

May 2003 Celestial Timings Carolyn Brent

...As in the soft and sweet eclipse

When soul meets soul on lover's lips...

Prometheus Unbound – Percy Bysshe Shelley

Beltane marks the cross-quarter between Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice. The word Beltane means 'bright fire' or 'lucky fire' and in the Celtic seasonal year, Beltane celebrates the start of summer. In ancient traditions this was a time when all the fires were extinguished on the Eve of Beltane and new fires lit at Beltane sunrise. Often these fires were lit on the hills and in the Standing Stone Circles or Rings found on hilltops. These giant stones are acupuncture needles into the ley lines or meridians of the Earth grid. The Beltane Fires on the Hills are the beacons or points of fire that alchemically activate the energy of the Earth and of ourselves. Astrological Beltane occurs around May 5 when the Sun reaches 15 degrees Taurus, marking the original Sabbat or High Holy Day. When the Gregorian Calendar was calculated in the 1500's to account for the shift of the seasons based on the precession or movement of equinoxes and solstices through space, Beltane, along with the other cross-quarter dates, was not adjusted to coordinate with the actual astrological cross-quarter. Additionally many ancient Celtic traditions began their celebration of Beltane on the Full Moon or New Moon nearest astrological Beltane, and often the celebrations lasted until the next Full or New Moon over a two-week period. This year the Beltane New Moon occurs on May 1 and the Beltane Scorpio Full Moon Total Lunar Eclipse is May 15. The Sun crosses the zodiacal cross quarter on May 5 with the retrograde Mercury transiting the face of the Sun on May 7. When we also consider the North Node is aligned with the Pleiades the entire month of May (see May 6 and 11) along with the Mercury transit and total lunar eclipse we have a very potent and important Beltane season with deep cellular changes possible especially in the areas of receivership and Sacred Pleasure.

May Sky Events

On May 7, 2003, the planet Mercury will transit the Sun for the first time since November, 1999, essentially passing in front of the Sun as a small dark point. In some respects this is like an eclipse of the Sun, however this time it is a planet not the Moon passing in front of the Sun. This Mercury event will be visible in Europe, Africa and Asia. Here are some interesting facts about Mercury transits to the Sun: *All transits of Mercury fall within several days of 8 May and 10 November. Since Mercury's orbit is inclined seven degrees to Earth's, it intersects the ecliptic at two points or nodes which cross the Sun each year on those dates. If Mercury passes through inferior(interior) conjunction at that time, a transit will occur. During November transits, Mercury is near perihelion (closest to the Sun) and exhibits a disk only 10 arc-seconds in diameter. By comparison, the planet is near aphelion (furthest from the Sun) during May transits*

and appears 12 arc-seconds across. However, the probability of a May transit is smaller by a factor of almost two. Mercury's slower orbital motion at aphelion makes it less likely to cross the node during the critical period. November transits recur at intervals of 7, 13, or 33 years while May transits recur only over the latter two intervals.

The next few transits of Mercury over the Sun occur

Nov 08, 2006 May 09, 2016

Nov 11, 2019 May 07, 2049

Nov 13, 2032

Nov 07, 2039

<http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/OH/transit03.html>

It is interesting to note that this transit of Mercury precedes next years transit of Venus in front of the Sun on June 8, 2004. Venus and Mercury are both much too small to affect the amount of sunlight we receive such as when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun in a Solar Eclipse, however, with the proper equipment to protect the eyes, it is possible to view the dark spot of Mercury move across the face of the Sun as Mercury passes directly between the Sun and Earth. It is never safe to look directly at the Sun, because even a short exposure can damage the sensitive tissues of the inner retina of the observer's eye.

<http://umainesky.com/skylites%202003/May%202003.htm>

This URL shows the path of the transit of Mercury across the Sun <http://www.rasnz.org.nz/Events2003.htm>

"From the perspective of experiential and Shamanic Astrology, there are no more important cycles for ceremonial and magical work than those of lunar and solar eclipses." Daniel Giamario

May 15, 2003 features a total Lunar Eclipse of the Moon setting the stage for the amazing total lunar eclipse occurring November 8, 2003. John Mirehiel's article ***The Chart Heard Around the World*** refers to the November Eclipse as the Harmonic Concordance. He says: *The total lunar eclipse of November 8/9, 2003 reveals a moment in time with echoes that are at least as provocative as the August, '99 Solar Eclipse and potentially more potent than the "cosmic stampede" in Taurus in May of 2000 or of any of a host of other "important" dates projected for 2003.*

<http://astrosite.com/JM1.htm> Here are some additional interesting May Eclipse details: *The May 15 Eclipse finds the Moon passing very close to the edge of the Earth's shadow throughout, so the northern rim of the Moon will appear brighter than the southern rim of the Moon for the duration of the total eclipse. How bright and how colorful the light from the dark shadow will be any given eclipse is determined by the condition of the atmosphere and how the Earth's atmosphere is bending*

the Sun's light around the curved edge of our planet. Two weeks before or after a Lunar eclipse there is always a Solar Eclipse. This month the Annular Solar Eclipse, when the Moon moves between the Sun and the Earth is occurring on May 30th visible in northern Scotland, Norway, Iceland, and Greenland. Annular eclipses occur when the Moon and Sun align exactly, but the moon does not completely cover the full disk of the Sun because its apparent size is not as large as the apparent size of the Sun. Because the orbit of the Moon around the Earth is not perfectly circular, the Moon can appear slightly smaller in the sky when it is farther away in its orbit.

http://www.astropix.com/HTML/G_SOLAR/ANNULAR.HTM
<http://www.earthsky.com/2003/es030531.html>

Week of Apr 30-May 7 This Taurus [New Moon](#) seed point calls us to savor and enjoy with heart felt gratitude this beautiful garden of Earthly delight and all the abundant gifts we enjoy everyday. New Moons are conception points or seeding points for clearly stating our intentions and/or prayers around our true heart's desires allowing them an opportunity to find their most useful and supportive manifestation without attachment to the outcome. As the crescent Moon increases in light, growing bigger each night, it symbolizes the growth of the seeds planted at the New Moon.

May 1, Thursday. Today is the exact Taurus New Moon and a great timing for noticing how well we are doing with the art of receivership. Actively receiving and appreciating the abundant beauty of this world through heart-felt gratitude is one way to consciously engage the mysteries of receivership. Another context of receiving can come through the experience of Grace. Defining Grace in this context is a blessing freely bestowed on a person by God, or however one describes their higher power, for no apparent reason. Grace then, is not a reward for good behavior, or something that is earned, purchased, or won. It is something that is often unexpected and by many cultural and religious rules and standards it may even be considered unmerited. Grace comes to us from a place beyond the constructs of what our culture has defined as just and fair, it transcends our current understanding of Karma, or "as you sew so shall you reap." With this in mind, a question that may be worth considering in this New Moon is "how can we practice the art of receiving where our needs are met in healthy ways for the purpose of fully receiving the gift of Grace when it comes to us?" Here are some useful ideas for engaging the spiritual practice of Grace... "Accept that you are accepted. Practice receiving. Receive objects, love, help. Notice when presents and presence come to you without your effort."

http://www.spiritualityhealth.com/newsh/items/blank/item_187.html

May 2, Friday. The day begins with the Moon Void of Course lasting until this evening when the Moon finally moves into Gemini at 8:27 PDT. This is a good day to relax and go with the flow, being willing to let go of any pre-made plans if necessary or simply allowing them to shift and change as needed. Tonight the Moon enters Gemini, energizing the mysteries of the Heyokah, Coyote, Contrary, Shapeshifter, Magician. Gemini is the eternal

youth, free from the rules, reminding us not to take ourselves too seriously. This is a good time to play, to do something completely spontaneous, creative and fun.

May 3, Saturday. Sun (13 Taurus) Squares Neptune (13 Aquarius) marking the rapid slowing of Neptune in preparation for Neptune's retrograde beginning May 15. Neptune's job is to inspire our connection to "the field of dreams" (a great Neptunian movie) or the field of all possibilities for the purpose of bringing in new visions and dreams. The Sun is illuminating this infinite field of possibilities and there may be feelings of confusion and lack of clarity about what to choose, especially when old patterns and beliefs and ways of operating are still in the process of dissolving. A helpful way to consciously engage these energies is to trust your inner guidance, because external circumstances are often foggy, unclear, and misleading. Neptune teaches the importance of listening to and trusting those inner promptings assisting us in successfully navigating the unknown.

May 4, Sunday. Jupiter (9 Leo) is approaching an exact opposition to Mars (7 Leo) on May 8 and opposes Neptune (13 Aquarius) in early June. Mars adds its fiery red activating energy to this Neptune/Jupiter opposition. In the expanding (Jupiter) field of dreams (Neptune) where anything is possible, the active Mars energy assists in bringing our dreams into this reality. Visionary Activist Astrologer Caroline W. Casey reminds us that "Imagination lays the tracks for the Reality Train to follow." <http://www.visionaryactivism.com/bio.htm> Consciously using our imagination, dreaming new dreams, and acting upon them helps to manifest these dreams in this world of experience. Listening to and following inner guidance directs us toward the actions that will help bring our dreams into form.

May 5, Monday. a.k.a. Cinco de Mayo and Astrological Solar Beltane. The astrological cross-quarter known as Beltane occurs today as the Sun crosses 15 Taurus. Beltane is a time of maximum fertility, abundance, sacred union, sacred pleasure, and honoring of the Beltane sacred fires through feasting, song, dance, celebration and joy. The month of May and Beltane reminds us life is good, and life is to be celebrated and enjoyed with gratitude. The more grateful we are, the more abundance we attract. Gratitude is like a magnet drawing more of itself to itself.

May 6, Tuesday. The North Node of the Moon (29 Taurus) is currently aligned with the Pleiades. Alcyone is the largest and main or central star of the Pleiades and is often referred to as "The Central One". Alcyone is often noted as representing the whole group of stars known as the Pleiades that are all situated within one degree. The Pleiades are also known as the Seven Sisters; marking the seven stars on the shoulder blade of the constellation of the Bull (a.k.a. Taurus). In Greek Mythology, Alcyone, who in grief over the death of her husband Ceyx, threw herself into the sea and was changed into a halcyon; a bird identified with the kingfisher, believed to have had the power to calm the wind and the waves at the time of the

winter solstice when it nested on the sea. Halcyon means tranquil and free from disturbance or care; prosperous; golden: as in "halcyon years". The Pleiades also represent the "Seven Doves" that carried ambrosia to the infant Zeus. <http://www.winshop.com.au/anne/alphabet1.htm> These are great images to utilize through this Beltane Season as humanity now has an opportunity to set a new course of destiny through conscious choice. (See May 11)

May 7, Wednesday. Retrograde Mercury transits the face of the Sun (See this May Sky Events) making its exact zodiacal conjunction at 16 degrees and 20 minutes of Taurus marking the beginning of a New Mercury cycle that will last until September 10, 2003 when retrograde Mercury again conjuncts the Sun in Virgo. The Mercury cycle beginning today lasts 126 days emphasizing the archetypal realm of Taurus. Mercury symbolizes our mind, our style of thinking and communication, or said another way...through what archetypal lens we perceive our reality. Mercury in Taurus includes the art of aesthetics, beauty, intimacy, pleasure, enjoyment, and receivership. In the mystery school of Taurus one key to experiencing the joy of powerful life force energy is in the ability to receive, enjoy and savor the experience of Sacred Pleasure. This can be done through consciously choosing and creating ceremonial awareness that honors and fully receives the gifts of Sacred Pleasure including recognizing parts of ourselves that can only be accessed through this kind of experience. Any pleasurable, enjoyable experience engaged with conscious intent for the purpose of promoting self-awareness, well-being, and the strength and vitality of all concerned, ultimately leading all participants to a state of bliss and ecstasy, is in the domain of Sacred Pleasure. Mercury rules our perception of the world so over the next 126 days it may be useful to notice our relationship with the art of Pleasure as a path of self-discovery and self-awareness. Noticing our current reality in a place of acceptance frees the limiting energy of judgment and allows for new possibilities to emerge. The following meditation may be useful in creating greater conscious awareness around how you relate to pleasure...

Awareness of Pleasure and Displeasure

<http://www.interluderetreat.com/medarc.htm>

<http://www.interluderetreat.com/med4week.htm> (note: the meditation at this link has changed since I first accessed it but this writing comes from the above website and may be in the archives)

"Those who are awake live in a state of constant amazement." Jack Kornfield

To live fully, we must be aware. To live wisely, we must be aware of our motivations. Some experiences give us pleasure and some give us pain. We are likely to be attracted to experiences which give us pleasure and averse to those which give us displeasure or pain.

Life is better if we are able to experience pleasure in simple ways. One who finds joy in life's small moments and simple pleasure is less likely to be driven by impulsive or addictive behaviors. When a person is depressed, the ability to experience pleasure is impaired. When a person is addicted, pleasure can be gained primarily from the object of the addiction, the drug, for instance. It is important that we get to experience feeling good, so if our ability to feel good naturally and with subtle stimulus is

damaged, we may go to extremes of risky behavior to get the good feelings.

When our aversions control our behavior outside of our awareness, we lose flexibility and freedom of action.

When our neurotic fears take control of us, we lose the ability to respond to life spontaneously. In the process, we cut ourselves off from the moments of experience that might bring us joy.

When we become more aware of our experience we feel more fully alive and are likely to behave more wisely. It is more than knowing that we like a certain food or color. It is knowing how we experience what we like and what we dislike.

Try this:

Notice when you have a sensation of pleasure.

What is that like?

What induces it?

What thoughts might you have that affect the experience?

Notice when you have a sensation of aversion or displeasure.

What is that like?

What induces it?

What thoughts might you have that affect the experience?

Notice when your thoughts minimize your experience of pleasure or magnify your experience of aversion or displeasure.

Practice moments of awareness without attaching to thoughts. Seek the direct experience untouched by evaluation thoughts.

Become ever more mindful of your experience of enjoying or disliking this or that, so that you develop an acute and subtle awareness of your responses.

Week of May 8 - 13

The Leo [First Quarter Moon](#) (19 Leo exact May 9) is found directly overhead around Sunset for the next three evenings. 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. 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 to put our ideas and plans into action. As the week progresses the Moon waxes or gains in light until reaching its full phase in Scorpio on May 15 when we will have a total Lunar Eclipse.

May 8, Thursday. The Waxing Moon slipped into Leo late yesterday. The Leo mysteries remind us that the reality of our being is divine, nothing less. Last year I shared from a Thomas message courtesy of James Twyman <http://www.emissaryoflight.com/> about how *God descends upon the Earth, then it pretends whatever it wants to be, then it ascends back to its source.* The message was about how we are God pretending to be who we think we are now. It went on to say that if we could become conscious of the center point where God is pretending to be us then we could turn the tables and pretend to be God. This is the key...*God pretending to be you is the same thing as you pretending to be God. We've said*

many times before that when you do this, then you're pretending something that is true. When you pretend something that is true, then you immediately become that Truth. Pretending we are God, which is in reality the truth of our being, is another way to open ourselves to receive the gift of pleasure and the gift of Grace. Imaging what it feels like, looks like, sounds like to be God, to be the fullest expression of loving compassion, acceptance and wisdom embodied in our own individual form is one way to engage this process. In essence it is honoring the God within ourselves and honoring the God within others and honoring God within all creation. This is not an unfamiliar concept when we consider the words Namaste and In Lak'ech for example. **Namaste** is a Sanskrit word meaning "I bow to the divine in you" or "the Divinity within me salutes the Divinity within you...." and **In Lak'ech** is Mayan for "I Am Another Yourself" or "I am You, and You are Me," <http://www.kachina.net/~alunajoy/97aug.html> or stretching our awareness even further we could say "I am God and God Is Me!"

May 9, Friday. Today is the exact [First Quarter Moon](#) at 19 Leo, accelerating the mysteries of our fully expressed divine essence through responsibly discovering and demonstrating compassion for self through radical, radiant self-love, self-confidence, self-approval and self-acceptance.

May 10, Saturday. Moon moves into Virgo in the early Morning hours today activating the mysteries that also express through the archetypal image of Spider Woman, who weaves the web or the pattern of life. Examining the web, or the energy patterns within the web, the cycles and seasons, the patterns of life, death, rebirth, that repeat endlessly over and over assist us in consciously participating and co-creating or co-weaving with the sacred patterning of life.

May 11, Sunday. Happy Mother's Day. The Sun (20 Taurus) is moving to conjunct the North Node and the Pleiades (both at 29 Taurus) and will be exact on May 20. It is interesting to note that the Mayan Pyramid at Chichen Itza known as Kukulcan (feathered serpent) is built in part to track the alignment of the Pleiades with the Sun on the Solar Zenith days or the days of "no shadows". These are the days when the Sun at certain latitudes does not cast any shadows at mid-day because it is directly overhead. Over a 26,000 year period due the precession of equinoxes and solstices there is only one stretch of time when the Pleiades is aligned with the Sun at the Solar Zenith. We are in that time now. The builders of Kukulcan recognized the Pleiades as a stargate portal, also known as the rattle of the snake called, "Tz'ab." They knew when the Pleiades aligned with the Sun at the solar zenith the portal was activated and it signaled [the turning of a 26,000 year cycle](#). This year for the first time in 19 years the North Node of the Moon is passing by the Pleiades and will join the Sun and the Pleiades on May 20. The North Node symbolizes the destination point on humanity's time track. So this year when the Pleiades aligns with the Sun and the North Node near the Solar Zenith over the pyramid Kukulcán it suggests a time when the energy pouring forth from the open Stargate Portal actively supports the

manifestation of a new destiny that includes fully living Heaven on Earth.

<http://www.mayamysteryschool.com/calendarround.htm>

May 12, Monday The waxing Moon is now traveling through Libra for the next couple of days energizing the mysteries of conscious equal partnership, harmony and balance. Moon in Libra is a great time to reflect on our inner and outer relationship with life and what these relationships are teaching us about ourselves. Mercury squares Neptune. (See May 13)

May 13, Tuesday. Retrograde Mercury (13 Taurus) is forming a T-square with squares to Mars and Neptune (13 Aquarius) and Jupiter (11 Leo). (See Mars Jupiter opposition on May 4) This is a great timing for noticing in what ways the energies of Mars, Neptune and Jupiter are helping to activate, expand and inspire our mind's relationship with the mysteries of Sacred Pleasure as a valid path of liberation and fulfillment. Noticing our judgments, fears and limiting beliefs around the practice of savoring and enjoying life helps us to make a new choice and change our response to the current cultural programming. This may cause your mind to feel agitated as your new choices conflict with the old programs now dissolving. The conflict between the old and new conditioning may feel stressful, irritating and confusing at first. When you notice this happening remind yourself to breathe and release the need to have things be different than what they are. This allows a space for transforming the limiting beliefs and patterns that have prevented us from truly enjoying the Sacred Pleasure of life. Gratitude and appreciation are primary key elements in raising our energy and transcending the fears that limit our experience. These energies remain active until June 11 when Mercury and Mars reach their last square at 28 degrees of Taurus and Aquarius. This also places Mars near the Pleiades. (See May 6 and 11)

Week of May 14–21 This Scorpio [Full Moon](#) Total Lunar Eclipse is a highly charged experience of raw, primal life force energy enlivening passion, magic, personal power, and manifestation. The intent of the Scorpio mysteries is to feel the increased power of life force as it manifests into form. The fullest experience for Scorpio in this reality comes from living on the edge, discovering personal passion and what feels most alive. Witnessing a Lunar Eclipse is an accelerating activation at a deep cellular level. The lunation cycle (the cycle of the Sun and the Moon in its monthly dance) is the most basic and easily experienced cycle occurring in the sky. A total lunar eclipse provides us with an opportunity to visually witness an accelerated experience of all the Moon phases that normally occur in about a month, in about a three-hour time frame. It is a super-speeded up effect. That is why eclipses are thought to act as accelerating triggers collectively and personally. This is especially true if the eclipse is happening near a personal natal planet. Anyone who has natal planets around 22 to 28 degrees of fixed signs (Scorpio, Taurus, Leo, Aquarius) is on the front lines with this activation. This eclipse is visible Europe, eastern North America, Central and South America, Africa, part of New Zealand and most of Antarctica.

May 14, Wednesday. The waxing Moon enters Scorpio early this morning heightening our passionate responses to life. The Scorpio Mysteries are noted for a willingness to explore and expand the edges of our personal and collective experience. Expanding edges are shamanic initiations taking us beyond who we think we are. William Irwin Thompson sums this up well in his book *The Time Falling Bodies Take to Light* saying, “Edges are important because they define a limitation in order to deliver us from it. When we come to an edge we come to a frontier that tells us that we are now about to become more than we have been before. As long as one operates in the middle of things, one can never really know the nature of the medium in which one moves.” Today is the exact Mars conjunction with Neptune (See May 13). We also have Venus (27 Aries) sextiling Saturn (27 Gemini) signaling the upcoming Venus/Saturn conjunction on July 8 at 4 Cancer. Saturn represents the structure and form supporting who we are or said another way provides the form that supports our personal expression. When Venus encounters Saturn she has an opportunity to notice if the current form still supports the fullest expression of who she is or not. As Venus approaches Saturn it is time for her to evaluate the current structure and to begin to make changes, release and let go of the old forms that no longer serve so that when Venus conjuncts Saturn in July she can formalize the structure that does support the freest and most passionate expression of who she is.

May 15, Thursday. As stated in the introduction quoting Daniel Giamario *“From the perspective of experiential and Shamanic Astrology, there are no more important cycles for ceremonial and magical work than those of lunar and solar eclipses.”* This Scorpio [Full Moon](#) (25 Scorpio) total Lunar eclipse energizes the shamanic mysteries of death, regeneration and rebirth. The caterpillar dissolves or dies to its old form, regenerates, transforms and is reborn as a butterfly. Thus, this Lunar Eclipse has the ability to facilitate regeneration on a deep cellular level taking us to new edges through transformational experience. In addition to this, within the context of the Lunar Eclipse acceleration Neptune is reaching its retrograde Still Point station (See April 3 and 26, 2003 Celestial Timings Archives). The shift in direction of a planet’s motion from the Earth’s perspective creates a pause or Still Point that provides access to multi-dimensional realms of experience. This is especially true of those who are experiencing a Neptune transit to any natal planet between 11 and 14 degrees of fixed signs (Aquarius, Leo, Scorpio, Taurus). With both the Eclipse and Neptune station magnify this timing it is helpful to trust our intuition for guidance in navigating these uncharted waters while also consciously releasing attachments to outcome and simply finding a way to be with what is.

May 16, Friday. Venus moves into Taurus today where it remains until June 9. In the feminine principle this is the archetypal realm of Aphrodite the Goddess of Love and Beauty. Amy Sophia Marashinsky describes Aphrodite in her book *The Goddess Oracle* as follows...Love...When I open my heart...I am filled...with delight so profound...with ecstasy so sweet...with pleasure so deep...the connecting with my beloved...takes me to all

places...and the union...plays rhapsodies in my soul...I can achieve union...when I achieve oneness...with myself...I can dance partnership...when I can dance alone...I can love another...when I can love myself.

May 17, Saturday. Yesterday the Moon moved into Sagittarius where it remains until tomorrow. Today marks the monthly conjunction of the Moon with Pluto illuminating the shadowed, often hidden elements of our world, bringing them into the transformational light. This is a reminder of the potency of embracing the shadow, inviting it into our personal alchemical cauldron of transformational change with the intent to purify and transform all the harm, all the fear, all the poisons, and all the wounds into the medicine, or elixirs, that magically heal and restore wholeness.

May 18, Sunday. The waning Moon is moving across the galactic gateway today, crossing the December Solstice point of zero degrees Capricorn. Noticing where the Moon is and tuning into this area of the sky helps connect us to the place where the most important symbols are located for this current [Turning of the Ages](#). This is a great time to reflect on how to effectively and efficiently administrate our lives, with a minimum amount of “doing”, learning the art of doing less and accomplishing more through conscious intent.

May 19, Monday This is the second Mercury (11 Taurus) square to Jupiter (11 Leo) in a series of three squares occurring as a result of Mercury retrograde. Mars (16 Aquarius) and Neptune (13 Aquarius) are also still in t-square range with Mercury (See May 13). The last exact square of Mercury and Jupiter is May 23 staying within a minute or two of exactness over the next several days due to Mercury’s station direct tomorrow. (See May 23 for details)

May 20, Tuesday. Mercury Stations direct activating the Still Point when the arrow is released from the bow towards its target. (See April 3 and April 26, 2003 Archives) Waxing Moon enters Aquarius this morning (in the western time zones) illuminating highly creative, inspired, innovative revolutionary energies open to us when we allow them to flow through us. This begins the annual three days of “no shadows” (See May 11)

Week of May 21 - 29. The [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) window begin May 21 is exact May 22 at 2 Pisces and completes on May 23. In some traditions this Moon phase is referred to as the Shaman’s Moon. It is the death phase of the Moon cycle where the integration process of the current journey occurs and is a time for preparing the space for something new to birth. Life and death are interwoven together, one does not occur without the other. With every birth there is a death and with every death there is a birth. The Moon reminds us of this cycle each month as the Moon is born anew every 29 and ½ days, dying to the previous cycle and beginning a new journey. This is a time for noticing what seeds are ready to be planted in the next cycle with the Gemini New Moon May 30.

May 21, Wednesday. The Sun enters into Gemini in the early morning hours where it remains until the June Solstice moving into Cancer on June 21. The Gemini mysteries include the art of being in the moment, spontaneous, outrageous, hilarious and entertaining. This is the domain of the trickster who defies logic and reason, who goes beyond the ordinary boundaries of duality, who demonstrates that things are not as real as they appear, leaping empty handed into the void knowing s/he has transcended the laws of gravity and duality and is now living total freedom.

May 22, Thursday. The Pisces [Last Quarter Moon](#) is a timing for integrating more of our conscious dreaming capacity. We are all dreaming the dream onward through our actions, feelings and beliefs regardless of whether we are aware of this process or not. Responsible dreaming comes when we remember we are the dreamers and as much as we are dreaming the dream and the dream is also dreaming us. Awareness of this co-creative dreaming process assists us in living the manifested dream of Heaven on Earth.

May 23, Friday. Today is the last exact Mercury (12 Taurus) square to Jupiter (12 Leo. (See May 19). Jupiter is magnifying and expanding the Mercury cycle that began in Taurus on May 7 when retrograde Mercury conjuncted the Sun and lasts until September 10, 2003 when the next Mercury retrograde conjunct the Sun takes place. Jupiter expands and magnifies the newly birthed Mercury energies in Taurus assisting in the expansion of the lens of perception in the emerging Pleasure Paradigm. Consciously remembering to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the amazing beauty all around us taking time to savor the sky, the earth, the trees, the flowers, the plants, the stones, the birds, the animals, the colors, the smells, the feeling of the breeze, feeds our body, mind and spirit, raising our energy and facilitating a feeling of well-being that energizes the reality of living Heaven on Earth. (See May 7)

May 24, Saturday. Sun (2Gemini44) squares Uranus (2Pisces44) in a first quarter square reminding us Uranus will station retrograde on June 6/7. This is the first Sun square Uranus since Uranus entered Pisces in March. This aspect illuminates our awareness around the changes needed to become more effective conscious dreamers. New ideas and new information may challenge or even shatter our current beliefs creating the space for unconventional and innovative changes that may surprise even the most liberal minded. Mars (19 Aquarius) sextiles retrograde Pluto (19 Sagittarius) for the first time since their conjunction on Feb 15, 2003. Due to the Mars retrograde cycle beginning the end of August Mars will not conjunct Pluto again until Jan 21, 2005. Mars activates Pluto's cleansing and purifying tendencies. With the active high output Mars energy this cleansing and transformative process may feel especially intense.

May 25, Sunday. Moon in Aries amplifies the mysteries of direct, decisive, assertive, courageous, and spontaneous action before reflection. If you don't know what action to take, do something fun, spontaneous and in the moment.

Spontaneous action helps move the energy into new territory.

May 26, Monday. Venus conjuncts Mercury in Taurus and squares Jupiter in Leo around 13 degrees all in square to Neptune (13 Aquarius), emphasizing yet another expansion in the dream of the tantric mysteries of intimacy, beauty, pleasure and receivership as a inspiring and fulfilling path of self-realization. (see May 7 and 16)

May 27, Tuesday. Venus and Mercury square Neptune exact today (See May 26), and the waning Moon enters Taurus further energizing this tantric realm in the emerging Pleasure Paradigm where the experience of receiving and savoring sacred pleasure through gratitude and appreciation anchors the living experience of Heaven on Earth. (See May 7 and 16)

May 28, Wednesday. Tonight Moon occults Venus at 16 Taurus visible in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Africa China, Taiwan, and Japan. The waning crescent Moon (5% lit and 4 degrees to the lower left of Venus) is joining Venus and Mercury, about 3 degrees to the lower right of Venus, forming a triangle in the ENE before sunrise. This Moon occultation of Venus symbolizes the passage of Inanna or Venus through the 7th gate into the underworld where she is stripped of her robe symbolizing the 1st charka life force energy. This especially potent Venus/Moon conjunction reveals what is hidden within that prevents full access to the eternal source of life force energy. The Taurus mysteries remind us that one way to access a healthy abundant flow of life force energy is through deep and genuine appreciation of the constant gifts and beauty available to us everyday.

Week of Jun 10-16. This Super [New Moon](#) Annular Solar Eclipse (10 Gemini) Window starting May 29, exact on May 30 and completing on May 31 is a supercharged seed point creating an accelerated pathway for energizing and manifesting our deepest heart's desires. This Annular Eclipse is visible in NE Africa, Europe, N Greenland, N Canada and Alaska. much of Europe, central and northern Asia, the Middle East, northern Canada and Alaska (on the afternoon of the 30th), but the annular eclipse itself is visible only from Greenland, Iceland, and northern Scotland.

http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/objects/eclipses/article_80_1.asp

May 29, Thursday. The Moon is Void of Course most of the day and on into tomorrow morning suggesting this is a good time to let go of any attachments to plans, outcomes or agendas. Relax, meditate, take a walk, and avoid starting anything new, or signing contracts or attempting to formalize anything like getting married or starting a business venture. This is a great time to go within and attune to the incoming energies of the Annular Eclipse that is exact tomorrow.

May 30, Friday. This Annular New Moon Solar Eclipse at 10 Gemini is a super New Moon seed point conjunct the fixed star [Aldebaran](#), the eye of the Bull and one of the four royal stars located inside the [Sacred Hoop](#). This

eclipse is further activating the Trickster Coyote who stretches us beyond rational, linear, and logical ways of thinking and expressing. This story of *Coyote In Eden* as retold by KieYoeT is not about a logical and rational experience but rather conjures up images and questions about the nature of duality and suggests its purpose is to take us beyond the boring domain of perfection. *God created all things in an idealistic way. God created Earth. God's brother, Coyote, walked up next to him on Earth. "Looks good, God." God created all of the plants, and animals. "Looks good, God." After a week, God got tired and decided to create another world. God was bored, so he left. Coyote stayed. Coyote noticed that Earth was boring. The land had no beautiful mountains or hills. It was flat. There were no waves. The sea was still. Every tree and plant grew in military rows. They gave only oranges and carrots. All of the animals were dumb, and there were none such as he and his brother, God. There was nothing to challenge these dumb animals because everything was perfect. They stayed the same. Coyote got an idea. I will fix it. Coyote stomped on the ground and made the mountains and hills. Coyote splashed in the water and created falls, waves, and rain. Coyote threw the seeds of all the plants into the sky so that they would mix together. And Coyote made the animals fight and die. He created humans. These humans became smart and soon discovered Coyote. They blamed him for earthquakes, floods, brush fires, and tornados. They said he was bad. God came back to see Earth again. "What have you done Coyote?" Coyote smiled.*

<http://parkinson.home.mindspring.com/coyotes/kiemyths.html>

May 31, Saturday. Moon is crossing zero Cancer this morning a couple of hours after mid-night for those in the Pacific Time Zone. This is currently aligned with the area of the sky that looks out into deep space and marks the June Solstice at zero Cancer at the center point of the [Sacred Hoop](#). Moon in Cancer illuminates the mysteries of responsible nurturing and building a new world based on mutual cooperation and the sense we are all part of a global family.

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- * Indigenous cultures' concepts of life and ceremony
- * Ceremonial uses of drums, chant, song, and movement as well as various herbs
- * The universal principles: All Life Is Supportive (learn to open), All Life Is Communicating (learn to listen), and All Life Is Responsive (learn to trust).

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