

October 1999 Celestial Timings by Carolyn Brent

...A mighty transformation is unfolding. The spiral is turning. Are you ready to serve the Call of your True Self? Remember Dear ones, to lovingly accept yourselves, to end your denials, to merge into the highest octave of yourselves possible. Then simply be. Your bright, shining spirits shall be as glowing beacons of Light upon this reborn sphere – illuminating all with deep joy and profound peace.

The Legend Of Altazar by The Hermit Of The Crystal Cave

The spiral is indeed turning! We are the dreamers dreaming this amazing time, and our dreaming is assisted by remembering our connection to the As Above, So Below mysteries. The Great Above informs the Great Below and the Great Below informs the Great Above. The Celestial Timings are exploring some of these possibilities, while also providing us with an opportunity to consciously connect with these mysteries as they are speaking to our individual dreams and realities. Another quote from the above book reminds of this, "The answers are within each of you. You need only be willing to ask the questions. The great teachers are still among us as they have been since the beginning of time. Simply look about you at Nature, look above at the Stars, and most importantly, look within yourself! Yes, it is as simple as that!"

Night Sky Events

Each month the sky is rich with mystery and magic. One way to connect with this mystery and magic is by remembering to look at the sky, remembering to connect with our starry relations, and remembering to invite these mysteries to teach us. The October night sky is blessed with the presence of Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury. Mercury may be hard to see due to its close proximity to the western horizon at dusk. On October 1 Mercury is 1 and ½ degrees North-North East of the fixed star Spica. This is the area of the sky Mars stationed direct at last June.

Mars is appearing closer and closer to the southwestern horizon after Sunset. As the month begins Mars is well above the Scorpion's tail about 10 degrees to the upper left of Antares and moving towards the Archer's bow and arrow. Mars enters Capricorn at 5:35 pm MST on Saturday October 16. Zero Capricorn is the Winter Solstice point in the sky. The Winter Solstice is currently aligned with the intersection point of the Milky Way Galaxy and the ecliptic (the path the planets travel). Mars will mark this area of the sky from about October 13-20 with the exact center point taking place on the 16th. Where Mars is on the 16th is the area of the sky the Sun rises and sets at the Winter Solstice. The Winter Solstice occupies this area of the sky for many years at this time, but only for one span of time in 26,000 years. For those who are interested in locating the Galactic Alignment in the sky and are open to the transmission of energy being beamed onto the planet from the Galactic Gateway, Mars is acting as a marker as well as adding its own activating energy to these mysteries. Mars is only found in this area of the sky once every 26 months. (For more details about the Turning Of The Ages see the Shamanic Astrology Web Site articles page or The Shamanic Astrology Handbook.)

Jupiter is nearing its brightest phase and closest approach to the earth in a 23 year time frame from 1987 to 2010

on October 22. On Saturday, October 23 Sun opposes Jupiter (Zero degrees Taurus) marking the center point of Jupiter's retrograde cycle at 12:04 pm MST. Jupiter is moving at its fastest pace during its retrograde cycle and will begin slowing in late November to station direct December 20th.

Saturn is a pale companion to Jupiter found 14 to 15 degrees to Jupiter's lower left in the eastern sky about 2 hours after Sunset. Saturn will brighten some as it reaches its brightest opposition to the Sun in 20 years on November 6. This also marks the center point of Saturn's retrograde cycle.

Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are spanning 147 degrees of the sky on Oct 1 and 123 degrees on Oct 31 as they move closer together. On October 16, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Aldebaran are all visible, spanning 159 degrees of the sky, three hours after Sunset. By month's end this will shrink to 148 degrees. Aldebaran is the fixed star marking the eye of the Bull and is zodiacally opposite Antares, the fixed star marking the heart of the Scorpion.

Morning Sky

Venus continues to brighten the morning sky rising about three hours before Sunrise. Venus is hanging out with the fixed star Regulus the heart of the Lion within 5 degrees as the month begins, and less than three degrees apart on the mornings of Oct 7-9. The zodiacal conjunction is October 6-10. Venus, Moon and Regulus join in a triune council on Oct 4, 5 and 6.

Some visible Meteor Showers are possible this month. The Orionids Meteor Shower is unfortunately competing with a waxing Moon. The Draconids are visible on Oct 6-10 near a New Moon. These meteors occur near Draco's head, and are most likely to be seen in Northern Latitudes.

Highlights For October

Oct 1, Friday, The waning morning sky Moon enters Cancer at 6:32 am MST today marking the area of the sky of the Summer Solstice. This is also the day Mercury conjuncts the fixed Star Spica reminding us that what we sow is what we reap.

Oct 4, Monday, Mercury enters Scorpio at 10:12 pm MST. Mercury in Scorpio investigates passionate mind. What beliefs and ideas excite your passion and what are you willing to communicate or express with passionate aliveness?

Oct 5, Tuesday, Moon conjuncts Venus (29 Leo) at 1:15 pm MST. This also involves the fixed star Regulus, the heart of the Lion. This is the third conjunction of Venus with Regulus since last July. The heart of the Lion in the great above links with and the heart of the Sphinx in the great below and they carry the codes of love and wisdom along with the knowledge of our origins, who we are, and why we are here. Here are some of the questions Venus in Leo might pose. How do we truly, whole-heartedly love

ourselves on every level? How do we remember that we are divine expressions of being and know it fully in our bodies? How do we truly remember that we are the Radiant and Shining Ones carrying the codes of radical radiant self-love and self-confidence in our DNA? How do we manifest these codes in our everyday reality for our greatest good? How do we open our hearts to the expressions of pure love within us? In other words, how do we consciously co-create fully living in, and enjoying, the next Golden Age? Remember the opening quote I used? *"The answers are within each of you. You need only be willing to ask the questions."* The answers to these questions help us to remember how to live consciously from our pure divine essence. This raises our personal and collective frequencies to support our expanding awareness of our true selves. This may trigger a clearing of the beliefs and patterns not aligned with our divine essence. It may feel challenging to note any progress or self love happening. One way to work with this consciously is to trust the process, surrender, and follow your inner guidance. Also it is a good time to commit to actions that support the experience of self-love. This might be taking some time for yourself, a trip that inspires you, a day in nature, going to a movie, a creative pursuit in an area that excites your passion, or any other activities that create the experience of feeling loving towards yourself. These next few days are a perfect time to do this.

Oct 9, Saturday, Libra New Moon (16 degrees Libra) at 4:34 pm MST. The Libra New Moon is a time for planting the seeds of conscious equal partnership with all of life, while remembering our connection with the source of life and our origins in ways that help us to evolve our experience to the next level. This includes planting the seeds intended to integrate all of our parts in relationship to our inner and outer life.

Oct 13, Wednesday, Moon conjuncts Pluto (9 degrees Sagittarius) at 12:34 pm MST. Once again the Moon joins Pluto and Antares, the heart of the Scorpion. The Moon conjunctions with Pluto and Antares are illuminating this area of the sky on a monthly basis. This is also the area of the sky where we find Ophiucus the serpent holder. The Moon's presence here each month brings these images into our conscious awareness. This whole past year I have been energizing the images of the great Grandmother dragon that are linked to the Scorpion and the Serpent as symbols of primordial life force energy. The ancient Sumerian story of Tiamat and Marduk describes how Marduk split the body of Tiamat (the grandmother dragon, who gave birth to the Earth) and placed one part in the heavens and the other part as the Earth. This is symbolizing the split between Heaven and Earth. We are now entering a time when we are reintegrating Heaven on Earth and healing the split that this myth describes. Pluto helps us face our fears around this potent energy and to once again honor and acknowledge the dragon energy, or life force, we all carry. Pluto's connection with Antares suggests it is through the love and compassion of the heart energy that we will successfully heal the wounds around our dragon essence, and wounded life force.

Oct 15, Friday, Moon conjuncts Mars (29 Sagittarius) at 5:49 am MST and Moon enters Capricorn at 8:03 am MST.

Oct 16, Saturday, Mars enters Capricorn at 6:35 pm MST. Mercury opposes Saturn (15 Scorpio/Taurus) at 1:58 am MST. Moon and Mars are hanging out near Galactic Center for this conjunction marking the beginning of the 4th Labor of Mars. This labor involves the passionate quest for deeper truth and meaning into the physical and emotional realms of experience. (For information about this see the Shamanic Astrology web site, Articles page, Mars Article by Daniel Giamario. Mercury/Saturn are lining up on the astrological cross-quarter points of Samhain and Beltane. Mercury represents how we communicate and Saturn represents structure and form. Mercury is Scorpio is passionate communication and Saturn in Taurus is intended to structure greater pleasure. Depending on where we are with these issues we will either find communication passionately pleasurable or it could be challenging for the next few days as all that is not resonant with this intention comes up for clearing and transformation.

Oct 22, Friday, Uranus goes direct at 8:34 pm MST, and Jupiter retrogrades back into Aries at 9:49 pm MST. Oct 23, Saturday, Sun opposes Jupiter (Zero Taurus) See Night Sky section for more about Uranus going direct and Sun/Jupiter opposition. Sun enters Scorpio at 1:52 pm MST, Oct 23.

Oct 24, Sunday, Taurus Full Moon (1 degree Taurus) at 2:03 pm MST. Moon conjuncts Jupiter at 12:05 pm MST just a couple of hours before the exact Full Moon. This means that Jupiter and the Moon will be close together in the sky the night before and tonight. Jupiter lends its powers of expansion to this Full Moon. Vesta is also opposite Jupiter and conjunct the Sun. This Full Moon honors the Love Goddess and the Love God, who explores the mysteries of sensual, sexual pleasure in the Garden of Earthly Delights. Taurus reminds us to receive life's gifts, to be, to relax, to slow down, breathe, and enjoy the beauty around us. Indeed, pure love and pleasure are potent sacraments of the incoming Pleasure Paradigm. Thus, this Taurus Full Moon reminds us to enjoy and receive physical love and pleasure in our bodies as a divine, orgasmic experience. Jupiter expands the intent of this Full Moon. Now is the time to consciously engage the pleasures of life that enhance and promote joy and harmony within and without. Vesta is the keeper of the sacred flame, reminding us that pleasure is indeed a sacred expression of life. Some questions that might be helpful to ask as you tune into this energy are: Do you allow yourself to receive pleasure? Do you allow yourself to just be in the moment, to be present with life? Are you comfortable with your body and with intimacy? Do you enjoy beauty and sexual, sensual pleasure? Are you a lover of life and pleasure?

Oct 25, Monday, Moon and Saturn (15 Taurus) conjunct at 11:59 am MST. This will be visible in the night sky, within the three day Full Moon window. This conjunction helps to structure our Full Moon intent into concrete reality. Therefore, it is important to be attentive to the intent being set into motion. Remembering Taurus is also about abundance, we know that all

that we need to create our Pleasure based Celestial Earth reality is readily available. So be it!

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