

January Celestial Timings

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Some see things as they are and say why?
I dream things that never were and say "Why not?"

R.F. Kennedy

As we encounter another millenium shift, for sure this time either way you look at it, the time is right for dreaming the dream of peace and plenty for all life on our beautiful Earth.

January Sky

Venus (high above SW horizon), Jupiter and Saturn (ESE) grace the evening sky with Mercury (WSW) joining them mid-month. Venus reaches greatest elongation from the Sun this month setting around 4 hours after the Sun. Jupiter and Saturn both station direct this month within a few short hours of each other. Saturn remains near the Pleiades and Jupiter near Aldebaran.

The lone morning planet is Mars in the SSE at dawn passing through the gateway stars of Zuben Algenubi and Zuben Alshamali in the [constellation of the Scales](#).

January 9th 2001's total lunar eclipse is visible in Western Australia, Asia, Africa, and throughout Europe. Alaska will see the beginning partial phase shortly before dawn on the 9th. Australia and Japan sees this stage too, but for them it is Jan 10th. Northeastern North America will see the final partial phase, as the Moon emerges from the Earth's shadow early evening on the 9th. The center point of the eclipse is around 3:24 pm EST, 1:24 pm MST and 12:24 pm PST, since it is occurring during the day in North America we will see little if any of this eclipse.

The Quadrantid meteor shower peaks on January 3rd at 6 am CST, 4 am PST and 5 am MST. This year the first-quarter Moon sets shortly after midnight creating ideal conditions for viewing the meteor shower if the skies are clear. The meteor shower is occurring halfway between the head of Draco, the dragon and the end of the Big Dipper's handle. The peak lasts only a couple of hours, but is potentially one of the year's best meteor displays with possibly 40 or more moderately swift meteors visible per hour. (For more detailed updates on the January sky note the new sky imagery featured on the [Celestial Timings page](#) updated every 3 or 4 days.)

(The following events are listed generally for around Mountain Standard Time unless otherwise noted.)

Week Of Jan 1-8 The Aries [First Quarter Moon](#) is found directly overhead the evening of Jan 2. The waxing half full Moon represents the balance between light and dark. The light seeds planted at the Christmas Day Solar Eclipse New

Moon are now ready to symbolically cross the threshold of rapid growth into the world of extraordinary experiences. This is the most visible growth phase of the Moon 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 Cancer on Jan 9, which will include a total Lunar Eclipse (the first of three Lunar Eclipses this year).

Jan 1, Monday. The first day of our calendric New Year features a void of course Moon from the early morning hours until mid to late afternoon (depending on your time zone) when the Moon shifts into Aries. The void of course Moon suggests that our New Years resolutions and decisions are best begun later today or you may even choose to wait until tomorrow. Mars (5 Scorpio) squares Neptune (5 Aquarius) today suggesting this is a good day for actively dreaming and imagining our intent for the coming year, but waiting to act in the world of form until we strongly feel our inner guidance and timing is aligned.

Jan 2, Tuesday. This afternoon the [First Quarter Moon](#) is exact at 13 Aries. This is the most rapid growth phase in the Moon's monthly cycle. Aries is the seasonal sign related to this phase of the Moon, thus accentuating the Aries mysteries of the rugged individualist, the Warrior Amazon, and the spontaneous, impetuous youth. Today is a good day to spontaneously do something fun that nurtures and celebrates the inner child.

If you like meteor showers tomorrow morning before dawn there is a good one. See **January Sky** for details.

Jan 3, Wednesday. Today Venus enters Pisces where she remains until early next month. The magical feminine (Venus) is now operating through the dreamweaving, imaginal energies that assist us in co-creating a magical world of love, joy and peace. This is a wonderfully supportive time to really use our imaginations in heart-felt conscious co-creative ways, to imagine exactly the reality we desire to experience.

Jan 4, Thursday. The Moon entered Taurus late last night or early this morning (again depending on your time zone). These are the mysteries of beauty, intimacy and pleasure as a creative artistic expression. It is time to remember the art of savoring and enjoying each moment with gratitude for all the abundant gifts and beauty life has to offer. Also Taurus reminds us to relax, slow down, and receive the sacred pleasures of life as our divine birthright.

Jan 5, Friday. Venus (2 Pisces) squares Jupiter (2 Gemini). This marks the last quarter square between Venus and Jupiter before they reach a Venus/Jupiter conjunction (or symbolic New Moon) in August. The magical feminine (Venus) is reaching the return threshold balance point (last quarter square) of her journey in relationship to expansive,

quest oriented Jupiter. Jupiter expands Venus' awareness for maximum integration of the gifts she has received in her current journey.

Tonight Moon is passing by Saturn and moving towards Jupiter. Tomorrow night the Moon will have passed by Jupiter appearing in the Hyades very near Aldebaran. Observing this movement of the Moon is a great teaching about the actual movement of the planets across the sky, opposite of how we observe them rising and setting.

Jan 6, Saturday. Waxing Moon enters Gemini this morning energizing the playful, trickster, coyote who reminds us life is not so serious as it sometimes feels. The coyote leads us to see the cosmic humor of life and encourages us to laugh at ourselves. Today is a good day to pick something fun and entertaining to do and do it.

Moon meets with retrograde Jupiter today and will be to the left of Jupiter tonight in the Hyades.

Jan 7, Sunday. In the Eastern to Pacific time zones this afternoon is a good time to relax, be in the moment, grounding and centering our attention inward. If you have a new project in mind, today is a good day to imagine the fulfillment of the project, but not a good day to begin it. This is due to the Void of Course Moon that begins late morning Pacific time and early afternoon Eastern time.

The waxing Moon is 2 degrees N.N.W. of Aldebaran, the eye of the Bull. The Moon also occults (covers) Zeta Tauri (this is a fixed star marking the Bull's southern horn). For further details visit: <http://www.lunar-occultations.com/iota>

Jan 8, Monday. Moon enters Cancer early this morning beginning the Cancer Full Moon Lunar Eclipse Window. The Cancer mysteries remind us of the importance of nurturing ourselves in ways that support us individually and collectively since we are all interconnected. Now is a good time to reflect on the ways we self nurture and nurture our world. This eclipse window is asking us to reflect on how responsible we are towards ourselves, our children, our children's children, and the next seven generations to follow. Awareness of these issues helps us to continue the process of life supporting change.

Week of Jan 9–15 This week features a [Full Moon](#) symbolizing the fulfillment, or fruition, of the seeds planted at the New Moon or some earlier cycle. Each Full Moon reminds us of the seeds we may have coming to maturity, to their fullness, to fruition, to the place where the fruits or gifts are received. The Moon then begins to wane this week representing the dissemination or integration of these gifts. Once each year the Moon is Full in Cancer bringing to light responsible nurturing of ourselves, our children, our children's children and our beloved planet.

Jan 9, Tuesday. Today we have a total [Eclipse](#) of the Moon. This lunar eclipse is taking place in the constellation of the Twins near the fixed stars Castor and Propus. The

constellation of the Twins speaks to us of the reality of duality in this Earth plane of existence. This eclipse is opening a conscious portal to the mysteries of duality and how we can integrate within ourselves the many seemingly opposite expressions of life, (i.e. yin/yang, inner/outer, feminine/masculine, giving/receiving, courage/fear, etc.) into a place of union or sacred marriage within ourselves. Every single aspect of life is interconnected to every other aspect of life, as demonstrated when we drop a pebble into a pond, the ripples are felt throughout the entire pond. Every act we perform in our world is felt in the entire creation. Remembering Love heals everything, is one powerful way to work with this timing.

Jan 10, Wednesday. Moon moves into Leo this morning reminding us that we are divine beings, we are the radiant and shining ones returning. As the Hopi Elders remind us, "We are the ones we have been waiting for."

Mercury also moves into Aquarius today where it remains until mid-March, due to its retrograde in February. Mercury is the transformational messenger and in Aquarius the message is linked to the big picture, the cosmic overview, and the revolutionary ideas that take us into new ways of experiencing and perceiving ourselves and our world. Now is a good time to make sure your computer hard drive is fully backed up. Keeping your data backed up and current through the next few weeks may avert unnecessary lessons in lost data, due to the sensitivities of present day technological equipment that these unpredictable Aquarian energies often effect when we least expect it.

Jan 11, Thursday. Mercury in Aquarius trines Jupiter in Gemini today expanding our minds into even wider possibilities of experience. This is good day to spend some time tuning in through whatever ways connect you to a cosmic perspective and opening to receive the cosmic inspiration and visions that are aligned with your own divine destiny.

Jan 12, Friday The waning disseminating Moon is moving into Virgo today accentuating the gifts available for us to receive around attuning to the natural rhythms and cycles of the Earth and Sky. Are you attuned to your own personal rhythms of rest and activity? Do you honor your body's needs for exercise, nourishment and rejuvenation? Are you aware of the cycles of the Moon and how they are teaching you about your own personal cycles?

The waning Full Moon is 3 degrees NNE of the fixed star Regulus, marking the heart of the Lion.

Jan 13, Saturday. Mercury and Neptune conjunct today at 6 Aquarius. Conjunctions are similar to New Moon energy, which are the seed points for new cycles. Mercury (messenger) and Neptune (visionary) are seeding our imaginations with new visions, new dreams, new possibilities, and new ideas, when we open to receive the incoming inspiration.

Jan 14, Sunday. The waning Moon enters Libra this morning energizing the mysteries of conscious equal partnership, harmony and balance. This is a good time to reflect on our inner and outer relationship with life and what these relationships are teaching us about ourselves.

Sun (24 Capricorn) trines retrograde Saturn (24 Taurus) signaling Saturn's preparation to turn direct on January 24. This is a good time to further anchor in form the evolving structures that support our ability to enjoy the sacred pleasures of life.

Jan 15, Monday. Continuing to be aware of the influence of the Sun's trine to Saturn as Saturn is slowing way down to shift to direct motion assists us in building a solid foundation in the experience of the Taurus mysteries, including the mysteries of fully receiving the abundant gifts life has to offer. Receiving is just as important as giving, as it fulfills the sacred circuit of life force. If what is given is not fully received the circuit remains incomplete and unfulfilled. It is our sacred honor to receive the gifts of life.

Week of Jan 16-24 This week marks the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#). In the Hero or Heroine's quest this is the crossing of the return threshold back into the world they left, returning with the gifts and boons gained during the journey. This is the time of the final harvest, where the plant begins its death process, preparing the seeds for the next cycle. As the Moon continues to wane, the completion phase of the integration process of the current journey continues and we begin to look at what seeds to plant in the next cycle beginning with the next New Moon.

Jan 16, Tuesday. Today is the exact [last Quarter Moon](#) located at 27 Libra. This last quarter Moon return threshold experience centers around the mysteries of conscious equal partnership in harmony and balance with all life. We exist in relationship to the Earth and Sky, each other, and to all that is seen and unseen. Are you conscious of your interrelatedness to every aspect of creation? Are you engaging a conscious relationship with yourself and all of life? Are you willingly growing in this conscious awareness of self and how you exist in relationship to the rest of life?

Jan 17, Wednesday. Today marks the sixth [Moon/Mars](#) conjunction (15 Scorpio) since [Mars](#) rose as a morning star last August. 15 Scorpio is the degree where Mercury stationed retrograde last October. This sensitive point aligns with the fixed star Zuben Algenubi in the [constellation of the Scales](#). Currently this star marks the cross-quarter between the Autumnal Equinox and Winter Solstice emphasizing justice (what just is) harmony and balance. Today's Moon/Mars alignment forms a triune council seeking the wisdom of Justice and the responsible, just uses of passionate, alive, life force energy.

Beautiful, brilliantly shining evening star Venus reaches greatest elongation from the Sun today.

Jan 18, Thursday. Waning Moon enters Sagittarius tonight energizing the mysteries of the questing amazon adventurer in search of ever expanding levels of truth, and meaning. The quest includes the experience of expansion of the self to the widest possible expression, while discovering new ways of experiencing the realm of spirit. Are you feeling inspired by new information, new insights, and new ideas? Are you open to seeking greater meaning and understanding beyond the current collective limiting beliefs that keep us separate from the divine essence we all carry?

Jan 19, Friday. Sun enters revolutionary Aquarius with the waning Moon still in expansive Sagittarius. Today is an excellent time to open to the expansive, innovative, cutting edge ideas that further our growth experience individually and collectively. Sun is illuminating the mysteries of the cosmic revolutionary experimenting with innovative ways of accelerating growth and consciousness. The next 30 days are good for continuing to question the rules and structure of your life, and consciously inviting gentle, and easy, yet, expansive changes that support your freest expression of who you truly are.

Jan 20, Saturday. Mercury (17 Aquarius), who is also moving to makes its first of three conjunctions to Uranus (20 Aquarius), is square Mars (17 Scorpio) calling us to be extra mindful today. This is a first quarter "crisis in action" square between Mercury and Mars. The crisis is intended to produce growth and self-awareness. This energy often lends itself to feeling a pressure to get things done, feeling hectic and if we are not mindful, it can lead to accidents designed to wake us up to being more present in this space/time reality. The intent is to call our attention to where change is ready to occur. This influence has long reaching effects through this month and into next month when considered with other similar aspects.

Jan 21, Sunday. The waning Moon moves into Capricorn this morning calling us to be aware of how we are responsibly administrating the domain of our personal lives. The next couple of days are good for getting more organized and getting things done.

Jan 22, Monday. Mercury conjuncts Uranus (20 Aquarius) alerting us to unexpected messages and ideas that may be coming in today. It is possible to experience an unusually high intensity activation of the mental processes, and it is a good time to consider radical or unusual viewpoints simply for the experience of expansion of our ordinary modes of thinking, if for no other reason. These energies also have

long reaching effects, but are most active for a day or two before and after today.

Jan 23, Tuesday. Moon enters Aquarius today opening the Aquarius New Moon window. This helps to accentuate the Mercury/Uranus conjunction that was exact yesterday. Highly creative, innovative thinking and inspiration are some of the energies available at this time if we are open to experiencing them.

Week of Jan 24 – 31

This Aquarius [New Moon](#) marks the first New Moon of 2001. The seeds that were planted at Winter Solstice are beginning to stir and come to life, as we enter another seeding window for the new, innovative, cutting edge, ideas seeking expression.

Jan 24, Thursday. The Aquarius New Moon (5 Aquarius) is conjunct Neptune (6 Aquarius). The Sun and Moon in revolutionary Aquarius are meeting with idealistic Neptune, who through the qualities of imagination and inspired dreaming, allows us to access the field of all possibilities to revolutionize our current experience of this space/time reality. When Aquarius is involved we can bet it will come through unexpected, unplannable, unknowable events that are intended to support the freest possible expression of our divine destiny.

Adding to the intensity of today's New Moon is the shift of Saturn (24 Taurus) to direct motion. This shift may feel disorienting at first as we figure out what is reorienting itself in the world of form around our experience of Sacred Pleasure.

Jan 25, Thursday. Jupiter (1 Gemini) is following on the heels of Saturn (24 Taurus) going direct in the wee morning hours. With these two visible outer planets going direct within a few short hours of each other there may be a pronounced feeling of disorientation and chaos as we reorient our perspective in relationship to the expansive quest for the meaning of the cosmic joke, while also reorienting to the more practical experience of Saturn and how to enjoy the world of form. To confuse things even more the Sun conjuncts Neptune today illuminating the field of all possibilities and the doorway to imagining the fullest possible experience of our divine destiny. With all possibilities available, what do we choose?

Jan 26, Friday. Supporting this highly creative and disorienting time is the Moon/Mercury conjunction (25 Aquarius) possibly visible in the evening sky after Sunset. All of these Aquarian activations are suggesting we hang onto our hats for this amazing wild ride, cause in early February Mercury is stationing retrograde intensifying the ride.

Jan 27, Saturday. The waxing Moon in imaginative Pisces celebrates the mysteries of universal love and inspired dreaming capturing our imagination. Mars (20 Scorpio) squares Uranus (20 Aquarius) activating a sense of restlessness and inner tension inspiring a greater will to fight for the freedom to live and express our personal destinies. Again, it is important to be mindful, watching for impulsive actions that could lead to accidents. This timing is most intensely active for 3 or 4 days before and after today, though again we are feeling this energy well into next month asking us to be especially mindful and aware of the changes seeking expression.

Jan 28, Sunday. The waxing Moon meets with Venus (26 Pisces) for the seventh time since she rose as an evening star last July. [Moon and Venus](#) also square Chiron (25 Sagittarius) the shamanic healer. This marks the passage of [Venus](#) through the seventh gate out of the underworld where she regains her crown and reclaims her connection to the divine. Venus, Queen of Heaven, radiant and shining, has reached the return threshold where she is now fully whole and complete.

Jan 29, Monday. We began this month and year with a nearly exact first quarter Moon in Aries. We are close to a first quarter Moon again with the Moon having moved into Aries late last night. Aries celebrates the mysteries of the amazon warrior/adventurer, the rugged individualist, and the spontaneous, impetuous youth. These energies meet with sextiles to Jupiter, Neptune and the Sun suggesting an expansive, supportive time to explore new frontiers and to celebrate our inner child.

Jan 30, Tuesday. Uranus and Mars are still in a close square with each other prompting a reminder to be attentive to these unpredictable energies. Mars represents the evolving archetypal energies of the sacred masculine and Uranus initiates change by whatever means it takes. Being open to change helps to facilitate this shift, hopefully reducing the drama necessary to bring about the changes.

Jan 31, Wednesday. Moon enters Taurus today. Once again our awareness is drawn to the art of receivership, and how we can truly open to fully receive the love, beauty, and abundance life has to offer. Tomorrow is the Taurus 1st quarter Moon suggesting a possible quantum leap in this area of experience.

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