

September, 1999 Celestial Timings

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It is now time for you to dwell in the House of eternal LOVE
and play in the garden called heaven
on the Earth of your own creation.

We are waiting for you.

From P'TAAH The Gift Channeled by Jani King

Ptah was an Egyptian god of builders and craftsman, and he was much loved by his people. In some traditions he is viewed as the creator of the universe. Ptah became Hephaestus to the Greeks and Vulcan to the Romans. Ptah was the patron of men but he was not harsh, violent or domineering. His essence was gentle, constructive, caring and kind. Ptah was also the sacred consort of the Lionheaded fire Goddess Sekhmet. Their sacred union produced a son named, Nerfertum, renowned for his healing abilities. Nerfertum was later replaced by Imhotep who the Greeks equated to Asclepius. Ptah, Sekhmet and Nerfertum were known as the Memphis trio. The belief then was that when creativity (Ptah) and strength of purpose (Sekhmet) joined they produced the power of healing (Nerfertum). (From the *The Way of Cartouche* by Murry Hope)

These mythical images speak to the celestial events taking place in the September sky as Mars in his sacred masculine quest moves into the constellations of the Scorpion (associated with the Dragon, the Serpent and the Eagle) and Ophiucus (associated with Asclepius, divine healer). Asclepius was tutored by Chiron and became a master healer, able to revive the dead. The constellation Centarus (a.k.a. the centaur Chiron, not the asteroid) is located just below the Scorpion. These constellations remind us of these ancient myths, hinting at what the stellar codes are in this area of the sky. Linking Nerfertum, also a god of healing, with Ophiucus takes us further back into our remembering. Now, at the Turning Of The Ages, the Winter Solstice Point has recently entered this area of the sky reminding us of these ancient myths and that it is time to dream and live new myths, in relationship to the healing arts, kundalini life force, and rebirth or ascension.

Last April (1999) Mars completed his 26 month quest in the Virgo Mysteries and began a new 26 month quest in the Scorpio Mysteries. The Virgo quest linked with the images of Ptah as the patron of Men and sacred work. Now the Mars quest links with the images of Green Man, the King Stag, the Horned God, and the Shaman Sorcerer, on his quest to manifest spirit into matter for a passionate, authentically alive experience. September 1 finds Mars on the boundary of Ophiucus, the serpent Holder in last degrees of Scorpio. Mars remains in this constellation the entire month and will pass by Antares in the heart of the Scorpion mid-September. Mars enters the sign Sagittarius on **September 2** at 12:29 am MST. The Mars quest begins to focus on what is the truth of this quest. How to truly connect with ones deepest passion. On **September 17** Mars reaches its closest proximity to Antares in the sky (within 3 degrees) and is zodiacally conjunct that day. More about this later.

It is time to consciously participate with co-creating the new myths as we remember our relationship with the Great Above. Mars, Pluto, Chiron and the asteroid Juno are all four

moving through the Scorpion and Ophiucus this month reminding us of the healing power of the serpent energy, life force current that is within each of us. This is the power to renew ourselves and shed what no longer serves. Remembering to surrender to the energetic forces that are assisting in emptying us of what we think we know, allows a whole new reality and experience to birth within us. Integrating the shadow, what we fear, what we have disowned or denied within ourselves facilitates wholeness so that we may again know and live the fullness of our awakened kundalini life force in every cell of our being. Mars is the activating masculine principle that sparks these mysteries into greater expression. When denied, disowned and ignored this energy expresses through rage and anger (such as violent acts like wars, school shootings, earthquakes, etc.). The gift of these expressions is that it helps to move the energy that is stuck. This we often experience in our judgment as destructive and counter productive to life. Yet, the energy has to move. It is its nature, and it will find a way to express. When we resist what life is presenting us we move out of experiencing what is happening in the present moment, thus hindering the flow of life current within ourselves. Fatigue, frustration, feelings of failure and/or being out of control often accompany this resistance. Finding ways to engage life on life's terms, or in other words surrendering to, accepting and trusting the changes that are moving in our experience assist us in our journey to wholeness within ourselves and our world.

Last month Venus began her new archetypal integration cycle in Leo when she rose as a morning star just before the Sun. (See the Shamanic Astrology Web Site Celestial Timings Article on Venus). Venus begins this month still retrograde moving back to the area of the sky marked by the August Total Solar Eclipse. **Venus stations direct on September 10** at the eclipse point of 18 Leo. This is a momentous event enlivening the eclipse energy as Venus is hanging out within one degree of this area of the sky from about September 4-19. The eclipse point of 18 Leo links with the area of the sky located in the Lion's mouth. (See the August Eclipse article on the Shamanic Astrology Web Site). The stellar codes or frequencies carried by the language of love were ignited and beamed onto the planet during this unique celestial event. Each planet passing by this eclipse point adds its energies to what was conceived and is gestating since the eclipse occurred. For many this is the gestation and acceleration of a manifest Golden Age, as we awaken to our ancient and shining essence radiating golden auras of love that raise our frequencies and those of our beloved Earth. Ultimately these energies are vibrating us into the golden age of Celestial Earth. Venus is now accessing these codes as she hangs out in this area of the sky, awakening them within the feminine principle. The feminine principle receives these codes of light, bringing them more fully into our

conscious awareness. The masculine principle holds the key to activating these codes. Synchronistically, Mars, Pluto, Chiron and Juno are traveling through the area of the sky linked with healing and wholing of our life force. The Lion and the Serpent are potent energies reminding us of the importance of loving ourselves so we are dwelling “in the House of eternal LOVE” as we co-create heaven on earth.

Highlights For September

September 9, 1999 is the New Moon in Virgo (16 Virgo) on 9/9/99 at 3:01 pm MST. This New Moon also features Mercury at 18 Virgo (Moon conjuncts Mercury at 5:34 pm MST. This New Moon conception point in partnership with Mercury (the messenger) is a collective opportunity to tune into another level or expression of the Sacred Work. 9/9/99 carries the energy of completion relate to the number 9 energy and new beginnings from the New Moon energy. Something to ask is what are you completing with and what are you beginning that serves your highest and best? What is your sacred work or contribution and how can you engage it with greater confidence and awareness? Remember our personal Sacred Work is what we enjoy most and find greatest pleasure in manifesting, whatever it may be.

Sep 14, Tuesday, Mars and Pluto (8 Sagittarius) conjoin at 9:20 pm MST. On the following day Wednesday, Sep 15, The Moon links with Chiron (29 Scorpio) at 10:19 pm MST and the Moon moves to join with Mars (9 Sagittarius) on Thursday Sep 16 at 5:23 pm MST. These events mark a window (from about the 13th to the 20th) of intensity designed to break through the patterns that prevent us from authentic self expression. Mars and Pluto are joining near the heart of the Scorpion, Antares. This is a celestial triune council meeting that may produce interesting results in the world before, during or after their council. Pluto’s job is to dig up the shadow issues and fears that prevent us from living our fullest essence and truest authenticity. Mars in Sag is boldly going into new territory in search of new truths and greater meaning. Antares is the heartbeat of Grandmother dragon. In many of our stories and myths dragons are depicted as evil and are hunted and slain. This speaks to our own fear of our own potency and power symbolically linked to the creative fire of the dragon’s breath. It also speaks to the fear of our inner wisdom and strength symbolized by the dragon’s heart. The powerful catalytic imagery of Mars as the sacred warrior joining with Pluto and Antares conjures images that ignite alchemical transformation in the cauldron of chaos requiring us to die to all that no longer serves, preparing us for birth into the golden age of Celestial Earth. We are reminded to surrender and trust the process of purification and transformation. Chiron assists in comprehensively healing the wounds so that we are no longer at the affect of them, but they are now the medicine we carry. Again it is time to surrender to this cellular healing process and trust that this is transforming our experience and our manifest reality so we are once again fully aware of our true divine essence and living as the radiant shining ones.

September also features the Autumnal Equinox on September 23, at 4:33 am MST. The equinoxes are a time of balance and harmony when the days and nights are equal in length. In the book *The Equinox and Solstice Ceremonies of the Golden Dawn*, Pat and Chris Zalewski talk about the Equinoxes as a time to establish new contacts with other realms and dimensions. The Earth has its own auric or magnetic field that is triggered at the equinoxes when the Earth’s equator aligns with

the rising and setting Sun, creating the balance of equal days and nights. When the Sun is over the equator, the solar affect causes a reduction in the magnetic field of the Earth allowing for connections to other realms to happen more easily. The effect begins around 24 hours before, and ends around 24 hours after, the exact Equinox point. In the Upanishads the Sun is described as the “...door of the world, an entrance for the knowing...” This is a timing to note what is happening in our personal world on all levels, but especially as it relates to our dreamtime, our mediation time, and our ritual or ceremonial time. As the Sun is affecting the magnetic field of the earth in a rhythmic cycle linked with the seasons, then Sacred Sites on the Earth that act as doorways to other realms and dimensions are also more easily accessed at these timings. The Autumnal Equinox gathering at Faywood Hotsprings (an emerging sacred site in Southwestern New Mexico), in the Standing Stones, is an opportunity to ceremonially and consciously engage this potent timing. For more information about this event please visit the Shamanic Astrology web site Events page, or call Carolyn at 520-744-0506.

From the Earth’s perspective the Moon is linked to the Sun. This balances masculine and feminine, yin and yang. The Moon is waxing towards Full at the Equinox and is in the sign of Pisces transmitting the mysteries of compassionate sacred service and mystical union with the divine. The Autumnal Equinox is marked by the Sun’s entry into zero degrees Libra. The Libra Mysteries investigate conscious equal partnership and relationship. This includes all of our relationships with each other and the world. Moon in Pisces brings the mysteries of mystical union with our divine inner and outer nature, including our masculine and feminine within as well as what we encounter without, into greater conscious experience.

Zero Libra is currently aligned with the constellation Coma Berenices and the North Galactic Pole. Coma Berenices is often seem as hair streaming down. Some have seen it as Ariadne’s Hair. William Cullen Bryant describes it as “The streaming tresses of the Egyptian Queen” in his writing on *The Constellations*. Coma Berenices has not always been its own constellation. There was a time it was counted as part of the constellation of the Virgin Priestess holding her staff. The word Bernice, according to Richard Hinkley Allen in his book *Star Names Their Lore and Meaning*, comes from the Macedonian form of the purer Greek, meaning “Victory-bearing”. This constellation marks the boundary between the Virgin Priestess (autonomous sovereign feminine, Yin energy) and the Lion (autonomous sovereign masculine, Yang energy a.k.a. the Sun King). Zero Libra is also occupying the area of the sky referred to as the Sphinx point or balance point between the masculine and feminine principle. This placement can only occur once in in a 26,000 year cycle (although it will be here for many years as these points only move one degree in 72 years). The Sun is now rising here at the Autumnal Equinox and is illuminating the mysteries of conscious equal partnership and relationship between the masculine and feminine principle. This includes the relationship of our inner feminine and masculine.

Sep 25, Saturday, Aries Full Moon (2 degrees Aries) at 3:51 am MST. This is the fullest possible expression of the Aries lineage this year as the Moon is fully illuminating and transmitting these mysteries so close to the Equinox. I see the Warrior/Adventurer who protects the sacred safe space for the new paradigm, or golden age to birth. S/he is the creative fire of

strength, courage, spontaneity, innocence, trust and curiosity. Victorious and triumphant the Aries Warrior leads the way towards the Golden Dawn of Heaven on Earth.

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