

June 2001 Celestial Timings
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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.

William Irwin Thompson *The Time Falling Bodies Take to Light*

Aligned with the process of this year, June promises to push us beyond our current edges into all new territory. The one thing we know for sure is we don't know anything for sure, except maybe for the reality that love heals and transforms everything. This is a good time to remember to love yourself and life, and to remember that trust and surrender remain two of our greatest allies as we speed towards ever expanding experiences of alchemical transformation.

Week Of May 29-June 5 The Virgo [First Quarter Moon](#) exact on May 29 represents the balance between light and dark. The first quarter phase is the most visible and rapid growth phase of the Moon. This is the best time of the month to put ideas and plans into action. The Moon continues to increase in light until the Gemini Full Moon on June 5.

Jun 1, Friday. June begins with the waxing Moon in Libra passing by the fixed star [Spica](#) in the constellation of the Virgin Priestess ([a.k.a. Virgo](#)) energizing the sacred 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. It is worth noticing where the Moon is tonight as it helps to locate the bright blue star Spica.

Jun 2, Saturday. Venus (26 Aries) trines retrograde Mars (26 Sagittarius) and retrograde Chiron (27 Sag) deepening this year's shamanic healing process, intending to push us past our current edges and beyond. Remembering to feel all the feelings, including the fears, the frustrations, the anger, the questions, and the uncertainty, as well as ecstasy, joy and inspiration etc. opens us to receive the messages these feelings have for us, further facilitating the experience of expanding freedom that engaging these edges induce.

Jun 3, Sunday. Moon entered Scorpio yesterday energizing the mysteries of magic and manifestation, death and rebirth and feeling the feelings for the purpose of regenerating ecstatic life force energy. Scorpio connects to our heart's passion and what needs to die, i.e. what beliefs, ideas, concepts, habits, and attitudes can we shed, release, or transform to support the fullest connection to passionate, alive, life force energy? [Mercury](#) stations retrograde late tonight in western time zones and early tomorrow morning in eastern times zones. (See Jun 4)

Jun 4, Monday. [Mercury](#) remains retrograde in Gemini until Jun 28. These next 3 weeks provide a great timing for engaging right-brained creative activities, doing inner healing processes, and for completing projects already in motion. During this time creative right-brained communication is heightened, opening the way for new, uniquely different and innovative ways of perceiving the world. Communications through speech, electronics, and other technological devices are often affected during Mercury Retrograde. It is wise to back up computer data and be attentive to unexpected technology glitches, allowing extra time to complete projects.

The Sun (14 Gemini) opposes retrograde Pluto (14 Sag) marking the mid-point of Pluto's retrograde cycle (retrogrades symbolize a deepening within process). Once each year Sun and Pluto reach opposition signaling a fruition point, a place where illumination and understanding are possible, especially when we are open to facing and embracing our deepest fears as teachers that may be ready to be liberated and transformed.

Week of Jun 5 - 13 This week features a [Full Moon](#) symbolizing the fulfillment, or fruition, of the seeds planted at the New Moon. Each Full Moon reminds us of the seeds we may have coming to maturity, to

their fullness, to the place where the fruits or gifts are received. The Full Moon and Summer Solstice are closely linked both being the time of the greatest amount of light, in the monthly and yearly cycle. Once each year the Moon is Full in Sagittarius bringing to light the importance of the spiritual quest for truth and meaning.

Jun 5, Tuesday. This expansive Full Moon energy with the Sun (15 Gemini) and the Moon (15 Sagittarius) is accompanied by 6 planets (Pluto 14 Sag, Mars 25 Sag, Saturn 6 Gemini, Jupiter 21 Gemini and retrograde Mercury 29 Gemini) and 3 asteroids (Pallas Athena, 4 Sag, Chiron, 26 Sag, and Juno, 2 Gemini), facilitating a powerful deepening of the Sag/Gemini axis. This axis serves spirit through gathering and integrating information, expanding conscious awareness and our understanding of truth as our consciousness shifts and grows, while also networking new ideas and concepts in fun and insightful ways. The Sag/Gemini resonant polarity approaches these mysteries from different perspectives. Gemini is far more spontaneous, playful, and humorous. Sag tends to take the quest for truth and meaning way more seriously. However, these energies enhance and support each other when we are open to the gifts their different styles or approaches bring. This is a good time to notice if our networking skills are serving us, if we are spontaneously experiencing the more fun and entertaining aspects of conscious growth and if our beliefs and practices are supporting our expansion into new unknown territory.

Jun 6, Wednesday. Still in the potency of the Full Moon window, Venus is finally moving into new territory (Taurus) after her long sojourn (since Feb 2) through the sacred warrior energy of Aries. This is a huge shift from the warrior/adventurer aspect of the goddess who willingly stands for any cause she truly believes is just. Venus in Taurus expresses through the love goddess, who is openly and willingly receiving the joy, beauty and abundance of the garden of earthly delight, and savoring intimate moments with herself, others and the Earth. Venus remains in Taurus until July 5.

Moon and retrograde Mars (25 Sagittarius) meet today. This [Moon/Mars](#) conjunction marks a council meeting including Chiron and Pluto (the shamanic initiators and healers) as Mars prepares for a new cycle beginning June 13.

Jun 7, Thursday. The waning Moon in Capricorn is Void of Course for an unusually long period covering

today, tomorrow and part of the next day. Moon in Capricorn is usually a good time for responsibly administrating our domain, getting things accomplished, organized and caught up. Void of Course Moon means the Moon is not aspecting other planets often creating a feeling of disconnection. Inward focus of energy is most effective at this time, avoiding big decisions, and honoring the inner process may be what works best in this window. Over the next couple of days if there are delays, unknown factors coming up, false starts or any other happenings that feel out of the flow, take a deep breathe and shift the focus inward. This is a good time to meditate and relax, getting organized on the inner rather than in our outer reality.

Jun 8, Friday. Today the Moon remains Void of Course all day. Moon and the asteroid Ceres (divine mother at 21 Capricorn) meet today further emphasizing the benefits of self-nurturing and self-care.

Venus (2 Taurus) reaches greatest elongation (46 degrees) from the Sun meaning she is appearing as high on the horizon is possible for her as a Morning Star. She is lighting up the pre-dawn sky visible just a little over an hour before sunrise.

Jun 9, Saturday. Finally the Moon moves into revolutionary Aquarius shifting the Void of Course inner focus, and activating the possibilities of change that come after inward reflection. Highly creative, innovative thinking and inspiration is possible for the next couple of days if we are open to that experience.

Jun 10, Sunday. Moon and Neptune meet at 8 Aquarius providing easier access to the field of all possibilities. This is a vast, unbounded field that challenges us to know and commit to our own personal dreams. Dreaming or imagining the fulfillment of our dreams helps to create tangible pathways for them to manifest in this reality.

Jun 11, Monday. Moon and Uranus meet today at 24 Aquarius heightening the innovative ideas that accelerate growth and consciousness. This is a good time to question the rules and structure of your life, notice any places that are limiting and restrictive. If limiting structures exist now is a good time to invite the changes that support your freest expression of who you truly are.

Jun 12, Tuesday. Jupiter (23 Gemini) and Mars (23 Sagittarius) reach opposition today. Jupiter expands

the sacred warrior energy of Mars committed to fighting for honorable ethical causes. Watch for inclinations towards impulsive actions that might lead to later regrets. It is wise to reflect first and then choose actions that are freeing and supportive.

Week of Jun 13-20 This week marks the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#). In the Hero or Heroine's quest this is the phase of the journey where they cross the return threshold back into the world they left before the journey began, returning with the gifts and boons gained while they were gone. 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.

Jun 13, Wednesday. The exact [half full Moon](#) (23 Pisces) is visible directly overhead as the Sun rises. In a rare opportunity to visually experience what is known as a t-square of planets, Retrograde Mars (23 Sagittarius) is setting in the west, as the Sun (23 Gemini) is rising in the east and the last quarter Moon (23 Pisces) is directly overhead. These energies may produce a crisis intended to release us from the limiting beliefs that hold us back from being all that we can be. What impossible dreams are we willing to dream and believe in?

It is interesting to note that Retrograde Mars is the brightest it's been since 1988 further calling our attention to the inspiration and expansion available to us at this time. (Note: Mars makes its closest approach to Earth on June 21.) Currently, Mars is conjunct the fixed star [Ras Alhague](#) considered the head of [Ophiucus](#), often depicted as the third eye of the serpent holder. [Ras Alhague](#) is known for its desire to heal wounds and is strongly connected to the concept of healing, whether on a personal level or in society as a whole.

Jun 14, Thursday. Sun and Jupiter (23 Gemini) join together for their annual meeting in the sky. This year they are also zodiacally aligned with the fixed star [Al Nilam](#) the central star in Orion's belt. Al Nilam is an Arabic name that means, "String of Pearls." Pearls are associated with the feminine principle, the Moon, wisdom and perfection, the third eye of Buddha, pure intentions and represent the crystallization of light, enlightenment, the generative power of the waters. The Taoist speak of the "pearl of potentiality", the "night shining pearl", and the

"flaming pearl" symbolizing spiritual unfolding**. The Sun opens the doorway and Jupiter expands the doorway opening to the wisdom and mysteries of [Al Nilam](#) *the string of pearls*, beckoning us to move past this open doorway, and past the current edges of our awareness, where we can access even more fully our inner wisdom and the pure essence and perfection we already are.

(**The Living Stars* by Dr. Eric Morse ***An Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Traditional Symbols* by J.C. Cooper)

Jun 15, Friday. Sun (24 Gemini) trines retrograde Uranus (24 Aquarius). The deepening Uranus retrograde process retracing the same stars it just recently has crossed brings us to [Deneb Algeidi](#) a fixed star marking the tale in the constellation of the Goatfish (a.k.a. Capricorn, remember [the constellations and the signs are not the same thing](#).)

The Goat Fish or Sea Goat is a magical mystical imagery linked with Ea the chief god of the Mesopotamian city of Eridu*. Ea was god of the waters, with great oracular powers and consulted by the gods as Lord of the Sacred Eye. Ea was often as a Goat with a fish tail. The tail of the fish symbolizes balanced movement, the ability to be in the flow or current of life. Uranus has been hanging in this area of the sky for many weeks now, energizing movement and change in the natural evolutionary flow of life. Retrograde Uranus trining the Sun marks the acceleration of this Uranian inner journey.

(*A Guide To The Gods by Richard Carlyon)

P.S. Note the imagery of the third eye and sacred eye connected to Ras Alhague, Al Nilam and Deneb Algeidi. The eye is an important symbol with various possible meanings, such as wisdom, knowledge, protection, enlightenment, omniscience and intuitive vision to name just a few. What are willing to see within and without?

Jun 16, Saturday. [Retrograde Mercury](#) conjuncts the Sun (25 Gemini) signaling the beginning of a new Mercury cycle. Mercury, as the transformational messenger is accessing the informational doorways encouraging new perspectives, added insights, and new networks of inspiration. As always when Mercury is retrograde and especially when conjunct the Sun it is a good time to release attachments to outcome and take extra precautions with the advanced technologies we rely upon. In other words, back up your computer data and allow extra time for completing projects.

Jun 17, Sunday. Still in the window of the Sun/Mercury conjunction, [retrograde Mercury](#) (24

Gemini) closely conjuncts Jupiter and is trining retrograde Uranus (24 Aquarius). This feels highly inspirational with higher than average opportunities for unexpected insights and “aha’s”.

Today marks the third Moon conjunction with Venus since Venus rose as a Morning Star April 5, symbolizing the passage of Venus (Inanna) through the third gate into the underworld where she relinquishes her necklace symbolizing all the ways she no longer is able to speak her truth.

Jun 18, Monday. [Retrograde Mercury](#) conjuncts Jupiter today (24 Gemini) and is still in close trine to Uranus. These energies continue to revolutionize what is known, supporting an overall view from the widest lens possible. Our language is limited in describing the possibilities highlighted now. They include expansive thinking, new levels of discernment, and opportunities for learning and sharing for the purpose of stretching into new and uncharted territory, going beyond the ordinary to the extraordinary possibilities limited only by our imaginations. A word that helps describe these possibilities and how we might experience them is WOW! Consciously working with these energies creates ways to fly beyond all our current edges.

Jun 19, Tuesday. The waning Moon is moving into Gemini bringing the wisdom of this ancient lineage to the current lineup of planets gathered here. We have Sun, Moon, Saturn, Mercury and Jupiter stretching out across the Gemini part of the sky ([not the constellation Gemini, but the seasonal sign of Gemini](#)). For the next two and half days the Moon further energizes 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. Moon conjuncts and occults (similar to an eclipse) Saturn today, visible in New Zealand and the South Pacific Ocean. In the USA, Saturn maybe visible in the early morning sky just before sunrise, but Saturn won't be visible during the time of the occultation of the Moon, except in above mentioned places. This occultation activation helps set a grand stage for the total Solar Eclipse on Summer Solstice two days from now.

Jun 20, Wednesday. The waning Moon in Gemini passes by [retrograde Mercury](#) and Jupiter bringing another activation to these energies that have been dancing so closely together over the past several days. Neither the Moon, Mercury or Jupiter is visible due to their close proximity to the Sun, so this

activation is happening on the inner realms of awareness. Remember Gemini reminds us to have fun, and laugh at ourselves in order to gain deeper insight into who we are. Humor and laughter are the healing gifts of the comedian reminding us nothing is as serious as we may think.

Week of Jun 21 – 26

This [New Moon](#) Solar Eclipse week at the Summer Solstice brings together a time of planting the seeds of our intent as well as celebrating the gifts of life, family and community. This New Moon Solstice eclipse window is a time for being clear about the intent you wish to energize and seed at this time, as well as remembering to be grateful for all the gifts already fulfilled.

Jun 21, Thursday. Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year, the greatest amount of light possible, similar to the Full Moon. This Full Moon point of the year is accompanied by a New Moon Total Solar Eclipse, visible in the South Atlantic, Angola, Zambia, Mozambique, Madagascar and the Indian Ocean. Sun and Moon align with the North Node destiny point, so this accelerating eclipse helps us to seed the highest and best possibilities for expressing responsible nurturing towards ourselves, our children, our children's children and our beloved planet. Riding on the waves of alchemical transformation already in full swell, this window offers yet another potent opportunity for breakthrough to yet another fuller level of wholeness of being.

Jun 22, Friday. Within the embrace of the Solstice Eclipse window many are integrating the immensity of the glorious portal we are passing through to our next level of experience. Taking time to self-nurture and nurture each other is especially helpful during this integration time as we continue to transform into even more magnificent radiant crystalline beings.

Jun 23, Saturday. Moon enters Leo for the next two and half days. When Leo is in its strength and power this energy knows and remembers its radiant and shining divine essence shared by all life. These few words from a quote by [Marianne Williamson](#) and a Course in Miracles speaks to the essence of the Leo mysteries. “We are born to make manifest the Glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own Light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

Jun 24, Sunday. The waxing Leo Moon passes near Regulus, heart of the lion, sometime late today or early tomorrow morning, calling us to consider the mysteries of the [Sphinx](#)*, of time, of the hall of records, and the mysteries of the heart and love as the greatest healing tool on the planet. Sending our love to every part of the Earth brings healing and hope, as indicated in a dreamtime message I received last year, "Love heals everything!"

**In his ground-breaking book [Fingerprints of the Gods](#) (Heinemann-Mandarin), Hancock pointed out that the 'First Time' date of 10,500 BC also denoted the beginning or 'First Time' of the Age of Leo. This was when the 'lion' constellation would have risen heliacally (at dawn before the sun) on the day of the spring (vernal) equinox. This event brought the celestial lion to rest due east, thus in perfect alignment with the Sphinx. The Sphinx, in other words, was made to look at his own image in the horizon - and consequently at his own 'time'.*

Jun 25, Monday. Saturn (8 Gemini) trines Neptune (8 Aquarius) symbolizing the balance between the ideal and the real, between the spiritual (Neptune) and material (Saturn). These energies support making decisions that help fulfill personal dreams. Artistic or spiritual work can flourish and their may be opportunities furthering individual goals. Following inner instincts is key. This influence is long lasting as Saturn and Neptune dance together again when Saturn returns to this degree during its retrograde sometime early next year.

Jun 26, Tuesday. Juno (13 Gemini) and Pluto (13 Sag) reached exact opposition late yesterday or early this AM depending on where you are. Juno carries the mysteries of conscious equal partnership and Pluto carries the mysteries of personal power when we have integrated the shadow. In what ways do we practice conscious equal partnership that is empowering to all involved? In what ways do we practice power over others, manipulating them to do our will, controlling what others do or say? Today is a good day to die to the controlling habits that disempower not only others, but ultimately ourselves, and to be reborn into the freedom of our true selves.

The week of June 27 to July 5 The Libra [First Quarter Moon](#) exact on Jun 27 represents the balance between light and dark. This is the most visible and rapid growth phase of the Moon, crossing the threshold that accelerates whatever process is already in motion. This is the best time of the month to put ideas and plans into action. The Moon

continues to increase in light until the Capricorn Full Moon Lunar Eclipse on July 5.

Jun 27, Wednesday. The Libra [First Quarter Moon](#) (7 Libra) accelerates our awareness and experience of conscious equal partnership and all the ways that supports our evolutionary process. We exist in relationship to the Earth, to the Sky, to the plants and animals, to each other, to ourselves and to all of life seen and unseen. This is a good time to reflect on our inner and outer relationship with life and what these relationships are teaching us about ourselves. Moon remains in Libra until Friday.

Jun 28, Thursday. Mercury (21 Gemini) stationed direct late last night or early this morning depending on your time zone. Mercury's station is happening in close zodiacal alignment with the fixed star [Al Nilam](#) (meaning string of pearls, see [June 14](#)), the central star in the belt of Orion.

Jun 29, Friday. Waxing Moon moves into Scorpio this afternoon and is approaching the in-between the worlds gateway marked by [Zuben Algenubi](#) and [Zuben Alshamali](#) in the constellation of the scales. Zuben Algenubi is currently marking the exact zodiacal cross-quarter between the Autumnal Equinox and the Winter Solstice. Noting where the Moon is over the next couple of nights is a way to begin to tune into the potency of this star pattern.

Jun 30, Saturday. Venus (24 Taurus) Squares Uranus (24 Aquarius) further initiating the feminine principle into unknown territory that is unpredictable for the purpose of creating change that supports the fulfillment of the current destiny. This timing signals a rapid growth phase in cutting edge, new ideas and ways of expressing gratitude for the earthly gifts we receive everyday. Some may feel disruption in their most intimate relationships, experiencing events designed to create movement and freedom, breaking up any remaining crystallization.

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