

May 2005 Celestial Timings

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Once again, I would like to thank Carolyn for allowing and encouraging me to write for the Celestial Timings. It is a privilege to have an opportunity to share my thoughts and inspirations under the guidance of such a great teacher and friend. It's totally amazing how much growth and how many transmissions come through this process. I always look forward to the Celestial Timings each month and to connecting in with the planetary initiatory cycles – and the perspective of the writer. In that same spirit, I hope you enjoy my contribution for the first part of this month. ~ Infinite Blessings! Leslie Harris, (503) 706-8312

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The May Queen

*She wears sunlight in her hair
And violets in her eyes
And her cheeks are the petals of a rose.
She bears Love on her arm
And lilies are her feet,
And they carry Life wherever she goes.
There are graces on her lips
And rainbows on her robes
And her wreath is the coronet of May.
She is Fairy Queen of earth-
The wand at her heart
Is a Bud from the Triune Bouquet.
She is Mother, Queen, and Maid,
And God is her Child,
And her Courts are the meadows where
They play
And her Courts
Forever and for aye.
She is Mary full of grace.
She is Queen of Eternal May.
~ by Marie Fischer, 1944*

The month of May has long been dedicated to honoring the Mother and the Goddess across many cultures and faiths. The names and stories may vary, but the message is universal – we are reminded to honor and appreciate our mother and to recognize her gifts – she who gave us life and nurtured us, in all the myriad forms she embodies. For some, it is in our human mother that we can most identify these qualities of selfless love, and others will look above and beyond to the celestial and Divine Mother, and others still will feel their closest connection with the Mother Earth.

At this time of renewal and abundance, it seems appropriate to turn our attention toward our earthly mother – the one who supports our very existence, both personally and collectively. As the cycle of life goes, there comes a time when we must realize that we cannot remain as a child who innocently takes without having to give anything in return, but that we must mature into

taking responsibility for ourselves and to appreciate those who have nurtured and provided for us until such time as we could realize our own potential. Understanding the impact that we have on everyone and everything around us, encourages us to keep our environment clean – this is both a metaphorical concept and quite literal. We cannot continue to destroy our earth mother and have any hope of continuing life as we know it. There is no better time than right now to step into our birthright as the custodians of this great planet and to clean up our mess – to transmute the toxic waste of thoughts, emotions, and actual pollutants that we've carelessly discarded in the thought that "someone else will take care of it". If not us, who would that someone else be – our Mother? *There is much wisdom in the words of Chief Seattle (1788-1866), the Native American (Suquamish) leader, "Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons and daughters of the earth. We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves..."*

In her book, "Medicine for the Earth: How to Transform Personal and Environmental Toxins", Sandra Ingerman (www.shamanicvisions.com) gives us the necessary tools to do our own clean up work with a clearly defined a proven formula for transmutation: Intention + Love + Harmony + Focus + Union + Concentration + Imagination. In order to put it into action, you need to move into your heart space to a state of love and appreciation and to be able to focus clearly on your intention, where it is possible to access this "divine nature" within. As the Sun shines beatifically under the zodiacal influence of Taurus, we are reminded of the image of the slow moving Bull who savors the sensual pleasures of life in the abundant meadows and lush greenery and as our senses are stimulated, we are inspired to do the same – to fully embrace, experience life and have gratitude for all that we are given – and to stop and smell the roses along the way; to be in a state of love and appreciation, wherein we can create miracles.

A Glance at the Night Sky: During the month of May, the Milky Way lies flat around the horizon. Even though you cannot really see it in the evening sky, you might be able to glimpse the highest part in Cygnus to the northeast and be able to experience it a bit by walking directly toward that part. If you do - you are actually walking forward around the Galaxy in our same direction, and you can look out toward Galactic Center to your right.

Jupiter is visibly prominent this month, as **Saturn** is moving lower on the horizon. Most appropriately, we will be graced by the appearance of **Venus** after the 9th as she begins her long reign in the evening sky. **Mercury** is not easily seen this month, as it is rising just before the Sun. It may be possible to catch a glimpse of **Mars** in the twilight before dawn, until later in the month when he too is lost in the glare of the Sun.

The month of May brings us a handful of occultations to the Moon:
May 5th – Juno, May 19th – Jupiter, May 24th – Antares, and May 31st – Mars.

Week of May 1 – 8

The retrograde Jupiter (10 Libra) – Uranus (10 Pisces) quincunx (150° angle) on May 7th, is the second in a series of three (October 2004 and July 2005). The desire for freedom and individuality while remaining ensconced within the womb of the collective, is accentuated by the desire for conscious equal relationships, encouraging the pursuit of spiritual freedom and empowering the ability to hold onto our truth in all of our relationships. On May 8th, the New Moon in Taurus closely squares Neptune (17

Aquarius), facilitating graceful movement between the world of matter and the world of spirit.

May 1, Sunday. Last Quarter Moon (also see May 30). Beltane, May Day. This is one of the four major Sabbats (fire festivals) in the Celtic year, Beltane – meaning Bright Fire or Lucky Fire – and is the counterpart to Samhain (the Celtic New Year). Beltane marks the midway point between the vernal equinox and the summer solstice signaling the pending arrival of summer. This is the time of "Dancing of the Maypole", a ceremonial re-enactment of the symbolic union of the May Queen (Goddess of Spring) and the May King (God of Fertility). This dance rekindles our own internal flames, igniting our spark of excitement for life. The brightly colored feminine ribbons are wrapped around the masculine pole in a double-spiral fashion with male and female dancers moving in opposite directions towards each other, representing the interwoven nature of all creation. The turning wheel reflects the universe, as the Maypole represents the World Tree, an axis connecting Earth and Sky. This 'dance' is truly a shamanic initiatory process teaching about death and resurrection encouraging us to be receptive to the integration and celebration of our own inner Divine Feminine (Venus) and Divine Masculine (Mars). Therefore, this time of communion facilitates the expression of the balanced feminine and masculine within.

May 2, Monday. The almost third quarter Moon (28 Aquarius) moves on to conjunct Mars (0 Pisces) on the ESE horizon about one hour before sunrise. This close encounter of these two forces – one magnetic and receptive, and the other dynamic and requiring action – while both are mutually engaged in the compassionate collective realm of the celestial Piscean waters, allows for a merging of our will and emotions on a very deep level. This initiation is about taking a wholehearted leap of faith into the deep lake of inner darkness lit only by the glow of the Moon, and once there discovering that you have reached that deepest place of stillness within where you are infinitely connected to all that is. In this great time where science and spirituality are coming together, it is encouraging to know we only need to be willing to adventure within to make great changes without – we are all capable of being spiritual warriors and leaving a legacy of benefit to our world and the generations to come. *As Dr. Masaru Emoto points out in his book, "The Hidden Messages in Water", "Whenever you sit in front of water and send out messages of love and gratitude, somewhere in the world, someone is being filled with love and gratitude. You don't need to go anywhere. The water right in front of you is linked to all the water in the world. The water you're looking at will resonate with water everywhere, and your message of love will reach the souls of all the people in the world."*

May 3, Tuesday. Just about 3° north of the Moon (12 Pisces) is Uranus (10 Pisces, visible with binoculars or telescope) reminding us the transmissions of Kwan Yin, the Celestial Bodhisattva of compassion, flow abundantly. Known by many names, Kwan Yin is an enlightened being emanating the Divine Mother energy. As Goddess of Mercy and Compassion, she teaches us awareness of our thoughts and emotions, and how we are creating our reality with them. This mother protector fearlessly assists us in transforming our demons during our underworld journeys. And as an ambassador to the celestial realms, she lovingly waits and holds open the door and lifts the veils so that all of humanity may have a glimpse of the divine to remember from whence we came and to where we shall return.

May 4, Wednesday. Moon enters the sign of Aries later in the morning, challenging us to take committed action to live our truth so that it becomes more rooted in our lives.

May 5 – Thursday. Cinco de Mayo. Ascension Day. Over the next few mornings just before sunrise, the Eta Aquarid Meteor showers may provide an opportunity to glimpse some of the fragments of Halley's comet falling to earth from its passage centuries ago – the actual comet won't return again until 2061. The passionate Aries Moon qualities of the Amazon Warrior that were ignited yesterday continue building the energy for the celebration of Cinco de Mayo, a prominent day in Mexico's history and battle for freedom back in 1862. Also today marks Ascension Day in the Christian tradition observed 40 days after the resurrection (Easter Sunday) of Jesus the Christ marking his passage into heaven. Delving into our personal psyche might include asking these questions: "What am I passionate about? And am I willing to risk it all by making the necessary sacrifices to live my passion?"

May 6, Friday. The Moon (23 Aries) goes Void of Course before sunrise and doesn't enter the sign of Taurus until early evening, giving time to pause and reflect – and just savor the moment. It is soon followed by an exact Mercury (22 Aries) square to Saturn (22 Cancer) helping with discernment in "keeping it real". We are being called to take responsibility for our actions and to look at our motivations especially regarding the rewards we seek to gain from our heroic efforts. While it is timely act in ways that maintain our cosmic order, it is also important to remember that we do not have to take on the responsibility of doing it all alone – or to be anybody's rescuer or savior. This great reminder was first shared in the January 2004 Celestial Timings:

"The Recovering Hero Proclamation"
I have no need to save others.

I have no need to rescue others.

I have no need to outshine anyone.

I have no need to out-think, out-perform, out-produce anyone – including myself.

I do not need to know anything.

I do not need to be an expert.

I do not need to fix anyone, or change anything.

I do not need to dazzle, impress or inspire anyone.

I do not need to be the hero of my own story.

In truth, I am organic, evolving, and fallible.

I allow things to unfold naturally, and I trust the flow.

I joyfully accept and experience my humanity.

I need nothing.

All already is.

Blessed be.

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May 7, Saturday. The Sun (17 Taurus) and Moon (16 Taurus) square Neptune (17 Aquarius) in the evening offering a unique combination of fixed energies including the imaginative dreamer. There is a strong sense of grounding that assists us in seeing through the illusions so we can get to the real dream/vision and make it a manifest reality.

May 8, Sunday. New Moon. Mother's Day. The month of May is all about the Mother. The origins of the name of this month trace back to ancient Greece and Roman celebrations of the Mother Goddess some 250 years before Christ was born. Eventually, these ceremonies were adopted by the early Christian church in order to venerate Mary, the Mother of Christ. During the 1600's, England celebrated "Mothering Sunday" on the 4th Sunday of Lent to honor all mothers. As Christianity spread throughout Europe, the Mother Church was eventually substituted as the representation of the mother and the spiritual power that gave them life and protection. Over time, the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebrations and people began honoring their mothers as well as the church. To this day, those of the Catholic faith express reverence for Holy Mary, Mother of God, the Queen of the Heavens for whom it is claimed that the month of May was named. She bears a striking resemblance to the ancient Sumerian Goddess Inanna, also known as the Queen of the Heavens, with her love and compassion for humankind. The resplendent Earth Goddess Maia, said to be the eldest and most beautiful of the seven sisters of the Pleiades (Subarus), and the mother of Mercury/Hermes and eventual wife of Mars, is also credited for the naming of May. Incidentally, Maia is often referred to as the grandmother of magic, as Hermes is believed to have been the first ever to master the art.

The modern day version of Mother's Day came to the United States in 1872 through Julia Ware Howe. She

suggested it be celebrated as a day dedicated to peace in the face of war inciting the mothers of mankind to interfere in the waste of human life since it could be there own children. It took many years and the efforts of another very determined and passionate woman Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948 for Mothers Day to be recognized as a holiday. Anna never married or had children of her own, yet she acted selflessly as a mother to many as she dedicated her life to mending the rift in our nation during the Civil War. Her intent was to create a day for honoring our mothers while also increasing respect for parents in general and strengthening the family.

Today's celebration falls within the window of Neptune (18 Aquarius) squaring the Sun (18 Taurus). The Taurus New Moon heightens our senses by encouraging the quintessential epicurean to blossom! This is a perfect time for truly savoring beauty, peace, joy and love while consciously connecting with how it feels to genuinely give and receive appreciation.

Fragment of an Ode to Maia

Mother of Hermes! and still youthful Maia!

May I sing to thee

As thou wast hymned on the shores of Baae?

Or may I woo thee

In earlier Sicilian? Or thy smiles

Seek as they once were sought, in Grecian isles,

By bards who dies content on pleasant sward,

Leaving great verse unto a little clan?

O give me their old vigour! And unheard

Save of the quiet primrose, and the span

Of heaven, and few ears,

Rounded by thee, my song should die away

Content as theirs,

Rich in the simple worship of a day

~ by John Keats, 1795-1821

Week of May 9 – 15

During this week, we may be able witness the rising of Venus into the night sky and the epic saga of the transformational work of the divine feminine. It all depends on a low western horizon where Venus may be visible shortly after Sunset. For many Venus won't be visible without binocular but for those who can see her she is rising near the Pleiades, recognized as a stargate portal by many cultures especially the Mayans.

May 9, Monday. The Moon, as the symbolic reflection of our Mother Goddess, enters the zodiacal sign of Gemini just after midnight on Sunday. There, she holds court for the newly transformed Venus (0 Gemini) who is just entering the sign of Gemini today as well, and rising as an Evening Star tonight. This is symbolic of Venus emerging from her long Underworld archetypal transformational journey she undertook in February. Anyone who is turning a multiple of 8 (8,

16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64, 72 etc) between Jun 15, 2004 and Jan 19, 2006 is in a Venus return and this an intensely personal time when the Divine Feminine emerges from the chrysalis of the Underworld. The alchemy has occurred while Venus has been out of sight, rediscovering herself after the loss of her vestments (ego) on the journey into the Underworld of her own shadowy nature. She is now realizing her authentic Goddess Self is still alive and she is beginning her ascent to reclaim her power and healing. This upward journey through the gateway of the chakras continue at monthly intervals when she conjuncts the Moon through January of 2006. Under the influence of the Gemini mysteries, Venus embodies the wisdom Iris (the female counterpart to Hermes) and the as Goddess Psychopomp, or guide for souls in their initiation process. Simultaneously, she invokes the teachings of Heyoka Coyote Woman who offers insight into the paradoxical and multiple nature of everything. This includes the experience of our shadow ignored becoming our undoing, whereas our shadow embraced is our greatest ally and teacher. Our fear is directly proportionate to our power, and as the ego dies, the authentic self is enlivened.

May 10, Tuesday. The Moon is crossing the center of the [Sacred Hoop](#), and is visible near Beta Tauri a fixed star marking one of the horns of the Bull constellation near the center point of the Hoop looking out into deep space away from our Galaxy. The Moon is illuminating the mysteries of the Sacred Hoop and worth noting the sky tonight.

May 11, Wednesday. This morning, the Moon enters the watery realm of Cancer, accentuating personal emotions and connecting us with our inner needs and how we relate to nurturing. Do we project a hard protective shell to compensate for that soft center and most vulnerable part of ourselves – or are we able to take our comfort and security with us wherever we go? It is a time to reflect upon our feelings and nurturing ourselves to determine what we really want and need – as opposed to *thinking* our way through it. Vesta (20 Taurus) the asteroid goddess of devotion who watches over our inner fire conjuncts the Sun (22 Taurus) as the direct manifestation of Great Mystery, fueling our desire to truly live the dream of Heaven on Earth.

May 12, Thursday. Mercury enters earthy Taurus in the early morning hours. This transition gives us a chance to shift into slow gear, quiet our "monkey mind" and tune into our essential tactile nature and connect with our surroundings in a more organic way.

This evening the waxing crescent Moon (9 Cancer) is situated above the WNW horizon just 7° to the right of Saturn (22 Cancer). This conjunction emphasizes responsible nurturing and incorporates the Capricorn

wisdom in seeking forms that will also serve the generations to come. Looking to the constellation of Gemini, you can see the bright stars Pollux and Castor just above the Moon and Saturn marking the rim of the Sacred Hoop.

May 13, Friday. This year has only one "Friday the 13th". Interestingly, the 13th actually falls on a Friday more often than any other day of the week. Today is also the Druid Moon or the 6th night of the waxing Moon, when the brighter half of the month begins. The ancient Druids considered this phase of the Moon especially sacred, as it was the Moon-between-the-halves – or the Half Moon. This shifting between the dark and light portions of the month (as with all turning points) simultaneously exists at the end of one thing and at the beginning of another, resulting in a magical place where anything can happen. The Void of Course Moon (21 Cancer 24) occurs from morning until late evening enhancing the sense of magic as things are suspended outside of time and blurring the boundaries of ordinary reality. In this open space – or void – it helps to be receptive to hear our Soul calling and inner guidance.

May 14, Saturday. Mercury (3 Taurus) moves into square with retrograde Chiron (3 Aquarius) triggering our most vulnerable points ready for healing. With Chiron newly seated in the Aquarian energies, it is apparent now more than ever, that our personal healing is directly tied to that of the collective. It takes courage to show vulnerability and to step out on the edge and embrace new or unconventional ways of accessing healing. The Chiron Return occurs around age 50 placing these beings on the front lines of personal Shamanic Healing – that also changes their vibration. This affects the collective field paving the way for others to follow. The exact conjunction of Mars (10 Pisces) to Uranus (10 Pisces) activates unpredictable changes designed to bring greater liberation and freedom of being.

May 15, Sunday. Pentecost/Whit Sunday. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter as the 'fiftieth' day after Passover, falling on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Originally, in the time of the Old Testament, it was more of an agricultural festival to give thanks for and celebrate the "first fruits" of the early spring harvest and was tied to the religions of the gods and goddesses of power and fertility – both in farming and in sexuality. By the time of the New Testament it was a celebration of God's creation including His people and their religious history. Pentecost represents God's enduring presence through the Holy Spirit or Great Mystery at work through the gifts of grace. This calls us to honor the sacred, to celebrate hope, renewal and the recognition that under the heavens and the stars we are all related and created equally by the same great source.

This morning Mars is located near Uranus, and visible by looking for Mars above the ESE horizon about 1 hour before sunrise. (you will need binoculars to see Uranus) This Mars Uranus (10 Pisces) conjunction brings "break throughs" often occurring through "break downs". In some cases it may feel like being handed a lightning bolt to use for microscopic surgery. Yes – it may be a bit over the top, but on the other hand you won't find yourself trapped in a situation without enough energy to carry you through! When we can embrace the changes it often feels good to be unconventional breaking the rules of ordinary reality and standing in your own unique divine light.

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"One word frees us from the weight and pain of life; that word is love." --- Sophocles

The Week of May 15 - 21. The Leo [First Quarter Moon](#) is directly overhead the evening of May 16. This waxing half full Moon phase represents the balance between light and dark and is the most visible growth phase of the Moon. This is the best time of the Moon cycle to put our ideas and plans into action, and is intended to bring our conscious awareness to the threshold of initiation that accelerates the growth process. Each night the Moon is gaining in light until the Sagittarius Full Moon May 23.

May 16, Monday. This Leo first quarter Moon (26 Leo) is transmitting the mysteries of our radiant and shining divine essence. When we remember *we are the ones we have been waiting for* and we are all aspects of the divine in physical form we will once again experience a Golden Age of Peace and Plenty. No one part of the creation can be any less than its creator, and the only reason we experience it otherwise is because we have forgotten our oneness and come to believe we are separate. The accelerated energy of the first quarter Moon is a great time to remember and experience the truth and reality of our divine nature, celebrating ourselves, and celebrating the divine essence of all life as it expresses through Great Mystery.

May 17, Tuesday. Venus (10 Gemini) having just emerged from the underworld on May 9 is low on the western horizon after Sunset and bright retrograde Jupiter is visible 120 degrees away in the southeastern evening sky. Venus and Jupiter are the brightest visible planets from Earth so this provides an excellent opportunity over the next few nights to visually experience two planets trining each other. Over the next few months Venus will close in on Jupiter catching up on about Sept 1. This Venus Jupiter trine supports inner reflection and expanding

vision on what was seeded when Venus and Jupiter met last November particularly in the area of conscious equal partnership. This is a great time to revision all our relationships from the perspective of love and acceptance? This does not mean the relationship is intended to continue or that it is meant to end. Rather revisioning any relationship from love provides a wider context for finding new, inspired, healthy, supportive ways of relating.

May 18, Wednesday. Moon enters Libra at 9:30 pm PDT moving towards retrograde Jupiter tonight and will be just beyond Jupiter tomorrow night making their exact conjunction and occultation at 3:06 PDT tomorrow afternoon May 19. This is the closest Moon-planet approach this year with the Moon just 0.35° away from Jupiter. There will be three more Moon Jupiter occultations this year and we have already had five since January. The Libra mysteries include the archetype of the diplomat who is willing to listen to all sides, to all the parts and threads of the tapestry, weaving together an understanding designed to support the needs of all the parts. When the truth of all the parts is acknowledged and honored then we naturally live in right relationship, peace, harmony, and balance with all life.

Venus (10 Gemini) squares Uranus (10 Pisces) exact at 9:37 am PDT providing opportunities for unexpected breakthroughs especially in the area of innovative creativity. It helps to roll with the flow and embrace the changes trusting they are designed to support greater freedom of being.

May 19, Thursday. Neptune stations retrograde at 17Aquarius36 and remains retrograde until Oct 26 when it stations direct at 14Aquarius49. If you have natal planets or angles between these degrees in fixed signs (Scorpio, Taurus, Aquarius and Leo) then you are on the front lines with this Neptune process. It helps to remember that it is okay to feel confused, to have no idea where your going, to have no idea what the next step is, to be in the unknown. This is a time for dreaming and visioning giving the incoming visions space and recognition without necessarily acting upon them until you feel clarity from your inner guidance. The inner incubation time is important and knowing when to intuitively act is a part of the Neptunian process. Even projects already in motion may benefit from quiet reflection releasing attachments to specific pictures or outcomes and allowing for the possibility of even greater expression to unfold.

May 20, Friday. Today the Sun (29 Taurus) is reaching its annual zodiacal alignment with the [Pleiades](#) stargate portal (29 Taurus). The Sun illuminates this doorway once each year providing direct access to the mysteries beyond the portal. Currently May 19, 20 and 21 are marking the zodiacal conjunction of the

Pleiades with the Sun. The Mayans left us an important clue about this timing built into the snake pyramid (Kukulkan) at Chichen Itza. Due to the latitude where this pyramid rests, the Sun reaches the Zenith (exactly overhead) at Noon (on about May 20 to May 23) and no shadows are cast on the pyramid. The Mayan's referred to this phenomenon as "the days of no shadows". The Mayans also knew that for a period of time approximately every 26,000 years the Pleiades would be with the Sun at the Solar Zenith acting as catalyst or key for opening the star gate portal during *the days of no shadows*. Later today the Sun enters Gemini where it remains until the June 21 Solstice. The Gemini mysteries include the art of being in the moment, spontaneous, outrageous, hilarious and entertaining. This is a great time to socialize, network, have fun and remember not to take life too seriously.

May 21, Saturday. Moon enters Scorpio at 4:49 am PDT emphasizing the mysteries of death and rebirth, resurrection and renewal. The image of the Phoenix diving into the fire and ash before being born anew brings to mind the ascension process celebrated earlier this month. It is interesting to note the Scorpio Moon is occurring during "the days of no shadows" because Scorpio is about bringing the shadow to light for the purpose of empowering our truest most alive and passionate expression.

May 22, Sunday. Venus (15 Gemini) squares Mars (15 Pisces) exact at 6:21 pm PDT. Both Venus and Mars have returned to the sign they were in when they began their current cycles. Venus began a new cycle when she rose as a morning star in Gemini June 15, 2004 and completes this cycle Jan 20, 2006 when she again rises as a morning star. Mars began a new cycle when he rose as an evening star opposite the Sun in Pisces on Aug 28, 2003 and completes his current cycle Nov 7, 2005. How does the wildly free, creative, spontaneous and independent Gemini Goddess connect with the deeply empathic selfless service oriented Pisces God? We can imagine that it requires finding new innovative creative styles of relating honoring and accepting the vastly different ways they both serve spirit.

May 23, Monday. The Sagittarius Full Moon (2 Sag 47) illuminates the mysteries focused on expanding the quest for truth and meaning. The Delphic Oracle provides guidance for the Sagittarian quest with an inscription that says "Know Thy Self" and the second inscription that says "Nothing in Excess". This is a great time to look at how well we know ourselves, how willing we are to know ourselves better through balanced living, and how willing are we to explore our personal truth in our relationship with the divine?

A special feature of this Full Moon includes an occultation of Antares late tonight or early tomorrow

morning visible in the NE Pacific Ocean, most of North America except the northern part, Central America, Caribbean, and north tip of South America. [Details](#) The Egyptians linked Antares with the pyramid mysteries drawing our attention to the pyramids' ability to prepare us for conscious movement from three-dimensional spacetime to multi-dimensional awareness by activating our pyramidal light bodies as described in *The Keys of Enoch* by JJ Hurtak. Antares is also connected with Archangel Uriel and the *Keys* tells us Uriel is – the creator of inner light. This is the 6th occultation of Moon and Antares this year with one each month until the end of the year for a total of 13 Moon Antares occultations in the 2005 calendar year. Looking back over the past 4 years there has not been one single occultation of the Moon over Antares so this is highly significant. Additionally today's occultation is occurring during a Full Moon adding power and potency to this timing reminding us that we carry the codes of transformational knowledge and experience already structured into our DNA just like the caterpillar unknowingly carries the codes for becoming a butterfly. (See Mar Intro and Mar 3, 2005 Celestial Timings archives)

May 24, Tuesday. This still full Sagittarius Moon conjuncts Pluto illuminating the shadow side of truth including light polarized ideals that can create harm to others through righteous judgments. Surrendering outmoded judgmental religious and philosophical truths and belief systems that limit our experience of the divine allows for greater expansion and evolution of the divine expression within each of us. This is Pluto's gift – death of the old (caterpillar) and concurrent rebirth (butterfly) - empowering and expanding our evolutionary experience.

May 25, Wednesday. The Moon enters Capricorn at 10:11 am PDT crossing the Galactic Gateway and reminding us that effective and efficient administration of our lives and our Earth helps us fulfill our divine purpose. Capricorn asks: *Are we conscious of what precious resources we are consuming and how to be good stewards of this great planet? How do we creatively contribute to the health and well being of our personal and collective environment?*

May 26, Thursday. Today the Capricorn Moon (6:44 am EDT) is making its closest approach to the Earth in its monthly cycle. This is referred to as perigee and the time of the highest tides of the month [More about Moon and Tides](#) The playful creative Gemini Goddess Venus (20 Gemini) is moving toward opposition (or the resonate polarity) to the Shamanic Initiator Pluto (23 Sagittarius) on May 29. Venus and Pluto came together Jan 1 of this year pushing the edges of our intuitive knowing into new territory partly through bringing shadowed or forgotten parts of ourselves to light. This experience is now occurring on the

Sag/Gemini axis bringing more fun and playful creative expression into the experience of who we truly are when we are willing to choose it. This is especially true for those who have planets or angles in mutable signs (Sag, Gemini, Pisces, Virgo) between 22 and 25 degrees. This aspect is being felt starting today and goes until the end of the month.

May 27, Friday. Moon enters Aquarius 11:10 AM energizing the Aquarian ideals of living free from the rules of outside authorities who seek to control, limit and restrict the human experience. Unique, innovative and ahead of its time, the Aquarian energies break down old restrictive systems for the purpose of breaking through to new experiences of expanded states of awareness. The next couple of days are great for thinking out side the box and doing something completely original and unexpected for the purpose of expressing greater freedom in ways that are constructive and supportive.

May 28, Saturday. Mercury enters Gemini 3:44 am PDT moving quickly through this realm in about 13 days before entering Cancer on Jun 10. Messenger Mercury is most at home with the playful freedom oriented shapeshifting Gemini mysteries. Of all the visible planets Mercury appears and disappears the most reminding us there are other worlds to explore beyond this world's dualistic boundaries and like the Fool in the Tarot Mercury continually leaps into the void surrendering attachments to this world. The Mayan Oracle defines **SURRENDER** as: *A yielding to the Essence Self, letting go of the need to control and manipulate reality in order to realize one's full potential. A state of mind and heart characterized by openness and trust in the universe. Surrender is freedom.*

Week of May 29 – Jun 4. The [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) is the Shaman's Moon. This is the death phase of the current Moon cycle integrating and preparing the space for the new Moon. 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 when it is born anew every 29 and ½ days, dying to the previous cycle and beginning a new journey. This is an excellent time to be asking for guidance about what seeds are ready to be planted in the Gemini New Moon on June 6?

May 29, Sunday. Moon enters Pisces at one 1:09 pm PDT energizing the mysteries of healing through compassion. This is the aspect of compassion defined as the ability to fully love and accept ourselves and others wherever we are without having to fix or change anything. This includes allowing whatever needs to be in the moment a safe, accepting space

where true and profound healing is possible. When we experience total loving acceptance - it acts as a natural catalyst transforming our pain and dis-ease into the medicine we carry. Pisces reminds us that not only is love the answer to every question but Love also heals everything!!! Venus is opposite Pluto (See May 26)

May 30 – Monday. Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day until May 5, 1868 when General John Logan proclaimed a day of remembrance for those who died in our nation's service. Today is about reconciliation and coming together to honor those who gave their lives to uphold the experience of freedom. <http://www.usmemorialday.org/> The exact Pisces **Last Quarter Moon** supports this time of remembrance and healing through acceptance while also integrating more of our conscious dreaming capacity. We all participate in dreaming the dream onward through our actions, feelings and beliefs regardless of whether we are aware of this process or not. Responsible dreaming occurs when we remember we are the dreamers dreaming the dream and the dream is also dreaming us. The question is what are we dreaming into reality now?

May 31 – Tuesday. Looking toward the ESE horizon 1 hour before sunrise this morning Mars (22 Pisces) appears less than 2° above the Moon. In some parts of the world this waning Pisces Moon is occulting Mars visible in part of Antarctica, the southern part of South America and central west Africa. This is the first of two Mars occultations this year the next one occurring on Dec 12. An occultation is when the Moon passes over another star or planet causing it to disappear for awhile. The definition of "occult" is rooted in Old English, Greek, and Old German words that mean concealed, covered, hidden and secret, and is associated with the supernatural. Astronomically speaking the definition of occultation means "covered." So in essence the mysteries of Mars are being covered and uncovered today bringing to light the hidden mysteries of the masculine principle in the Pisces domain of compassion and union with the divine. Tuning in to these hidden mysteries may bring additional insights into the inner quest for the Holy Grail including having compassion for our own challenges and wounds. This compassion is the elixir that transforms the wounds into the medicine we carry. Then the Moon enters Aries at 5:01 pm PDT.

Also today the Sun (10Gemini41) is reaching a first quarter square with Uranus (10Pisces41) reminding us Uranus will station retrograde on June 14 (10Pisces46) remaining retrograde until Nov 15 (06Pisces51). The Sun and Uranus are catalyzing unexpected changes supporting compassionate healing. This may bring in new ideas and new information designed to shift or shatter our current

beliefs or assemblage point creating the space for innovative changes that may surprise even the most liberal minded.

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Seattle, Washington May 27 - 30, 2005 NORWAC (Northwest Astrological Conference) Daniel Giamario faculty member delivering two talks and INAC (Institute of Neo-Archaic Cosmology) will be represented with a booth. For inquiries and questions regarding registration contact Laura or Maggie at 206-545-2912 or 206-548-1095

Portland, Oregon Jul 20 - 24, 2005 Chart Analysis Intensive Script and Archetypes Track with Daniel Giamario and Carolyn Brent This in depth intensive teaches the most important tools of Shamanic Astrology and is a required course for those in the Shamanic Astrology Apprenticeship program. To register contact [Daniel Giamario](#) or [Carolyn Brent](#) at 520-744-6923. [Full Details](#)

Atlanta, Georgia September 1-13 2005 personal readings and a Relationship workshop is in the planning stage for Labor Day Weekend with Daniel Giamario. Contact Suzanne Welander 404-577-9760 for details.

Chapel Hill, North Carolina September 14-18 2005 Chart Analysis Intensive Script and Archetypes Track with Daniel Giamario. First Time on the East Coast. This in depth intensive teaches the most important tools of Shamanic Astrology and is a required course for those in the Shamanic Astrology Apprenticeship program. To register contact [Daniel Giamario](#) 503-892-6464. Hosted by Lauren Jubelirer. 919-969-2527 [Details forthcoming.](#)

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