

# Oct 2001 Celestial Timings

By Carolyn Brent

*"The Whirling Rainbow is the **Presence** of your Stellar Ancestors  
Come to reunite with you again.*

*The Whirling Rainbow is the covenant of all your ancestors:*

**Red, White, Black, Yellow**

**Telestial, Terrestrial, Celestial**

**Mineral, Vegetable, Animal, Spirit!**

*The Whirling Rainbow is the **energy** of your Transformation:*

*Translation – Resurrection – Transfiguration – Ascension..."*

*-Maka Wicahpi Wicohan: Universal and Spiritual Laws of Creation*

Manuscript by Standing Elk <http://www.star-knowledge.net>

On the Autumnal Equinox I had the good fortune of participating with the great mystery of an ancient petroglyph site built to capture the potent Solar magic active at seasonal thresholds. During these seasonal gateways the Sun activates carefully placed stone alignments and petroglyphs. Specifically placed petroglyphs are framed in pre-determined patterns of light and shadow as the Sun rises and sets. I read once about an ancient Celtic ceremonial practice centered around the importance of the Sun activating certain stone carved symbols at specific Seasonal Points for the Earth to remain in balance and harmony. It was the job of those trained in the mysteries to call forth the Sun's light (from behind the clouds if necessary) at these key timings so the Earth through the Sun on the Stones would receive the necessary activations for the coming season.

This past September Equinox, thirteen brave adventurer's gathered in a remote desert area of Northern Nevada to participate with what appears to be similar mysteries at an all but forgotten ancient sacred site. The precision, attunement and knowledge of the ancient ones who built this site is truly remarkable. During Equinoxes and Solstices there are many precise alignments occurring around Sunrise and Sunset throughout the site. Indeed, it definitely required, and still requires, a community of people to witness these alignments and the various forms of magic taking place there. Each visit reveals new mysteries and it may take many years to re-discover and remember the teachings encoded in these stones, for this site is a living mystery school, amazingly still very much alive centuries after it was built.

Shortly after Sunrise our last morning there, I spotted first one, and then about 20 minutes later, a second Sun Dog. Sun Dog's are rainbow lights that appear around the Sun. The first framed the right side of the Sun and the second the left. Several of us had the opportunity to witness this phenomenon. Both were full spectrum rainbows inspiring awe and the remembrance of the Whirling Rainbow Prophecy that promises the fulfillment of peace for all people and all nations. [Jamie Sams](#) speaks about this in her book on *The Sacred Path Cards* and the beginning quote for this month's Timings about the Whirling Rainbow comes from a Manuscript written by [Standing Elk](#) given to me over a year ago. This past January, on the Aquarius New Moon, I happened across the manuscript while doing a morning cleaning. Later that day, I opened the book and there, to my astonishment, I found information about the Whirling Rainbow. This came as a synchronistic confirmation of an earlier experience a friend shared with me when she called that morning excited by her sighting of an unusual phenomenon in the sky. During the conversation we discussed the Whirling Rainbow symbol described in Jamie Sams' book. Then hours later I unexpectedly open to the Whirling

Rainbow imagery in Standing Elk's book as if to powerfully confirm our earlier experience. So, when I saw the two brightly lit Sun Dogs this past Equinox just after Sunrise, I knew it was a double message of hope and peace. I am feeling deep gratitude for the inspiration and promise of the Whirling Rainbow of Peace through the sighting of the Sun Dogs as a reminder of the Promise of Peace Fulfilled even in these challenging times! And so it is!

**Week of Oct 1 - 9** This week features the Aries Harvest [Full Moon](#) (Oct 2) symbolizing the fulfillment, or fruition, of the seeds planted at the New Moon of 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 Aries bringing to light the mysteries of death, rebirth and regeneration.

**Oct 1, Monday.** [Mercury](#) stations retrograde (29Libra 41) going direct Oct 22 and remaining in the sign of Libra until Nov 7. 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. Left brained communications through speech, electronics, and other technological devices are often affected during Mercury Retrograde. It is especially wise to back up computer data and be attentive to unexpected technology glitches, allowing extra time to complete projects. With all the new computer viruses it is also wise and timely to have a good updated Virus protection program.

**Oct 2, Tuesday.** The Aries Full Moon with the Sun (10 Libra), Moon (10 Aries), Jupiter (14 Cancer), and Mars (13 Capricorn) line up in a grand cross of energies supporting our full commitment to conscious participation with the ongoing transformational process. Actions committed to taking us deep within and connecting with inner spontaneous wisdom and innocence helps facilitate the changes supporting our personal and planetary ascension process.

Archetypal Aries whose pure essence is the rugged individualist, the impetuous youth, the Warrior Amazon/Adventurer, who is courageously and strongly committed to upholding the cosmic order, is asking us not only about our commitment to ourselves and life, but also what level of action are we willing to engage that supports the complete fulfillment of that commitment?

**Oct 3, Wednesday.** Jupiter (14 Cancer) and Mars (14 Capricorn) reach exact opposition expanding the Mars quest for truth that began last June. The following quote reminds us of the importance of not only discovering the truth through the quest, but living it as well. *"Before dying, Falsehood rises in full swing. Still people understand only the lessons of catastrophe. Will it have to come before they open their eyes to the Truth? I ask an effort from all so that it has not to be. It is only the Truth that can save us; Truth in words, Truth in action, Truth in will, Truth in feelings. It is a choice between serving the Truth or being destroyed."* Mother of the Pondicherry ashram - Nov. 26 1972 - Birth name was Mirra Alfassa

**Oct 4, Thursday.** Jupiter (14 Cancer) and Mars (14 Capricorn) are still in close opposition and Jupiter is aligning zodiacally with the fixed star [Sirius](#) our brightest fixed star. Sirius is closely linked with the [Great Pyramid](#) through astronomical alignments. Jupiter is the principle of expansion and passes by this area of the sky about every 12 years. Jupiter will station retrograde at 15Cancer41 on Nov 2 staying closely aligned with Sirius over the next several months. This alignment expands the possibilities of our conscious connection with the Sirian teachings of sacred geometry and the cellular experience of the sixth dimensional, geometric light body of the Earth. Once again, it is up to us to tune in and receive.

(Sirius info from *The Pleiadian Agenda* by Barbara Hand Clow. [http://www.interlog.com/~omegactr/Back\\_List/96/October/1879181304.html](http://www.interlog.com/~omegactr/Back_List/96/October/1879181304.html))

**Oct 5, Friday.** Sun (13 Libra) sextiles Pluto (13 Sag) preparing to join with Pluto in December. The Sun from the Earth's perspective acts as the center point of a huge Earthly time clock, signaling changes in seasons, and planetary cycles, such as retrogrades. Pluto is currently opposite Vesta (13 Gemini) and retrograde Saturn (14 Gemini). Saturn and Pluto are traveling in close opposition for the next several months. The feminine wisdom of Vesta centers around the purifying alchemical fires. The Sun adds its own alchemical potency and all of these energies come together in the light of transformational change, illuminating any issues of mis-use of power, fear of our personal power and the best use of power for effective and enlightened living. How do we effectively use our personal power and magnetism to create our reality? Are we at the affect of it, or are we consciously using our power to co-create our true divine destiny? It is time to consciously use our personal power to fulfill our true purpose. This purpose can be further revealed through our conscious connection to our inner being. Our inner being knows all that is necessary for us to fulfill our purpose. All we need do is be open to that inner knowing and follow it.

**Oct 6, Saturday.** Moon moves into Gemini, catching up to occult (cover) Saturn tomorrow. Gemini is the heyokah, coyote, trickster whose medicine is to remind us that things are not so serious or real as they appear. Sun (14 Libra) is also moving to trine retrograde Saturn (14 Gemini) and Vesta (13 Gemini), who is going retrograde Oct 9. The first yearly Sun trine to the outer planets occurs after they station retrograde indicating a time for deepening the inner process with these particular energies. These energies facilitate greater inner focus and awareness when we align with this timing. If we are willing, it provides assistance in letting go of our rigid beliefs that prevent us from living greater freedom through authentic creative self-expression and joy.

**Oct 7, Sunday.** Today marks the 5<sup>th</sup> time the Moon has occulted (covers) Saturn since June with 3 more occultations occurring this year (Nov 3, Dec 1 and Dec 28). This is definitely calling our attention to the importance of Saturn who is currently retrograde and returning to an exact zodiacal alignment with the fixed star Aldebaran, the eye of the Bull. Today's occultation is visible in Southwest Asia, India, central and eastern Russia, northwestern China, northern Japan, Alaska and north Canada according to Jim Maynard's Celestial Guide. It is rare for the Moon to make so many occultations and speaks to a line up of energies of an ongoing potent and powerful initiation with Saturn transiting so near Aldebaran. This is opening our awareness to the archetypal wisdom keeper, Saturn, and the ancient mysteries transmitted through the Moon as it occults Saturn for a total of 8 times in 7 months. This is another indicator of the potency of this year's planetary initiation. What is the ancient wisdom of these mysteries as they apply now? What are the insights and inspirations that are seeking expression through us for the purpose of co-creating Heaven on Earth?

**Oct 8, Monday.** With the transit of Mars, Pluto, and Chiron in recent months near Antares and this year's transit of Saturn opposite Pluto, with Saturn transiting near Aldebaran, we are experiencing an unusually intense and rare activation of the Antares and Aldebaran fixed star axis. The following information is especially interesting In light of recent world events..."Aldebaran has been in the sign Gemini since 1286 AD, just around the height of the Christian Crusades against Islam, an interesting indicator of conflict between two world schools of thought. Antares, for the other side in the conflict, went into religious Sagittarius in 1272 AD and showed its superiority, perhaps, since the Crusaders never did dislodge the Saracens." (*Dr Eric Morse* [Fixed Stars](#)).

Another clue about Aldebaran is found in this quote from the [Fixed Star](#) site...*The great "red giant", war-like Aldebaran is one of the four "Guardians of Heaven" - sentinels watching over other stars. It formed one of the four royal stars of Persia as "Watcher of the East". These were also called archangel stars; this star Aldebaran was Michael - Military Commander of the Heavenly Host.*

The constellation of the Scorpion where Pluto, Chiron and Mars have all been hanging out this year is associated with the 16th Tarot Trump "The Lightning-Struck Tower". ([Robson Fixed Star Site](#)). Antares is associated with Mars the God of war and its energies when misdirected are *"sudden incidents, unforeseen events and potential accidents. According to tradition, Antares is of violent character and is credited with being significant for a violent death, either in battle or by process of law."*

Is it any wonder themes of war are occurring as Saturn transits so close to Aldebaran, and continues its transit opposite Pluto, who stationed direct within 3 degrees of Antares at the end of August? However, on the other side of war is peace and through Saturn's opposition to Pluto we have the opportunity to embrace the shadow of war, hate, fear and anger for the purpose of transforming it into peace, love, courage, change, and faith. Then calling upon the true essence of Saturn as the builder of structure and form we have an opportunity to solidly structure a deep and profound experience of peace through imagining, feeling, believing, and acting as if personal and global peace is our true reality.

**Week of Oct 9-16** This week marks the [last quarter phase of the Moon](#) in Cancer. This is a return threshold in the Moon's journey marking a time of integration and preparation, consciously preparing the new seeds to plant in the next cycle, beginning with the next New Moon (Oct 16) in Libra.

**Oct 9, Tuesday.** This last quarter Moon (16 Cancer) occurs shortly after the Moon conjuncts Jupiter (14 Cancer), expanding the Cancer mysteries and integrating the concepts and practices of self-care as the first step to truly nurturing and creating a safe space of peaceful acceptance for ourselves and others.

The asteroid Vesta (13Gemini29) goes retrograde today within about a degree of Saturn (14Gemini 47) already retrograde and opposite Pluto (13Sagittarius09). Saturn and Vesta finally conjunct each other (10 Gemini) on Mar 19, 2002. (See [Oct 10](#) for details)

**Oct 10, Wednesday.** We are still feeling the effects of Vesta's retrograde that took place yesterday so near Saturn. Vesta is the keeper of the sacred flame. The vestal virgins in the Roman temple's kept the sacred fires burning symbolizing the alchemical fire of spirit in matter. This adds an additional imagery to the alchemical cauldron of transformation that has been so active this year, particularly in light of Vesta's dance with Saturn opposite Pluto. Vesta is the High Priestess of the sacred living mysteries, particularly those associated with the cycles and seasons of Earth and Sky. Vesta adds her skill of concentrated focus and ability to honor the sacred in all life, to this already highly active alchemical cauldron of transformation, reaching deeply into and awakening more fully the life codes that nurture and celebrate the holiness (wholeness) of life.

**Oct 11, Thursday.** Retrograde Mercury (23 Libra) has rejoined with Spica, in the constellation of the Virgin Priestess and Arcturus, the bear star in the constellation called Bootes. ([see diff. Between signs and constellations](#)) As mentioned last month, Spica is often seen as the wheat in the hand of the Virgin Priestess, or at one time when the Equinox aligned here, [Spica](#) symbolized the image in the Tarot Cards where the virgin priestess was holding the scales of justice in her hand. Another image that also comes from the Tarot is the Hermit standing on a hill with a lantern in his hand, the lantern being connected to Spica. [Arcturus](#) has associations as the faithful guardian and protector of the goddess and is also related to King Arthur whose sword of truth leads the people to freedom and victory, until of course Arthur forsakes his pledge to Avalon, the Lady of the Lake, the Ancient Ones, and the Holy Regalia (including Excaliber and the Grail). This ultimately led to the downfall and disappearance of Camelot and the receding of Avalon further into the Mists. Now is the time for the conscious return of these mysteries to the collective mind as indicated by the showing of The Mists of Avalon on TV in the month of July. With the end of a 6,000 year timeline in September that called us to a [Day of Truth](#) we are remembering and rediscovering what it means to live the truth, speak the truth, and be the truth. We are also rediscovering the world of magic, and consciously inviting it back into the world of form, thereby co-creating a new experience of wholeness (holiness) in part through the completion of the myth of Camelot and the conscious reclaiming of the Holy Grail. Avalon (representing the world of magic) was separated at that Turning of an Age from the world of Form (represented by the incoming beliefs at that time). Now we have an opportunity to reclaim what was lost and pass the mantle of a new consciousness and awareness onto what is birthing at this current turning of the great wheel of time.

Mercury is making its second passage through this area of the sky bringing us a message from Spica, the light of inspiration and abundance and Arcturus the protector of truth and freedom. Mercury passes this way again, in November, completing the initiation set in motion in September. We have an opportunity to openly receive incoming messages, while

responding in ways that promote conscious equal partnership with all life. (see [Fixed Stars](#))

**Oct 12, Friday.** The nodal axis reaches zero degrees Cancer for the North Node and Zero Degrees Capricorn for the South Node aligning with the Solstice points along the Galactic Plane. Only once every 19 years can the Nodes line up with these points and only once (for about 144 years) in a 26,000 year cycle do the Solstices align with the Galactic Plane. (see [Turning of the Ages](#) article by Daniel Giamario on the Shamanic Astrology web site.) The North Node speaks to our personal and collective destiny and the South Node speaks to the cellular codes carried from our ancestral lineages. This timing will be felt for two or three weeks at least on either side of this exact alignment, calling us to remember who we are and where we are going at this Turning of the Ages. Now more than ever it is important to be dreaming the big dreams and acting on them for they are the seeds of this new cycle.

**Oct 13, Saturday.** Still within zodiacal range of Spica and Arcturus, retrograde [Mercury](#) and the Sun (21 Libra) conjoin marking the beginning of a new synodic cycle of Mercury. The transformational messenger as expressed through Mercury is experiencing its initiation in the archetypal realm of conscious equal partnership. This is a timing that asks us, in what ways are we engaging in conscious equal partnership with ourselves, with others and with life? Mercury's journey with the archetypal overtone of Libra lasts for the next 115 to 120 days. Paying attention to the messages of partnership and relationship now communicating through the many realms and dimensions Mercury accesses so easily, supports greater understanding and ability to creatively express our partnership with life in healthy ways.

**Oct 14, Sunday.** Sun (21Libra01) makes its second trine to retrograde Uranus (21Aquarius01) indicating the intense slowing of Uranus Retrograde as it prepares to go direct Oct 30 moving only 6 minutes from today to 20Aquarius55 at month's end. Uranus speaks to the questioning mind, interested in progressive and innovative ideas and technologies that revolutionize our perceptions and beliefs. Uranus is a revolutionary energy traveling through its home sign of Aquarius seeking greater freedom of expression and expanded ways of being in the world. Here again it is time to be with the ideas and actions that support change for the purpose of experiencing growth and evolution.

If you get a chance, check out the Moon and Venus just past their conjunction in the early morning sky tomorrow morning.

**Oct 15, Monday.** Either late last night or early this morning, depending on your time zone, Moon and Venus (29 Virgo) come together for the 7<sup>th</sup> time since Venus rose as a morning star in April. This marks the passage of Venus/Inanna through the seventh underworld gate where she gives up her robe, symbolizing the release of her attachment to her life force in all that ways that do not support the authentic expression of who she truly is. She is now stripped naked of all the distortions and illusions of who she believed herself to be, dying to the self that no longer serves the full expression of her pure essence.

Also today Venus enters Libra engaging the mysteries of conscious equal partnership as she prepares for her long journey in the underworld beginning in December. Venus remains in Libra until Nov 8.

**Week of Oct 16 – Oct 22** This Libra [New Moon](#) seed point emphasizes the mysteries of conscious equal partnership. New Moons are conception points or seeding points for clearly stating our intentions and/or prayers

around our heart's desires allowing them an opportunity to find their highest and best manifestation without attachment to the outcome.

**Oct 16, Tuesday.** The Libra New Moon (23 Libra) is again calling our attention to the fixed stars [Spica and Arcturus](#). (See [Oct 11](#)) The Libra mysteries speak to the importance of all our relationships within and without. The image of the round table council where all are equally valued for the piece they bring, and no one is more or less importance than any other. All relationships have value and purpose, teaching us more about ourselves. Sometimes the gift is in recognizing when the purpose of a relationship has been fulfilled and it is time to end it and move on to new territory. Sometimes the gift is recognizing when it is time to make a deeper commitment to a current relationship also moving into new territory. The New Moon represents the end and beginning of a cycle. Is it time to end a relationship with a person or a way of life? Is it time to begin a new relationship or is it time to rededicate to current relationships in a new way?

**Oct 17, Wednesday.** Neptune (5Aquarius59) stations direct possibly contributing to disorienting or confusing feelings for several days before and after the exact station. Revisiting the imagery around 6 Aquarius in the [Sabian Symbols](#) mentioned in the article about the [Blue Star Supernova](#) and its relationship to the ending of the [6,000 year timeline in the Great Pyramid](#), helps us to get a sense of one way to tune into the mysteries of this Neptune station. The imagery is...*A Masked Figure Performs Ritualistic Acts In A Mystery Play*. The interpretation is "the individual's involvement in long-established patterns of activity aiming at the release of collective power". This timing may provide the possibility of the release of any misused collective power, allowing for the even greater possibility of the right (divine) use of power in a global community valuing, honoring and acknowledging the gifts each person and each part brings to the whole.

**Oct 18, Thursday.** The energies of innovative communication, relationship and creative imagination are heightened with a grand trine of energies already in place and remaining active over the next several days. Six planets, plus an asteroid are showing up in Air signs lending their energies to this sacred geometrical line up. They are: Sun (25 Libra) moving about 1 degree a day, retrograde Mercury (15 Libra) moving about a degree and a half a day backward across the sky from our perspective, Venus (5 Libra) moving just over a degree a day, retrograde Saturn (14 Gemini) moving about a degree a month also backwards across the sky from our perspective, retrograde Vesta (13 Gemini) moving somewhat faster than Saturn, retrograde Uranus (20 Aquarius) nearly stopped in the sky, and Neptune (6 Aquarius) still stationary having returned to direct motion yesterday. These energies are lining up in the air element associated with the mental realm and where belief patterns are held. These energies are providing us with an excellent opportunity to release old limiting belief patterns, intending to clear the air so to speak. (Okay that might be a little too obvious, but hey if it works then it served its purpose.) Clearing the air and then attuning to and intending a new peaceful vibrational quality helps to bring these energies into concrete manifestation.

**Oct 19, Friday.** Retrograde Mercury (15 Libra), the transformational messenger, is reaching its second first quarter square with expansive Jupiter (15 Cancer). The first time Mercury squared Jupiter was Sep 8 and the last time Mercury squares Jupiter is Oct 26. The message of Mercury retrograde in Libra is around the importance of truly engaging in conscious equal partnership with all life. The first quarter square with

Jupiter suggests we are crossing a threshold into an accelerated zone of growth and expansion around these mysteries. Certainly we have recently had the opportunity to see the results of unconscious hierarchical relationship with other parts of our world. It just may be the message is to wake up and truly live from the principles of conscious equal partnership, honoring the rights and true purpose of every living being.

**Oct 20, Saturday.** The waxing Moon in Sagittarius is moving through the constellation of the Scorpion past [Antares](#) (10 Sag), meeting with Pluto (13 Sag) and opposing retrograde Saturn (14 Gemini). It is worth noting where the Moon is tonight if you have clear skies. As the Moon meets with Pluto and Saturn once each month it is transmitting its mysteries to these two potent planets that are moving towards their second exact opposition Nov 1. Pluto assists Saturn in breaking down the old structures, the old beliefs, the old limiting attachments to the mind, that restrict the full experience of our true selves. This death and rebirth process takes us deeper than we have ever been before expanding our awareness of the possibilities of who we are, and facilitating a grand opportunity for a rebirth into a greater truth of our being. Trusting the process and surrendering our attachments to outcome help to ease the transition of the death of the old and supports the birth of the new.

**Oct 21, Sunday.** It is worth noticing last night and tonight the waxing Moon moving across the Galactic Plane where the Winter Solstice Sun currently rises marking the [Turning of the Ages](#). The Capricorn mysteries relate to the law, and how to most efficiently, effectively and responsibly administrate the domain of our personal and collective lives. The next couple of days are good for getting more organized and getting things done while also tuning into the incoming mysteries pouring through the Galactic Gateway. What are the universal and spiritual laws seeking expression through us at this Turning of the Ages? What are the natural laws of Life, Love, Truth, Wholeness, Harmony, Balance, Peace, Acceptance, Change, Freedom, Responsibility, and Choice, etc....?

**Oct 22, Monday.** [Mercury](#) (14 Libra) stations direct having deepened its creative connection to the Libra mysteries of conscious equal partnership, it is once again time to move forward into new territory with new awareness.

**The Week of Oct 23 – 31.** The Aquarius [First Quarter Moon](#) is directly overhead the evening of Oct 23. 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 Taurus Full Moon on Oct 31.

**Oct 23, Tuesday.** Today Moon occults (similar to an eclipse) Mars (28 Capricorn) visible in Central South America and Central Africa. Occultations are rare, though this year we have had several as additional features of our alchemical cauldron of transformation. Occultations are also accelerating energies expanding the horizons of the current Mars quest for the living truth as expressed in our inner and outer realms of experience.

Then about 4 hours later the Moon moves into Aquarius, reaching First Quarter stage (1 Aquarius) late in the day. This Moon phase in Aquarius accelerates the mysteries of change for the purpose of freely living who we truly are. These changes often come through

unexpected, unplannable, unknowable events intended to support the freest possible manifestation of our divine destiny, even if it must break down the existing structure first.

Also today the Sun enters Scorpio where it remains until Nov 21 illuminating the mysteries of regenerating life force energy through consciously accessing the eternal replenishing source within. This often manifests through the mysteries of death and rebirth, surrender and trust, dying to what no longer serves and trusting source to support our rebirth into a healthier way of being.

**Oct 24, Wednesday.** The waxing first quarter Aquarius Moon meets with Neptune. These are both visionary archetypes calling upon our creative imagination and willingness to experiment with what we imagine, by finding new, expansive, evolutionary ways of experiencing this reality.

Meanwhile Saturn and Pluto are moving ever closer to their second exact opposition Nov 1 and 2. These energies add their power and potency to the transformational cauldron that is facilitating deep cellular changes, similar to the changes that morph the caterpillar into the butterfly. Remaining vigilant and attuned to the changes seeking expression through us creates greater ease and acceptance as we continue to shift into new forms of being.

**Oct 25, Thursday.** Moon and Uranus meet today at 20Aquarius55 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, welcome the changes that support your freest expression of who you truly are.

**Oct 26, Friday.** Mercury (15 Libra), the transformational messenger, is reaching its third alignment in a first quarter square with expansive Jupiter (15 Cancer). The first time Mercury squared Jupiter was Sep 8 and the second time was Oct 19. This marks the final threshold crossing into a zone of accelerated rapid growth that is either a freeing and expansive experience in the area of relationship, or the expansion is accelerated in ways that feel ever more limiting and constricting reflecting the beliefs we carry about conscious equal partnership. Our outer relationships reflect our inner relationship with all the different parts of ourselves. These relationships are being magnified for the purpose of facilitating growth, awareness and expansion around how we relate to ourselves and others.

**Oct 27, Saturday.** The sacred masculine principle (Mars) currently engaging a 2 year and 2 month quest for the living truth is moving into the revolutionary arena of Aquarius today. Whatever needs to change to support the freest connection and expression of the truth is supported in unusual and unexpected ways by the Aquarius mysteries where Mars remains until Dec 8.

**Oct 28, Sunday.** Mercury and Venus are both (16 Libra) within minutes of their exact conjunction happening on Oct 30. This is a time when communication may flow more easily. Expressing ideas and having them received is also a greater possibility, if we are clear about what we desire to communicate, while also supporting the equal sharing of insights and ideas in a round table meeting of the minds.

**Oct 29, Monday.** Sun (7 Leo) Square Neptune (7 Aquarius) marks the acceleration of Neptune's direct journey. Neptune governs the ideal, the visions, the dreams. It also governs the places where fantasy can become reality when we remain conscious of how this process really

works in this dimension. The shadow side of Neptune can express through becoming lost in the dreams and losing touch with reality. Learning how to dream the dreams and then live them is the challenge Neptune offers.

**Oct 30, Tuesday.** Uranus (20Aquarius55) stations direct today. Planetary stations often produce a disoriented and chaotic feeling as the energies slow down and then shift direction from our earth based perspective. If things feel a bit crazy over the next few days, remember to breathe and relax as much as possible, allowing the shifting energies to work their intended magic.

**Week of Oct 31 – Nov 7** This week features the Taurus [Full Moon](#) (Oct 2) symbolizing the fulfillment, or fruition, of the seeds planted at the New Moon of 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 Aries bringing to light the mysteries of death, rebirth and regeneration.

**Oct 31, Wednesday.** This Taurus Full Moon is listed as a Blue Moon in my *Celestial Guide*. According to a *Sky and Telescope* article, by Donald W. Olson, Richard Tresch Fienberg, and Roger W. Sinnott, a [Blue Moon](#) occurs when we have 13 Full Moons in a tropical year, (a tropical year begins and ends from one Winter Solstice to the next), or 4 Full Moons in a season from an Equinox to a Solstice or Solstice to an Equinox. (<http://www.skypub.com/sights/moonplanets/9905bluemoon.html>) The article states... *Instead of the calendar year running from January 1st through December 31st, the almanac relies on the tropical year, defined as extending from one winter solstice ("Yule") to the next. Most tropical years contain 12 full Moons (three each in winter, spring, summer, and fall < and each is named for an activity appropriate to the time of year (such as the Harvest Moon in autumn). But occasionally a tropical year contains 13 full Moons, such that one season has four rather than the usual three.*

The article goes on to say... *With two decades of popular usage behind it, the second-full-Moon-in-a-month (mis)interpretation is like a genie that can't be forced back into its bottle. But that's not necessarily a bad thing. Rather than argue over whether to celebrate the dawn of the new millennium on January 1st in 2000 or 2001, those with the sunniest outlooks will celebrate twice. Why not treat Blue Moons the same way, marking both the second full Moon in a calendar month and the third full Moon in a season with four? "Even if the calendrical meaning is new," says Charles A. Federer Jr, Sky & Telescope's founding editor, "I don't see any harm in it. It's something fun to talk about, and it helps attract people to astronomy."*

According to this definition then this Taurus Full Moon is not an official Blue Moon, and yet it is certainly worth celebrating and acknowledging as it is the closest Full Moon to the Samhain cross-quarter between the September Equinox and the Winter Solstice.

Halloween, All Hollow's Eve, All Saint's Day, The Day of the Dead, Samhain, are all names used to describe this timing. For the ancient Celts it was the New Year's point, the time when the veils between all the worlds, especially the world of the living and the world of the dead, were thinnest. The belief was this timing was the most powerful for looking into the future and for accessing other worlds more easily. This was (and is) a time to go within and seek guidance from the ancestors for the coming year. This was celebrated as a night of High Magic for those attuned to the mysteries, celebrating death and rebirth,

endings and beginnings, and that which is yet to come. It was believed that this timing when worked with consciously helped to set the pattern for the coming year.

The astrological cross-quarter occurs when the Sun reaches 15 Scorpio (Nov 7). It was the Full Moon or New Moon closest to the astrological cross-quarter that many ancient Celtic Tribes used for their New Year's celebration. As time went on, Oct 31 or Nov 1 became the celebrated date regardless of the astrological timings. This year the collective celebration actually falls on a true As Above So Below gateway marked by the Taurus Full closest to the astrological cross-quarter therefore the true beginning of a new Celtic Year.

Many of the traditions of Halloween are linked to the ancient celebrations of this timing. For example, Jack O'Lanterns originated as a symbol of protection from the charms of the Fairy Folk and spirits who were believed to have greater powers on this night. The original Jack O'Laterns (made from gourds not pumpkins) were either carried by travelers or placed in the doorways of homes to protect them throughout the Halloween night. This was a time when the people gathered for songs and stories and the retelling of the great deeds of their ancestors and the Gods.

This year's Taurus Full Moon Moon, falling in the window of the second Saturn opposition to Pluto exact tomorrow or the next day depending on your time zone, is calling us to connect with this important timing when the veils between the worlds is thinnest as it applies to us today. One way to connect with this is through remembering the great spiral of life and the connections that run through the past to our ancestors and run forward into the future through our children bringing us around the circle, returning us to the source and essence of life when we choose to remember. The Spiral Dance as performed by Starhawk, M. Macha NightMare, and the Members of Reclaiming each year at this time in the San Francisco Bay area helps to consciously enliven these ancient mysteries in modern times. The oneline song we sang during the spiral dance held in Tucson last year was *"What Is Remembered Lives"*. This is an important mystery reminding us to consciously choose what we are remembering and what we are keeping alive through that remembrance...

## Upcoming Events

### Southwest New Mexico

#### Faywood Hot Springs near Deming, New Mexico

**November 1-4** Year-end Cross-Quarter Shamanic Astrology Gathering with Daniel Giamario, Carolyn Brent John Dumas and Shamanic Astrology Staff. Contact Daniel (208) 255-1743 or Carolyn (520) 744-0506.

For more full flyer of details check out this link

<http://www.shamanicastrology.com/events01.htm#Samhain>

### Shamanic Camp ~ Shamanic Astrology

#### Joshua Tree National Park, California

**November 4 - 8, 2001**

Jade Wah'oo Grigori Daniel Giamario  
Carolyn Brent Gene Joe John Dumas

Deep in the Mohave Desert beneath pristine clear skies we gather to learn the ancient Mysteries of the night sky, the sacred dance of the stars, moon, planets....ourselves! Five days and four nights of camping beneath the stars participating in ancient Ceremonials, learning from some of

the most knowledgeable Holy People and Teachers in Shamanic Astrology/Earth Wisdom. For more info <http://www.shamanic.net/events/joshuatree.htm>

### Healing From the Heart 7 days of Shamanic Healing In Alamos, Sonora, Mexico February 17 - 23, 2002

**With Jade Wah'oo Grigori**, Caretaker of 'the Ways', an authentic Shamanic Lineage

**Amalia Camateros**, Shamanic Shakti Dance Master

**Carolyn Brent**, Shamanic Astrologer and Keeper of Ancient Mysteries

**John Dumas**, Didgreedoo and flute musician extraordinaire, Shamanic Dreamtime Journeys

**Beau Ives**, Cranial Sacral 'Soul Slinger'

Camp includes Shamanic Ceremony, Sacred Dance, Sweat Lodge, Massage, Shamanic Astrology, Shamanic Journeys, Sacred Music....Community and more. Please visit <http://www.Shamanic.net> for more information!

**Spring Equinox Chart Analysis Intensive** with Daniel Giamario and Carolyn Brent in Sedona, Arizona hosted by Jade Wah'oo.

March, 2002. Details coming soon.

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