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March 2021 Celestial Timings

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This month I am Marching 4th into my 65 year with my Beloved BHE (Best Husband Ever). Another feature of this birthday is that I have now outlive my mother who died 19 days before her 65th birthday 22.5 years ago. That has really been bringing up a lot for me as I now know what it feels like to be older than she was when she died.

One of the features of turning 65 is everyone has a Sun Moon return within a day or two of their 65th birthday and are in the process of a Nodal Reversal meaning the North Node is conjunct the South Node and the South Node is conjunct the North Node creating an opportunity to recalibrate your relationship and direct experience with your past and where you are going in the Now.

The last time I experienced this was at my age 46 birthday and that began massive changes in my life I am still enjoying today though at the time I was very challenged to surrender to what was ending.

This is something I wrote about 7 years ago on Sustained Surrender. Believe me there are still days I am working on this including accepting what IS.

It is always a good time to surrender and the best way to do this is through compassion and forgiveness of ourselves and others. Forced surrender doesn't work and can't ultimately be sustained. Sustained surrender occurs when we are able to forgive the unforgiveable while also making a conscious choice to be with, allow and accept what IS.

The bell cannot be unrung. There are things we can NOT change so - allowing them to be what they are is freeing. This actually removes all resistance and then change happens naturally.

For example, we can NOT change what day of the week, month or year it is. That is part of a greater collective agreement. We can NOT change who are parents are. We can NOT change the past. What is done is done and acceptance of that eases our present journey. It doesn't mean we have to like it but if we accept it then we can change our view of what has been and that allows for greater ease in the surrender process where magic can happen in unexpected ways.



This photo is Peter (BHE) and I me celebrating my 57th birthday 8 years ago in Sedona. It was another birthday with a Sun Moon return as I was completing my Nodal Return! So it seems perfect to share as I am now half way through my nodal cycle.

The Month of March

In Like a Lion out Like a Lamb?

The famous saying that most describes March is “if it comes in like a Lion it will go out like a Lamb”. Most consider this to be about the weather in March that is often spring like one day and a raging blizzard the next. In Guy Ottewell’s Astronomical Calendar he proposes this saying may have originated due to the Constellation of the Lion being at the Zenith in the evening sky as the constellation of the Ram (lamb) is setting.

March 1 in ancient Roman times was when women celebrated the festival Matronalia in honor of the Goddess Juno. This celebration was geared towards prayers and offerings for a happy marriage and traditionally husbands gave presents to their wives.

March 17 also known as St. Patrick's Day was a day to plant peas and to pinch anyone who it wasn't wearing - the color of the Shamrock.

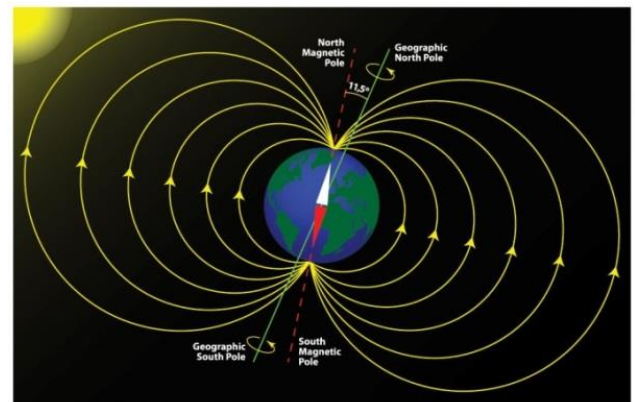
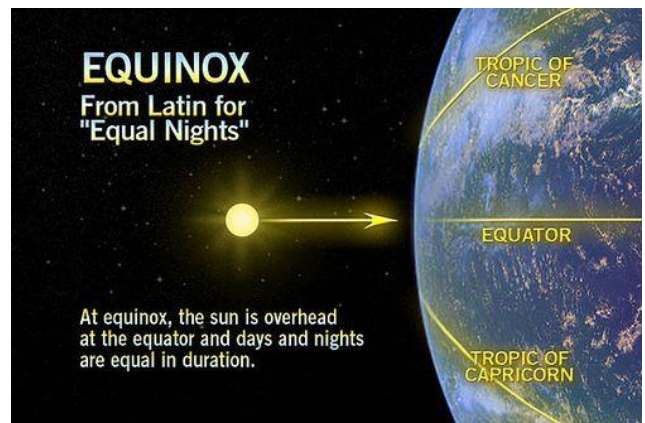
This year the spring equinox is on March 20. Until recently the March equinox fell on March 21 or March 20. It now falls primarily on March 20 unless we are in a leap year and then it falls on March 19 – happening in 2016.

So if we consider the three day window this year the Equinox energy is most potent March 19, 20, 21 with March 20 being the precise Equinox when the Sun makes a direct path over the Equator bringing an equal balance of Day and Night to both Hemispheres of the Earth.

Radiant energy from the Sun directly over the equator lessens the usual strength of the Earth's magnetic field during the Equinox days. The magnetic field moves clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and counterclockwise in the Southern Hemisphere creating a spiral magnetic effect. (The image below shows the magnetic fields rotating in opposite directions.)

Twice each year as the Sun passes over the equator the magnetic energies of both hemispheres are at their lowest potency. This means for at least 24 hours before and after the exact Equinox point it is easier to connect with other dimensions of reality energizing otherworldly magic that can holistically benefit the Earth.

Many ancient cultures took advantage of this time through ceremony and intention.



Tracing their lineage back to 13th Century BCE the *Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn* was very much aware of this phenomenon and has specific ceremonies they do at the equinoxes to maximize this Timing. [More About the Golden Dawn Here](#) and here is more on [Celebrating the Equinoxes](#)

This has more about the super cool effects of the Equinox Cracks in the Earth's Magnetic Field and Galactic Center being overhead at the March Equinox <https://cayelincastell.com/equinox-insights/>

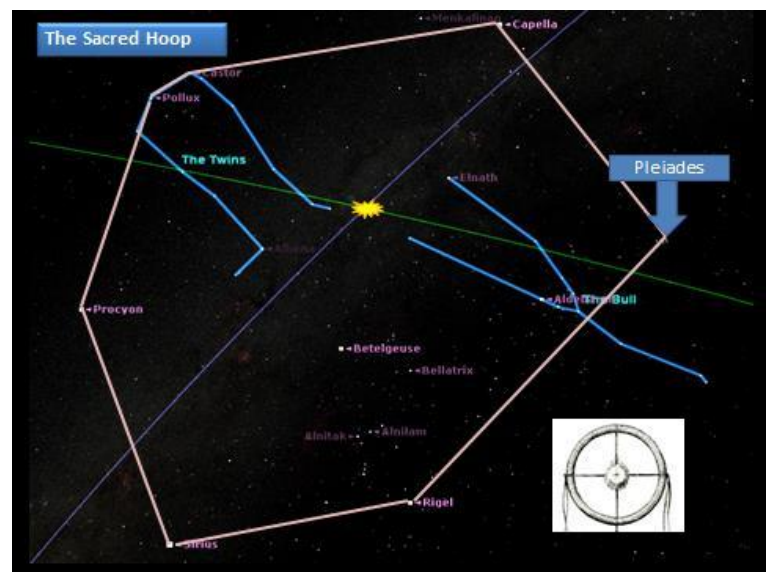
March 25 also known as the feast of Annunciation and was the New Year for Britain and for its colonies until they switch to the Gregorian calendar in 1752.

March Sky Observing Highlights

March is when the Sun crosses over the Aries Equinox point marking the Spring Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the Autumnal Equinox in the Southern Hemisphere. See more below

The constellation of the Crab (a.k.a Cancer) is prominent this month. See more below

The Sacred Hoop of Stars (as they were known to the Lakota Sioux and other Plains Indians) are high in the sky after Sunset. This configuration of stars is what astronomer's sometimes call the 'winter hexagon' though the Sacred Hoop includes the Pleiades on the outer edge rather than Aldebaran, the eye of the Bull. The top star of the Hoop this month is Capella and moving clockwise includes the Pleiades, Rigel, Sirius, and Procyon, and Pollux and Castor.



The Ecliptic (plane of the solar system and the path the planets travel) and the Milky Way (plane of the galaxy) intersect near the middle of this hoop of Stars forming a cross within a circle. The place of the intersection occurs at what is called the Galactic Edge, where we look out beyond our Galaxy. The center point of the cross is located between the feet of the Twins and the horns of the Bull. This intersection is the place in the sky where the summer solstice (0 degrees Cancer) is currently located.

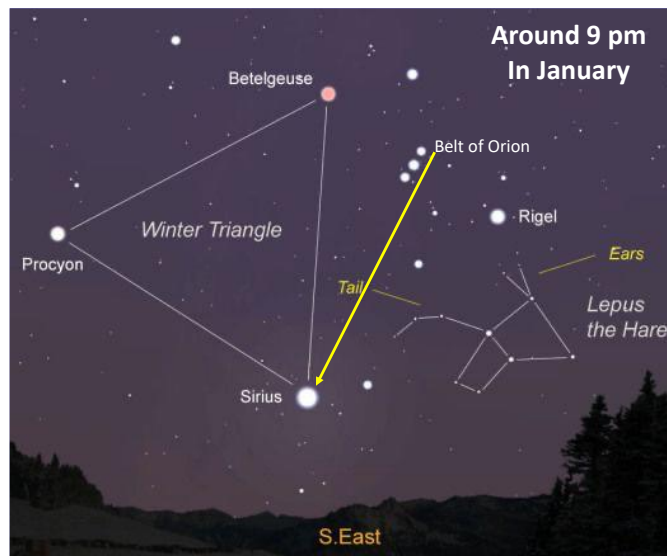
The Pleiades marks the outer rim of the Hoop and Orion and the Hyades are located inside it. All of these stars are easy to spot this month. Interestingly, the Mayans perceived the sword of Orion as a sacred fire of creation inside a fire pit. Modern astronomers have discovered this is a place where new stars are being birthed! More about the Sacred Hoop. <https://cayelincastell.com/the-sacred-hoop-of-stars/>

Heaven's Gate is a configuration of Stars that form a great equilateral triangle with two stars that form the outer edge of the Sacred Hoop already mentioned and they are Sirius and Procyon. The third star is

Betelgeuse marking the shoulder of Orion. These stars were known as ‘Heavens Gate’ to Alaskan Shaman’s and represent another version of an entry point or entrance into incarnation. (Sacred Hoop Article)

Another stellar triangle is also becoming more visible this month rising later in the evening marking the tail of the Lion, featuring the bright star Denebola, 43 light years away.

Moonless March nights feature the zodiacal light visible in the twilight of sunset. This is the time when the plane of the solar system, also known as ecliptic, is tilted highest with respect to the western horizon at mid-northern latitudes. The zodiacal light is caused by interplanetary dust from disintegrated comets that is being by the Sun as it sets. Other times of the year the zodiacal light is visible in the morning sky lit by the Sun as it rises.



The zodiacal light is actually the brightest thing in the solar system after the Sun, as it reflects more total sunlight than Venus or Jupiter if you could collect there light all in one place. Astronomers wonder if the zodiacal light around other stars prevents them from detecting the light of other small planets that may be orbiting those stars.

The Three Day Minimum Window

It has been awhile since I have included this in the Celestial Timings so here it is again. All the celestial events described each month have a minimum three day impact 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 knowing how these energies affect us collectively but also when to pay extra close attention to the personal initiations we all go through as well as the messages that are there to guide and support our choices.

March was the first month of the New Year before the Gregorian calendar was adopted in 1582 CE. This month is named after the Roman god **Mars** and is linked with the Greek god Ares. Mars was considered to be a God of agriculture and war and this month marks the planting season for farming and also a season when the Romans would go to war.

All Planets are Moving Forward All of March

On February 20 Mercury stations direct creating 66 more days of all planets moving forward until Pluto stations retrograde on April 27. This is a total of 82 days in 2021. This extra 66 days is a rare recurrence that doesn't happen again until 2025 when we will again have two time frames with all the planets moving forward. <https://cayelincastell.com/all-planets-moving-forward/>

Feb 28 2021	Venus	Cnj	Fomalhuat	04°Pi08' D
Mar 12 2022	Mercury	Cnj	Fomalhaut	04°Pi09' D
Planets with the Royal Stars				
Mar 18 2021	Mercury	Cnj	Fomalhaut	04°Pi08' D

Planets Entering New Signs in March

Mar 3 2021	Mars	enters	Gemini
Mar 15 2021	Mercury	enters	Pisces
Mar 20 2021	Sun	enters	Aries
Mar 21 2021	Venus	enters	Aries

Full and New Moon Dates for March

Mar 08 2021	Moon	Occults Nunki		
Mar 13 2021	New Moon	2:21:01 AM	PST	23°Pi03' D
Mar 28 2021	Full Moon	11:48:02 AM	PDT	08°Li18' D

Moon is Out of Bounds

Mar 06 2021	14°Sg49'	-22°31'
Mar 07 2021	28°Sg39'	-24°35'
Mar 08 2021	12°Cp17'	-25°08'
Mar 09 2021	25°Cp44'	-24°12'
Mar 21 2021	23°Ge49'	+24°11'
Mar 22 2021	05°Cn56'	+25°13'
Mar 23 2021	18°Cn20'	+25°02'

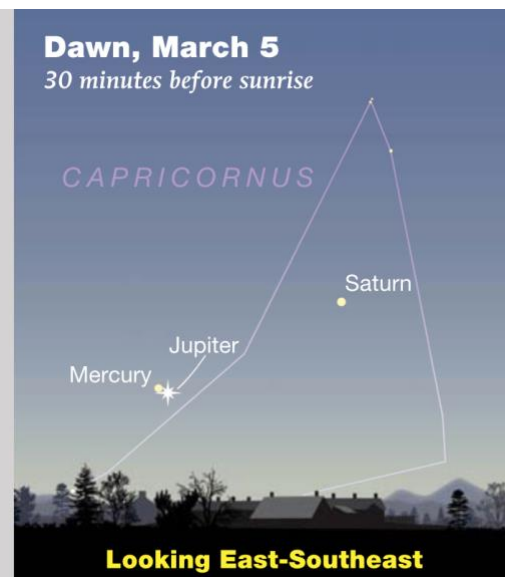


March Skies

Here are a few of the night sky wonders to observe in March 2021. Note that Venus is not visible this entire month or next month.

March 4 Mars is closest to the Pleiades about $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ from the center of this asterism.

Mars is shining at a magnitude of 1.0 and has been within 5° of the Pleiades since February 25 until about March 11.



Mars has not been this close to the Pleiades since 2006 and it will be 2038 before it passes this close again.

Mars and the Pleiades are so close because Mars is Out of Bounds. The Pleiades and Mars are visible high in the southwest around nightfall and they are both setting about midnight local time. Find out more about the magic and mystery of the Pleiades <https://cayelincastell.com/the-pleiades/> and the Nebra Sky Disk and the way an ancient culture tracked or connected with the Pleiades <https://cayelincastell.com/pleiades-and-the-nebra-sky-disc/>

Mars is a Wild Card while Out of Bounds from March 21, 2021 from 08:30 am PST until May 24, 2021 at 07:45 pm PST (maximum is 24 degrees 53)
<https://cayelincastell.com/wild-cards-or-the-out-of-bounds-planets/>

March 4-6 Mercury is within one degree of Jupiter with their closest conjunction on Friday, March 5. That means, if you're up early on Friday, March 5 you can see Mercury closest to Jupiter in the ESE. (see sky map above)

On March 5 both Mercury and Jupiter are within 19 minutes of each other. Jupiter of course outshines Mercury by almost 2° of magnitude. Mercury is at +0.1 magnitude and Jupiter is at -2.0 magnitude. Remember that the lower the number the brighter the magnitude. Each degree of magnitude is about 2.5 times brighter, so the -2.0 Magnitude of Jupiter is roughly 5 times brighter than Mercury.

Saturn is about $8\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ away from Mercury and Jupiter shining at a +0.7 magnitude.

March 6 Mercury has its greatest elongation from the sun having stretched beyond the Sun by 27.3° in the morning sky. This is the largest separation between Mercury and the Sun in 2021. However, the angle of Mercury rising (about an hour before the Sun) means Mercury was actually higher in the morning sky at the end of February.

This is due to angle of the ecliptic being shallow in the spring with the dawn horizon at mid northern latitudes. Your best opportunity to catch Mercury in the morning sky this year occurs in October even though Mercury will nearly 10° closer to the Sun than on March 6. The reason for this is in the autumn in the northern Hemisphere is when the ecliptic is nearly perpendicular to the eastern horizon at dawn.

March 9 the morning sky again captures our attention with the Moon joining Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury. The Moon is about 7 1/2° to the right of Saturn with Saturn rising about 90 minutes before the Sun. Jupiter rises about a half hour later.

March 10 the Moon is about 5° to the lower right of Jupiter.

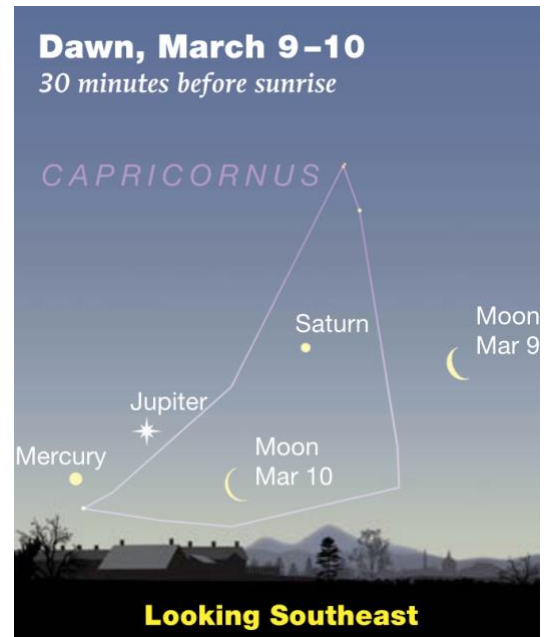
March 19 Mars has moved away from the Pleiades and is joined by the waxing Crescent Moon appearing within about 3° of each other.

On Wednesday, March 24 in the predawn hours the Gibbous Moon is due north of the Beehive Cluster. Both the Moon and the Beehive are setting around 5 AM local daylight time. Amazingly the Moon is just 1.5° North of the Beehive so the dimmer stars of this cluster will not be visible.

March 25 the Gibbous Moon is about 4° above **Regulus** a 1.4 magnitude star. Regulus is the brightest Star in the constellation of the Lion now in the first degree of the seasonal sign of Virgo.

<https://cayelincastell.com/planets-with-regulus-heart-star-of-the-lioness/>

March 26 Venus is conjunct the Sun marking the midpoint of the Venus journey in the underworld.



The Current Venus Cycle is the Cosmic Medicine of a New Destiny!

Presented by Cayelin Castell & Tami Brunk for the Tucson Astrologers Guild

Friday, March 12, 7:30 pm Mountain Time on Zoom

Members \$10 and non-members \$15 Sign-up

<https://tucsonastrologersguild.org/2021-events>

Our current 19-month Venus cycle from June 2020 to January 2022 features the Rainbow Goddess (including Iris & Ixchel) and Mistress of Playful Magic inspiring us to tell New Stories aligned with our Cosmic Destiny journeying into this New Galactic Cycle. Ancient cultures ceremonially enacted the entire Venus Cycle via the Mythic journey of Inanna realizing the power of collective intent. Unraveling the Old Story of Competition, Not Enough, Survival and Separation telling a New/Ancient Story of More than Enough, Thriving, accomplishing so much more together - helps us rebirth ourselves in greater harmony with the rest of creation.

This includes a new Divine Destiny initiated 56 years ago that won't happen again for 243 years.

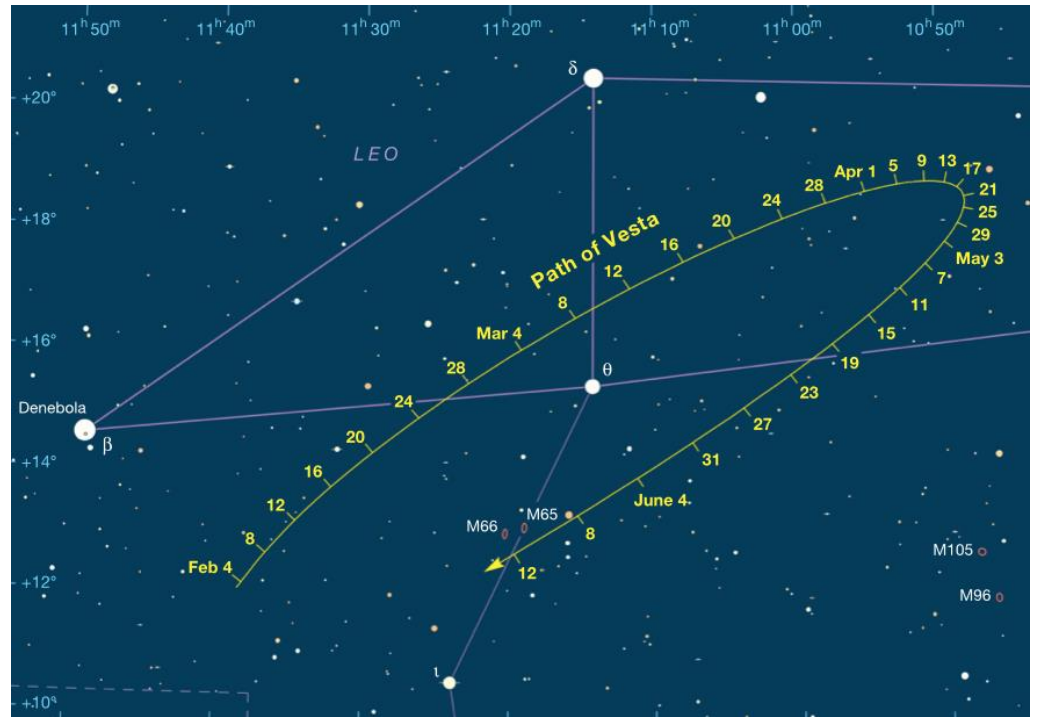
We will explore how to make the most of this Once in a Lifetime Cycle!

March 4 Vesta the second largest asteroid we know about in the asteroid belt and is second only to Ceres in size though Vesta is brighter reaches opposition to the Sun and is closest to the Earth on March 9.

At its brightest Vesta can reach a magnitude of 5.1 just on the edge of naked eye visibility. The last time Vesta was this bright was in June 2018 and it will not reach this same level of brightness again until July 2029. In March 2021 Vesta reaches magnitude 5.8 making it potentially visible to the naked eye as it passes through the lion constellation. It is been near the tail it has been near the tail of the lion.

Vesta went retrograde around January 20 2021

at 21° Virgo 24 . Vesta stations direct April 20 at 6° Virgo 42 meaning it's coming back within 6° of the heart star of the lion known as Regulus.



Venus Alchemy Journey with the New World Story Teller Rainbow Gemini Goddess Initiation

No Previous Knowledge of Astrology Is
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The Journey begins May 02, 2021

Details are HERE <https://venusalchemy.com/gemini-evening-star-sales-page-2021/>





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March 19 Friday: 2021 Update with Daniel Giamario and Levi Banner

An update on world events including the larger precessional cycle, Kali Yuga, and the Air sign Jupiter/Saturn Great Mutation along with the Saturn/Uranus triple square. This follows up on the 2017 presentations in the "Preparing for 2020" summit and several presentations in 2020. Without doubt, the times we are in include the most extraordinary set of circumstances for global humanity, in 12,900 years, at least.

March 20 Saturday: Sex And Gender In The Shamanic Astrology Paradigm™ with Daniel and Mary Kern

This covers the evolving astrological paradigm looking at sex and expanded gender roles in these ever confusing times. Also a look at how this impacts relational concepts and choices. Beyond Identity politics, this inquiry will continue the long process that most recently began in the early 1970's to move beyond cultural stereotypes.

March 21 Sunday: Mars Focus with Daniel and Erik Roth

This is our everything about Mars presentation, including the Aries overtone, its synodic cycle, Mars returns, and the need for a new Aries understanding, for both men and women. We will explore the evolution of astrological thinking about Mars and of the Aries Mystery School itself. Also presented is how to use the Mars cycle as a description of the human life-span.

March 23 Tuesday: Mercury Focus with Daniel and Awen Labow

This is our everything about Mercury presentation, including the Aquarius, Gemini and Libra overtones in 2021. Also a deeper understanding of the Mercury synodic cycle and Mercury returns. Learn how all the mythic Mercury/Hermes roles can be found within the Mercury cycle.

March 24 Wednesday: Venus Alchemy with Cayelin Castell and Tami Brunk

A deep dive into the current underworld phase of the Venus Cycle and upcoming evening star phase including a rare conjunction with the North Node in the same sign of the current Venus Gemini Meta Goddess/Overtone rising up from the underworld near the Pleiades and first gate with the Royal Star Aldebaran where Venus began her Morning Star Journey in June of 2020.

Additional Details <https://shamanicastrology.com/march-equinox-2021-seminars>