

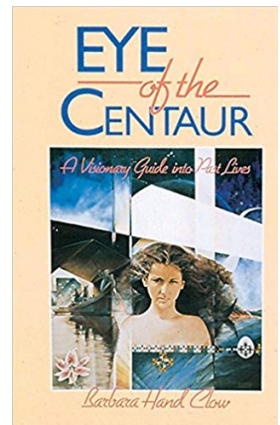


2019 May Celestial Timings by Cayelin K Castell

The sixth festival (Beltane) is for the people. The work of the people feed the mother. We are all small against the gods, but the celebration of our work is what gives joy to the gods. The sixth festival is the blessing festival.

We present our fruits of the long winter nights. To the gods, we offer our babes, our weaving, and our marriages. We ask the gods to be one with us in our hearts, So that our acts become divine, Just like the water, wind, earth and fire.

And then we go the fields to work after This May festival of blessing.....As priests and priestesses, we Acknowledge the favor of the gods and goddesses, But, we retain our human lives. We center the force, the power, in the temple. And the temple is the center of us all. *From The Eye Of The Centaur by Barbara Hand Clow*



The greatest, grandest, most exquisite temple we can experience in this life is the temple of Earth and Sky. The Earth blesses us with abundant gifts that sustain our lives and the Sky inspires us with the great mystery.

Beltane reminds us to honor, acknowledge and receive these blessings and inspirations. Thus, our acts become divine as we consciously choose to dance with the great mystery. Reprogramming our beliefs and how we interact with these mysteries is how we are learning an entirely new dance. It may feel awkward at first, but if we surrender, let go, and trust the dance, trust what is yearning to express through us, we will experience more joy, more fun, more play, more passionate, orgasmic, pleasure!

The Cathars accepted the world as it was and consequently learned to transcend it. They taught that in order to go beyond this earthly life, you had to experience it. You couldn't run away from the world, but if you genuinely experienced all it had to offer, both positive and negative, at that point you could throw off the shackles of addictions and attachments.

In other words, all of the temptations of life, including the last vestiges of holding on to pain and loss, had to be extinguished before you could begin to transcend. When you were no longer bound to the world, then you could truly enjoy it.

~Sylvia Browne *Secret Societies... And How They Affect Our Lives Today*



The month of May reminds us life is meant to be enjoyed – it is the Garden of Earthly Delight and can only be experienced through a physical body. Our lives are a precious gift and Beltane is a great time to express our gratitude. **May** we live happy, healthy lives. **May** all our needs be met. **May** we feel love, laugh, and play, be excited and delighted by our lives. **May** it be so!



This is the seasonal cross-quarter between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice also called Beltane. The word Beltane means 'bright fire' or 'lucky fire' and in the Celtic seasonal year, Beltane celebrates the start of summer.

In ancient traditions, the ceremonial fires were extinguished on the Eve of Beltane and new fires lit at Beltane sunrise. Often these fires were lit on the hills and in the Standing Stone Circles found on hilltops marking the ley lines of the Earth Grid. The Beltane Fires on the Hills are the beacons or points of light intended to alchemically activate the energy of the Earth and those who dwell here.

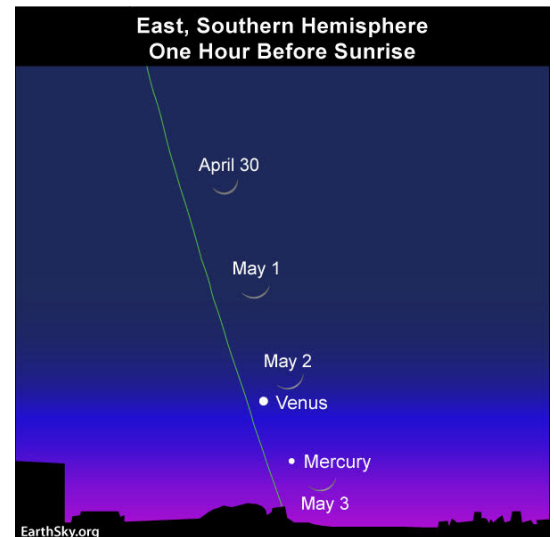
Astrological Beltane occurs around May 5 when the Sun reaches 15 degrees Taurus, marking the original Sabbat or High Holy Day. More at this link <https://cayelincastell.com/beltane-the-astrological-cross-quarter/>

Many ancient Celtic traditions began their celebration of Beltane on the Full Moon or New Moon nearest astrological Beltane, and often the celebrations lasted until the next Full or New Moon over a two-week period.

This year, 2019, we have an exact New Moon occurring on May 4 (14 Taurus 11) in the window of Solar Beltane increasing the power and potency of this seasonal time.

Additionally and quite remarkably the Beltane Scorpio Full Moon is May 18 in the “Days Of No Shadows” at the pyramid complex of Teotihuacan (and for all those at 19.6 N Latitude) and close to the Days of No Shadows exact on May 21 at Chichen Itza (and for all those at 20.6 N Latitude).

It is rare to have a Taurus New Moon and Scorpio Full Moon so precisely aligned with these two significant annual Solar alignments. It will be 19 years before we have this particular alignment happen in this same way again! However, a similar type of alignment will happen in 2029. More here <https://cayelincastell.com/sun-pleiades-zenith/>



Sky Happenings and Insights for May 2019

Jupiter and Saturn are entering the evening sky getting brighter and brighter as both stationed retrograde last month. Jupiter is currently visible in the constellation of the Scorpion and Saturn is visible in the constellation of the Archer. In 2020 Jupiter and Saturn reach a quasi -conjunction in May and are historically close in December (stay tuned).

This suggests we have the best possible situation for changing our middle world reality with Jupiter's expansive vision and Saturn's practical ability to build sustainable forms happening for many months.

You might consider what new inspired visions are you ready to bring into an effective and sustainable form?

If you don't have a vision then its time to take steps that will help cultivate a space within you for receiving a vision. Go on a vision quest – visit a sacred site – create a powerful ceremony and ask the universe to send you a vision – read an inspiring book, take an inspiring class, watch an inspiring movie, hang out with inspiring friends, do a ceremonial fast or some other kind of personal cleansing, focus on cleansing all aspects of your life, mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually, spend time in nature, meditate, lay on the Earth, seek out a mentor.

The point is if you do nothing during this next year - nothing may happen to change in your life – or your life as you know may fall apart and that might be a good thing to move you from where you are to where you are intended to be.

Jupiter officially arrives in the Evening sky a little earlier each night as May progresses brightening for one -2.5 to a -2.6 magnitude as it approaches opposition to the Sun exact on June 10.

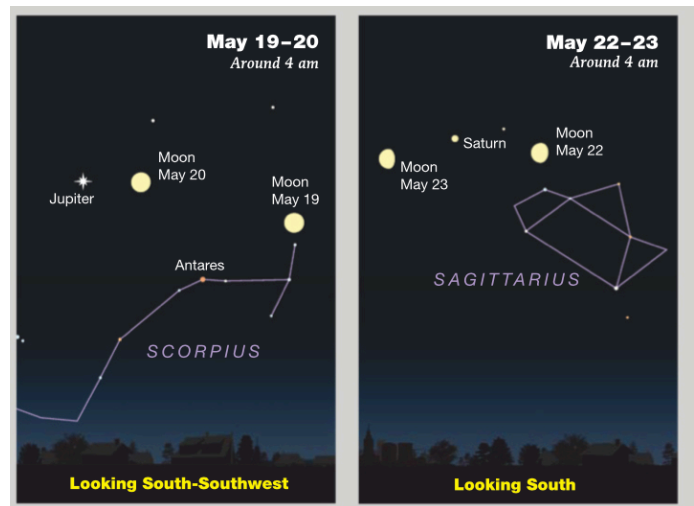
Jupiter rises into the evening sky about three hours after sunset as May begins and about 40 minutes after sunset at the end of the month. Jupiter is culminating (or is seen highest on the ecliptic) around 4 am at the beginning of the month and 2 am at the end of the month backtracking across the stars to come within 12° of Antares.

Mars begins this month between the horns of the Bull before moving into the constellation of the twins passing over the galactic cross at the Galactic Edge, the current location of the June solstice.

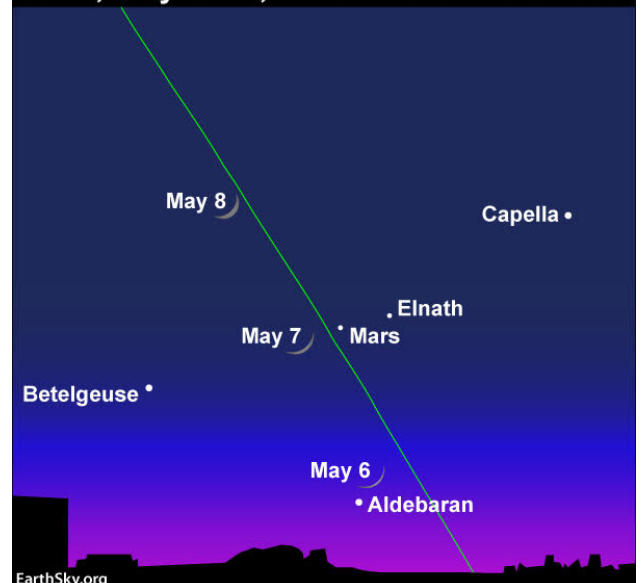
The horns of the bull are marked by the stars El Nath and Al Hecka. Mars and El Nath are around 1.6 magnitude though Mars is fading to a 1.8 magnitude by the end of May.

Mercury is visible in the west NW after the Sun has set to the lower right of Mars on the last few days of May. Visibility starts after Mercury is conjunct the Sun on May 21.

Venus is about -3.8 magnitude brighter than everything else in the



West, May 2019, One Hour After Sunset



sky though dimmer than its usual -4 magnitude. On May 18 Uranus is only 1.4° North of Venus around 4 degrees Taurus. This also happens to be the Scorpio Full Moon magnifying the intensity of Venus at the Sacral Chakra Gate as she lets go of all the distortions around how she values herself and experiences intimacy and connection with pleasure.

May 2 Venus and the Moon meet with Venus rising parallel to the Moon about 5° to the lower right.

On May 6 the slender Crescent Moon is 3° above or to the upper right of the Aldebaran. The waxing Lunar Crescent is less than a half a degree from Al Hecka form a compact line with Mars and the Moon.

Plus we have the Aquarid Meteor Showers peak before dawn May 5 and 6 around 3 am to Dawn local time. This is the month that Earth passes through the dust from Haley's comet creating the Eta Aquarids meteor shower. This meteor shower is visible in both the northern and southern hemisphere offering around 60 meteors per hour before dying under dark skies. For those in northern latitudes of 48 to 45° north fewer meteors are visible. Those around the equator see more meteors.

May 6 or 7 the waxing Crescent Moon is in the Bull, the next two evenings catch it on the sixth with it's 2 to 3° upper right about Aldebaran.

May 10 the Moon is one day shy of its exact first-quarter visible in the beehive cluster also known as M 44.

May 11 and 12 The waxing Moon First Quarter is almost equal distance from Regulus first appearing on the stars right now then the next night on its left.

May 15 the waxing gibbous moon is a little more than 8° above Spica

May 18 is the Scorpio Full Moon with Venus Uranus conjunction at 4 Taurus

May 19-20 the Moon forms a right triangle with Jupiter and Antares in the SE

May 20 the waning Gibbous Moon is around 4° to the right of Jupiter and on morning of May 22 is about 7° to the right of Saturn.

May 20-23 looking SSW well before sunrise the Moon is some 5° to the right of Jupiter. The waning Full Moon approaches and then overtakes Saturn ending up about 5° left of the ring to planet.

Ceres formally known as a asteroid and now classified as a dwarf planet, reaches opposition to the Sun on May 28 and has a close encounter with Mars near the bright open cluster of M 35 in the Scorpion.

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May 2019 Celestial Timings Dates

May 6 2019	Mercury	enters	Taurus
May 21 2019	Mercury	enters	Gemini
May 15 2019	Venus	enters	Taurus
May 15 2019	Mars	enters	Cancer

May 21 2019	Sun	conjunct	Mercury	00°Ge12' D with Pleiades
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May 1 2019	Mercury	20°Ar31' D	Sqr	Saturn	20°Cp31' R
May 2 2019	Mercury	23°Ar08' D	Sqr	Pluto	23°Cp08' R
May 2 2019	Mercury	23°Ar35' D	Tri	Jupiter	23°Sg35' R
May 5 2019	Mars	23°Ge23' D	Opp	Jupiter	23°Sg23' R
May 7 2019	Venus	20°Ar28' D	Sqr	Saturn	20°Cp28' R
May 8 2019	Mercury	03°Ta25' D	Cnj	Uranus	03°Ta25' D
May 9 2019	Venus	23°Ar05' D	Tri	Jupiter	23°Sg05' R
May 9 2019	Venus	23°Ar06' D	Sqr	Pluto	23°Cp06' R
May 14 2019	Venus	29°Ar00' D	Sxt	Mars	29°Ge00' D
May 15 2019	Mercury	18°Ta22' D	Sxt	Neptune	18°Pi22' D
May 16 2019	Mercury	20°Ta17' D	Tri	Saturn	20°Cp17' R
May 17 2019	Mercury	23°Ta01' D	Tri	Pluto	23°Cp01' R
May 18 2019	Venus	03°Ta58' D	Cnj	Uranus	03°Ta58' D
May 22 2019	Mars	04°Cn11' D	Sxt	Uranus	04°Ta11' D
May 23 2019	Mercury	05°Ge03' D	Sxt	Chiron	05°Ar03' D
May 23 2019	Mars	05°Cn03' D	Sqr	Chiron	05°Ar03' D
May 29 2019	Mercury	18°Ge35' D	Sqr	Neptune	18°Pi35' D
May 30 2019	Venus	18°Ta36' D	Sxt	Neptune	18°Pi36' D
May 30 2019	Mercury	20°Ge48' D	Opp	Jupiter	20°Sg48' R

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