are all inside the [Sacred Hoop](#). Most of the Sacred Hoop is invisible to us now due to the Sun's transit through this part of the sky. Saturn and Venus are still visible with a low horizon just before Sunrise. The outside ring of the Sacred Hoop is a circle of stars including Pollux, Castor, Capella, the Pleiades, the Hyades, Rigel, Sirius, and Procyon. These are all prominent stars forming what astronomers refer to as the Winter Hexagon. The Lakota and other native tribes refer to this area of the sky as the Sacred Hoop. This circle of stars is intersected by the Ecliptic (the plane of the solar system) and the Milky Way (the plane of the galaxy) creating a crossing of these two planes through the middle of the Sacred Hoop resembling the Native American Medicine Wheel. The place of the intersection is between the feet of the Twins and the horns of the Bull. There is only one time in 26,000 years that the exact placement of the June solstice (0 degree Cancer) can fall on this intersection. It is happening now located near galactic anti-center (the opposite of Galactic Center) looking out into deep space. One definition of the Sacred Hoop is...*The four directions, the four quarters with the full power of the earth and sky and all related life is regarded as the Sacred Hoop.* http://www.think-aboutit.com/native/sacred_hoop.htm Whenever planets pass through the Sky's Sacred Hoop we are reminded of our interconnectedness with all life and the importance of this time for mending our personal and collective place within the Sacred Hoop. We are all a part of this Hoop and the Hoop is a part of us. Willingness to release and forgive all the hurts and wrongs of the past is an essential step in mending the Sacred Hoop. Once the bell has been rung it cannot be unringed, the deed is done. Even though we cannot undo the wrongs of the past, we can have compassion for these wounds and a willingness to heal and move constructively forward as a global family. No one race, culture or person has escaped being a victim or a perpetrator on some level of experience whether knowingly or unknowingly. So it is time to take responsibility for our own experience and our actions; moving out of blame and moving forward, transforming the wounds into the medicine we carry.

Jul 10, Thursday. Waxing Moon entered Sagittarius late last night or early this morning emphasizing the quest for truth and meaning. Tonight the Moon is visible approaching the fixed red star Antares (heart of the Scorpion). The Egyptians linked Antares with Isis and worked with this star as an interdimensional gateway. 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."* Gently accepting and being with What Is, brings us into our

hearts. This place dissolves the judgments and blockages that prevent us from accessing our heart-centered wisdom and knowing we already have within.

Jul 11, Friday. Venus (8 Cancer) is trine Mars (8 Pisces) indicating a time to note our inner and outer relationship with the feminine and masculine expressions of our lives. Sacred marriage is a primary goal of the feminine and masculine principles where both energies are expressing individually with strength, clarity, wisdom and compassion allowing each energy its fullest expression without diminishing either one. This may take a lifetime, or more, to perfect but today's trine provides us with an opportunity to see how harmoniously we are engaging these energies within us by noticing what is occurring in our external world. Venus is visible just before Sunrise with a low eastern horizon and Mars is visible 120 degrees towards the western horizon before Sunrise providing a visual view of a 120 degree aspect.

Week of Jul 12 – 20 This week marks the Capricorn [Full Moon](#) (Jul 13) symbolizing the fulfillment, or fruition, of the seeds planted at the New Moon or some earlier cycle. Experientially we see the Moon rising full for three nights, the day before, the day of and the day after the exact Full Moon. Therefore, we experience the potency of the Full Moon Window for three days. In the hero's quest as described by Joseph Campbell this phase of the Moon relates to the Mystical Marriage or Apotheosis. The dictionary definition of apotheosis that applies here is: *Exaltation to divine rank or stature; deification*. This is the phase in the cycle where the goal of the journey is reached, the seeds have matured and are bearing fruit, the gifts are received when we are open to receive them creating an opportunity to remember and experience our divinity. The annual Capricorn Full Moon reminds us that it is especially helpful to let go of outcome oriented doing and practice doing for the joy of doing in the moment releasing any preconceived attachment we might have to the fruits of our efforts and allowing whatever will be - to be what it is.

Jul 12, Saturday. The Waxing Full Moon in Capricorn is crossing the Galactic Plane where the December Solstice Sun currently rises marking the [Turning of the Ages](#) and will be fullest waxing Moon rise tonight. The Capricorn mysteries relate to the law, and how to most efficiently, effectively and responsibly administrate the domain of our personal and collective lives. Effective administration of one's domain is beautifully summed up in the following statement by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, founder of the Transcendental Meditation Movement. He says: "Do Less, and Accomplish More." This statement reflects healthy Capricorn and is referring to the type of "doing" that is grounded in "being" or in conscious awareness free from attachment to outcome trusting the results are exactly what they are intended to be. The next couple of days are supportive for getting more organized and making progress on, or completing projects. If we are not acting responsibly in our lives it is likely to become evident or illuminated now. Choosing wise heart-centered action supports the concrete manifestation of our true heart's desire.

Jul 13, Sunday. The Capricorn [Full Moon](#) (21 Capricorn at 12:21 pm PDT) is near retrograde Chiron (15 Capricorn), the Shamanic Healer. This Full Moon Apotheosis is illuminating the gifts or boons bestowed by the wise elder who considers the effect of every decision and action on the next seven generations and how it aligns with the divine plan. Moon goes Void of Course shortly after reaching its Full Phase this afternoon (PDT) and remains VOC until early morning tomorrow when it enters Aquarius. Mercury moves into Leo today. (See Jul 14 and 15)

Jul 14, Monday. The Moon moves into Aquarius early this morning where it remains until Jul 16 transmitting the mysteries of the cosmic revolutionary committed to cutting edge changes that create greater freedom of being. Mercury entered Leo yesterday morning remaining in Leo until Jul 30. Mercury symbolizes the mind, our perceptions, our beliefs, how we communicate and creatively express ourselves. Mercury in Leo when it is healthy is a place of great confidence, courage, and strength. It is able to look ahead and take a leading role in announcing what is coming down the road. The mind moves quickly in the fire element and Mercury is on the move speeding through Leo in about 16 days.

Jul 15, Tuesday. The Aquarius Moon goes Void of Course this afternoon (PDT) until tomorrow morning when it moves into Pisces. The Void of Course Moon often feels like a time when we are without clear direction, disconnected, and uncertain about how to proceed. It is a perfect time to go within, meditate, or just relax and be with what is. If possible avoid making important long lasting decisions putting them off until tomorrow.

Jul 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 it is 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 life through divinely inspired compassionate sacred service from the heart.

Jul 17, Thursday. Venus slips from the morning sky and begins the underworld phase of her journey as described by the myth of Inanna. Moon conjuncts and occults Mars (9 Pisces) about 1 am Pacific Daylight Time and will be visible in daylight in some locations (see intro). Occultations occur when the Moon covers a star or planet, symbolically covering and uncovering the mysteries contained therein. Mars is currently in its gestation and incubation phase preparing for its next quest in the Pisces domain while completing and fully integrating the insights and truths of the current quest that began in June of 2001. This is an opportunity to uncover hidden beliefs that dominant and limit our life experience, releasing them with compassion and acceptance. In the June 2003 Timings I suggested an image for working with this Mars in Pisces archetype as that of the Compassionate Peaceful Warrior.

One definition of warrior found in Webster's dictionary is: *One who is engaged aggressively or energetically in an activity or cause.* Jade Wah'oo Grigori's article helps to clarify the pure essence of the warrior archetype in this excerpt from his article *Men in Balance* found on his website <http://www.shamanic.net/articles/men.html> *A Warrior operates with dignity and a reverence for life. The immediate field of operations where a Warrior exerts his attention is within his own Soul. Finding therein beliefs and attitudes, assumptions and prejudices that inhibit the free expression of love and honor for life, his own and that of his family and environs, he sets his commitment to the elimination and transformation of those debilitations. The Warrior's greatest weapon is compassion. One who acts from other than compassionate love, i.e. hatred, vengeance or retribution, is no more than a Soldier/Mercenary, duty bound to defend positions and possessions. A Warrior meets his issues head-on, with courage and faith, and is willing to sacrifice these long-held emotionally invested conflicts for the greater good of himself and his family...* The image of the warrior then begins to blossom into an understanding that true warriors strive to know and express the compassionate truth within themselves and are willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary to uphold the sanctity of life for the purpose of establishing a safe, nurturing, and supportive world for all.

Jul 18, Friday. Moon moves into Aries this afternoon transmitting the mysteries of the Warrior/Adventurer. These energies call us to be conscious of what we are committed to protecting and supporting within the cosmic order of life. (See Jul 20 and 21)

Jul 19, Saturday. The intuitive rightbrained expression of Mercury in Leo (12 Leo) is highlighted by Mercury's opposition to intuitive rightbrained Neptune (12 Aquarius). These are highly creative energies with the potential to optimize attunement with *the field of all possibilities* for inspired dreaming and thinking. The shadow of these energies may express as being out of touch with reality, ungrounded, and light polarized meaning there is denial of the deep feelings that are not considered expressions of love and light and this can cloud communication. Tuning into inner intuitive guidance may be challenging when outer circumstances feel foggy or even deceiving and yet when we are willing to look and feel deeply within, to see what is there for us and what messages these feelings have for us, then true inspiration is possible.

Week of Jul 20 - 27 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. 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 Leo New Moon on Jul 28.

Jul 20, Sunday. In this return threshold crossing of Moon in Aries exact tomorrow; it maybe helpful to examine more deeply the warrior archetype and how it is intended to manifest. We can get clues about this from the Bhagavad

Gita a sacred vedic text that is part of the epic Mahabarata. The Gita is 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 and go beyond seeming logic and reason that define right and wrong, going beyond any judgments to a place of "pure being" and take action from there. This site <http://www.island-of-freedom.com/gita.htm> provides links to the Gita and sums up the essence of this sacred text... *On the battlefield Arjuna notices that the opposing army contains relatives and friends whom he doesn't want to kill, so he lays down his arms. Krishna responds with four reasons for fighting and action in general, of which the chief is that the true self or soul is immortal. The discussion advances to teachings on right and wrong, action and inaction, life and destiny, eternity and God. Krishna is identified as the Supreme Being, Primal God, Highest Abode and Eternal Spirit, who is an Avatar, or a temporal embodiment of God.*

Jul 21, Monday. Today's [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) is occurring at 28 Aries representing the return threshold of the warrior's quest on behalf of his/her community where the gifts or boons of the journey are bestowed. Returning to the Bhagavad Gita this return phase of the journey is reached for Arjuna when he is able to fulfill his dharma. First, Lord Krishna outlines steps of the journey and instructs Arjuna to transcend the world of duality, free himself from personal desires and to release any attachments to the fruits of his action. Krishna councils that in this state Arjuna will find himself established in a place of pure being having transcended the ego and from this place he will automatically act 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, aligning himself with divine will he fulfills his dharma whatever it may be without attachment to the outcome. Eventually Arjuna does choose to fulfill his dharma as a truly great warrior whose greatest purpose was ultimately to provide a profound teaching that still serves us today.

Jul 22, Tuesday. The Sun enters Leo today where it remains until Aug 23 energizing the King/Queen archetype on this day also known as Mary Magdalene's Feast Day. Many books such as Margaret Starbird's *The Woman With the Alabaster Jar*, and Sir Laurence Gardner's *The Bloodline of the Holy Grail* provide compelling evidence that brings forth new information about the importance and role of Mary Magdalene who was not only of royal blood lineage, she was also a highly regarded and accomplished Magdalene Priestess who held revered and respected status during her lifetime. Apparently, her status as one

who also assured the continuance of the royal bloodline was later seen as a threat to the apostolic succession of leadership in the Catholic Church. This prompted a campaign to discredit the importance of who she was. There is a growing movement today within the Catholic Church to redress the misrepresentation of Mary Magdalene and many are now committed to assisting in reclaiming Mary Magdalene's rightful role as a queen and an apostle as well as someone who was a visionary and carrier of secret knowledge. This movement acts as an external symbolic reminder for us all to look at how we can reclaim our own divine heritage.

Jul 23, Wednesday. Moon moves into Gemini this afternoon in the Pacific Time Zone transmitting the mysteries of the coyote trickster whose antics remind us things are not as real as they appear.

Jul 24, Thursday. The waning crescent Moon is approaching the fixed star [Aldebaran](#), the eye of the Bull and one of the four royal stars located inside the [Sacred Hoop](#). The Moon and Aldebaran are visible in the early morning sky. The Moon is rising before Aldebaran around 1:30 am Pacific Time depending on your horizon line. It might be helpful to work with the imagery of the eye of the Bull and the Trickster Coyote, who stretches us beyond rational, linear, and logical ways of thinking and expressing, seeing beyond the beyond or seeing beyond our usual sense of reality.

Jul 25, Friday. Mercury squared Jupiter on April 10, 2003 activating a process of assimilating the expansive visions of Jupiter and pushing or expanding the limits of the mind into new territory particularly around the issues of self-worth, self-love, and self-value. The past few weeks have provided an opportunity to deepen our experience depending on our willingness to live the questions around how we value who we are? When we can truly value simply being and enjoying who we are in this world of existence without having to prove ourselves to any external authority figures then we have liberated ourselves from the collective belief system that says we are not good enough just the way we are. Today Mercury conjuncts Jupiter (22 Leo) providing an opportunity for further seeding and deepening a conscious relationship with knowing and experiencing a place of Being, fully knowing that operating from a place of Being is enough.

Jul 26, Saturday. Moon in Cancer conjunct Saturn (7 Cancer) is visible in the early morning sky about 2 hours before Sunrise. 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.

Week of Jul 27 – Aug 2 The Leo [New Moon](#) Window is Jul 27, 28, 29. Shamanic Astrology works with the direct visual and kinesthetic experience of the planetary cycles and the Moon cycle is the easiest to visually witness. The direct visual experience of any Moon phase window actually begins the day before the Moon phase is exact. The New Moon is often referred to as the dark of the Moon because there is about a three day window when

the Moon is invisible to both the morning and evening sky observers. Sometimes there may be the smallest tiny crescent Moon visible for a brief time either the day before the New Moon just before Sunrise or the day after the New Moon 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.

Jul 27, Sunday. There are no aspects today and the Moon is not changing signs so this is a good time to reflect upon the upcoming retrograde of Mars on Jul 29. Retrograde cycles are felt many days before the planet actually appears to stop and reverse direction in the sky, because ultimately the planet is not reversing in its orbit but the Earth is passing the orbit of the planet so it appears to shift direction. However, the effect on the Earth based observer creates the experience of the Still Point, which is not limited by time or space. The Still Point is beyond duality in a place between the worlds where past and future meet in the now. So any planetary station is an opportunity to more consciously experience infinity. Another image that helps us understand the effect of a retrograde cycle is pulling an arrow back on the bow moving the arrow away from the intended target or goal for the purpose of gathering power and strength assuring the arrow will reach its target if the aim and release are true. Taking time to go within, following inner guidance and aligning with divine will assists a true and steady aim. (See April 2003 archives for more on Still Point)

Jul 28, Monday. New Moon (6 Leo) with Sun conjunct retrograde Neptune (12 Aquarius) adds an element of inspiration and visioning to this Leo New 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.

Jul 29, Tuesday. Mars goes retrograde today and remains retrograde for about three months (going direct Sep 27) covering the same area of the sky for about 5 months until Dec 16. Mars is the rarest of the Retrograde cycles occurring once about every 26 months and tends to be felt very deeply. If you are feeling disoriented take some time to meditate, journal, sing, dance, hang out on the Earth, enjoy a garden, lay on a rock, or sit with a tree. It is also immensely helpful to get some extra rest. The weeks leading up to this retrograde have been intensely challenging for many and the need for extra rest seems to be a dominant theme. Following your inner guidance and listening to what your body needs in these intensified times of purification and transformation is a wise course of action anytime and especially now. (See July 27)

Jul 30, Wednesday. This morning the Moon conjuncts Jupiter (24 Leo) and then moves into Virgo catching up to Mercury (O Virgo near the fixed star Regulus, heart of the Lion). Moon remains in Virgo until August 1. The Moon Mercury conjunction is visible in the early morning sky low on the eastern horizon before Sunrise forming a geometrical triangle with Jupiter and Regulus. Mercury's move into Virgo highlights this archetype until Oct 6 due to Mercury's retrograde in late August. Mercury in Virgo is sensitively attuned to the natural cycles and rhythms of the Earth and Sky for the purpose of living in sacred harmony and balance with all life. This is the domain of Spider Woman who weaves the web of reality and is a great archetypal image to connect with over these next couple of months.

Jul 31, Thursday. Mercury (2 Virgo) is opposite Uranus (2 Pisces) encouraging ever-greater creative self-expression, and conscious open-minded communication. Mercury/Uranus aspects call us to explore and experience new territory in the domain of the mind, communication and visionary inspiration. Uranus often brings change in unexpected ways, by breaking down the limiting beliefs that prevent us from having a more liberated experience of life. Uranus teamed up with Mercury, sends the messages of change that are innovative, cutting edge, unpredictable, and expansive. We are being called to go beyond ordinary modes of thinking, expanding our abilities to think outside the box and entertain radical and unusual viewpoints while continuing to further open our minds to the constantly evolving revolutionary possibilities that are intended to inspire the joyous fulfillment of our divine destiny.

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