

## March, 2000 Celestial Timings

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*How give I the Key to Shamballa?...*

*Leave thou thy body as I have taught thee.*

*Pass to the barriers of the deep hidden place. Stand before the gates and their guardians, command thy entrance by these words – 'I am the light, In me is no darkness, Free am I of the bondage of night, open thou the way of the twelve and the one, so I may pass to the realm wisdom.'*

The Emerald Tablets Of Thoth The Atlantean  
From Tablet 12 Secret of Secrets

The above book and quote came into my life through a series of magical events and it came as a confirmation to an experience I had around what I was seeing as the council of twelve and one. In January of 1998 I saw a triune council of Rainbow Dragons, the guardians of the galactic gateway. They each held a grail cup representing Truth, Justice (all that Just Is) and Universal Love (born out of Self Love). I saw them pouring their cups and the mysteries they contained through the galactic gateway toward Earth. In September of the same year I saw the Earth council of twelve and one. I didn't understand this council at first. A couple of days later I was guided to find the above quote in the Emerald Tablets (it was not in an obvious place but more or less buried on the second page 69 of an old and not easily read edition). I felt euphoric, this confirmed an intuitive sense for me that this council was a key to understanding and establishing Shambala (as I prefer to spell it) in our physical reality. Shambala is the place where Heaven and Earth exist in sacred union. I have referred to it in the past Celestial Timings as the New Heaven and the New Earth, New Tula, New Jerusalem or Celestial Earth. There are many ways this phenomenon is being described as it is becoming more of a reality through our dreaming and consciously engaging this possibility. There are twelve archetypes given to us through the As Above So Below mysteries. I sense that we each contain this council of twelve within and we each are the one who integrates them all, much like the hub of a wheel, or the center of a mandala. Thus each person is in essence an expression of this council.

The basis of Shamanic Astrology is founded in the opening lines of the Emerald Tablets of Hermes most simply translated, "As Above, So Below, As Within, So Without." Working from the perspective of the Earth-based observer, Shamanic Astrology connects our So Below experience with the As Above dance of the planets and stars. This assists us in remembering our connection with the As Above, and how it relates archetypally and mythically to our lives, and helps us to consciously participate with the unfolding mysteries. Indeed as we are each the one who integrates the twelve, the As Above, So Below mysteries are keys to guiding us in the process of accessing the entire council within.

Myths and symbols change over time. This is due in part to the precession of the equinox and solstices through

the constellations. It is the movement of the signs through the constellations that gives rise to the Turning Of The Ages. Mapping the sky tropically defines the signs by the seasonal points. Zero Aries is the sign that marks the Spring Equinox. Each of the twelve signs are 30 degrees. The first 30 degrees past Aries is Taurus, 30 more degrees marks Gemini and so on. Due to the precession of the Equinox and Solstices these points are continually moving through the constellations at the rate of about 1 degree every 72 years. Misunderstanding of this factor has created a great deal of confusion. When working with the As Above, So Below mysteries it is important to know that the signs and the constellations are not the same. The confusion occurred several thousand years ago when both the signs and the constellations were named the same names, and then the signs continued to precess through the constellations. For example, Spring Equinox is not in the constellation known as Aries (a.k.a. as the Ram). The Spring Equinox is currently in the constellation named Pisces. To reduce the confusion, Shamanic Astrology refers to the constellations by what they are and not their zodiacal name, so Pisces is referred to as the Fish, Taurus is called the Bull, Leo is called the Lion, Capricorn, the Seagoat, and so on. In time, the Spring Equinox, or zero Aries point will move to the constellation of the Water Bearer a.k.a Aquarius. Depending on how the sky is divided we are still many years away from the so called age of Aquarius. However, if we turn our attention to the Winter Solstice point in the sky, zero Capricorn, we discover that it is exactly aligned with the intersection of the Milky Way Galaxy and the Ecliptic (the path the planets follow) near Galactic Center. This can only happen for one period of time during a nearly 26,000 year cycle, which is the length of time it takes for the Winter Solstice (or any one point on the zodiacal circle) to make one circuit. This means we are at a far greater Turning than the mere turning of a 2100 year cycle. Essentially, we seem to be at the Turning of an entire 26,000 Year cycle. It is time for us to be conscious of what we are dreaming into our reality, as we are seeding the next 26,000 years. (For more information about the cycle of precession and why we are at the turning of a 26,000 year age please see *A Shamanic Look At The Turning Of The Ages* by Daniel Giamario on the Shamanic Astrology web site or in *The Shamanic Astrology Handbook*.)

The upcoming Spring Equinox, March 19 and 20, marks yet another significant timing to further our connection to the incoming energies of the new cycle. In the book *The Equinox and Solstice Ceremonies of the Golden Dawn*, Pat and Chris Zalewski tell us the Equinoxes are a good time to establish or re-establish contacts with other realms and dimensions. This is because the Earth has its own auric or magnetic field that is triggered at the equinoxes when the Earth's equator aligns with the rising and setting Sun, creating the balance of equal days and nights. When the Sun is over the equator, the solar affect causes a reduction in the magnetic field of the Earth allowing for connections to other realms to happen more easily. The effect begins around 24 hours before, and ends around 24 hours after, the exact Equinox point.

The Upanishads described the Sun as the "...door of the world, an entrance for the knowing..." The Sun when it aligns with the equator of the Earth acts to open a door for us illuminating our own knowing if we are conscious of this timing. This is when it is helpful to note what is happening in our personal world on all levels, but especially as it relates to our dreamtime, our mediation time, and our ritual or ceremonial time. As the Sun is affecting the magnetic field of the Earth in a rhythmic cycle linked with the seasons, then Sacred Sites on the Earth that act as doorways to other realms and dimensions are also more easily accessed at these particular timings. This is something to keep in mind when planning your Spring and Autumnal Equinox ceremonies. (Note of interest is that Daniel Giamario and I are holding another Shamanic Astrology Camp at Faywood Hot Springs in Silver City, NM this coming Autumnal Equinox from September 21 to 24. Faywood Hot Springs is a sacred site that now also features a geomantically alive Standing Stone circle connecting the magic of Earth and Sky. If you are interested in more details you can contact me at 520-744-0506. Information will be going up on the web site in the next few weeks.)

**March 19 and 20 is the exact Spring Equinox, the Sun enters Aries at 11:36 pm PST on the 19th and 12:36 am MST on the 20th. March 19 is the second Virgo Full Moon occurring at 9:44 pm MST.** The Moon quickly enters Libra at 9:57 pm MST, crossing the Autumnal Equinox point in the sky as the Sun gets ready to cross the Spring Equinox point about 2 and 1/2 hours later. This means we have both the Sun and the Full Moon illuminating the Spring and Autumnal Equinox points in the sky. It feels as if the As Above is calling us to truly pay attention to this timing as we prepare to engage the May 2000 Celestial Sky Council.

The seven celestial bodies, observable with the naked eye from Earth, are gathering together in May. However, only the Sun will be visible during the New Moon point of this gathering. The Moon becomes visible a day or later, but the other planets remain captured in the Sun's glow for several weeks. (See The Celestial Sky Council of May 2000 for details on the Celestial Timings page of [www.ShamanicAstrology.com](http://www.ShamanicAstrology.com)). We are currently in a preparation phase for this rare and highly potent New Moon time in May. As we prepare for the May alignment the Spring Equinox feels like an important timing to assist us in our preparation, especially in light of the fact that we have both the Sun and Moon illuminating both equinox points. Indeed, the doorways activated by this timing are at least doubled. Now is the time to stand before the gates and their guardians and declare our intent, asking for the mysteries to open to us so that we may indeed pass into the realm of wisdom, where we are consciously co-creating Heaven on Earth. Blessed Be!

### **March Night Sky**

The Celestial Sky Calendar 2000 by Guy Ottewell explains, "March 'comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb'—this saying refers to blizzards and mild weather,

but perhaps the images came to mind because in the March evening sky Aries (the constellation of the Ram) is setting as Leo (the constellation of the Lion) approaches the zenith." This makes sense to me when we consider how the Great Above informs the Great Below and vice versa.

In the evening sky, Mars is catching up to Jupiter and Jupiter is catching up to Saturn. These three are within 25 degrees of each other **March 6**, closing the gap to 20 degrees on **March 13 and 14**, and 15 degrees on **March 21 and 22**. By **March 29 and 30** the gap has shrunk to 10 degrees. These planets are best visible within an hour or so after Sunset as they are moving closer to the western horizon and are now setting earlier. In mid-April the space between these three planets will shrink within 5 degrees of each other. According to the Abrams Planetarium Sky Calendar this is the most compact visible gathering of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn over a 179 year interval, from December 1901 to November 2080. It is definitely worth while to keep an eye on this rare line-up as it comes closer and closer together.

It may also be well worth while to track the waxing Moon from its first appearance as a tiny crescent about March 7 through the fullness phase on Mar 19. **March 8**, the waxing tiny crescent Moon passes by Mars (18 Aries) at 9:25 am MST, then on **March 9** it links with Jupiter (4 Taurus) at 11:41 am MST and Saturn on **March 11** (13 Taurus) at 2:58 am MST. **March 9** produces a Saturn, Jupiter, Moon triangle worth seeing. **March 11** the Moon passes through the Hyades near Aldebaran. **March 12** the First Quarter Moon (23 Gemini) at 11:58 pm MST passes above Betelgeuse, the bright red fixed star that marks the shoulder of Orion. **March 14** Moon moves close to the fixed stars Castor and Pollux in the constellation of the Twins and is directly above the fixed star Procyon in Canis Minor. Procyon marks one of three bright stars, Betelgeuse and Sirius are the other two, of a nearly perfect equilateral triangle referred to by some ancient tribes as Heaven's Gate, consider to be the gateway souls access to come into this world. On **March 15** the waxing Gibbous Moon is in the same area of the sky it was at the January Total Lunar Eclipse very near the Beehive Cluster. **March 17** the Moon is passes close, to the Fixed Star Regulus the Heart of the Lion. The Full Moon is occurring in the head of the constellation of the Virgin priestess. By **March 21** the Moon will be close to the fixed blue star Spica marking what is in the hand of the Priestess, often thought of as wheat.

In the morning sky Venus is sinking lower towards the eastern horizon becoming visible only about 50 minutes before Sunrise. Venus is completely disappearing from the Morning Sky in the first week of May, thus continues to rise later in the morning through out the month of March. Mid-March Mercury joins Venus in the morning but may be difficult to see.

### **March Timings**

The month begins with retrograde Mercury conjunct the Sun at 11 degrees Pisces. This is an exact square to the Pluto Chiron conjunction of Dec 30 at 11 degrees Sagittarius. As described in the Antares, Pluto, Chiron article (still available on the Celestial Timings page of the Shamanic Astrology web site) the Pluto/Chiron conjunction is facilitating a shamanic planetary initiation providing us all with the opportunity to die and be reborn into a new way of living and experiencing life. Retrograde Mercury's conjunction with the Sun is illuminating a powerful message about this transformational process. The message comes through our ability to feel what is happening. I suggest we take time to feel our feelings at this time and ask ourselves what message our feelings have for us. It is important not to try and make our feelings be other than what they are. If you feel anger, rage, disappointment, hurt, joy, happiness, inspiration or nothing you can identify just be with those feelings. Let them be what they are without trying to make them be something different, and there is no need to act on those feelings. Simply allow them to be and through this allowing the magic of what they are about for you will be revealed in unexpected and surprising ways.

**March 3, Fri, Moon and Venus (16 Aquarius) conjunct in the early morning sky.** The exact zodiacal conjunction is occurring in the same area of the sky as the February, New Moon Solar Eclipse. There may be unexpected events when we consider the close proximity of Uranus to the Moon and Venus. This Venus/Moon conjunction symbolizes the passage of Inanna through the sixth gate into the underworld in connection to her 2<sup>nd</sup> chakra. Here Inanna is required to surrender all the ways she no longer values herself, all the ways she has forgotten to receive the blessings and abundance that life has to offer, all the ways she judges herself and others and restricts the flow of life force, sexual energy. One way we can consciously participate with this is to create a ceremonial experience of releasing any of these ways we may judge ourselves or others.

**Mar 5, Sun, Pisces New Moon (16 degrees Pisces) at 10:16 pm MST.** The Pisces New Moon represents a timing when we have access to the field of all possibilities. This field is a great place to dream the fulfilled visions of Heaven on Earth and the fulfillment of our individual divine destinies. Planting the seeds of our dreaming in the New Moon window is an effective timing for insuring these dreams have the greatest possibility of becoming manifest in form.

**Mar 14, Tue, Mercury (3 degrees Pisces) stations direct at 3:49 am MST.** The magician has gathered all the necessary information to fully engage the next phase of the journey. This Mercury Retrograde has been about engaging the mystery and magic of divine union, the compassionate heart, the merging of the celestial and earthly realms in an ecstatic, mystical experience. Now Mercury continues the journey to discover how to make these gifts available to humanity.

**Mar 15, Wed, Pluto (13 Sag) Stations Retrograde at 4:49 am MST. Also today Mercury**

**and Venus (3 Pisces) conjunct at 11:23 am MST.** Pluto is diving deeper into the mysteries of alchemy and transformation in relationship to what energies were ignited at the Pluto Chiron conjunction in December. (See article on web site.) In Inanna's journey Mercury represents Ninshubar, Inanna's messenger. It seems Inanna and Ninshubar are meeting in council to further prepare for Inanna's initiation time in the underworld. This is especially significant in relation to the second chakra gateway Inanna passed through earlier this month. It is time to continue to surrender and release all the ways we hold ourselves as unworthy and be open to receive a message about how to do this with consciousness for the most effective results.

**Mar 19, Sun, Virgo Full Moon (29 degrees and 52 minutes) at 9:44 pm MST.** This Full Moon is occurring within three hours of the Spring Equinox. The Moon will rise as the Sunsets meaning both the Sun and Moon will be visible in the sky for 12 hours at the balance of equal days and nights. This is a threshold point as mentioned in the Spring Equinox information. We are crossing the threshold into a whole new adventure. It is up to us to do so consciously with clear intent. Working with the Virgo mysteries in the fullest most comprehensive expression of almost a full 30 degrees adds the wisdom of this archetype who knows the patterning so well and knows how to co-creatively engage the weaving of reality into harmony and balance so that all life is nourished, supported and honored as sacred. One suggestion for engaging this timing in a conscious way, is to ceremonially dance your intent. This incorporates working with the sacred rhythm of life helping us to balance ourselves within the rhythm that most sustains and nourishes our fullest expression of our divine destiny. Blessed Be

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