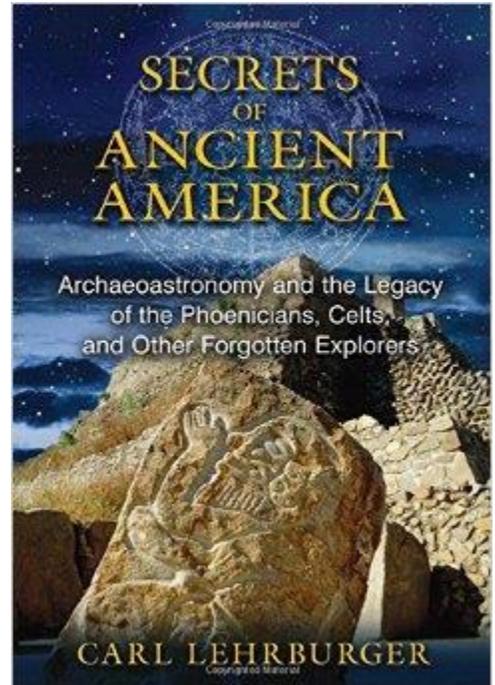


2016 May Celestial Timings by Cayelin K Castell

In the book *Secrets of Ancient America, Archaeoastronomy and the Legacy of the Phoenicians, Celts and other Forgotten Explorers* by Carl Lehrburger, he opens the chapter on The Stars and The Stones with this:

Even though astrology and astronomy were essentially the same discipline in ancient Egypt, Greece, and India, they have since the 18th century come to be regarded as completely separate fields. Today, astronomy is the study of objects and phenomena originating outside of Earth and is considered a scientific discipline. On the other hand, astrology uses the apparent positions of celestial objects as the basis for psychological experiences, the prediction of future events, and other esoteric knowledge. While the most important astronomers before Isaac Newton were professional astrologers (including Tycho Brahe, Johannes Kepler, and Galileo Galilei), interest in astrology declined after Newton with the rise of the Cartesian "Mechanistic" outlook during the Enlightenment.*



*Cartesian is a term derived from the Latin form of Descarte, referring to 17th-century philosopher René Descartes (1596-1650).

The Above and Below Connection

In April I was at Pyramids of Teotihuacan with a magnificent gathering of women. This is an archaeoastronomy sacred site with many astronomical alignments tracking planetary cycles, most especially the Venus Cycle. The ancient people who built this site and other Pyramids, Standing Stone Circles, Chamber Cairns (New Grange is an example), Petroglyph sites around the world have left us reminders of the important magical connection between the Earth and the Sky.



We know the ancients devoted immense resources to these structures and alignments because they knew "we inform the mysteries as much as they inform us." It is a living relationship that empowers our connection to Great Mystery as conscious co-creators. Unfortunately we have lost that connection and therefore lost a significant part of who we are in relationship to that connection.

The good news is we can get back and once again enjoy an empowering relationship with these mysteries. Reconnecting with the mysteries of the Earth and the Sky is an essential aspect of the journey to wholeness.



Opening Lines of the Emerald Tablets of Hermes

True, Without Deceit, Certain, Most Veritable.
That Which Is Above Corresponds To That Which Is Below
And That Which Is Below Corresponds To That Which Is Above
To Accomplish The Miracles Of The One Thing

And Just As All Things Come From Contemplation Of The One,
So Do All Created Things Originate From This One Thing
Through Transformation...

...Separate The Earth From Heaven
The Subtle From The Gross
Gentle And With Great Ingenuity
It Rises From Earth To Heaven
And Descends Again To Earth
Thereby Combining Within Its Power
Both The Above And The Below.

Thus You Will Obtain The Glory Of The Whole Universe
All Obscurity Will Be Clear To You
This Is The Greatest Force Of All Powers,
Because It Overcomes Every Subtle Thing
And Penetrates Every Solid Thing



In This Way Was The Universe Created
From This Will Come
Many Wondrous Applications
Because This Is The Pattern

Therefore I Am Called
Thrice Greatest Hermes
Having All Three Parts
Of The Wisdom Of The Whole Universe
Herein Have I Completely Explained
The Operation Of The Sun

The Emerald Tablets

Some stories claim The Emerald Tablets may have been discovered in 1350 BCE but were written long before that, some say 12,000 years ago and others say it was 38,000 years ago. What is interesting to note is the reference to As Above, So Below, As Below, So Above and the importance of our connection to BOTH.

It also speaks to Great Mystery itself as the Greatest Force of All Powers and the Wisdom of the Whole Universe. There came a time - when domination and control began - that wisdom was kept from the people so they could be more easily controlled. Without the connection to the Great Below, we find ourselves having a much more limited experience in the Great Below. In essence, we have lost a part of who we are and it is time to get it back.

That is why I have been sharing the Celestial Timings, connecting the Great Above with what is happening in the Great Below so we can consciously work with it. I have been doing this for the last 20 years to help bring these mysteries back to our conscious awareness, because it is through awareness that transformation occurs. Many have shared with me how important the Timings have been for them in supporting their personal journey and I am thrilled.

I know for me this 20 year journey has taught me more than I could have ever imagined. Each month I have learned more about the sacred patterning of the Great Above as it relates to the Great Below and I am ever so grateful.

More about the Journey to Teotihuacan

Our journey was marrying two synergistic mysteries schools, the Shamanic Astrology Mystery School and

Toltec Wisdom. The intention for the journey was for each of us to become more conscious dreamers of our own lives and how that then supports the creation of a new collective dream. The ceremonies and insights we shared were designed to transcend the current more destructive collective dream - freeing us to more actively create the dream of our divine design and true soul's intent.

Transcending the Collective Dream

I have learned that transcending the dream of the collective doesn't happen in a day or a year or even many years. It takes time to become aware of our patterns, habits, and ways that we operate unconsciously.

As I write this it occurs to me that my life has always been about transcending the dream of collective reality. Synchronistically, I was initiated into Transcendental Meditation at the age of 16 and took a course called the Science of Creative Intelligence. In 1975 - three years later – I found myself at the TM University in Fairfield Iowa continuing my studies there for another three years.

The Gift of Shamanic Astrology

Over the years my journey has included many practices and studies but for me the most profound has been Shamanic Astrology. This way of looking at the astrological mysteries is not about being predictive but rather about creating greater awareness around the mysteries we are here to explore and help evolve. It is about reclaiming wholeness through a connection to both the Earth and the Sky!



It is one of the most helpful and inspiring tools I have ever encountered and I remain committed and exited to keep learning more about the As Above, So Below Mysteries as a result. This month marks the 26th year anniversary of when I was introduced to Shamanic Astrology. For me, even after more than 20 years of doing this work, new exciting discoveries are constantly being revealed and I so love that.

How Our Thinking Affects Our Reality

There is an old saying that includes thoughts, words and deeds. What we think and believe creates our reality. Becoming aware of what we think and believe helps us to make more conscious choices in what we are thinking about, speaking about and taking action towards.

May 2016 is filled with opportunities for us to become more aware of our how our thinking affects our reality, in part due to the Mercury Retrograde until May 22, also Mercury is transiting the face of the Sun on May 9.

May Planets

May 9 Mercury passes across the face of the Sun visible across all of North America. Mercury has not passed directly over the Sun since 2006. On the west coast of North America the Sun rises with the Mercury transit already in process. Those on the East Coast will have the chance to witness the entire 7.5 hour transit weather permitting.

If you are in Africa and most of Asia the transit begins in the daytime and is still happening as the sunsets. The only way to view the Mercury transit in Australia and Eastern Asia is online. Be sure to use specifically designed filters

whenever looking directly at the Sun. However, to see the Mercury transit you will most likely need a telescope or you will not see the tiny black dot of Mercury crossing the face of the Sun.

Many may remember the Venus transit over the Sun in 2004 that was easily visible with a solar filter, because from Earth's perspective Venus is seen as much bigger than Mercury. Venus transits happen much less often than Mercury. We had two Venus transits, one in 2004 and the second in 2012. Prior to that it had been since 1882 that we witnessed a Venus transit, and it will be 2117 before Earth sees another one.

However, the next Mercury transit will happen on November 11, 2019, and will also be visible from the Americas and Europe.

On May 9 Mercury begins its transit at 7:12 am Eastern Daylight Time and completes its transit at 2:42 pm Eastern Daylight Time. Be sure to adjust for your time zone. For example, the transit begins at 4:12 am Pacific Time and ends at 11:42 am Pacific Time. According to Sky and Telescope the most interesting time to watch is when Mercury either enters or exits the limb of the Sun, taking about 3 minutes and twelve 12 seconds to enter or leave.

Both Mercury and Venus are too close to the Sun to be seen this month with the exception of the Mercury Transit over the Sun on May 9. Venus stays with the Sun until it rises as an evening star on July 13. Venus will conjunct the Sun on June 6.

The second remarkable feature this month is Mars gaining in brightness until it reaches the same magnitude as Jupiter. When Mars is retrograde it is closest to the Earth and reaches its brightest apparition during any given cycle of 2+ years. (Note: Mars can sometimes appear brighter than Jupiter as it did in 2003)

Mars reaches opposition to the Sun on May 22 beginning a new approximately two-year Mars cycle. This is the brightest Mars has been in 11 years. It is also hanging out near Saturn and first magnitude star Antares in the Scorpion. Mars makes its closest approach to Earth on May 30.

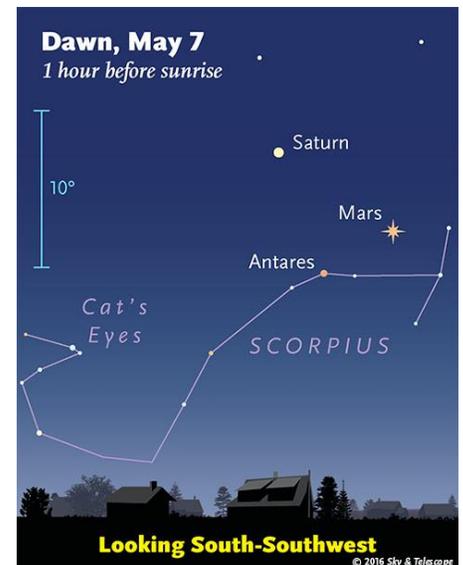
Mars rises two hours after sunset as May begins and is rising as the Sun sets on May 22. Mars begins this month at -1.5 magnitude reaching -2.1 magnitude equaling the magnitude of Jupiter for a few days later this month.

Mars starts the month about 5° north of Antares retrograding back to the eye of the Scorpion, also known as Dschubba where Saturn was last year.

Jupiter is high in the evening sky shining at -2.3 magnitude as this month begins, dimming to a -2.1 magnitude by the end of the month when both of Mars and Jupiter are the same magnitude.

Jupiter is stationing direct on May 9, the same day as the Mercury transit over the Sun. Jupiter will have returned to be within about 13° of the heart star of the lion, known as Regulus. Jupiter is setting around 4 AM as this month begins and sets around 2 AM by the end of the month.

Retrograde Saturn rises about 30 minutes after Mars on May 1 moving back to be within about 3 degrees of Antares. Saturn stations direct on August 13 in alignment with Antares. Saturn and Mars are within 8° of each other as may



begins and are forming a triangle with Antares it becomes more elongated by the end of the month when Saturn and Mars have separated by 15°.

On May 7 a thin crescent Moon occults Aldebaran in this ongoing series of 49 occultations that last until September of 2018. This marks the 18th occultation since the series began. May 13 the waxing Moon shines near Regulus and catches up to Jupiter on May 14. May 21 marks the Sagittarius Full Moon within a rectangle of 10° that includes the Moon, Mars, Saturn and Antares. On May 22 the Moon rises to the left of Saturn and on May 25 the Moon is visible above the constellation of the Archer (a.k.a the Teapot).

May features only one major meteor shower. This is the one that occurs as Haley's Comet intersects the Earth's orbit giving us the **Eta Aquarids**. This meteor shower peaks on May 5 and sixth during a time of the Mew Moon so should be easy to see especially for those in the southern hemisphere. This meteor shower can have as many as 60 meteors per hour. In northern latitudes far fewer meteors are visible, however the ones that do show up are usually spectacular Earth grazers with a long arc above the horizon.



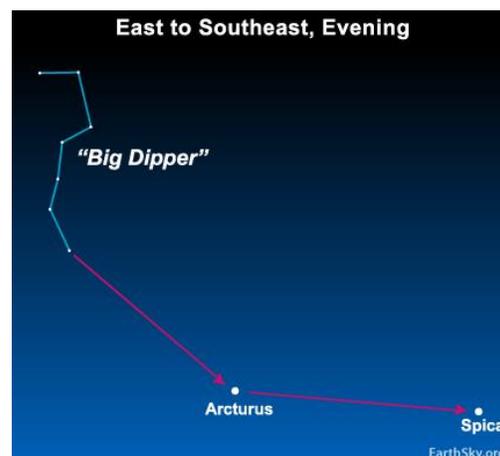
Also this month is a lunar occultation over the triple star Theta Virginus (a 4.4 magnitude star) about six degrees NW of Spica on the night of May 17 or early morning May 18 depending on your time zone visible in North America. If you're on the east coast both will be low on the western horizon as the Moon sets around 3:23 am Eastern time, 2:10 AM Central time 12:51 am Mountain time and 11:36 PM Pacific Time. Of course the actual time also depends on your horizon line and what latitude you are at.

Stars worth noting in the Night Sky this Month

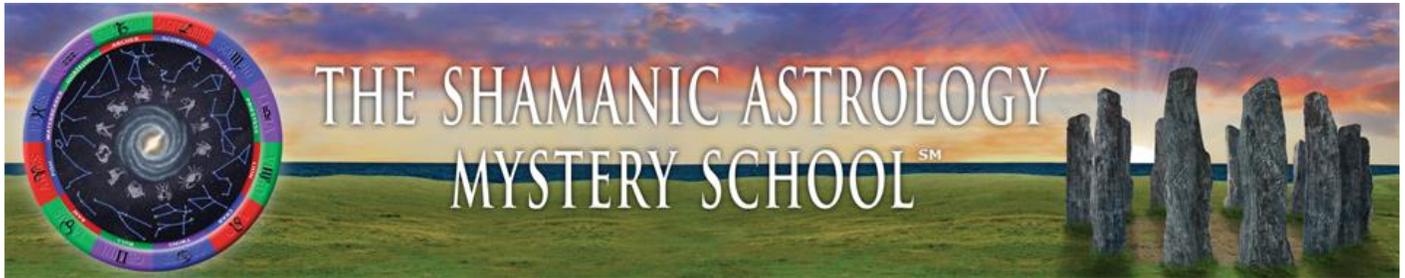
This month the Milky Way is seen lying flat around the horizon so not clearly visible unless you look up to the Northeast highest part in Cygnus the Swan. However this position of the Milky Way gives us the sense of the Plane of the Galaxy when looking Northeast toward Cygnus you see Galactic Center to your right.

Also prominent in May is the constellation of the Virgin Priestess (a.k.a. Virgo) containing seven main stars. The most visible star in this group is the bright bluish white star of the divine feminine known as Spica. Higher in the sky and a bit to the right of Spica is the star Denebola marking the lion's tail in the constellation also known as Leo. If you follow a direct line from Spica to the upper left you will see the bright red star Arcturus.

These three stars Arcturus, Denebola, and Spica form what is sometimes called the Spring Triangle best viewed from April to June. Plus, we have the perfect 30-60-90 degree the Stellar Triangle formed by Arcturus, Spica and Regulus (the heart of the lion). This triangle is currently associated with the Feast Day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary when the stars disappear and the Sun rises at 72 degrees North around 43 degrees North latitude. This happens around August 15. Look East South East to spot both triangles in the evening sky.



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May 2016 Celestial Timings

(All times are PDT unless otherwise noted)

May 01, Sunday. [Happy Beltane \(see article\)](#) a.k.a **May Day. This seasonal cross-quarter celebration shows up on the Gregorian Calendar as May 1 although the actual astrological cross-quarter is May 5 when the Sun reaches the half way point between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice crossing the 15 degree mark of Taurus.**

Sun (11°Taurus 32') is sextile Neptune (11°Pisces 32') at 5 am signaling the approaching Neptune retrograde that begins on June 13 and will last until November 19.

The Moon enters Pisces at 7:33 am. The energies over the next few days are ideal for connecting with greater compassion for self and others through psychic sensitivity and inner knowing. These energies are ideal for consciously choosing a new dream, a new way of experiencing life through awareness of the old collective dream designed to limit our belief in what is possible for us. We always have the power to dream a new dream and there is no time like the present.

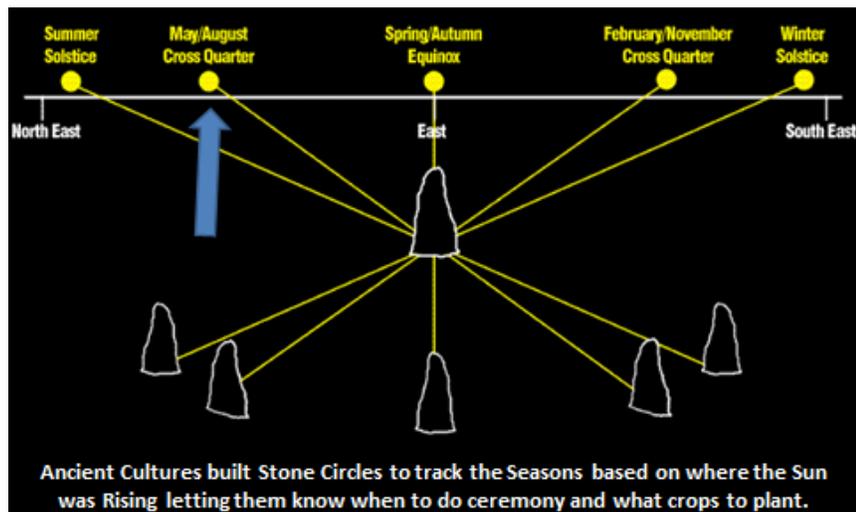
May 02, Monday. The Moon is conjunct Neptune (11°Pisces 34') 3:23 am catching up to Chiron late in the day. This is a time to continue to dream a new dream for ourselves and planet earth. It is also a time to be aware of the illusions that keep us from truly believing that we can Live in a new dream.

May 03, Tuesday. The Sun (13 Taurus 19) is trine Jupiter (13 Virgo 19) at 12:58 am. The Sun is always trine an outer planet as it is preparing to station direct. In this case Jupiter stations direct on May 9 at 13 Virgo 15. This still point provides access to new expansive ways of perceiving the sacred patterning of our reality that exist beyond the limits of our current collective dream. This entire month is a powerful time for questioning what you have known to be true and questing or seeking for new expansive ways of experiencing this life is sacred. Question everything that does not support the fulfillment of your soul's purpose? (see May 22 for more on the Still Point)

The Moon enters Aries at 10:04 am. Over the next couple of days the Moon is transmitting powerful warrior energy for taking action toward fulfilling a new dream for your life. First you must be aware of the actions needed. What holds you back? What collective beliefs may be holding you back?

May 04, Wednesday. The Moon is conjunct Uranus at 9:17 pm. Following up on yesterday's theme of the Moon in Aries now with Uranus the power to disrupt the old assemblage point or belief systems is magnified. The path of evolution requires the old beliefs to be disrupted in order to make room for new, cutting edge, evolutionary ideas.

May 05, Thursday. Ascension Day Cinco de Mayo and Astrological Solar Beltane Cross-Quarter Day. The astrological cross-quarter known as Beltane occurs today as the Sun crosses 15 Taurus. Beltane is a time of maximum fertility, abundance, sacred union, sacred pleasure, and celebration through song, dance, feasts, and ceremony that celebrates the magical connection between the Earth, the Sky and all life. More on Beltane [HERE](#)



Eta Aquarids meteor shower is peeking today as it does each year on **Cinco de Mayo**, a day celebrated in remembrance of Mexico's 1862 historic battle for freedom

Today is Ascension Day set for 40 days after Easter and always on a Thursday so it is also known as Ascension Thursday marking the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. This is a movable date like Easter, because it falls 40 days after Easter. See Table.



Easter Sunday 2016	March 27, 2016	Ascension Day 2016	May 05, 2016	Thursday
Easter Sunday 2017	April 16, 2017	Ascension Day 2017	May 25, 2017	Thursday
Easter Sunday 2018	April 1, 2018	Ascension Day 2018	May 10, 2018	Thursday
Easter Sunday 2019	April 21, 2019	Ascension Day 2019	May 30, 2019	Thursday
Easter Sunday 2020	April 12, 2020	Ascension Day 2020	May 21, 2020	Thursday

The Moon enters Taurus at 10:10 am and catches up to Venus (06° Taurus 41') at 10:12 pm. The Moon Venus conjunction is NOT visible as Venus is too close to the Sun.

With both Moon and Venus in Taurus just hours before the exact New Moon tomorrow the mysteries that include the most delicious ways of savoring and enjoying life through active receivership are on the screen of our awareness when we take the time to be aware of them. With both Moon and Venus invisible to the naked eye they are both in the Underworld or in a place of transformation made possible through awareness of what holds us back from truly receiving the beauty and pleasure of life. Here is a link to a Ted Radio show on What is Beauty? to support your contemplation. <http://blog.ted.com/ted-radio-hour-asks-what-is-beauty/>

May 06, Friday. The Beltane New Moon (16° Taurus 45') is exact at 12:29 pm and catches up to retrograde Mercury (20° Taurus 41') at 7:10 pm. Any New Moon window is a time for planting seeds that we desire to grow in our lives. The Taurus New Moon window is especially about planting the seeds of knowing how to fully receive beauty, pleasure, intimacy, and ecstatic bliss. Asking questions can help you get in touch with this intention.

Here are a few ideas: What feels good? What feels supportive? What feels enjoyable? What simple day-to-day occurrences enhance the experience of healthy spontaneous pleasure for you? What is beautiful to you? How can you bring more beauty and pleasure into your daily life?

May 07, Saturday. Sun (17°Ta24') trine retrograde Pluto 17° Cp24' at 6:03 am. Pluto trine the Sun is part of the ongoing alchemical portal of possibilities that began when Pluto went retrograde on April 18. Pluto is always trine the Sun just after it goes retrograde or just before it goes direct. That means Pluto will again be trine the Sun on September 3 going direct on September 22 of this year.

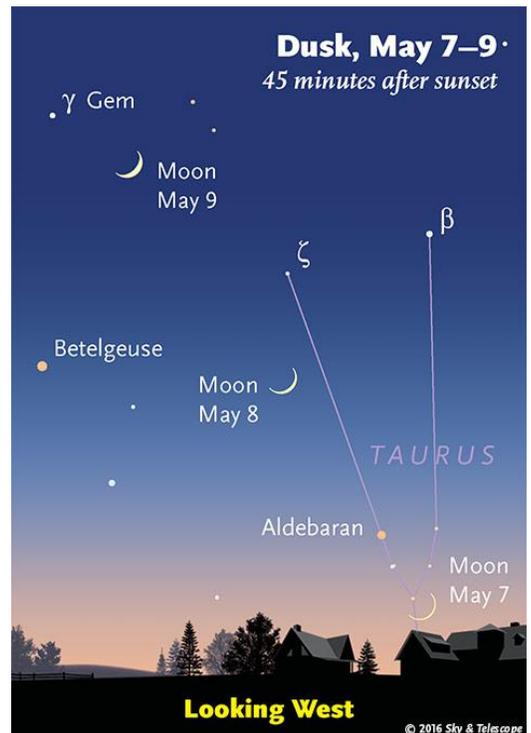
The alchemy of the Sun is further illuminating the dissolution of the old shadow elements that have interfered with humanity's awakening. This Timing accelerates the process of transformation when we willingly surrender to what IS. Carl Jung reminded us that what we resist will persist. Acceptance and allowing are powerful ways to participate in the process of transformation.

The Moon enters Gemini at 9:34 am passing the Pleiades and catching up to and occulting Aldebaran around 10 pm tonight for the 18th time in this series of 49 that lasts until September of 2018. Aldebaran, is the eye of the Bull and one of the four royal stars also linked with Archangel Michael. The Moon occultations over Aldebaran are accelerating the light codes of this important star of the ancient alchemists, known as a [Behenian Star](#).

Aldebaran is also the key to the Silver Gate and Antares is the key to the Golden Gate. (Moon catches up to Antares on May 22)

The Silver and Golden Gate...

The Golden Gate is at the point where the ecliptic crosses the Milky



Way, just near Galactic Centre (GC); the part of the sky which was of great interest to the Mayan people. At the other end of the Milky Way, the Silver Gate is above Orion, at the centre of the Duat; the Egyptian Netherworld which was represented on the ground in the Giza area.

The ancient Greeks, who received much of their knowledge from Egypt, believed that souls reside in the Milky Way between incarnations, and that there are 2 "gates" on the Milky Way.

These are the Silver Gate of Gemini, through which souls descend to earth, and the Golden Gate of Sagittarius, through which souls ascend. Other versions say the souls of men (humans) can ascend by either gate, but that the Silver Gate leads to reincarnation and the ancestors, and the Golden Gate leads beyond reincarnation. The Golden Gate is also that through which the Gods descend. <http://www.diagnosis2012.co.uk/7.htm>

May 08, Sunday. Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms in all their forms.

Arise then women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts!...Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender to those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs." – Julia Ward Howe creator of Mother's Day. Awakening Planetary Motherhood

Mother's day celebrations have origins reaching back through time honoring the Great Mother Goddess in her many forms. More recently Christian traditions honor the mother principle through Mary the mother of Jesus. In current times 46 countries celebrate some version of Mother's day. Today reminds us to take moment to honor and acknowledge our earthly mother's for the sacrifices they have made to give us life and support our growth and even if not perfect they were doing the best they knew how to do.

May 09, Monday. Jupiter (13 Virgo 15) stations direct at 5:16 am creating a still point portal to transform the Virgo Mysteries into their true essence. Recently, I woke up from a dream a few nights ago that Virgo had died and was ready to be reborn. This was interesting to me as I don't have Virgo on my chart per se.

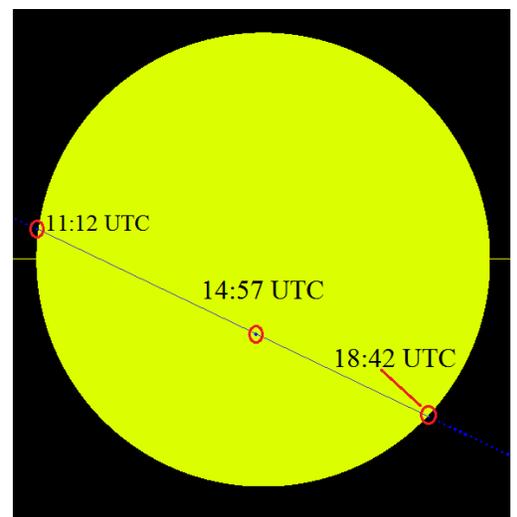
I do claim honorary Virgo with an Evening Star Venus located in the Virgo House (6th house) and Vesta conjunct my ascendant. Plus my twins are Virgo Moon and Virgo Rising so I feel a strong connection, reverence and respect for Virgo energy.

Jupiter travels through Virgo about every 12 years so this station point is important suggesting a time for tuning into the New Virgo Mysteries seeking expression through us now. A question to facilitate this might be: How do we truly honor ourselves and all life as sacred, including the Earth herself?

Retrograde Mercury transits the face of the (Sun 19°Taurus25') at 8:12 am.

(see introduction) Mercury represents the Mind and how we communicate. Transits over the Sun are rare. The last one was in 2006. Mercury visible on the face of the Sun (with a telescope) brings to our awareness an opportunity to source new perceptions, new awareness, new ways of communicating that are intended to accelerate our ability to imagine and experience a New Earth reality that recognizes we live in an abundant world. How do we from a place of gratitude - value, savor, and celebrate this world in ways that are sustainable and supportive to all life everywhere? [How To Watch Info Here](#)

The waxing crescent Moon enters Cancer at 10:24 am located on the Galactic Cross near the Galactic Edge where the Sun will be next month at



the Summer Solstice. Be sure to check out our FREE Summer Solstice Virtual Celebration happening on June 18. The Shamanic Astrology Mystery School is giving away some really cool gifts. [Details are here](#)

May 10, Tuesday. Underworld Venus (13°Taurus15') trines Jupiter (13°Virgo15)' at 12 pm. This is an interesting combination as Virgo is dedicated to a Sacred Work and Taurus is dedicated to enjoying and savoring the beauty and pleasure of life. Virgo might think Taurus is lazy, and Taurus might think Virgo works too much and doesn't take time to enjoy, to smell the roses, to absorb the beauty of nature. Together these two have an opportunity to find a healthy balance between giving and receiving.

May 11, Wednesday. The Moon enters Leo at 2:32 pm. As the Hopi Elders remind us: *we are the ones we have been waiting for.* We are the radiant and shining ones remembering our divine expression through radical self-love. Genuine, healthy self-love is experienced when we can truly forgive ourselves for any harm or mistakes we may have made. The opposite of self-love is self-hate and is the other side of the twin nature we all carry. (see May 13)

“We are wont to condemn self-love; but what we really mean to condemn is contrary to self-love. It is that mixture of selfishness and self-hate that permanently pursues us, that prevents us from loving others, and that prohibits us from loving ourselves.” Paul Valery quotes (French Poet, Essayist and Critic, 1871-1945)



Some questions to ask now are: What would it take for me to deeply and completely love and accept myself? And in all the ways I still do not fully love myself, I release, let go, and send to the light all the fear, blame, hurt, pain, guilt, shame, and doubt that has prevented me from truly loving who I am. I ask that this is divinely done across all time, beyond time, throughout all the dimensions and realities I have ever existed in or ever will exist in – it is done, it is so and I give thanks.

If you would like to engage, explore, and transform the mysteries of Divine Feminine Self-Love within and without as Venus returns to the evening sky in July consider joining us on an incredible ceremonial journey honoring the Divine Sovereign Queen within us all. [Details are here](#)

May 12, Thursday. Retrograde Mercury (17°Taurus 20') trines retrograde Pluto (17°Capricorn 20') suggesting an even deeper exploration of the mind, bringing greater awareness to the unconscious beliefs and fears that drive our choices and actions. Awareness is necessary for transformation to occur. While not necessarily fun, this does empower our ability to consciously co-create through more conscious choices.

The waxing Moon passes by the Beehive Cluster (7 Leo) this afternoon meaning the Moon is visible beyond the Beehive tonight. The Moon in this area of the sky transmits the mysteries of working in community and with the natural rhythms of life. Bees have a strong connection to the cycles of the Sun because they can only gather nectar when the flowers are open.



When the Sun sets or the flowers close, the Bees return to their hive. Once each month the Moon passes the Beehive Cluster illuminating the wisdom of the Bees or BEEing in harmony with the cycles and seasons.

May 13, Friday. Friday the 13th! The day of week known as Friday is named for the Norse Goddess Freya. Friday is Freya's day. Freya is a fierce Goddess known for her beauty and ability to be victorious in battle, embracing death and rebirth, she is accomplished in sorcery, as well as overseeing the mysteries of sexuality and fertility. Thus, Freya as Venus is a powerful expression of the divine feminine most likely from pre-patriarchal times.

Guardian of thresholds Freya holds destiny in her hand.

On Freya's most sacred day here are some questions to consider?

Do you actively seek pleasure?

Are you courageous and confident?

Are you in charge of your own destiny?

Do you accept yourself, approve of yourself and respect yourself?

Do you LOVE who you are?

Do stand gracefully in your power and thus empower others?

Do you embrace your innate ability to manifest magic and beauty?



[Find out more about Friday the 13th HERE.](#)

The Leo First Quarter Moon (23° Leo 21') is exact at 10:02 am and then the Moon moves into Virgo at 10:52 pm. Passing by the [Behenian Star](#) Regulus, marking the heart of the lion. (see May 11)

Retrograde Mercury is conjunct underworld Venus (16° Taurus 57') 12:10 pm. Underworld Venus (17° Taurus 20') is trine Pluto (17° Capricorn 20') at 7:20 pm adding to the potency of this Underworld Initiation for Venus as she dies to who she believed herself to be and is reborn to a new more empowered expression of true herself.

May 14, Saturday. The Sun (24° Taurus 26') is sextile Chiron (24° Pisces 26') at 12:46 pm signaling the Chiron station retrograde happening June 27. This is a great time to tune into what is ready to heal within your body and your world.

May 15, Sunday. Moon conjuncts Jupiter (13° Virgo 19') at 1:02 am energizing awareness around the sacred pattern of life that is seeking new forms to express through including the biological circuitry of Earth that has been undergoing a massive recalibration over many years now. This has created an enormous quantum shift in the vibrational signature of the Earth that we are only just beginning to understand.

It is important to be gentle and caring toward yourself and each other as we continue to experience this vibrational shift. Taking time to tune into the emerging changes within the Earth Grid (or web of life), as well as our own changes, helps us to navigate what might feel disorienting times.

We may feel our personal energy and/or our life situations are fluctuating as the old patterns are up leveled to a new more efficient operating system. This is the time for tuning into inner guidance about how to participate in ways that ease these changes through prayer, meditation, ceremony, or whatever way works best for you.

May 16, Monday. The Moon enters Libra at 10:33 am is transmitting the mysteries most interested in creating relationships that have equal value and creating a round table of partnerships where no one is more or less important than anyone else and is visible approaching Spica tomorrow and beyond Spica by May 18.

May 17, Tuesday. Vesta entered Gemini yesterday suggesting the High Priestess is exploring having more FUN doing her sacred work. Gemini's job is to remind us not to take ourselves so seriously and to creatively create fun in everything we do.

May 18, Wednesday. The Moon enters Scorpio at 11:30 pm. Over the next 2.5 days the Moon in Scorpio is transmitting the archetypal energy most known for intensity and life force, mastering the mysteries of Will and Desire. Contrary to many spiritual teachings our primary evolutionary process is NOT about getting over our human desires or somehow evolving past them.

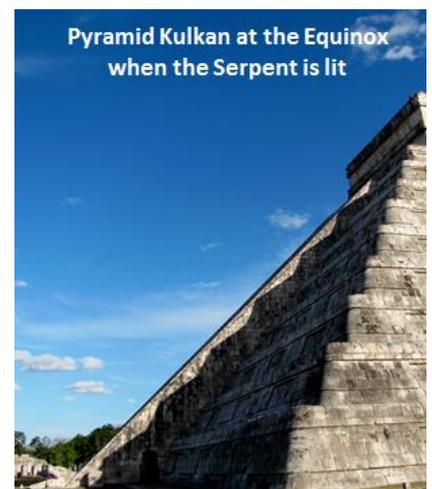
Scorpio School says desire is natural and is in fact a part of the human experience. It is our attachment to the way we want our desires to manifest that causes pain, frustration, and other problems. When we learn how to be with our desires without attachment to how they manifest, then Life Force Energy is free to express in the most powerful and life supporting ways possible. Not being attached to results often means that what actually manifests is more amazing than what we were imagining.



May 19, Thursday. Every year on May 19, 20, and 21 the Solar Zenith at the pyramids of Chichen Itza and Teotihuacan the Sun is when the Sun is conjunct the Pleiades. (see May 21)

The Mayans left important clues about this Timing, built into the pyramid (Kukulcan) at Chichen Itza. May 20 occurs 60 days after the Spring Equinox and the pyramid rests near 20 degrees North latitude where the Sun reaches the Zenith (exactly overhead) at Noon when no shadows are cast by anything or anyone that is perpendicular to the ground including the pyramid. These days occur twice each year and were called the "Days of No Shadows" by the Mayans.

[John Major Jenkins](http://www.alignment2012.com), author of the *Maya Cosmogensis*, indicates that the pyramid Kukulcan, (a.k.a. Quetzalcoatl, the Plumed Serpent) tracks the Sun-Pleiades-Zenith conjunction. The Crotalus rattlesnake found throughout Meso-American art resembles the Mayan glyph for the Sun "Ahau" (pronounced Ah-how) and relates to the flow of time or the flow of consciousness through the seasons of life as they end and begin again. <http://alignment2012.com>



“Tzab” is the Mayan word for the Pleiades, and their word for the rattle of the snake as they perceived the Pleiades was the rattle. When the [Pleiades conjuncts the Sun at the zenith](#), the rattle has moved into place. The Sun is a catalyst, or key, unlocking the Pleiadian stargate over these days when the Sun and Pleiades join together at the zenith.

May 20. Friday. Sun enters Gemini at 7:37 am activating the Pleiadian Stargate - sometimes referred to as the doorway home. Once each year the Sun and the Pleiades occupy the same place in the sky for about three days. This also means the Sun has entered the [Sacred Hoop](#) traveling through this area of the sky for the next couple of months. On June 20 the Sun reaches the Galactic Cross and the Solstice point of zero Cancer at 3:34 pm Pacific Time.

The Sun in Gemini illuminates the mysteries of the coyote trickster who operates beyond rational, linear, logic, seeing the humor in life and fully enjoying the cosmic joke. This youthful, playful energy works its magic through the transformative power of crazy wisdom – wisdom that exists beyond duality and our current conventional reality. Crazy wisdom transcends the limits of right or wrong, good or bad, hope and fear, yes or no.

Crazy Wisdom then uses contradiction to *“alchemically transform any lingering resistance to waking up into pristine play.”* [Steve Goodman](#), professor of Asian studies

The annual conjunction of the Sun with the Pleiades opens a portal to even more galactic possibilities. Jose Diaz Bolio, a noted Mayan researcher, links the Pleiades with the rattle of the snake. He has found that the Mayan Yucateca symbol for the rattlesnake has a three-dot marking in a circle. This is also the symbol for the Sun or solar Ahau.



This symbol combines the Sun with the Pleiades (or Tzab) as an indicator of the importance of the Sun/Pleiades/Zenith alignment happening at certain latitudes at this time of year. This alignment (open the stargate of the Pleiades or portal) only occurs for a time period of 72 to 144 years every 26,000 years and its happening now on the “days of no shadows”.

May 21, Saturday. The Sagittarius Full Moon (1 Sagittarius 14) is exact at 11:48 am and the Moon catches up to retrograde Mars at 3:43 pm. Mars has just begun its new cycle in quest for the Sword of Truth. The Moon in Sagittarius is amplifying the mysteries associated with the quest for enlightenment and the truth from where all creation arises - pure consciousness.

The Moon is also visible approaching Antares tonight. This star was viewed by the Egyptians as having connections to the Goddess Isis and was worked with as an interdimensional gateway. They knew they had easier access to this star and the gateway whenever the Moon was passing by.

May 22, Sunday. Retrograde Mars (01°Sg47') reaches opposition to the Sun at 4:17 am beginning a new Mars Cycle. The ancients were most impressed by the visual experience of a bright Mars rising as the Sun was setting, a rare event that only happens about every 2 years. Whatever sign Mars is occupying at the time it rises opposite the Sun represents the featured archetype of the masculine being integrated into the collective psyche of humanity for the duration of the cycle.



Shamanic Astrology views Mars in Libra as the partner or the aspect of the masculine that is most interested in creating relationships that have equal value. This means hierarchal relationships such as a King to his subjects, the boss to his employees, the parent to the child, are NOT the focus of this expression of the masculine.

Mercury (14°Taurus 20') stations direct at 6:20 am

creating a still point where we are invited to expand our ability to enjoy the pleasures of using the mind as a tool to co-create the Garden of Earthly Delight. This means it is essential to continue releasing the contrary and limiting beliefs that we have been programmed through our current consensus reality.

The Still Point of any cycle is a portal for powerful epiphanic experiences. This may be a moment when you experience yourself being revealed to you.

This can happen through dreams, out-of-body type experiences, moments of ceremonial magic, or moments of crystal clear “ahas” that inspire your next steps. Be open to receive whatever messages might be available as they often show up in unexpected ways.

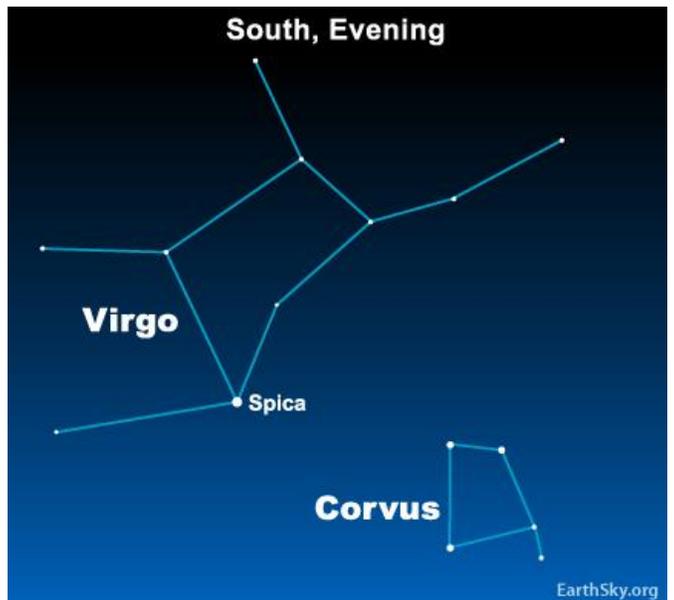
May 23, Monday. The Moon enters Capricorn at 10:34 pm. When in balance the Capricorn mysteries operate with awareness of how our actions effect the generations to come and how we can actively contribute to the health and well-being of our personal and collective environment? Are we conscious stewards of the Earth? If not what can we change to be in greater harmony?

May 24, Tuesday. Underworld Venus enters Gemini at 2:45 am, where she encounters the contrary nature of Gemini, reminding us not to be so serious. Later Venus (00°Gemini 52) 'reaches opposition to retrograde Mars (00°Sagittarius 52') at 7:38 pm. Venus is NOT visible but Mars is visible all night long from sunset to sunrise.

May 25, Wednesday. The Moon conjuncts Pluto at (17 Capricorn 09) 7:21 am illuminating the power that is within us to continue to up level the transformation needed to establish new more empowering structures of reality. This includes consciously reconnecting to the wisdom and insights of the Ancient Ones, The Great Shining Ones, the Wise Ones, the Elders, the council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers, the ones who know how to act in accordance with the laws of the natural world that promote balanced living with the Earth.

These mysteries have been lost or ignored far too long. It is clear that the old structures are crumbling and will continue to do so as we approach the remarkable events of the Grand Cross and Eclipses next month. The question

At the still point of the turning world.
Neither flesh nor fleshless;
Neither from nor towards;
at the still point, there the dance is,
But neither arrest nor movement.
And do not call it fixity,
Where past and future are gathered.
Neither movement from nor towards,
Neither ascent nor decline.
Except for the point, the still point,
There would be no dance, and there is only the dance.
I can only say, there we have been:
but I cannot say where
And I cannot say, how long,
for that is to place it in time.



that might help this process is: “What vibrational energy can I be to further assist in birthing this New Earth into the structures that include peace and plenty for all?”

May 26, Thursday. Jupiter (13°Virgo 41') is square Saturn (13°Sagittarius 41' at 5:28 am very near the degree of the Jupiter North Node conjunction on June 20. What are the new visions Jupiter inspires and Saturn can put into form?

The Moon moves into Aquarius at 7:27 am energizing the mysteries of radical revolutionary ideas that promote evolutionary growth. For the next couple of days it might be helpful to ask “What would it take to expand my awareness to yet another level for the purpose of receiving the next octave of the greater cosmic vision for my life?”

May 27, Friday. Retrograde Mars returns to Scorpio at 6:51 am diving into the mysteries of Edgewalking. ([Find out More HERE](#))

May 28, Saturday. The Moon moves into Pisces at 2:06 pm. From a Celestial World perspective this is a time for contemplating radical compassion through radical acceptance of what IS.

Venus and Vesta (05°Gemini 10') meet in the underworld exact at 7:43 am. Vesta is the High Priestess initiating the Leo Queen during her underworld time exploring the Death Mysteries. Venus has been in the underworld since April and is there until she rises as evening star in July.

May 29, Sunday. The Pisces Last Quarter Moon (08 Pisces 33) is exact at 5:12 am. This timing is great for taking action that further facilitates experiences of radical compassion and the safe space for feeling our deepest feelings including grief.

Pema Chodron’s insights on the gifts of compassion in her book *The Places that Scare You* help us to understand the gifts of sorrow, grief and compassion.

When we touch the center of sorrow, when we sit with discomfort without trying to fix it, when we stay present to the pain of disapproval or betrayal and let it soften us, these are the times that we connect with bodhichitta. Sometimes the completely open heart and mind of the bodhichitta is called the soft spot, a place as vulnerable and tender as an open wound.

(Pema defines bodhichitta....chitta is mind, heart and attitude. Bodhi means awake, enlightened or completely open. So the bodhichitta is awakened heart and mind, in full acceptance and open embrace of Great Mystery) Tapping into that shaky and tender place has a transformative effect. Being in this place may feel uncertain and edgy but it’s also a big relief. Just to stay there even for a moment, feels like a genuine act of kindness to ourselves. Being compassionate enough to accommodate our fears takes courage, of course, and it definitely feels counterintuitive. But it’s what we need to do.

May 30, Monday. Happy Memorial Day. Mars is closest to the Earth in its current cycle today.

The Moon enters Aries at 6:09 pm energizing a time for taking inspired action to further a cause you are committed to furthering. It might be the cause of taking care of your own life.



Mercury (17°Taurus04') returns for its last trine to retrograde **Pluto (17°Cap04')** at 8:09 pm. See May 12

May 31, Tuesday. Jupiter (14 Virgo) having stationed direct on May 9 is moving to catch up to the North Node (18 Virgo) exact on June 20. Jupiter is moving forward and the Nodes are moving back so when they meet it will be at 15 Virgo marking the third exact conjunction of Jupiter and the Nodes in Virgo. This is an event that has not happened since 1625, although Jupiter and the North Node did meet once in Virgo in 1979.

This conjunction asks us: What would it take for us to expand our vision of what it truly means to honor all life as sacred? What would it take for us to again celebrate and honor the Virgo mysteries in their true essence, releasing the patriarchal judgements that view this archetypal energy as nit picky, critical and cold? What would it take to once again truly honor and celebrate the natural cycles and seasons of the Earth, the sacred place where we all live?

