



2019 January Celestial Timings

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*Magic is not a practice.
It is a living, breathing web of energy
that, with our permission,
can encase our every action.
~ Everyday Magic by Dorothy Morrison*

As we approach the powerful and very rare triple planetary alignment of Pluto, Saturn and Jupiter in Capricorn happening in 2020 (a year that implies perfect vision) we have a lot going on in 2019 that is paving the way for us to prepare our vision around the seeds we plan to tend in 2020 and beyond.

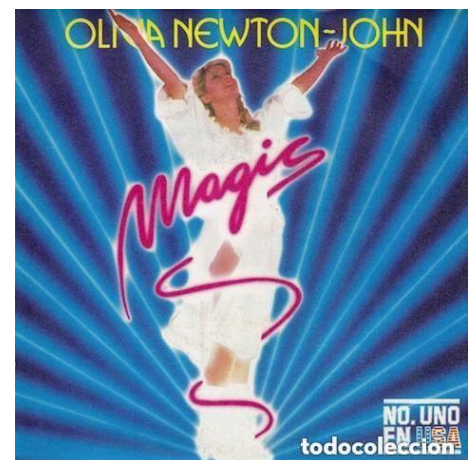
For that reason I feel inspired to continue to focus my attention and the Celestial Timings on the mysteries of magic.

Starting with the Song [Magic](#) (a 1980 song performed by Olivia Newton-John, from the soundtrack of the film Xanadu). The words of this song feel like a powerful intention to remind us of the power of magic.

Olivia singing this song on YouTube at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvfE-Cf9Qcc&feature=share>

Magic was number one on the Billboard Hot 100 charts for four weeks beginning on August 2, 1980. It also reached a high of number 4 on the Australian charts and number 32 in the UK. Billboard magazine ranked "Magic" as the third most popular single of 1980.

Come take my hand
You should know me
I've always been in your mind
You know I will be kind
I'll be guiding you
Building your dream
Has to start now
There's no other road to take
You won't make a mistake
I'll be guiding you



You have to believe - We are magic
Nothing can stand in our way
You have to believe- We are magic
Don't let your aim ever stray
And if all your hopes survive
Destiny will arrive
I'll bring all your dreams alive - For you
I'll bring all your dreams alive - For you

From where I stand
You are home free
The planets align so rare
There's promise in the air
And I'm guiding you
Through every turn
I'll be near you
I'll come any time you call
I'll catch you when you fall
I'll be guiding you

Chorus Repeats



A Look at 2019 and Further Prep for 2020

With Daniel Giamario and Cayelin Castell
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This online event was loaded with insights about what is happening in 2019 and how this year is preparing us for 2020. Plus a bonus video from Daniel and Cayelin is also available on *Reconsidering the Age of Aquarius*.

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Sky Happenings for January 2019

The ancient alchemists considered **Antares** one of the magical (Behenian) stars. Find out more here <https://cayelincastell.com/behenian-stars/>

These stars are considered more powerful when a planet is within 6 degrees. Venus moves within 6 degrees of Antares on January 10, and is zodiacally aligned on January 16, moving beyond 6 degrees on January 22. Jupiter is within 6 degrees of Antares most of this year, the royal star marking the heart of the Scorpion, is the 14th brightest star in our night sky. According to Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld authors of [Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing](#):

Antares influences the place just before choice...If you attune to this in anyway, asking with love in your heart for the higher path to be shown, so it will be. The opportunities for this may come forth in ways that were perhaps unexpected.

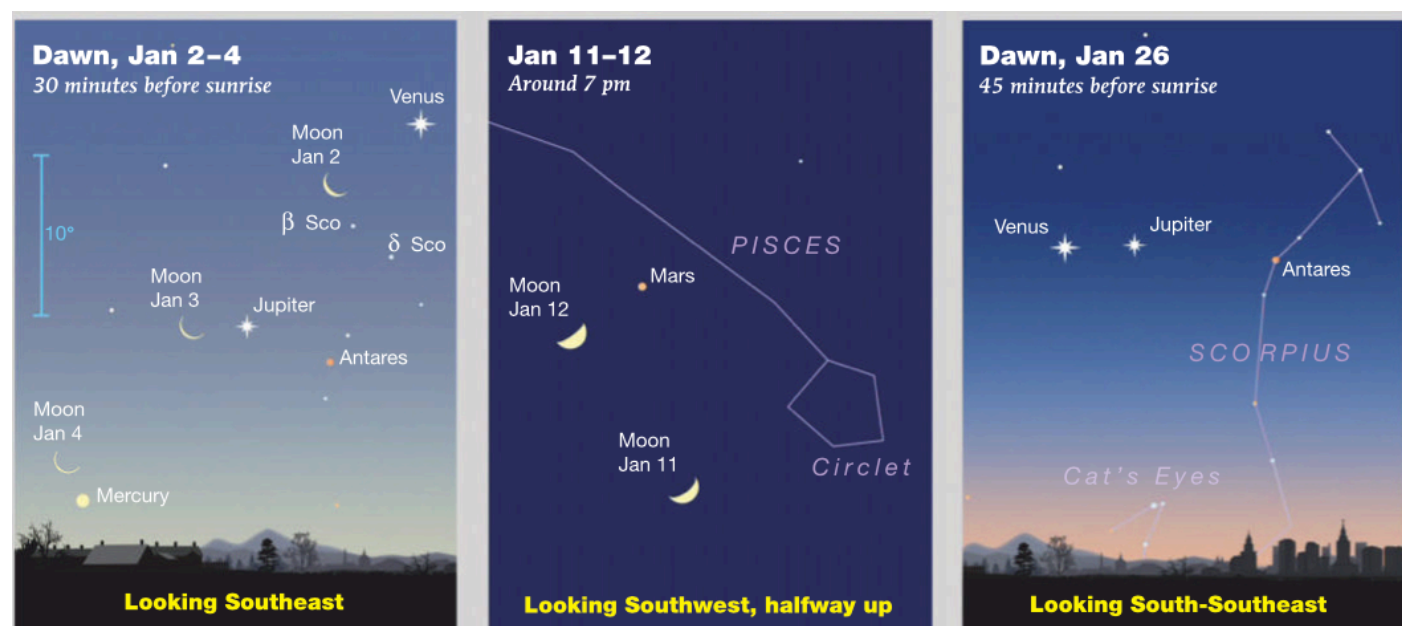
As we begin the New Year with Jupiter about a degree from Antares – the dragon, or the scorpion, or the snake, or the eagle depending on the cultural viewpoint you most resonate with – it suggests that an overriding theme of this year is connected to our heart-knowing. This knowing comes from the perspective of the heart as it connects with feelings. This is about knowing what you know in ways that go beyond mental knowing, beyond logic and reason. It is the knowing that comes from a deep, indescribable inner sense and when you trust and act on that knowing the results are magical.

Trusting your heart-knowing happens when you are in touch with the deep feeling part of yourself. This is not emotionally based because when we act from our emotions it is usually more of a reaction. When we act from our authentic feelings it is a response that connects to the source that exists beyond this middle world reality. Feelings then come from our soul and as Nemi Nath describes below they are the doorway into the infinite source.

There is a lot of confusion about the difference between feelings and emotions. Emotions are part of the expression of the personality. Feelings are an expression of the soul.

Emotions are the tension between the inside and the outside world. And the equivalent of peace in the personality is comfort. Anything that provides comfort is classified as a pleasant emotion and what creates discomfort is unpleasant.

Feelings are from the inside world and they need to be felt. Our feeling nature, our soul, is the bridge to the world of spirit. The personality cannot connect with the spirit, with the Light and with our infinite source. It is through our soul that the doorway is opened. ~ Feeling Our Way by Nemi Nath



Mars entered Aries (crossing the Spring Equinox point) on December 31, 2018 still within range of the Zero Aries point until January 2. Mars travels through the constellation of the fish visible in the SW a few hours after sunset for most of January. It's brightness fades from magnitude +0.52 to +0.9.

Venus rises a little after 3:30 AM on January 1 very near the waning Moon – rising more than four hours after Mars has set meaning this sky has no planets visible from the set of Mars to the rise of Venus. Venus reaches greatest elongation from the sun at 47° on January 6. The sunrise altitude of Venus decreases significantly in January. Venus begins the month about 31° above the horizon dropping to about 23° above the horizon by the end of the month. In addition Venus is losing brightness going from a -4.6 magnitude to a -4.3 magnitude. Venus meets with the moon twice this month on January 1 and again on January 31.

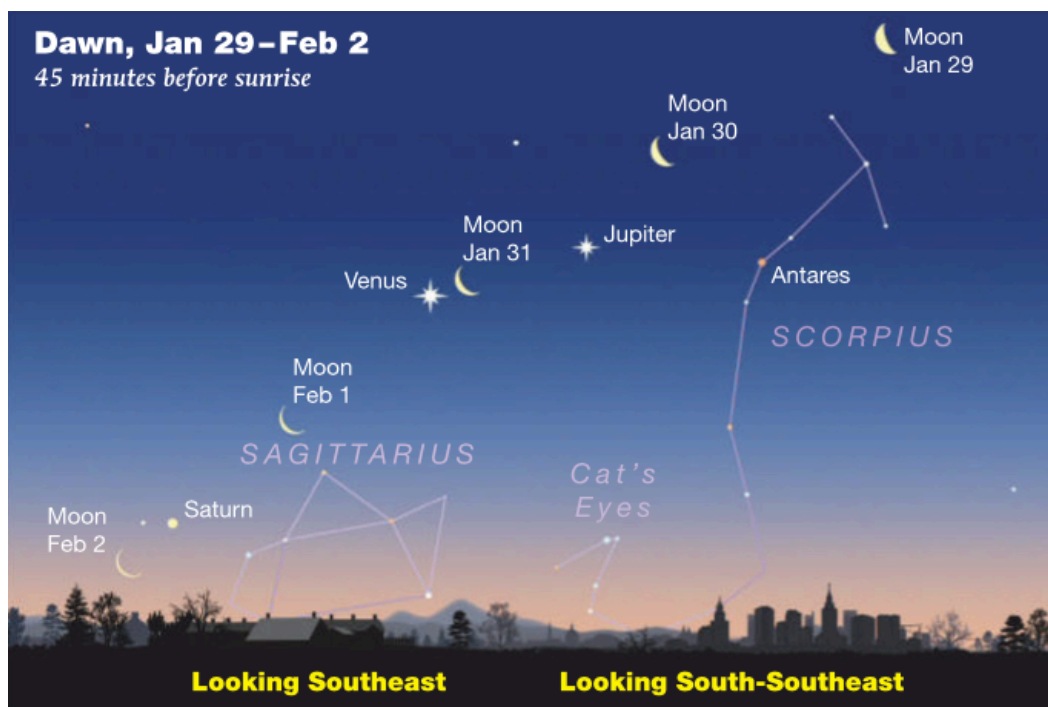
Venus near Jupiter on January 19 passing just under 4° above Jupiter with Antares at just about the same altitude as Jupiter forming a triangle. **Venus and Jupiter are conjunct within 2.5° on January 22.** This entire month and especially these days is a great opportunity to see how much brighter Venus is than Jupiter. Once each year Venus

and Jupiter (our two brightest planets – unless Mars is outshining Jupiter as it did last year) are together in the sky in different seasons.

On January 26 in the northern latitudes Venus Jupiter Antares form a horizontal line with a little more than 4° separating the two planets and twice again - about 8° - distance between Jupiter and Antares. By January 31 Venus and Jupiter have separated by 9.5° with Jupiter to the upper right of Venus rising almost half an hour before Venus.

Jupiter begins January rising after 5 AM about an hour and a half after Venus. Jupiter is also brightening from magnitude -1.8 to magnitude -1.9 and by the end of January Jupiter is rising a half hour before Venus.

Mercury is visible 5.5° above the horizon in the south east morning sky about 30 minutes before sunrise as January begins and is the bottom left planet in a long line equally spaced with Venus and Jupiter. Mercury technically brightens from a -0.4 magnitude to a -0.7 magnitude in the first half of January, however being so low on the horizon before sunrise Mercury is lost in the glow of the Sun making it challenging to see after January 3. Mercury reaches its exterior conjunction to the Sun on January 29-30.



Saturn is with the Sun on January 1 so isn't visible when it passes less than 2° from Mercury on January 13. Saturn becomes visible in the morning twilight around the third week of January. Saturn is at +0.6 magnitude rising about 90 minutes before the Sun by the end of the month.

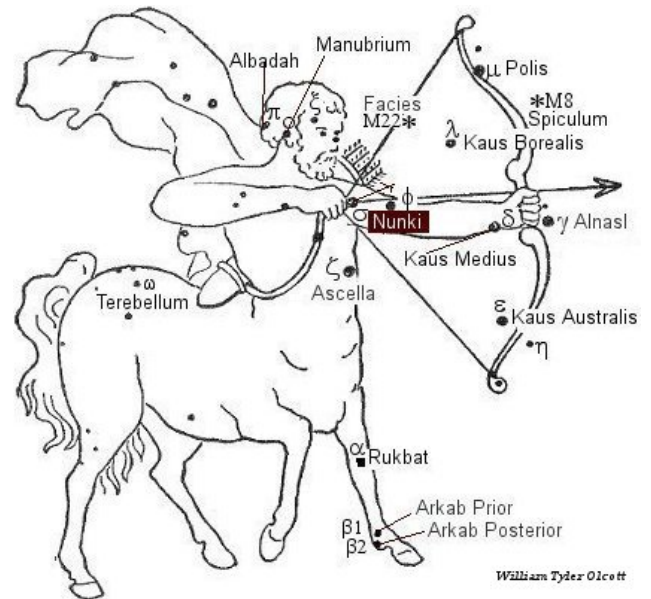
Earth reaches perihelion or it's closest approach to the Sun on January 3 within a couple of days of the Partial Solar Eclipse of the Sun suggesting the impact of the January 5 opening of the Eclipse Window is extra potent. It is rare to have an eclipse of the Sun so close to when the Earth is closest to the Sun in its Annual orbit. See table below for further details.

The Partial Solar Eclipse is aligned with Nunki and Vega

Nunki marks the nape of the Archer's arrow pointing toward Galactic Center. This means the eclipse is activating this nexus or convergence point (the vane of the arrow is drawn fully back on the bow) pointing the way to the center of our galaxy. The Solar Eclipse represents a release point, an alchemical concentration of energies aligned connecting with our past in ways that are intended to be supportive of our forward movement, being released toward Galactic Center and then resent out.

This is a time when it might be useful to intend that all energetic distortions you have ever experienced are being gathered up and sent to Galactic Center to be recycled and renewed at this Mega Super New Moon.

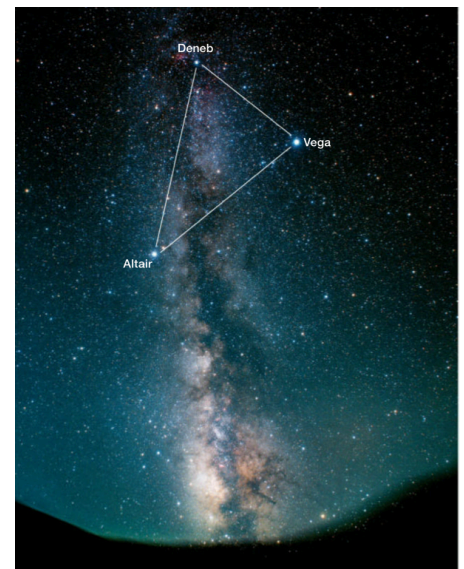
Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubinfeld in their book [Star Light Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing](#) describe Nunki as ...*A star directly seeded by the center of the galaxy...emanating from the galactic center where creative force originates stimulating ...a new contextual view, a new idea, or a remembrance of an old idea now brought into form in a new way.*



The Sun is with Vega January 4, 5, and 6 in the constellation of Lyra.

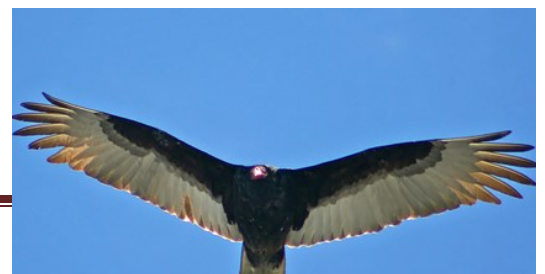
Vega was the Pole star 13,000 years ago and is the famous star Jodi Foster travels to in the movie Contact. Vega is the brightest star in the constellation Lyra. In addition to being the bright pole star 13,000 years ago, Vega is one of three bright stars in the Summer Triangle, and is one of the 13 magical Behenian Stars. This means Vega's star power is most potent when a planet is within 6 degrees. The Sun is within 6 degrees of Vega from December 30 to January 12 every year.

[Vega](#) has been described as "The Vulture Star" or "The Sitting Vulture" that was depicted with a lyre in its beak in the story of Orpheus, the musician who attempted to save his beloved from the underworld. Upon Orpheus' death Jupiter (a.k.a Zeus) sent a vulture to rescue the Lyre out of the river and then it was placed in the sky.



In some cultures Vultures are feared and thought to be a bad omens causing bad luck or is viewed as a greatly feared death symbol. However, in other cultures the Vulture was honored and revered. For example in Egypt, the Vulture Goddess Nekhbet is depicted over doorways that let the people know they were entering a sacred holy space. These medicine birds are great teachers in the realms of alchemy and efficient use of energy for joyful living.

The scientific name for the Vulture is Cathartes Aura or "Golden Purifier" because Vultures turn death into life, cleaning and purifying the environment in the process. Vultures know how to live in harmony with the

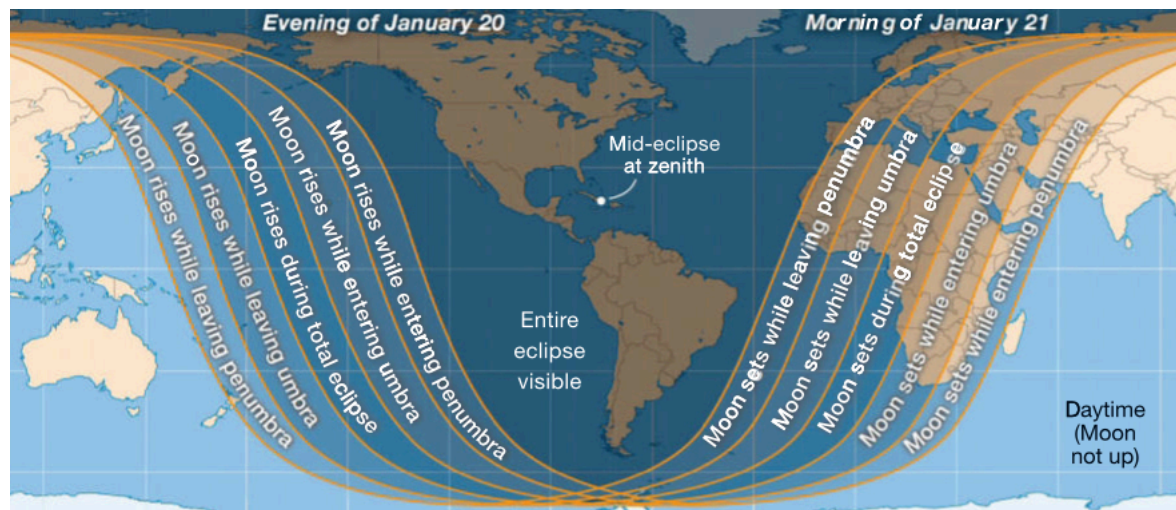


Earth. They never kill for food and they rarely have to work at flying but rather endlessly soar on the air currents they see rising from the Earth. They can see the thermals rising from the Earth's surface that are not always so easily visible to human eyes. Thus, Vultures teach about the usefulness of seeing subtle energy fields as well as seeing inter-dimensionally.

Vultures are community creatures, resting and flying together and sharing the food they find with each other. In the high mountains of Tibet the people dispose of their dead by leaving the body parts of those who have died on sanctified rocks as an offering to the Vultures. This is done because the land is so rocky that burying their dead in the ground is not an option. Plus, they aren't many trees so cremating is not practical either. Their solution is brilliant as it honors the circle of life and the Vultures' ability to provide the alchemy of turning death into life.

On this Partial Solar Eclipse day when the Sun is also aligned with Vega it is a time for remembering the Earth is now going through her own alchemical renewal where the old forms are dying and providing the nourishment needed for the new forms to manifest.

The eclipse window closes on January 20/21 with a total eclipse of a Perigee Moon. Find out more about the Perigee Moon and the acceleration of time in a Total Lunar Eclipse at this link <https://cayelincastell.com/perigee-moons/>



The waning Crescent Moon is 5° to the upper right of Venus on January 1 and about 7° to the lower left the next morning. The tiny waning Crescent Moon is about 4° to the left of Jupiter on January 3 and about 3° above a very low Mercury a half hour before sunrise on January 4.

January 6 is Epiphany also known as the "The Adoration of the Magi" ending the twelve days of Christmas as calculated in traditional times. Traditionally, the Three Kings, Three Wise Men or Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar are honored for following the star to Bethlehem and bringing the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child.

January 6 was the original date celebrating the birth of Christ and is still recognized and celebrated by the Eastern Christian Church. In the fourth century, the Western Christian Church adopted December 25 for this celebration. This gave rise to the tradition of the "12 Days of Christmas." On the day before the Epiphany, prayers were recited for protection from the dangers of fire and water, dried herbs were burned (similar to the common practice of burning sage to clear the energy) and



holy water was sprinkled on the doorways. Some would write the number of the year and the letters C + M + B on the door of their house and barn. These letters were thought to stand for the three magi known as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Some believe that C + M + B actually stands for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” (Christ bless this home).

This year on Epiphany we have Uranus Stationing direct just after the Partial Solar Eclipse beginning a long period of All Planets Moving Forward for about 60 days with a three week pause and then again for another two weeks. Find out more here <https://cayelincastell.com/all-planets-moving-forward/>

The Quadrantid Meteor shower peaks on January 4. It was first noted in 1835. By contrast the Lyrid meteor shower first record is from 687 BC suggesting this is a relatively new meteor shower. It's also the shortest meteor shower of the major meteor showers with its peak time lasting about four hours.

This suggests Earth is passing through a narrow stream that's no more than 500 years old. Due to the relatively young age of the stream the dust and particles haven't had much time to disburse into a broader band . 15 years ago scientist could only speculate to the origins of this meteor shower. There was no obvious parent for the debris stream making it the only major shower without a known source. Astronomers speculated that perhaps it's left from a comet that passed by earth 2,000 - 5000 years ago. Or perhaps it was developed from a wide complex of dust trails left by two or more passing comets becoming visible in the last 150 to 200 years.

In 2003 with the discovery of a near Earth Astroid known as 2003 EH this meteor shower's primary parentage is considered to now be known. The Lowell Observatory (Near Flagstaff Arizona) suggests this meteor shower is likely an extinct Jupiter family.

In 2019 this meteor shower falls around the New Moon Eclipse exact on January 5/6 depending on your timezone. This means moonlight does not interfere with observing the Quarantids. The maximum is predicted to occurred around 9 PM Eastern/6 PM Pacific



time on January 3. On the East Coast the constellation Bootes is just beginning to emerge above the horizon in the NNE. The radiant climbs higher throughout the evening but by the time it's decently placed around 1 AM local time the shower is wrapping up.

In 1835 the meteor shower was seen in what was then known as Quadrans Muralis or the Mural Quadrant, a constellation created by the French astronomer Jerome Lalande in 1795. In 1930 astronomers redrew the constellations creating 88 constellations in the sky and renamed many of them – Quadrans Muralis became known as Bootes.

January Stars and Constellations worth seeing

The Sacred Hoop of stars including Orion (Betelguise, Rigel, Orion's belt, and the Orion Nebula) Sirius, the Pleiades, Aldebaran in the Hyades, Pollux and Castor in the Twins are all prominent in the January night sky.

Fred Schaff writing for Sky and Telescope tells us that the Perseus constellation is one of the brightest constellations in the sky and is worthy of our attention especially when we consider the mythic stories connected to this part of the sky. Perseus is the hero and the champion who saved Andromeda from Cetus the monstrous whale. Queen Cassiopeia wife of Cepheus upset Poseidon when she bragged that she was more beautiful than his sea nymphs. Poseidon sent Cetus to destroy there home in Ethiopia.

Cassiopeia and her husband consulted an Oracle and were told they must sacrifice their daughter to stop the attack. In this version of the story they chained Andromeda to a rock for the monster to claim. Perseus came and rescued Andromeda and later they got married.

Another version of the story describes Andromeda being the only one in her town that was willing to face the monster to save her people (more of an Aries Feminine Telling). While Andromeda is doing battle with the sea monster Perseus shows up and they battle the monster together – eventually defeating it in a collaborative team effort.

Cygnus is visible early evening sky with its northern cross configuration standing upright on the horizon just south of Northwest.

Vega was our pole star 13,000 years ago and is lovely to see near Cygnus. Polaris is now our Pole Star meaning it is the only star in the Sky that does not move from the Earth's perspective.

The four Royal stars (also considered Behenian Stars or the magical stars of the ancient alchemist - more at this link <https://cayelincastell.com/behenian-stars/>) are all visible in the night sky. This isn't always the case when the Sun is passing by one of them during the years. In order of appearance: Fomalhaut (already in evening sky after sunset), Aldebaran (already in evening sky after sunset), Regulus (rises just before 9 pm), Antares (rises just before 5 am).

Jupiter and Venus are with Antares this month in the morning sky so extra potent time to connect with this star.



Winter Stars are Brighter

In the Northern Hemisphere winter (aka Southern Hemisphere summer), the stars seem brighter in the sky because during December, January and February evenings, we are facing into the spiral arm of our Milky Way galaxy.

In June, July and August, the Earth is facing *toward the center* of the Milky Way galaxy. Our galaxy is about 100,000 [light-years](#) wide. The center of our galaxy is 25,000 to 28,000 light-years away from Earth. The exact center of the Milky Way is obscured by galactic dust. But during those Northern Hemisphere summer months (Southern Hemisphere winter months), as we peer edgewise into the galaxy's disk, we're gazing across some 75,000 light-years of star-packed space (the distance between us and the center, plus the distance beyond the center to the other side of the galaxy).



In the months of June, July and August looking into the evening sky we are seeing the combined light of billions upon billions of stars. The combined light of so many distant stars gives the sky a *hazy* quality.

In the months of December, January and February the evening sky looks *clearer and sharper*. That's because we're looking the opposite way, away from galactic center, toward the galaxy's outskirts or the galactic edge toward the Sacred Hoop of Stars. <https://cayelincastell.com/the-sacred-hoop-of-stars/>

Looking at the Galactic Edge we are seeing gigantic stars that are relatively close to Earth hence they appear to be brighter.

Only got partially done creating this but decided to share what I have anyway... January 2019 All times if given are PST unless otherwise stated

Jan 01, 2019	Moon passes 1.25° NNE of Venus 47° from the Sun in the morning sky at the 2 nd Gate 3 rd Eye Chakra
	Sun conjunct the Saturn (11 Capricorn 26) at 9:50 pm
Jan 03, 2019	Earth at perihelion or closest approach to the Sun
	Moon passes 8.4° NNE of Antares (10 Sagittarius) about 33° from the Sun in the morning sky
	Moon 3.1° NNE of Jupiter (12 Sagittarius) about 30° from the Sun in the morning sky (12 Sagittarius)
	Quadrantid Meteor Shower about 2 days before the New Moon (approximately 25 meteors an hour)
Jan 04, 2019	Waning Moon passes 2.76° N of Mercury about 15° from the Sun in the morning sky
	Sun (14 Capricorn) sextile Neptune (14 Pisces)
	Mercury enters Capricorn at 7:40 pm
Jan 05, 2019	Moon 0.88° N. of Saturn; 3° from the Sun in the morning sky
	Capricorn New Moon (15 Capricorn) partial eclipse exact at 5:28 pm visible in NE China, Mongolia, Japan, E Russia, N Micronesia, the Pacific Ocean, and the most Western area of Alaska
Jan 06, 2019	Venus at greatest elongation from the Sun 46.9° in the morning sky
	Uranus (28 Aries 36) stations direct (signaling all Planets moving Forward until March 5, 2019 when Mercury stations Retrograde – see article https://cayelincastell.com/all-planets-moving-forward/).
	Moon enters Aquarius at 10:46 pm

Jan 07, 2019	Venus Enters Sagittarius				
Jan 21, 2019	Total Lunar Eclipse Mega Super Blood Moon meaning its closest to the Earth and appears bigger as a result. Visible throughout most of North America, South America, E Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Europe, Middle East, most of Africa and NE Asia. https://cayelincastell.com/perigee-moons/				
Jan 23 2019	Mercury enters Aquarius				
Jan 3 2019	Mercury	28°Sg12' D	Sqr	Chiron	28°Pi12' D
Jan 8 2019	Mercury	04°Cp56' D	Sqr	Mars	04°Ar56' D
Jan 13 2019	Mercury	12°Cp51' D	Cnj	Saturn	12°Cp51' D
Jan 13 2019	Jupiter	14°Sg23' D	Sqr	Neptune	14°Pi23' D
Jan 14 2019	Mercury	14°Cp24' D	Sxt	Neptune	14°Pi24' D
Jan 18 2019	Venus	11°Sg53' D	Tri	Mars	11°Ar53' D
Jan 18 2019	Mercury	21°Cp12' D	Cnj	Pluto	21°Cp12' D
Jan 20 2019	Venus	14°Sg35' D	Sqr	Neptune	14°Pi35' D
Jan 21 2019	Mars	13°Ar47' D	Sqr	Saturn	13°Cp47' D
Jan 21 2019	Mercury	26°Cp47' D	Cnj	South Node	26°Cp47' R
Jan 22 2019	Venus	16°Sg04' D	Cnj	Jupiter	16°Sg04' D
Jan 23 2019	Mercury	28°Cp43' D	Sqr	Uranus	28°Ar43' D
Jan 23 2019	Mercury	28°Cp48' D	Sxt	Chiron	28°Pi48' D
Jan 25 2019	Mars	16°Ar39' D	Tri	Jupiter	16°Sg39' D
Jan 31 2019	Saturn	14°Cp55' D	Sxt	Neptune	14°Pi55' D

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