



2019 April Celestial Timings

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April 01 is celebrated as All Fool's Day. It originated as a way to shift the Celebration of New Year's from around the Spring Equinox to January 1. In 1582 Pope Gregory instituted a new Calendar shifting New Year's Day to January 1.

Those who continued to celebrate New Year's around the Full Moon or New Moon near the March Equinox were referred to as April Fools as a way to shame and pressure individuals into conforming to the new calendar. Over time April Fools evolved to be a time to play practical jokes.



We might imagine that the biggest joke of all is that the Gregorian Calendar has had the effect of fixating awareness on the physical evidence of our reality as it is defined by linear time and it promotes materialism and commerce. This way of tracking time - drifting only one day every 3236 years - has been highly successful not only in focusing consciousness on materialism but also it has successfully disconnected people from the magical world including the natural cycles of the Earth and Sky.

Every year I like to remind by Celestial Timings subscribers that the mission of the Shamanic Astrology Mystery School is to remind us how we can viscerally experience the magical connection between the Earth and Sky and recover a deeper connection to the natural cycles in ways that enhance our intuitive knowing and consciousness connection to Great Mystery creating powerful co-creative magic.

Here is a more in depth look at Why We Have April Fools <https://cayelincastell.com/why-do-we-have-april-fools/>

**Celebrating April my beloved Peter Klein is offering a Destiny Card Reading Special
Check Out the Details at this link**

<https://readings.peterklein.co/celestial-timings-reading-special/>

Pluto and the True South Node Exact April 4

A rare 242ish year alignment is happening between Pluto and the True South Node (on April 4, 2019) as they come together for the first time since December 31, 1776.

If we are conscious and intentional now and over this next year - especially during March and April of 2019 and beyond - it is a powerful time of High Ceremonial Magic we can choose to engage. It could also be a time where we find we are facing our own shadow both personally and collectively.

Utilizing the alignments described below is easy enough if we have a clear intent though remember when you set an intent everything in the way of its fulfillment does come up to be transmuted and transformed - within the cauldron of alchemical transformation.

It may not be easy and may feel disempowering at first but ultimately it is intended to return us to our true selves - dying to who we have believed ourselves to be so we can be reborn to who we really are.

The South Node of the Moon is in Capricorn all of 2019 moving to conjunct Pluto exact on April 04 at 23 Capricorn 03 around 12:04 pm Pacific time is an energy we will feel for several weeks before and after the exact conjunction especially as the South Node catches up to Saturn by the end of April. More about that coming soon.

As already mentioned it was December 31, 1776 the last time South Node and Pluto came together (then it was 27 Capricorn 18) and it won't happen again until 2261 about 242 years from now - showing us how rare this alignment is! But wait there's more!

Pluto and Saturn 2019

On January 12, 2020 Saturn is conjunct Pluto at 22 Capricorn 47.

The next time Saturn and Pluto join up in Capricorn is December 14, 2754 at 14 Capricorn 12. This tells us it will be 734 years before we have a similar line up again and at that time it will include the North Node and Jupiter.

For additional details about these alignments including Jupiter joining the mix in 2020 check out this link... <https://cayelincastell.com/saturn-in-capricorn-from-2017-to-2020/>

What Does It Mean?

Collectively and personally this is an opportunity to transform the past - including and most especially transmuting and transforming all negative patterns that have come from the dying dominator paradigm that we have been living in for the past 6500 years - into the higher vibrational energies of love, compassion, kindness, caring, forgiveness, acceptance and joy.

Forgiveness of self and others is key to process!



This 432 pound Amethyst Crone Cathedral found its way to our home Casa Milagro in February representing a manifestation of all the powerful intentions we have been energizing to transform the past and live in the higher vibrational energies of Love and Above. The Journey has been downright challenging at times but the transformation and joy shown here has been so worth it.

April Sky

Venus passes through the 5th gate representing the Solar Plexus Chakra on April 1/2 rising into the morning sky before Mercury shining brightly at -3.9 magnitude. This is the Chakra gate where we can release all the ways we have given our power away or tried to have power over others.

Mercury is never higher than 5° above the horizon this month rising about an hour before the Sun shining around +0.9 magnitude. Mercury is best visible using binoculars or a telescope reaching greatest elongation from the Sun (28°) in the morning sky on April 11. Mercury rises about 40 minutes before the Sun and has brightened to a -0.3 magnitude as April ends - though still challenging to see in the morning twilight.

Venus and Mercury are about 10° from each other as April begins with the gap shrinking rapidly as Mercury moves ahead to nearly catch up with Venus though never quite makes it. This means Venus and Mercury are having what's called a "quasi-conjunction" meaning that they come within 5° of a true conjunction.

This is the first quasi - conjunction between two planets in almost 3 years and occurs on April 16 when Mercury and Venus are about 4 1/2° apart.

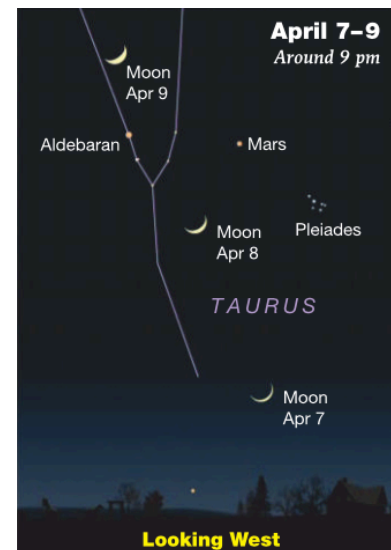
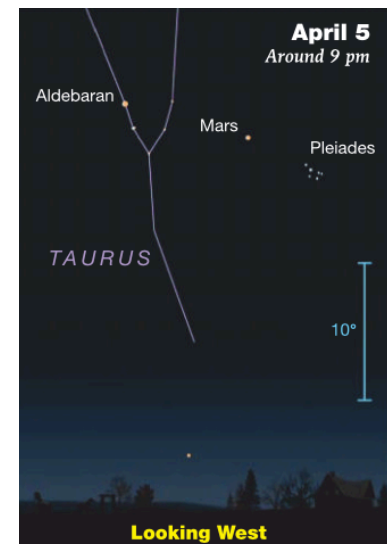
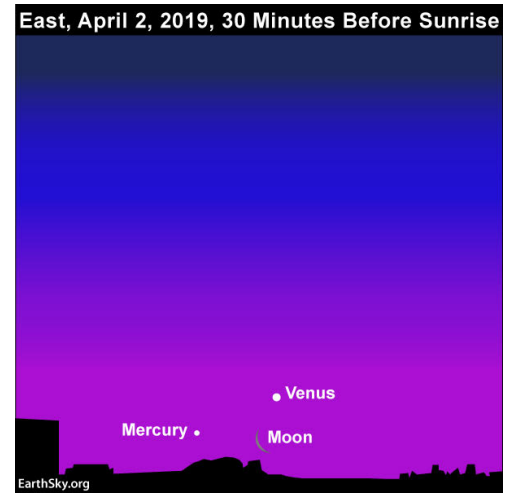
Mars is setting about four hours after the Sun for those in mid -northern latitudes as April begins, and less than 3 1/2 hours after the Sun as April ends. Mars is fading in brightness moving from 1.5 to 1.6 magnitude as it travels through the constellation of the Bull. **At the beginning of April Mars is just 3° to the left of the**

Pleiades. Around April 16 Mars passes Aldebaran with this royal star being brighter now than Mars. By the end of April Mars is around 6° to the lower left of the horn of the bowl known as El Nath a star that will have virtually the exact same brightness as Mars.

The asteroid Pallas Athena is opposite the Sun on April 6.

Jupiter rises after 1 AM as April begins and rises a little after 11 PM as April ends right around the time Mars is setting. Jupiter brightens from a -2.3 magnitude to a -2.5 magnitude during this month.

On April 10 Jupiter stations retrograde very near the star Ras Alhague marking the crown chakra of the Serpent Bearer exactly 2 months before reaching opposition to the Sun. <https://cayelincastell.com/the-serpent-bearer/> Jupiter's retrograde begins around 15° to the left or upper left of Antares (heart of the Scorpion) in the morning sky.



Articles to check out:

Jupiter in Sagittarius <https://cayelincastell.com/jupiter-in-sagittarius/>

Jupiter with Antares <https://cayelincastell.com/antares-near-the-heart-of-the-galaxy/>

Jupiter with the Serpent Bearer <https://cayelincastell.com/the-serpent-bearer/>

Personal Dream Experience with the Serpent Bearer <https://cayelincastell.com/i-am-the-serpent-bearer/>

Saturn is rising around 3 am on April 1 and around 1 am on April 30 visible in the Archer constellation increasing in brightness from a +0.6 magnitude to +0.5 magnitude. **Saturn stations retrograde April 29 around 20 Capricorn.**

The waning Crescent Moon is 8° to the right of Venus on April 1 and is far below Mars on the evening of April 7 before moving into an equilateral triangle with them both on April 8. See star map on previous page.

The Moon is 5° above Aldebaran on April 9 and the waxing gibbous Moon is 5 to 6° from Regulus on the night of April 14 and 15.

The waning Gibbous Moon is 1° from Jupiter on the morning of April 23 and 2° to the lower right of Saturn on the morning of April 25.

The Asteroid Pallas Athena reaches opposition to the Sun just 32 hours after the New Moon in April and is well place for observation via binoculars and telescopes preceding and following that exact date.

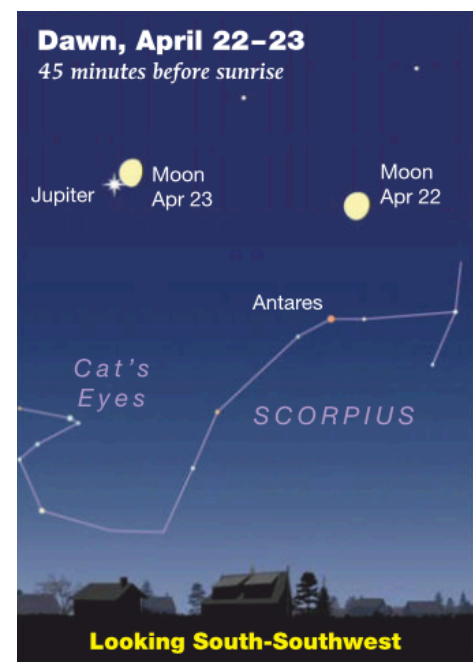
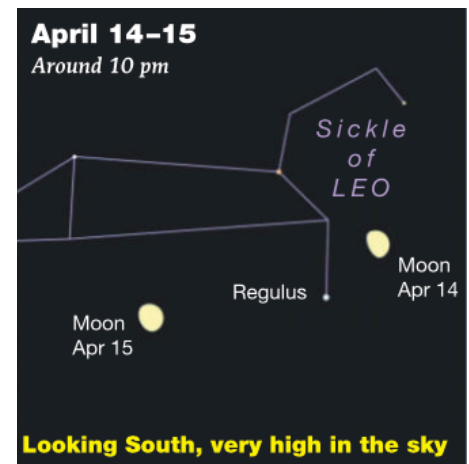
Pallas spends most of March and April just 1.6 astronomical units from Earth making its closest approach March 29 and 30 rising to a peak brightness of 7.9 on March 20. That magnitude makes it impossible to see Pallas with the naked eye.

Look for Pallas to remain near its peak brightness throughout April 14 after that date the asteroid slowly dims dropping to a magnitude 8.5 by May 11.

Pallas was first detected by German astronomer Heinrich WM Olbers a physician who was also dedicated to astronomy and spend his nights observing from the upper floors as of his home in Bremen.

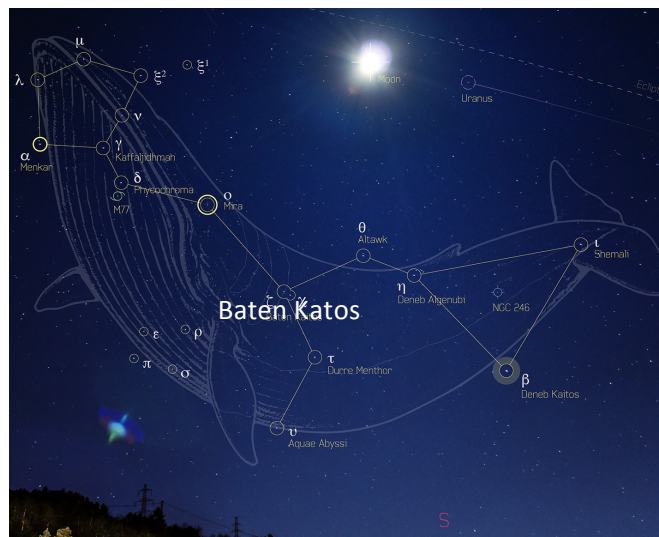
On March 28, 1802 he was studying Ceres the only asteroid known at that point. When he adjusted his telescope he spotted a star that shouldn't have been where it was. He noted the stars position and when he checked back less than three hours later it had changed location to the background of fixed stars.

It turns out Pallas is 5 or 6 magnitude an asteroid. For observers at mid northern latitudes Pallas rises in daylight so becomes visible with the darkness of mid evening and remains visible with telescope or binoculars all night. On April 6 find it with a telescope about 23° above the Eastern horizon around 9 PM local DST. Pallas stands highest about 67° above the horizon in the southern sky around 2 AM but is still about 40° high in the west as it disappears in the morning twilight.



The Sun conjuncts the fixed star Baten Katos (22 Aries) on April 12 and Eris is hanging out here most in 2019. Baten Katos is located in the belly of the whale in one of the largest constellations ([Cetus](#)) covering 50 degrees of the sky by length and 20 degrees by width. (In other words, it is really, really BIG!)

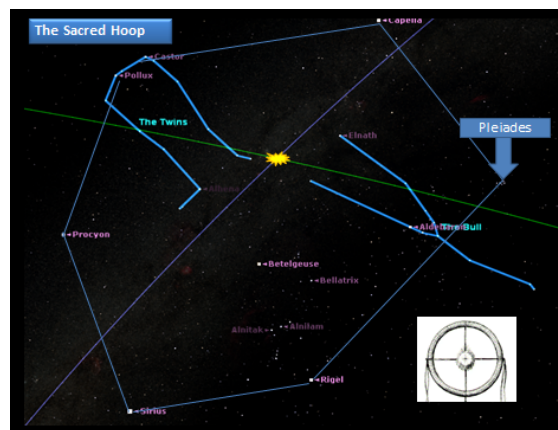
The head of Cetus is located directly under the Ram (a.k.a. Aries) and its body stretches from the bend in the river constellation known as Eridanus to the Stream falling from the Urn of the Waterbearer (a.k.a. Aquarius). That is a huge chunk of the sky.



Joseph Campbell in a “Hero With a Thousand Faces” indicates that the “belly of the whale” is a passageway through a magical threshold of initiation taking the hero or heroine into the deep, dark, unknown interior of their own psyche. This also corresponds to initiations of self-annihilation where the hero/ine’s journey goes inward beyond ordinary time and space for the purpose of rebirth. This is a magical realm that can be scary but also wondrous and empowering.

April Constellations and Stars

The bright stars of winter are still prominent in the April evening sky, but are setting 4 minutes earlier each night. Looking west after sunset is the Sacred Hoop of stars with Orion, the Hunter, inside the hoop. The Red Orange star Betelgeuse, marking the shoulder of Orion the Hunter, is shining to the upper left of Orion’s belt stars and blue white Rigel shines below marking the outer rim of the Sacred Hoop. More about the Sacred Hoop of Stars here <http://cayelincastell.com/the-sacred-hoop-of-stars/>



The Gemini Twins, the bright stars Castor and slightly brighter Pollux, shine left of Orion. From Orion’s belt, looking down and to the left is Sirius, the brightest fixed star in the sky. Sirius marks the nose of the Greater Dog, Canis Major, the faithful companion to Orion. These stars also mark the rim of the Sacred Hoop.

The Spring Triangle is worth checking out in the evening sky looking ESE after sunset. The stars of this triangle are Arcturus the guardian, Spica the divine feminine, and Regulus the Heart star of the Lion.



The Big Dipper is high in the northeast about one to two hours after sunset. The two end stars Dubhe and Merak, marking the bowl of the dipper, point to Polaris, the current North Star. See image next page.

Polaris marks the end of the handle of the Little Dipper and is also a direct indicator of latitude. This means Polaris is the same number of degrees above the horizon as the degrees of the observer's latitude. For example, in Tucson, Arizona Polaris is about 30 degrees (one fist at arm's length measures 10 degrees, so 3 fists) above the northern horizon.

Polaris does not move from the Earth's perspective because the Earth's North Pole axis points toward Polaris. The Earth's rotation causes the stars to appear to rotate around Polaris and creates the experience we have around the rising and setting of the planets.

This is why Polaris is one of the primary stars for navigating at this time because it always remains at almost exactly the same point over the Northern Hemisphere landscape, day and night, and currently is marking due north for our lifetime anyway.

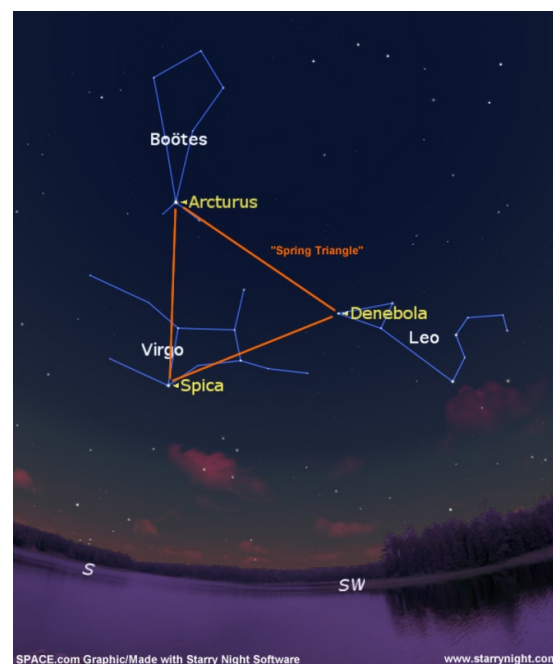
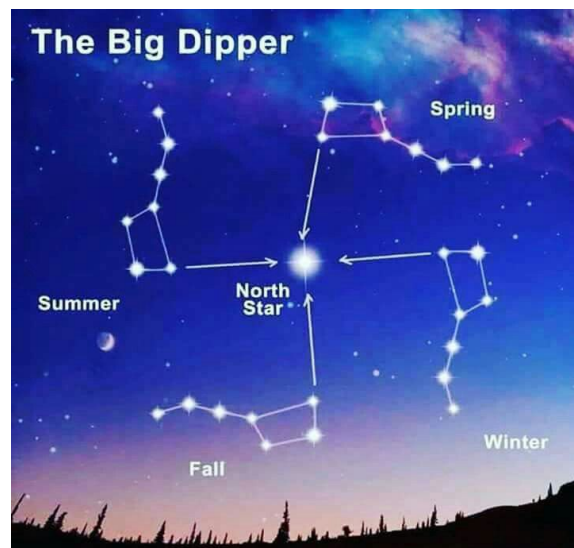
Coming back to the Big Dipper and following the curve of the Dipper's handle across the sky it is arcing around to one of the brightest stars known as Arcturus. Drawing a straight line from Arcturus it is possible to "spike" to Spica as these two stars traveling fairly close together bringing you back to the Spring Triangle. Below is another version of a more perfect Spring Triangle using the star Denebola marking the tail of the Lion,

The Milky Way Prominent in the Morning!

The Milky Way shines brightly in the April pre-dawn sky with Saturn and Mars to its far left and Jupiter to its far right.

The Milky Way Galaxy is prominent all summer long, but is especially prominent in the April morning sky after 2 a.m. To see it, you'll need to get away from city lights to a dark location, and look on a night when there's not much interference from the Moon. The Milky Way appears as a "cloudy" band (like a river or highway of stars) clear across the sky.

The constellation of the Virgin Priestess (a.k.a. Virgo) contains seven main stars. Of these seven main stars the most visible is Spica, meaning "spike of grain." Higher in the sky and off to the right of the Virgin Priestess is the constellation of the Lion. Prominent in the Lion's tale is the star Denebola marking the end of the tale. Gazing from Spica to the bright red star above it is the bear star known as Arcturus. These three



bright stars Arcturus, Spica, and Denebola form a star group that has been called the Spring Triangle or the Virgo Triangle. The best time to view this triangle is April through June looking South Southeast Sunset. See this link for in-depth article on the Spring Triangle.

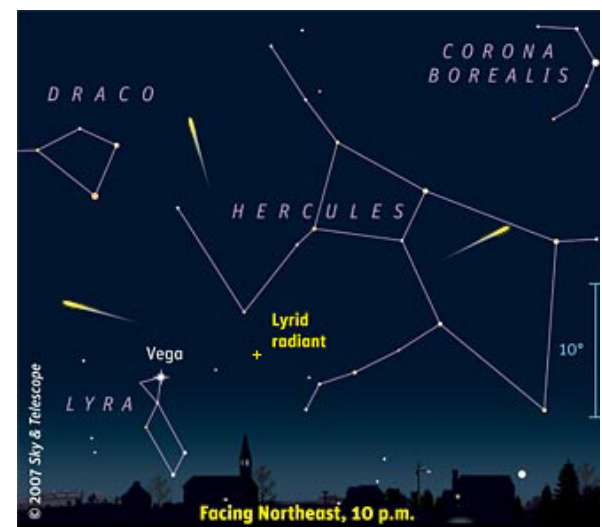
http://www.space.com/spacewatch/070608_ns_spring_triangle.html



The Lyrid Meteor Shower peaks on Earth Day April 22 not easy to see with a Full Moon. These meteors are bright and move fast as they disintegrate after hitting our atmosphere. They move at a moderate speed of 29.8 miles per second and are known to produce luminous trains of dust that can be observed for several seconds.

This year the shower's peak on the morning of April 22 after the Moon has left the sky. It is Best seen after midnight until the beginning of morning twilight. Face the summer triangle of the bright stars Altair, Deneb and Vega rising before midnight.

As with nearly all meteor showers, it is not necessary to look at the radiant (where the meteors appear to originate from) to best see the shower. Meteors can appear almost anywhere in the sky. <https://www.space.com/36381-lyrid-meteor-shower-guide.html>



Reminder: All the events listed in the Celestial Timings are a minimum three day window including the day before and the day after. In many cases, the planetary effects extend into weeks, months and even years.

Noting the sign and degree of the aspects and planets helps you to know if these events are directly affecting your own natal chart. The Celestial Timings then are a great guide to sensing into how these energies affect us collectively and also when to pay extra close attention to the personal initiations we all go through.

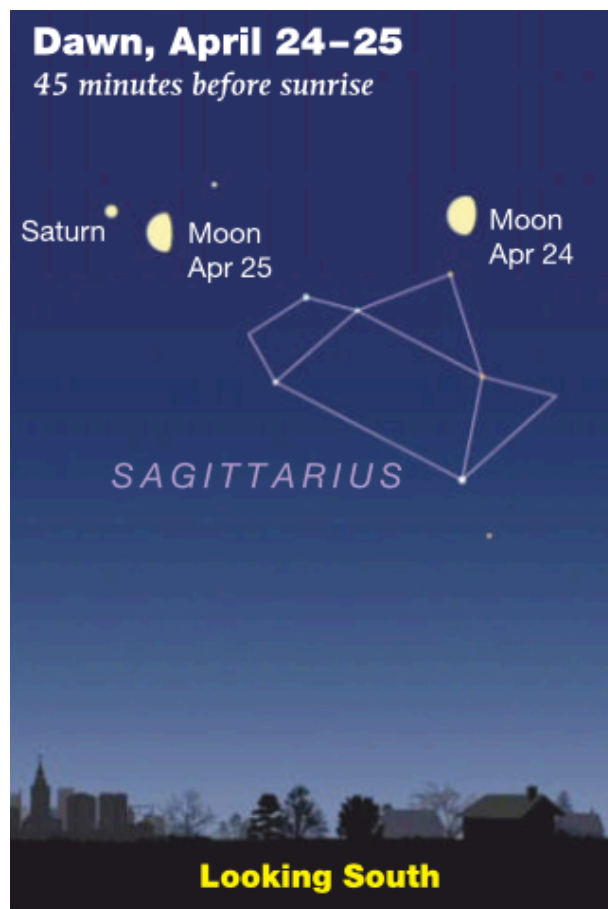
All our life activities are structured by the day, month, year cycles but we forget that these cycles are founded on astronomical data used by astrologers since very ancient times.
~ Cycles of Becoming by Alexander Rupert

Sun moves into Taurus at 8:13 pm April 19. The seasonal move of Sun into Taurus marks the phase of the year when we begin to see the fruits of accelerated rapid growth. Taurus explores beauty, intimacy and pleasure as its creative artistic expression and reminds us of the art of savoring and enjoying each moment and the importance of receiving all the abundant gifts life has to offer in this NOW moment.

Taking time to savor life is easier when we consciously choose to relax, slow down, breathe deeply, and recognize with gratitude the boundless beauty of life. The Taurus mysteries also teach that physical love and pleasure in our bodies is a sacred experience. This is the gift of sacred pleasure, of joy in living, and flourishing with all of life.

Sky Happenings for April 2019

Apr 10 2019	Jupiter	R	24°Sg21' R
Apr 24 2019	Pluto	R	23°Cp09' R
Oct 2 2019	Pluto	D	20°Cp38' D
Apr 29 2019	Saturn	R	20°Cp31' R
Sep 18 2019	Saturn	D	13°Cp55' D



Morning Star Venus and Mercury within 15° from Mar 27 to May 12

Apr 2 2019	Mercury	17°Pi08' D	Cnj	Neptune	17°Pi08' D
Apr 3 2019	Mars	02°Ge35' D	Sxt	Chiron	02°Ar35' D
Apr 4 2019	Pluto	23°Cp03' D	Cnj	South Node	23°Cn03' R
Apr 7 2019	Mercury	20°Pi06' D	Sxt	Saturn	20°Cp06' D
Apr 9 2019	Venus	17°Pi24' D	Cnj	Neptune	17°Pi24' D
Apr 10 2019	Mercury	23°Pi06' D	Sxt	Pluto	23°Cp06' D
Apr 11 2019	Mercury	24°Pi21' D	Sqr	Jupiter	24°Sg21' R
Apr 12 2019	Venus	20°Pi16' D	Sxt	Saturn	20°Cp16' D
Apr 14 2019	Venus	23°Pi08' D	Sxt	Pluto	23°Cp08' D
Apr 15 2019	Venus	24°Pi18' D	Sqr	Jupiter	24°Sg18' R
Apr 19 2019	Mercury	03°Ar28' D	Cnj	Chiron	03°Ar28' D
Apr 23 2019	Venus	03°Ar40' D	Cnj	Chiron	03°Ar40' D
Apr 27 2019	Mars	17°Ge56' D	Sqr	Neptune	17°Pi56' D
Apr 30 2019	Saturn	20°Cp31' R	Cnj	South Node	20°Cp31' R
Apr 30 2019	Mercury	20°Ar22' D	Sxt	Mars	20°Ge22' D

