

June 2003 Celestial Timings

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In all the Cosmos
there is nothing more valued
than a Single Soul.
And whatever a Single Soul
accomplishes lifetime after lifetime
uplifts the rest of humanity forever
That is how important each one of us is!

David talking to Shirley MacLaine in *Out on Limb*
<http://www.shirleymaclaine.com/index.html>

“To study the stars is a sacred duty for the wisdom of the universe is contained within them.”
The Lineage Codes Of Light by Jessie E. Anyani

In Shamanic Astrology much of our study of the stars and planets and other celestial beings comes from taking time to have a direct experience of their mysteries. This provides space for a personal relationship with their unique wisdom. Having a deep and meaningful relationship with the sky does not necessarily require the kind of scientific study an astronomer might engage. Rather this is about the kind of study that includes inner reflection and listening from a deep intuitive space, taking time to consider and be with the natural rhythms of the sky and how that relates to the Earth. Some left-brained linear study may be helpful especially when it also includes a right-brained intuitive approach, something Shamanic Astrology helps provide. The Celestial Timings gives some left-brained information, designed to assist you in your intuitive investigation and relationship with these mysteries. What is offered here is only a suggestion of what these Timings may be about for you. It is a starting place, intended to inspire your own connection with these mysteries. Something that maybe especially helpful, is if you know the sign and degrees of your natal planets and angles. Then, you can apply the events discussed here to your own personal wiring. For example, if you have any natal planets or angles in the first three degrees of mutable signs, i.e. Pisces, Gemini, Virgo or Sagittarius, then transiting Uranus (stationing retrograde at almost 3 degrees Pisces in early June) and the Mars retrograde (zero to 10 Pisces from early June to early November) is activating that part of your natal chart. Uranus has an intent to bring liberating change, even though it is often unexpected and unpredictable. And, we don't know exactly what events will unfold or what the changes will look like. However, if we understand the intent of the cycle it can assist us in being open to whatever transformation the initiation is bringing. Plus, when we are not limiting our experience through preconceived ideas or predictions then it is easier to stay open and not be disappointed if events turn out differently than we imagined them. When a person is consciously participating with their initiation cycles it isn't necessarily easier to go through all the changes but the understanding of the intent is often immensely helpful, providing space and support for what is unfolding. Shamanic Astrology readings provide in-depth insight into what initiation cycles a person is experiencing, how they work, and what area of their life is being affected. It also includes guidance and support for how you can more consciously participate with the intent. (For more about personal readings see

http://www.shamanicastrology.com/carolyn_brent.htm) The Celestial Timings support this on-going cyclical process and they help provide further information about additional Timings with reminders about times we may choose to pay greater attention to the events and messages that are occurring assisting in sharpening intuition and connection with the great mystery.

Mars

This month Mars is entering Pisces on June 16 the sign of its next quest. Mars is definitely worth noting in the evening sky as it grows brighter, reaching its maximum brightness during its retrograde cycle beginning July 29 at (10 Pisces). August 27, 2003 is the acronical rise (rising as the Sun sets) of retrograde Mars (5 Pisces) when Mars is closest to the Earth in its 26 month cycle. Based on detailed computations by Jean Meeus of Belgium, a world-renowned expert in the field of spherical and mathematical astronomy and author of several many highly acclaimed books including his most recent "More Mathematical Astronomy Morsels" (Willmann-Bell, Inc., 2002) Mars is making its closest approach to the Earth in about 73,000 years. From the perspective of the Earth based observer Mars will outshine all other stars and planets with the only exceptions being the Moon and Venus. Mars will look more than six times larger and shine 85 times brighter than normal. So to gain a perspective of how this is occurring we can look back 15 years to September 1988 when Mars was in a similar cycle. At that time Mars passed within 36.5 million miles (58.7 million kilometers) of Earth. At 5:51 a.m. EDT or 4:51 am PDT on Aug. 27, 2003, Mars will be within 34.6 million miles (55.7 million kilometers) of Earth, nearly 2 million miles or 3 million kilometers closer than in 1988. We can only really imagine and guess at what this might mean and what might occur in relationship to this passage of Mars so close to the Earth. What feels important is not to predict or project an outcome for this transit, but rather to stay present to the unfolding process and attentive to what is emerging within the collective masculine principle. <http://www.rense.com/general31/marstogetclosest.htm>
http://earthstar.tripod.com/TSB_dir/Mars0103.html

Jun 1, Sunday. We begin the month with the waxing tiny crescent Moon moving into Cancer, inside the [Sacred Hoop](#) crossing the Galactic anti-center marking the current June Solstice. (See article on [Turning of the Ages.](#)) Mercury has reached the same degree (16 degrees 20

minutes Taurus) it was when it conjuncted and transited the face of the Sun on May 7 indicating Mercury is now moving into new territory through the lens of perception and cognition (i.e. the act or process of knowing) of the Tarus archetype that is most linked with sacred pleasure, intimacy, aesthetics and beauty as a valid path of liberation. (See May 7, 2003 archives) Also today Jupiter and Neptune are moving towards their exact opposition and are in a T-square to Mercury (See tomorrow and May 13 and 19, 2003 archives).

Jun 2, Monday. Jupiter (13 Leo) opposes retrograde Neptune (13 Aquarius) with the Sun moving in to trine Neptune and sextile Jupiter (see June 3). These energies expand and magnify our ideals (and our illusions depending on our current awareness) in many realms of experience with a focus on the Leo/Aquarius axis of divinely inspired egalitarian principles based on self-love (Leo) and universal-love (Aquarius). When Leo is healthy this archetypal energy loves who it is and loves to support others in their radiant and divine expression as well. When Aquarius is healthy this energy supports the dispensation that says "every individual has the right to take responsibility for their own evolutionary path." When these energies are operating out of their shadow expression then we can experience egocentric, zealous idealists whose agenda is to impose their ideals and beliefs on others. The challenge here is releasing attachments to outcome and trusting your own unfolding evolutionary path. It helps to focus on and follow your inner guidance shifting any external focus that can get caught up in the maze of confusing external events or references. This initiatory energy remains personally active throughout this year for all those who have natal planets between 10 and 14 degrees of fixed signs (Leo, Aquarius, Scorpio, Taurus).

Jun 3, Tuesday. Mercury (12 Gemini) near the fixed royal star Aldebaran and watcher of the east is reaching its maximum elongation from the Sun (24 degrees) as a morning star. This marks the turning point in the current Mercury cycle, with Mercury descending into the underworld on June 27. Waxing Cancer Moon is going Void of Course (VOC) this morning and remains VOC until tomorrow suggesting this is a good time to let go of any attachments to plans, outcomes or agendas. This evening Saturn is moving into Cancer crossing the June Solstice marker. Saturn remains in Cancer until July 16, 2005. (See June 4). Sun (13 Gemini) reaches its exact trine to retrograde Neptune (13 Aquarius) this evening further illuminating and energizing yesterday's Jupiter/Neptune opposition. When the Sun is trine Neptune or any outer planet it is always retrograde near the station point or Still Point (see April 3, 2003 archives). The Still Point is the center balanced point of power where there is no movement but everything is possible and everything exists and begins from this infinity point. Then slow deliberate movement begins creating pathways for the dreams, or the energy, or the ideas, to differentiate and move into form. From the Earth's perspective Neptune is barely moving in the sky having gone retrograde around the Scorpio Lunar Eclipse on May 15 at 13 degrees and 11 minutes Aquarius. Thus, Neptune has only moved 6 minutes in the last 19 days and will only move about 16 minutes total throughout

the entire month of June. This is an opportunity to access the infinite possibilities still available within the Still Point of Neptune. It may be helpful to do a vision quest or some other internal process that supports conscious contact with the celestial and divine energies seeking expression through us now. (See June 2)

Jun 4, Wednesday. The waxing Moon moves into Leo this morning reminding us that the reality of our being is divine, nothing less. Saturn made its move into Cancer yesterday occupying this realm for the next two years. Saturn rules structure and form helping to formalize a new relationship with each of the archetypes as it passes through each sign. Saturn in Cancer suggests this is a time to notice our relationship with responsible nurturing. Is it working? If it is not working what needs to change? Are you remembering to responsibly nurture yourself first in ways that support you feeling rested, strong, healthy, vital and safe? When traveling on airplanes the instruction is to put on your own oxygen mask first before assisting any children or others who cannot do this for themselves, so we are able to think and act more clearly. This is a great example of how we need to be whole within ourselves first to more effectively nurture, support and help others.

Jun 5, Thursday. Waxing Moon meets with Jupiter (13 Leo) in the evening sky. This is worth noting tonight as the Moon will be near very bright Jupiter just outside the head of the Lion constellation. The stars marking the head of the Lion look like a backward question mark in the sky. Moon and Jupiter meet once each month further illuminating the mysteries Jupiter in Leo is already expanding. One way to maximize this timing is by committing to ways that further facilitate your experience of truly loving yourself, and honoring your divine essence. It is also helpful to listen to your heart knowing from the place of love and acceptance. Listening for guidance from your heart knowing and following that guidance helps facilitate amazing synchronicities that support the practice of deepening self-love. Forgiveness of self and others is another key element in this process. Through the power and grace of forgiveness, forgiving the unforgivable, whether it is ourselves or others being forgiven, love is liberated and with that release freedom, peace, power and new life are available. True self-love begins.

Week of Jun 6 – 12 The Virgo [First Quarter Moon](#) (17 Virgo) represents the balance between light and dark. Visually from the Earth's perspective Moon phases last for three days based on our direct visual and kinesthetic experience of the Moon cycle. So if you have clear skies, it is easy to notice over the next three evenings the Moon moving through its First Quarter Phase exact on Jun 7. Each evening the Moon is visible directly overhead at Sunset and appears half full gaining in light each night. This is the most visible rapid growth phase of the Moon (literally) and the best time of the month to put our ideas and plans into action. As the week progresses the waxing Moon is gaining in light until reaching its full phase in Sagittarius on June 14.

Jun 6, Friday. The waxing Moon moves into Virgo this morning but will be visible in the constellation of the Lion

tonight because the signs (which relate to the seasonal cycle) and constellations are completely different. One way to remember the difference is to remember that "the signs are seasonal and the constellations are constant." Over 26,000 years every sign or season moves through every constellation. See [Article on Signs and Constellations](http://shamanicastrology.com/articles08.htm) located on the Shamanic Astrology Website (<http://shamanicastrology.com/articles08.htm>) The Virgo mysteries express as Spider Woman who weaves the web, or the pattern of life, *connecting the knowledge of the past with the possibilities of the future. ..."the possibilities for each of us is only limited by our own view of ourselves. Notice that the web constantly grows, outward, still connected to that small center space. It is always reaching, always expanding, never satisfied with the status quo. When something of value gets caught in the web, it is taken back to that small center and utilized; never wasted. It may be stored for later use, but it is never wasted."* <http://www.fortunecity.com/millennium/bertis/evil/537/projects/totems/spider.htm>

Jun 7, Saturday. Today is the exact [First Quarter Moon](#) (16Virgo41). The grounded earth energy of Moon in Virgo assists us in practically and realistically engaging the celestial realms of insight and inspiration beyond duality (Sun in Gemini) for the purpose of bringing the spirit of these ideas into a grounded, useful and sacred form (Moon in Virgo).

Jun 8, Sunday. The Moon is Void of Course (See June 3) from about mid-morning to just after lunch today in the Pacific Time zone before moving into Libra transmitting the mysteries of conscious equal partnership. A great Libra image is the round table council where each participant is equally valued for the piece they bring, and no one is more or less important than any other. All relationships have value and purpose, teaching us more about ourselves. Sometimes the gift is in recognizing when the purpose of a relationship has been fulfilled and it is time to end it and move on to new territory. Sometimes the gift is recognizing when it is time to make a deeper commitment to a current relationship also moving into new territory.

Jun 9, Monday. Venus moves into Gemini where it remains until July 4. Since last Nov 7, 2002 Venus is now integrating her current incarnation as the Scorpio Sorceress Shaman. Today she begins experiencing this integration in the Gemini domain. The feminine expression of Gemini can be summed up as the *Heyokah Coyote Woman*. T.W. Moore describes the Heyokah as follows...*the heyokah comes into direct contact with the life-force itself. This is symbolized by the Thunder Spirits that [s/he] dreams of. When this occurs, a death/rebirth sequence is begun, which gives the shaman the capacity to control some of the manifestations of life-force. This would include an ability to influence storms and, as is typical of the shamanic experience, the power to heal. [S/He] also becomes a very potent teacher. This last is where the "contrariness" comes into focus, in two ways. The first is that the heyokah is teaching us about our selves. By "mirroring" all of our doubts, fears, hatreds, weaknesses, etc. [s/he] forces us to examine what we really are. For example, if you have any self-hatred (a*

common malady in our society) this sacred teacher will make you look at it. The second aspect of his/her mirroring is that, as we are taught, the heyokah heals us of our hurts. This is the most important and remarkable part of the holy [wo/man's] clowning. For this wonderful shaman takes our pain and transforms it into laughter. And what can heal human beings faster than to laugh at ourselves? http://www.paganlibrary.com/reference/concerning_heyokah.php Many Native American teachings also link the Heyokah with Coyote Medicine who also uses humor to heal and the ability to go beyond duality by going through it to experience total freedom of being. Coyote is often referred to paradoxically as the "wise fool". Thus the transit of Venus as the Shaman Sorceress through the Gemini domain is an opportunity to remember not to take anything too seriously and have fun with this initiatory process, through engaging healing humor that allows us space to be playful and creative. Today is also the annual Sun (18 Gemini) opposition to retrograde Pluto (18 Sagittarius) marking the mid-point of Pluto's retrograde cycle (symbolizing a deepening within process). Once each year Sun and Pluto reach opposition signaling a fruition point, a place where illumination and understanding are possible, especially when we are open to facing and embracing our deepest fears, recognizing them as our teachers. When we recognize and embrace these shadow aspects within ourselves and our world they always have empowering gifts for us.

Jun 10, Tuesday. The waxing Moon is entering Scorpio this afternoon energizing the intent of the Scorpio mysteries to feel ever increasing life force power as it manifests into form. This is not the power over others but the power within to access the source of life force in every moment. The fullest experience for Scorpio in this reality comes from living on the edge, discovering personal passion and what feels most alive. Late tonight or early tomorrow morning depending on your time zone marks the final square of Mercury (28 Taurus) and Mars (28 Aquarius) that occurred last month further activating our awareness around the mysteries of Sacred Pleasure as a valid path of liberation and fulfillment. For those who are attuned to this cycle you may have noticed judgments, fears and limiting beliefs arising around the practice of savoring and enjoying life. Becoming aware of these issues may have assisted you in making new choices and changing your responses to the current cultural programming. Or, this may have brought up and may still be bringing up feelings of conflict within yourself as the old programs are now dissolving. The contrast is often stressful and confusing at first. Being with the process and allowing the feelings to be whatever they are, breathing and releasing the need to have things be different than what they are, helps to facilitate these changes with greater ease.

Jun 11, Wednesday. Tonight the Moon is passing by the fixed stars of the in-between the worlds gateway marked by [Zuben Algenubi](#) (15 Scorpio) and [Zuben Alshamali](#) (19 Scorpio) in the constellation of the Scales. Zuben Algenubi is the star that is currently marking the exact zodiacal cross-quarter between the Autumnal Equinox and the Winter Solstice also known as the time of Samhain in the Celtic traditions. This means it is where the Sun rises at the

astrological cross-quarter around Nov 7 (See Nov 2002 archives) each year. Noting where the Moon is tonight helps you to locate this area of the sky and tune into what messages are coming from this between the worlds place.

Jun 12, Thursday. Waxing Moon enters Sagittarius and is near the head of the constellation of the Scorpion. Moon in Sag is energizing the mysteries of the spiritual quest intended to expand self-understanding, knowledge, and the meaning of life, while also discovering new ways of experiencing the realm of spirit. Mercury moves into Gemini at 6:34 pm PDT where it remains until June 29. Gemini and Mercury are resonant energies both connecting to the Heyokah, Coyote, Trickster, Magician archetypes to name a few.

Week Of Jun 13 – 19 This week features a [Full Moon](#) symbolizing the fulfillment, or fruition, of the seeds planted at the New Moon. Each Full Moon reminds us of the seeds we may have coming to maturity, to their fullness, to the place where the fruits or gifts are received. The Full Moon and Summer Solstice are closely linked with both cycles being in their phase of greatest light. Once each year the Moon is Full in Sagittarius bringing to light the importance of the spiritual quest for truth and meaning.

Jun 13, Friday. The nearly full Sagittarius Moon meets with Retrograde Pluto (18 Sagittarius) further illuminating the quest for deepening and expanding our experience of the life, death, and rebirth mysteries. Trust, surrender and releasing attachments to outcome are all helpful allies in the never ending life/death/life/death cyclical process.

Jun 14, Saturday. The Sagittarius [Full Moon](#) (23 Sagittarius) zodiacally aligned with the fixed star [Ras Alhague](#) marking the crown chakra of Ophiucus, the Serpent Holder. Ophiucus is also linked with Aesclepius whose healing temples focused on the clues found in the dreams of their patients. This timing accelerates the quest for knowing, experiencing and expressing the truth of who we are. The messages of the psychic children as reported by James Twyman support this quest because they are reminding us to pretend our deepest truth is our reality, pretend we are living a Golden Age of Heaven on Earth, pretend we are radiant and shining divine beings, and pretend the full expression of our divinity is our true experience here and now. The children tell us: *“When you pretend something that is true, then you immediately become that Truth.”* Sagittarius is the archetype most committed to the quest for truth. So with the intention of this Full Moon fruition drawing our attention to the truth, while also pretending we are fully living our divine Truth, then that divine Truth quickly becomes our manifest reality. <http://www.topica.com/lists/ThomasMessages> (See Aug 8, 2002 archives) Later today the nearly Full Moon is crossing the Galactic Gateway and the intersection of the ecliptic (path the planets follow) and the Milky Way where the December Solstice Sun is now rising near Galactic Center. There is only one time period in a nearly 26,000 year cycle this event can happen heralding the [Turning of the Ages](#). Once each month the Moon passes by here illuminating the ancient and future mysteries available when we are open to receive them. Moon goes Void of Course this

evening is VOC all day tomorrow and into late Monday afternoon. See June 15

June 15, Sunday. The Void of Course Moon in Capricorn is passing by Chiron suggesting this is a time for noting and further healing the wounds of our personal and cultural “doing addiction”. Doing in and of itself is not good or bad or right or wrong! In fact, doing is a necessary part of life, same as eating. Our cultural *doing addiction* is primarily rooted in doing, not for the joy of doing in the moment, but rather doing from a drivenness to prove oneself to an external authority based on cultural beliefs that say how much you do or accomplish determines your worth. This is often tied to a belief that if one does enough, there is an additional reward that comes from being good at accomplishing, or producing as much as possible. If there is a belief that not doing enough is the reason behind why a project fails, a person dies, or something happens beyond anyone’s control, guilt often follows. Thoughts may occur such as: “I could have or should have done more”, or “I could have done better.” Or “If I had only worked harder, put more effort into it, been more committed.” These are just a few examples of how deep the addiction can go. Other factors that can drive excessive ‘doing’ is that it provides a distraction from ourselves, from what we are truly feeling. This includes not only work related doing but volunteering to help out friends, organizations, and/or taking lots of workshops or classes and so on. These maybe wonderful things to do but if they are motivated from a need to escape real personally challenging feelings then they are operating from the doing addiction.

First and foremost, healing the “Doing Addiction” doesn’t require that we stop doing. Rather it is about noticing what is the motivation behind our doing and it is about finding ways to effectively and efficiently manage our lives and our relationship with the Earth that easily and naturally supports and sustains healthy, joyous living. This is challenging and requires a strong commitment to the time it takes to create new, more conscious relationships with “doing” and why we are doing what we do. It is interesting to note that there is evidence of tribal societies that only worked 15 hours a week to provide an abundance of food and shelter for everyone in the tribe and the rest of their time was spent in creative, joyous celebration of life. This is an inspiring model that suggests there are healthy alternative options to our current cultural conditions if we are willing to create them.

Jun 16, Monday. Mars moves into Pisces tonight marking the final phase of the current Mars Cycle (see this month’s intro). The New Mars cycle begins on Aug 28 with the acronical rise (retrograde Mars rises as the Sun sets) of Mars in Pisces. This marks the completion phase of the current Mars cycle that began June 2001 and the gestation and incubation phase for the next quest of the masculine principle for the active expression of the compassionate Bodhisattva ideal. Ven. Thanissaro Bhikkhu describes it this way...*The Bodhisattva path is centered on the unimaginable goal of assisting all beings in attaining full enlightenment by way of acquiring great wisdom and compassion for the benefit of themselves and others.* http://www.saratogauu.org/Transcripts2.cfm?TN=ser_v0108 Emir Salihovic writes about the “Path of Bodhisattva

Bringing the Dharma to Sarajevo” : ...*It seems that the best cure for the egoism, the situation in which we separate ourselves from the other people and "outside" world in general, is the decision to do something for the benefit of others, and not asking for a reward. Of course, there's a trick: you must do what others really need, not what you think they need. It must be something which helps other people to live their lives better, but in their own estimation, not your estimation. It opens a flow between you and others, relieves you of the burden of egoism, and opens space for fresh insights about life, relationships with other people and even the way your mind functions. That's how I understand and conceive the - Path of Boddhisatva.* http://www.amidatrust.com/ol_conf_es.html

Jun 17, Tuesday. The waxing Moon entered Aquarius last night bringing through the mysteries of the cosmic revolutionary who experiments with innovative ideas intended to accelerate growth and consciousness. This is a good time to question the rules and structure of your life and find where they are limiting and restrictive. You might dare to invite the changes that support your freest expression of who you truly are.

Jun 18, Wednesday. Moon moves into Pisces late tonight or early tomorrow morning depending on your time zone transmitting the mysteries of compassionate universal love and the qualities of inspired dreaming that capture our imagination. Selflessly, Pisces finds their greatest joy in expressing dedicated compassionate service to all sentient life, while also seeking mystical union with the divine. The next couple of days are excellent for dreaming or imaging our most cherished dreams and feeling them as a manifest reality.

Jun 19, Thursday. Waning Moon conjuncts Mars (1 Pisces) and retrograde Uranus (2Pisces46) in Pisces. Mars and retrograde Uranus will make their exact conjunction on June 23. The new Mars quest in Pisces begins August 28, 2003 and we are currently in the preparation phase, integrating the last quest of Mars through Sagittarius and preparing for the next quest in Pisces. The triune council of Mars, Moon and Uranus brings through the transmission of the entire lineage of the Pisces mysteries over the past 26,000 years (via the Moon) and Uranus provides the revolutionary insights for the cosmic perspective that inspires the masculine principle to incorporate the best of the ancient wisdom of the Pisces mysteries while also finding revolutionary ways to consciously incorporate compassionate growth.

Week of Jun 20 - 27 This week marks the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) (29 Pisces) on June 21. June 20 begins not only the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) window but also the Solstice Window as well both at their maximum potency for three days including the day before and after June 21. This last quarter Moon marks the point in the Hero or Heroine's journey where they are crossing the return threshold back into the world that was left before the journey began, returning with the gifts and boons gained during the quest for the purpose of sharing these gifts with their world. As the Moon continues to wane the completion phase or integration process of the current journey

continues and it is time to look at what seeds to plant in the next cycle beginning with the Cancer New Moon on June 29. The Moon moves through all the phases of its cycle in a month. The Sun moves through all the phases of its cycle in a year. The June Solstice window in the Northern Hemisphere marks Summer Solstice similar to a Full Moon point. The June Solstice in the Southern Hemisphere marks the Winter Solstice similar to a New Moon point. The Summer Solstice Full Moon point of the yearly cycle symbolizes a time when the abundance of life is at its fullest expression, it is the longest day and the most amount of light is available in this part of the yearly cycle. The opposite is true in the Southern Hemisphere where they have their longest night and darkness dominates this part of the yearly cycle. The Solstice and Equinox points form the four gates or four directions of the celestial medicine wheel. These gates are activated by the Sun in a rhythmic seasonal cycle and the Solstice gates are currently aligned near the Galactic Center and Anti-Center. This occurs for a period of time every [13,000 years](#).

Jun 20, Friday. Today begins the Pisces Last Quarter Moon window. The Pisces mysteries are linked to an ability to dream the new dreams into being through actively engaging the imagination and a willingness to surrender in mystical union with the divine.

June 21, Saturday. This morning at 7:45 am is the exact Pisces Last Quarter Moon (29Pisces49) with Sun at 29Gemini49. A short while later the waning Moon moves into Aries (8:06 am PST see June 22) and the Sun Moves into Cancer (12:11 PM PDT) marking the exact Solstice moment. The Solstice window is at maximum potency for three days, the day before, the day of and the day after the exact Solstice. In part this is because, the Sun is observed to rise and set at the exact same place on the horizon for three days before shifting direction.

June 22, Sunday. Moon moved into Aries yesterday energizing the Warrior Amazon/Adventurer, also calling us to commit to whatever we are willing to protect and defend within the cosmic order of life. Saturn (2Cancer25) is trining Mars (2 Pisces25) with the Sun (fuel) moving to conjunct Saturn (structure and form) and trine Mars (sacred masculine) on June 24. Also Uranus (unexpected changes) is in close conjunction with Mars (exact tomorrow) creating the possibility for a total restructuring of the current masculine matrix expressing through the dominate patriarchal control program that has limited the accepted possibilities of valid cultural masculine expressions. Sensitive, nurturing, compassionate and caring expressions of the masculine have been viewed as weak and unacceptable. Uranus in Pisces conjunct Mars begins the process of breaking up the old programs while also inspiring a big picture overview of expanding possibilities and a more conscious return of the Sacred Warrior or from the Pisces lens it might be more accurately described as the Compassionate Peaceful Warrior. The Compassionate Warrior operates from a place of compassion first for himself and then for all those he encounters. The Compassionate Peaceful Warrior does not come from scarcity and a need to compete for what he believes are limited resources, nor does he have a need to dominate

others by forcing them to fit into his control based survival program. Instead, the Compassionate Peaceful Warrior has the courage to begin by trusting and accepting his thoughts and feelings as they show up, without trying to fix them. Being willing to allow his feelings to be what they need to be is an important component of compassion towards self and others. In our current culture, men are programmed to fix things, to take action. The Compassionate Peaceful Warrior is willing to engage in constructive action intending to promote harmony and cooperation with those he encounters releasing the need to control, predict or direct the outcome. This simply requires willingness to be present and openhearted in all actions and interactions with an intention to support the experience of peace and wholeness within self and others in every moment. And so it has begun!

Jun 23, Monday. Mercury (18 Gemini) opposes Pluto (18 Sagittarius) bringing to conscious awareness personal and collective shadow issues particularly related to the current Mercury cycle that began last month in Taurus. These shadow issues may include how we have denied sacred pleasure, beauty and intimacy as a direct experience of the divine. Unexpressed rage, confusion, and hurt may emerge as these aspects of our divine nature have been denied by the judgmental and limiting collective beliefs of the past. Embracing the shadow by creating a safe space for feeling all the feelings without having to fix them or make them be different than what they are is one way to consciously engage this timing. Willingness to embrace our shadow and Being with What Is in loving acceptance, especially when it doesn't fit our ideal picture, helps us to access the gifts of power and life force held within the shadow realms. Today is the exact Mars conjunction with Uranus (2Pisces43 see June 22) and Moon moves into Taurus late tonight transmitting the mysteries of beauty, abundance and sensual sacred pleasure, that when healthy allows our hearts to sing with gratitude for all the gifts of life.

Jun 24, Tuesday. This is a very full day of aspects beginning including the annual Sun conjunction with Saturn (2Cancer41) and Saturn and the Sun trine retrograde Uranus and Mars (2Pisces 58). (See June 22). Mars, unlike the outer planets is not retrograde when it trines the Sun and does not go retrograde for at least another month. Thus the Sun, Mars trine has its own unique relationship in this case the Sun is providing fuel and inspiration for the completion and new beginning of the Mars quest. Also today Venus (18 Gemini) reaches opposition to retrograde Pluto (18 Sagittarius) stirring up shadow issues in connection to the Heyokah Shaman who has not been fully recognized or valued in recent times. Indeed, many women who have carried this type of medicine were burned at the stake out of fear of their power. Embracing these and other wounds, releasing the fear and uncertainty through conscious attention helps to restore these mysteries to their proper expression so their gifts may be enjoyed by all.

Jun 25, Wednesday. We have a Void of Course Moon that begins early this morning 6:41 am PDT and last until tomorrow 9:13 am PDT. Expect the unexpected and be prepared to roll with the flow as events may unfold in ways that are surprising and maybe even frustrating if you have any attachments to outcome.

Jun 26, Thursday. The waning Moon moves into Gemini where it remains until Saturday evening around 8:52 pm PDT and is transmitting the mysteries of the coyote trickster who loves to remind us nothing is as real as it appears. These mysteries take us beyond rational, linear logic, while also creatively expressing humor as a great teacher and healer. Gemini is also a master networker and the next couple of days are great for creatively socializing and having fun.

Jun 27, Friday. Mercury (26 Gemini) leaves the morning sky and begins a nearly 20 day journey with the Sun before emerging as an evening star on Jul 14. Mercury will conjunct the Sun furthest away from the Earth on Jul 5 at 15 Cancer. This marks the psychopomp phase of the Mercury cycle. A psychopomp is a guide or conductor of souls to the other worlds. Hermes who is the Greek counterpart to Mercury was one who could come and go without restriction from the underworld, the celestial world, and this world. He was the only God who had this kind of freedom and thus, he was the messenger transcending and traveling freely in all realms and dimensions delivering the messages from deep within the psyche. One way to engage this timing is by listening from the heart for the messages that Mercury is transmitting from the otherworlds without expectation of how these messages might come forth. With the trickster Mercury, it is most likely whatever emerges from this phase of the cycle will probably not be anything like what we might expect or imagine. Again being willing to be with What Is helps to facilitate the magic Mercury brings. (For more on Hermes see <http://www.belinus.co.uk/mythology/Hermes.htm>)

Week of Jun 28 – Jul 4

A [New Moon](#) occurs about every 29 and ½ 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.

Jun 28, Saturday. The Moon is conjunct Mercury and Venus and may be visible in the early morning sky before Sunrise. This marks the eighth gate of Venus into the underworld where she dies a shamanic death and releases any ego attachment to her previous identity and who she thought she was. It is a place of complete surrender and Mercury is there to guide the process. The Moon is crossing the galactic plane in the area of the sky that currently marks the June Solstice point of zero Cancer inside the [Sacred Hoop](#). There is only one time period in 26,000 years that this Solstice can align in this area of the sky at the center of the Sacred Hoop where the Ecliptic and the Milky Way intersect. That time is now. The Moon passes by here once each month illuminating and

energizing a new awareness, a new matrix, a New Heaven and a New Earth, as we are imagining it now, based on our conscious relationship to this turning of the great wheel of time. Thus it is helpful to remember that in each New Moon seed point what we imagine and hold in consciousness is creating our new reality.

Jun 29, Sunday. The New Moon (8 Cancer) is occurring at 11:39 am PDT encouraging the further integration of the concepts and practices of self-care that are truly nurturing and helpful in creating a peaceful safe space that includes total acceptance of ourselves and others. (See June 28) Mercury is also moving into Cancer today crossing the center point of the [Sacred Hoop](#) and the June Solstice Marker traveling near the Sun illuminating the mysteries within through inner attunement.

Jun 30, Monday. Mercury conjuncts Saturn (3 Cancer) at 6:41 pm PDT. The current Mercury cycle began last month in the Taurus realm initiating our awareness and cognition more deeply into the mysteries of sacred pleasure, beauty and intimacy and so on. Now Mercury is incorporating the nurturing Cancer mysteries into this experience recognizing the value of sacred pleasure, intimacy and beauty as a vital aspect of the truly nurturing process. Saturn governs the structure and form of our life experience based upon our current individual and cultural belief systems. Collective conscious change occurs when enough individuals release the hold of the collective belief systems, while also imagining and energizing a new morphogenic field of conscious change based in cooperation, love, gratitude and harmony with all life. This differs from the current morphogenic field that has been based in competition, fear, and guilt. This has also included a belief in an external hierarchy, whether religious or political, that demands either reward or punishment in this life or the next based on how well we participate with this collective reality. True beneficial changes are established and maintained in the collective belief field when we reach critical mass as described by the 100th monkey effect. Noting Mercury's council with Saturn suggests the necessary support for the establishment of a new form, new beliefs, new ways of perceiving and creatively expressing our reality based in beauty, cooperation, and gratitude is available if we are willing to choose this reality.

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