



2019 October Celestial Timings

by Cayelin K Castell

Prayer to Shekinah the Divine Feminine Presence Within

In Honor of the Venus Mercury Conjunction on October 30, 2019

Oh Holy Mother of Divine Creation,
 You who Dwells within Each of Us
 You who Nurtures, Inspires and Encourages
 The Awakening of Our Sacred Hearts and Inner Knowing
 Guide us with your Loving Wisdom
 To Remember and Embody our Divine Design
 Fulfilling Our Place within Great Mystery

Thank you for showing us
 what we already KNOW deep within
 Thank you for assisting us in Awakening into
 Being Who we Already Divinely Are
 So that together we bring about a Golden Age
 of Peace, Plenty and Illumination
 Birthing a New Earth conceived in
 Love, Compassion, Kindness and Caring.

It is Done, It is So and We are Grateful. Blessed Be!

2019 Mercury Venus

Mercury Stations retrograde with Venus in Scorpio on
 October 31. Mercury and Venus have been within 10
 degrees since Jul 22 and continue to be until Nov 6, 2019
 with 3 exact conjunctions on:

July 24 at 26 Cancer 14

Sep 13 at 28 Virgo 50

Oct 30 at 27 Scorpio 36



September 2019 Equinox Sunset Ceremony Tucson Sun

Though not technically a classic Shekinah cycle as the only time Venus and Mercury are visible is October 30 in the evening sky – what is significant is the nearly 4 months of their close alignment within 10 degrees and it will be 40 years before they come back together in this part of the sky.

Mercury and Venus together represent the Return of the Shekinah

Christopher Knight and Robert Lomas wrote in *The Book of Hiram* that Mercury and Venus together symbolized the Return of the Shekinah (or the Divine Feminine Presence Lighting our World) occurring every 40 years from any given starting point though in their book they emphasized the Jewish tradition of tracking Venus and Mercury together in the morning sky. Their research is fascinating including the timing of when the Temple of Solomon was built – timed to capture the light of the Shekinah when Venus and Mercury appeared together in the east before sunrise. This occurs every 40 years ($5 \times 8^*$), 480 years (40×12) and 1440 years (480×3).

****5 nineteen month Venus Cycles every 8 years ($5 \times 8 = 40$) adding to the significance of the age 40 and age 80 Venus Returns. Many find these cycles are life changing further awakening a woman's divine feminine expression and a man's deepening connection to the inner divine feminine.***

I was in my age 40 Venus Return when I began a nine month Awakening the Priestess Within journey that forever changed my life. See video link to a fun interview I did this summer describing my Priestess Experience. I have gotten a lot of great feedback about this interview <https://youtu.be/ysK3yQkmWEU>

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Pluto stations Direct October 2 or 3 depending on your Time Zone

Pluto is an underworld guide and teacher bringing the shadow to light so it can be transformed. Venus has been with the Sun, or in the Underworld, since July 8 and has just emerged from her underworld journey on September 19 and with Pluto stationing direct at the beginning of October this suggests we are in a time of re-emergence and a re-awakening to the importance of taking responsibility for creating a happy, healthy world first within ourselves and then in the greater reality.

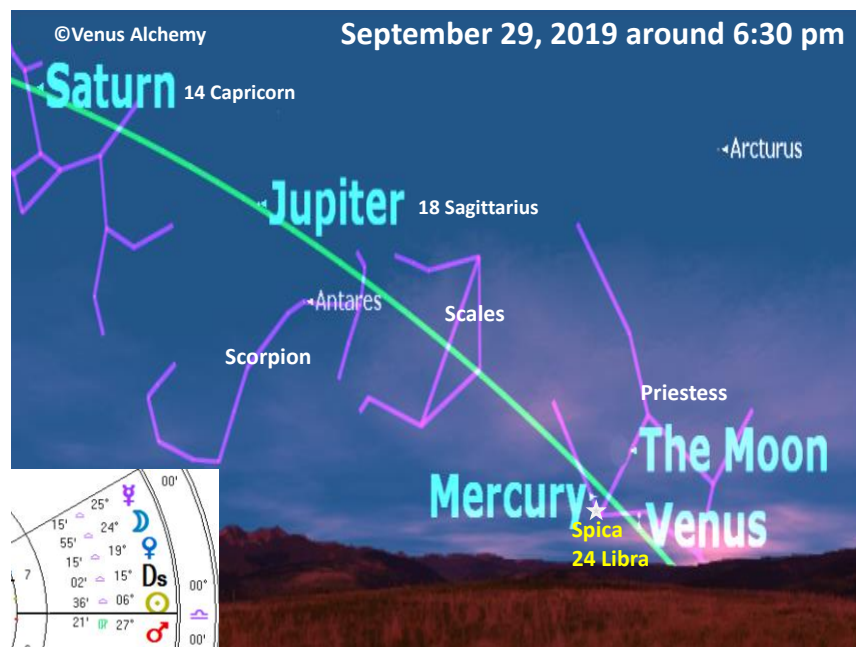
If you have planets or angles between 20 and 23 degrees of the Householder signs (Cancer, Libra, Capricorn or Aries) you are on the leading edge of these initiatory energies meaning you have an opportunity to be transformed and empowered when you are willing to die to who you believe yourself to be so you can birth into who you truly are. Although it is also true just living on the Earth at this time means we are ALL feeling the effects of these powerful cycles as everything and everyone is connected to everything and everyone else.

October Sky and Planets

Venus begins this month at the first gate, first chakra gate having met with the Moon on September 29 lasting until the next Venus Moon meeting on October 29. Venus sets about a half hour after the Sun as October begins and about an hour after the Sun as October ends. Venus at -3.9 magnitude during the first half of the month and -3.8 magnitude during the second half of the month.

Venus (24 Libra) is passing the fixed star Spica, the primary star symbolizing the divine feminine located in the constellation of the Virgin Priestess. Spica is a Behenian Star whose energy is heightened energy when planets are within 6 degrees. This month we have 3 planets including the Sun, Venus, and Mercury passing by Spica – next month Mars will be with Spica.

Venus is in range of Spica from September 29 to October 8.



Mercury is exactly aligned with Spica on September 29 and is within six degrees of Spica until October 3..
Spica is a Behenian or Magical Star of the Alchemists...<https://cayelincastell.com/behenian-stars/>

Every year the Sun is within six degrees of the Spica from October 12 to 23 and is exact around October 17 and 18.

More about Spica <https://cayelincastell.com/spica-and-arcturus/>

Both Spica and the constellation of the Virgin Priestess have myths and images of the divine feminine linked with them. The Greeks and Romans saw this constellation as the Great Mother Goddess Cybele with her lion-drawn chariot symbolizing the Lion constellation sitting next to the Virgin Priestess.

In Roman mythology, the Great Universal Mother Goddess was **Cybele**. She was not only mother to the Gods and Goddesses but to humanity, animals and plant life. She was seen as the personification of Mother Earth. In art, she's usually depicted on a throne or in a chariot wearing a tall cylindrical crown and in the constant presence of a lion.

Cybele, like many goddesses, had several incarnations or manifestations and was celebrated during the spring festivals. Her celebrations included drumming, dancing, singing, and chanting, often all night long.



Venus moves into Scorpio on October 8 energizing the divine feminine as she expresses through the Dark Goddesses known as Kali, Hecate, Pele, Cerridwen, the Cretan Snake Goddess, and any other Goddesses connected to themes of death and rebirth.

Skeleton Woman

A great story that sums up this archetypal energy as it relates to the life/death/rebirth/life mysteries is *Skeleton Woman* as described by Clarissa Pinkola Estes in her book *Women Who Run With the Wolves*.

Skeleton Woman (Chapter 5) - or Lady Death as Clarissa describes her - knows the powerful transformative ways of Life and Death. In the story we learn that "*Lady Death is not a disease, but a deity.*" She not only knows the cycles of endings and beginnings, she knows their importance.

This story describes the unexpected resurrection of Skeleton Woman by a fisherman when he hooks her bones and unexpectedly retrieves her from the depths of the ocean. The terrified fisherman flees from the Skeleton rising up out of the water. Later, he finds the skeleton has followed him because he was still holding the fishing line that was holding her when he fled.



Next, we are told the fisherman surrenders and embraces skeleton woman, finding an important part of himself he didn't even know he had lost - learning **to face death and therefore embrace life by facing what scares him most.**

In our current culture, we are taught to fear death and change, to see it as a failure or a punishment. The reality is Lady Death is part of who we are, she is our inner authority that knows how to engage the "Life/Death/Life" cycle. It is the part of us that knows in order to have new ecstatic life - the old life must die. To have true and genuine

partnership with oneself, or with another, it is essential to learn the ways of Lady Death. Embracing the mysteries of death is key to our liberation. Lady Death teaches our hearts to sing – singing us into authentic aliveness when we know that the experience of death is a necessary step to greater life.

As Venus rises into the evening sky from the underworld and enters Scorpio this story is a powerful reminder of how death leads to rebirth and back to death again. Life and Death are not separate from each other but are a part of the whole that lives within us all.

...So, in the end, the fleshing of herself, the Skeleton Woman enacts the entire creation process, but rather than beginning as a baby, in the way Westerners are taught to think about life and death, she begins as bones and fleshes out her life.

She teaches the man to make new life. She shows him the way of the heart is the way of creation. She shows him that creation is a series of births and deaths. She teaches that protectionism creates nothing, selfishness creates nothing, holding on and screaming effects nothing. Only letting go, giving heart, the great drum, the great instrument of the wild nature, only that creates.

That is how love relationship is meant to work, each partner transforming the other. The strength and power of each is untangled, shared. He gives her heart drum. She gives him knowledge of the most complicated rhythms and emotions imaginable. Who knows what they will hunt together? We only know that they will be nourished to the end of their days. ~Clarissa Pinkola Estes Women Who Run with the Wolves Chapter 5 Hunting: When the Heart is a Lonely Hunter

Mercury spends most of October to the upper left of Venus reaching its greatest evening star elongation at 24.6° from the Sun on October 19.

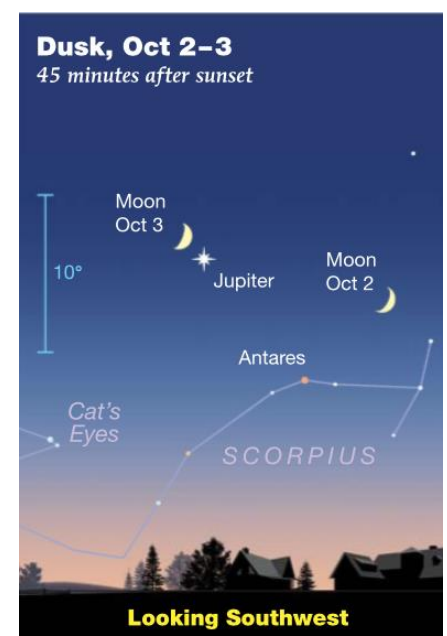
Mercury is close to zero magnitude all of October so difficult to see in twilight after sunset unless you have a keen eye or binoculars or a telescope. Mercury sets about an hour after the Sun passing 2 1/2° below Venus on the evening of October 31 both very low in the SW. Mercury then begins to drop fading rapidly stationing retrograde on October 31 as it moves toward its magical transit of the Sun on November 11.

<https://cayelincastell.com/mercury-transit-of-the-sun/>

Mars was with the Sun on September 2 taking about six weeks to move beyond the glow of the Sun. That means Mars does not appear in the morning sky until about halfway through October rising at dawn (technically visible on October 17) having been absent from the night sky since mid-July. When rising into the morning sky Mars is always far from the Earth so is especially dim and not easy to see with the naked eye.

Mars rises about 50 minutes before the Sun on October 1 at about 100 minutes before the Sun on October 31 entering the morning sky at +1.8 magnitude and is only 13° above the horizon by the end of October. So again not easy to see. It takes Mars about 760 days (just over 2 years) before it will be conjunct the Sun again

Jupiter fades a bit this month from magnitude -2.02 Magnitude 2-1.9 magnitude. Jupiter sets about 3 1/2 hours After the sun has October begins and about 2 1/2 hours at the end of the month.



Jupiter is moving away from Antares since having station direct and August near this magical star. Jupiter is about a fist width to the Upper left of Antares as October begins. The moon is visible near Antares and Jupiter on October 2 and 3.

Jupiter is returning to zodiacal alignment with the star Ras Alhague This month activating and expansion of our Dreaming power. This includes our nighttime dreams as well as the dreams we have for our life and for this reality.

Saturn is about 30° above the Western horizon as October begins setting around midnight and by end of the month setting around 10 pm. Saturn reaches its square to the Sun on October 7 dimming from a +0.5 magnitude to a +0.6 magnitude as it continues to away from the constellation of the Archer toward the GoatFish. These days the Archer is more often depicted as a tea pot.

October 4 the Moon is approaching Saturn and just passed Saturn on October 5.

Uranus reaches opposition to the Sun on October 27 marking the center point of this Uranus retrograde that lasts until early next year. Uranus is currently close to the Earth so is bright around a +5.7 magnitude just on the edge of our ability to see with the naked eye under really dark skies visible in the constellation of the Ram.

The Orionid Meteor Shower

Peeks around October 21. Twice each year earth moves through the trails of dust that Haleys comet leaves behind when it passes through the inner solar system every 76 years.

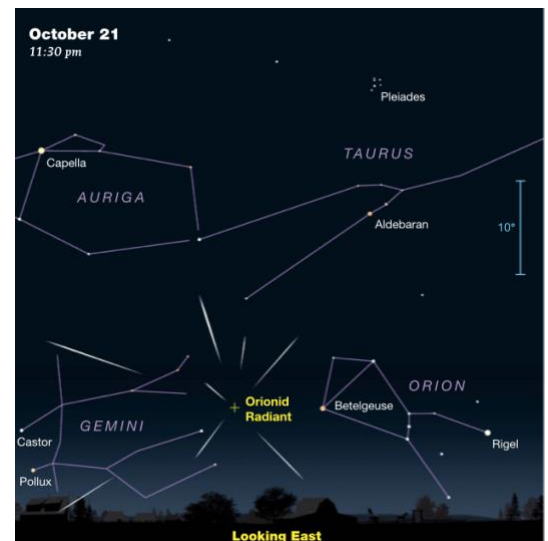
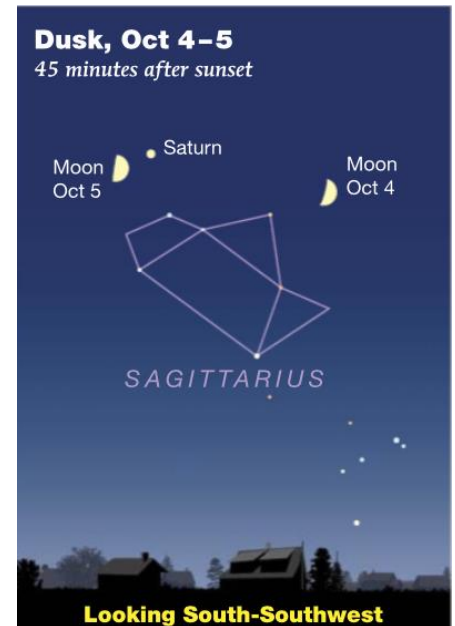
In May we have the Eta Aquarid meteor shower – marking another time when the Earth is in countering particle streams from Haley’s comet.

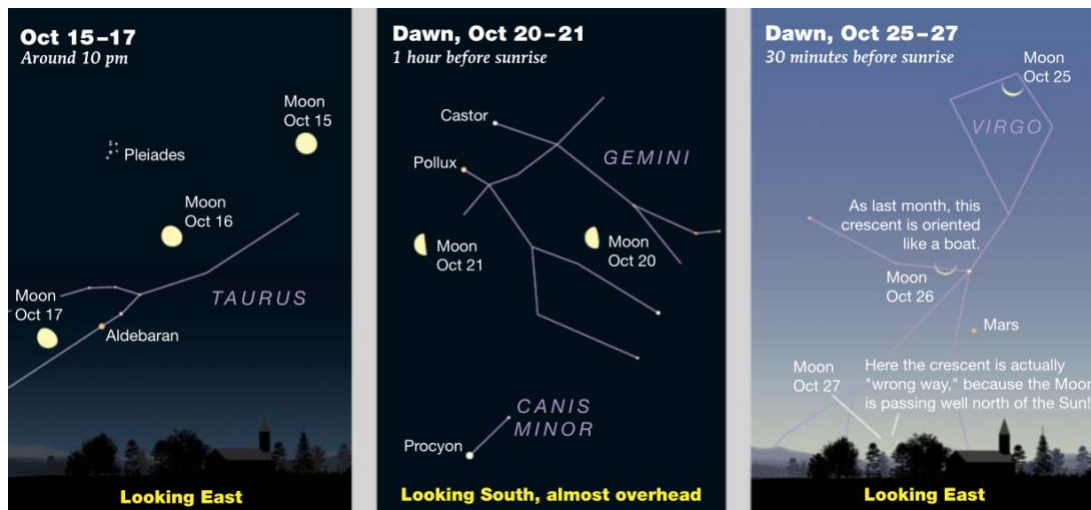
Their earliest record of this meteor shower comes from the Sui Dynasty in China. Written record shows “hundreds of meteors scattered in all directions” on the night of September 23 in the year 585 A.D. I

In the 1860’s astronomer Alexander Herschel included in his observations of “Luminous Meteors” that originated near Orion. It was another century before this meteor shower was connected to Haley’s comet.

This meteor shower begins in early October with a predicted peak on the night of October 21 and 22 lasting until November 7. At its peak you can see as many as 20 meteors per hour around the time Orion reaches the zenith under a dark.

The radiant is to the north east of Beetlegueze rising about 10:30 PM daylight savings time. So if you live in an area where you don’t have daylight time it would be rising around 9:30 PM. However the meteors really don’t get going until the radiant has reached the Zenith around 11:30 PM Daylight time . This year with a waning crescent Moon still around 40% lit rising an hour after Orion reaches the Zenith we could imagine it will interfere with the ability to see as many meteors – though not entirely.





October Highlights

October 3 the waning Crescent Moon and Jupiter are about one and a half degrees apart in the south west shortly after sunset while Antares is about 10° to the lower right.

October 4 Saturn, Moon, Jupiter and Antares are on a long shallow arc of about 34° stretching from the south to the south west as evening begins.

October 5 the first quarter moon and Saturn hover in the constellation of the archer

October 7 is when Mars enters the constellation of the Virgin Priestess crossing the celestial equator at 0° libra at the same point that the Sun crosses at the September equinox.

October 08 Venus moves into Scorpio at 10:06 am

October 17 the Waning gibbous Moon is about 3 or 4° to the left of Aldebaran about 2.5 hours after sunset and the Sun is conjunct Spica. <https://cayelincastell.com/spica/>

October 21 the Waning Moon is nearly perfectly aligned with Pollux and Castor as it exits the Sacred Hoop of Stars.

October 21 and 22 the peak of the Orion and meteor shower

October 23 Moon is above Regulus in the morning sky

October 26 a very thin sliver of the Moon, Mars (13 Libra) and Porrima (star of prophecy) form a triangle in the constellation of the Virgin Priestess low on the eastern horizon just before sunrise. Binoculars or telescope may be needed to see them

October 27 a very thin Waning Crescent Moon may be seen just above the eastern horizon about 30 minutes before sunrise.

October 29 right after sunset and the waxing New Moon is about 5° from Venus

October 31 the waxing Crescent Moon is approaching Jupiter and Saturn

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I have been reviewing my blood line and soul lineage over the past year - a story I may write more about as it has been quite fascinating and unexpectedly miraculous.

Meanwhile, this is the time of year I like to honor the memory of Nicole Christine (pictured right) who died on October 18, 2008. How 11 years have passed so quickly is still a mystery to me.



Nicole was a mentor, sacred sister and beloved friend and I am grateful I had the opportunity to know her, work and play with her, and to be with her during her last days on this Earth. I can hardly believe it has been eleven years since I stood at her bedside after she had died doing sacred ceremony with several of my Priestess sisters (and two of her sacred brothers guarding the door).

I think of her often and am always amazed at how she can still send me profound and life altering messages from the other side that I have no doubt are coming from her. I am forever grateful for the gift of her life and death and all that she gave to me and so many others. Here are a few of her wise words that seem to be prescient of how she continues to help us all from the other side. Thank you Nicole!

***The Pied Pipers of Love* written in February 2007 by Nicole Christine**

"Pied Pipers of Love. Pied Pipers of Love." These words became a mantra repeating and repeating in my consciousness. My spiritual family was processing as Pied Pipers of Love, leading the prodigal sons and the lost daughters back Home to the Source. Two by two, united as one, we were bringing our families and friends with us and there was singing and rejoicing in the Heavens as we were welcomed by the Celestial Host, Creation, and the Creator.

Intuitively, I knew that all who are a part of me-and thus me-my sons, my parents, my brothers, my relatives, my students, my friends and associates would return to our Source with me/as me unless they consciously chose separation. And in turn, all who are a part of those who are a part of me would, if they did not resist the magnetic pull, be drawn into the next dimension. If for a moment, anyone could claim the Light, the Love, they could reclaim their Home. How could anyone choose otherwise? I wondered.

"Listen to the new melody," I called out to all earthlings. Nature hears the new song and is singing along. The Pied Pipers hear and are humming the tune. Listen. Listen. Listen. Choose. Sing



along. Come Home. Come Home, en masse, children of Planet Earth. Home to where your souls are eternally cradled in Love and Peace.”...Feel your heart beat with mine...with the pulsation of the Universe...of Creation. Feel the expanding and contracting. The exhaling and inhaling. The forgetting and remembering. The exploring and reporting. The going out and coming in. Attune to this moment of remembering and coming in to reconnect with Our Source in expanded conscious activity as One. Feel the Oneness. The Oneness. The Oneness.

Learn more about Nicole <http://magdalenemysteries.com/> and her Life <http://magdalenemysteries.com/about/>

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October 2019 Significant Dates – Station Points, Ingresses

Oct 2 2019	Pluto	D	20°Cp38' D
Oct 3 2019	Mars	enters	Libra
Oct 3 2019	Mercury	enters	Scorpio
Oct 08 2019	Venus	enters	Scorpio
Oct 13 2019	Full Moon	20°Ar14' D	Baiten Kaitos in the Cetus the Whale
Oct 27 2019	New Moon	04°Sc25' D	Princep in Bootes & Kambalia in VP
Oct 31 2019	Mercury	R	27°Sc38' R

Planetary Aspects for October 2019

Oct 6 2019	Mercury	05°Sc27' D	Opp	Uranus	05°Ta27' R
Oct 8 2019	Mars	03°Li07' D	Opp	Chiron	03°Ar07' R
Oct 12 2019	Venus	05°Sc14' D	Opp	Uranus	05°Ta14' R
Oct 13 2019	Mercury	14°Sc28' D	Sxt	Saturn	14°Cp28' D
Oct 15 2019	Mercury	16°Sc24' D	Tri	Neptune	16°Pi24' R
Oct 19 2019	Mercury	20°Sc42' D	Sxt	Pluto	20°Cp42' D
Oct 20 2019	Venus	14°Sc45' D	Sxt	Saturn	14°Cp45' D
Oct 21 2019	Venus	16°Sc17' D	Tri	Neptune	16°Pi17' R
Oct 25 2019	Venus	20°Sc45' D	Sxt	Pluto	20°Cp45' D
Oct 27 2019	Mars	15°Li09' D	Sqr	Saturn	15°Cp09' D
Oct 30 2019	Mercury	27°Sc36' R	Cnj	Venus	27°Sc36' D

Second Mercury Venus Conjunction Morning Sky since July 24 while both within 15° July 18 and Nov 23

Centaurus

From about October 13 to November 21 the Sun travels just above the constellation known as Centaurus (pronounced ken taurus) impressively spanning about 60 degrees of the sky. The Sun's passage here means the constellation is not visible but is being activated by its radiant energy.

<http://www.constellationsofwords.com/Constellations/Centaurus.html>

Star Names Their Lore and Meaning by Richard Hinkley Allen tell us that this constellation was highly important to the ancient Egyptians and there were at least nine temples throughout Egypt that were built from 3800 to 2575 BCE to capture the autumnal equinox heliacal rise (rising just before the Sun in the morning sky) of the brightest star in Centaurus known as Alpha Centauri (a.k.a. Rigil Kentaurus, Hadar and Tolliman). Due to the precession of Equinoxes and Solstices this star is no longer rising before the Sun at Autumnal Equinox and is also no longer visible at those latitudes. Alpha Centauri is the third brightest star in our night sky and the closest fixed star to Earth (only about 4.3 light years away). Some of you may remember this star as the destination of the Robinson family in the TV series *Lost In Space*.

In ancient times, Centaurus was the original constellation associated with the Centaur Chiron and the temples built to track the heliacal rise of Alpha Centauri were also healing temples dedicated to Chiron who at one time was more important than Zeus. As the ecliptic shifted and Centaurus sank lower so it was no longer visible in the Northern Latitudes Centaurus was replaced by the Archer as Chiron's constellation. While the Sun passes by this constellation it may be useful to tune into the energies of Centaurus and the Shamanic Healer Chiron especially considering we are approaching the direct station of Chiron on October 31.

