



## April 2021 Celestial Timings by Cayelin K Castell

March was an extra fun birthday month for me getting to celebrate with a family trip to Cortez, Colorado to visit our grand baby. 😊

Ian and Jenna my amazing twins (they live in San Diego - who also have a birthday a couple of days after me) joined us for this family adventure.

Gryffin will celebrate his first birthday on April 5 (the day after Easter) but his parents, who are both school teachers had spring break in mid-March so it made more sense for us to visit then.



We had so much fun as you can see. Gryffin is a happy baby who loves attention and we loved giving it to him. Our second night there we got Gryffin overnight so his parents could go on a much appreciated overnight date night for the first time since before he was born. All but one of the images above are from our overnight with Gryffin at our VRBO.

And here is a family photo (taken by Peter) at the Cortez park on a cold wintery March Day with Gryffin being the star of the show.

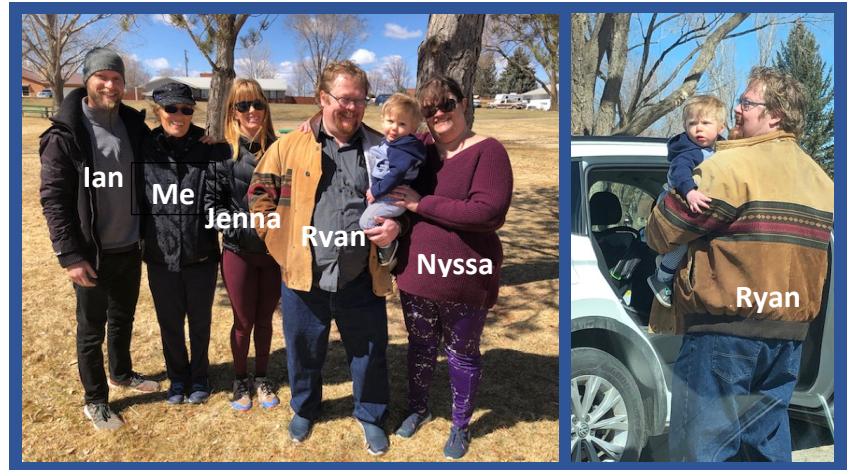
In a way you could say we had an early Easter/Birthday Celebration and we are still enjoying the after glow!

### Easter Inspiration

I came across this quote while getting the April Timings ready and thought it was perfect for celebrating Easter...

Resurrecting our ability to communicate

in ways that automatically connect us to the source of love and happiness! Mercury will be conjunct the Sun on April 18 (29 Aries) another powerful symbol for sourcing new ways of communicating.



*If you have good and loving thoughts for someone, you are not only sending uplifting and harmonizing messages to that person but also to yourself. This helps repair any short circuits that may exist in the universal grid of communication. When the main water pipe of a town becomes obstructed, all the homes are left without this life-giving nutrient.*

*In a similar way, a congested universal communication system prevents constructive energy from penetrating the collective consciousness of society and interrupts the flow of universal energy to you and your environment. It is up to each one of us to maintain or strengthen our links with nature and our fellow human beings.*

*By sincerely wishing them greater material and spiritual wealth, we automatically open our doors to receive the same or more. Because of our intent to give something from our heart, we connect automatically to the circuit of love, wealth and happiness. This allows us to draw from the very same source and become more loving, generous and happy ourselves. In other words, what you wish unto yourself, first wish unto others. (Excerpt from 'It's Time To Come Alive' by Andreas Moritz)*



### April 01 is All Fool's Day

The genesis of our current understanding of April Fool's Day grew out of the 1582 change in the calendar instituted by Pope Gregory shifting New Year's Day from the Spring Equinox to January 1. News traveled slowly in those days and for various reasons many continued to celebrate New Year's Day around the first of April. Those who did so became known as April Fools – as a way to pressure individuals into conforming to a calendar that was designed to focus awareness on left brain logic and promote materialism and commerce.



It has been highly successful not only in focusing consciousness on materialism but also in disconnecting us from the magical world including the natural cycles of the Earth and Sky. So today is a day for reclaiming what we have lost around the oh so magical connection to the natural cycles in ways that enhance our intuitive knowing and conscious connection to Great Mystery.

## April Sky Magic

**April 03 Moon occults Nunki (12 Capricorn 29) the vane of the Archer's Arrow (a.k.a Sagittarius – not the sign) in a series of occultations this year. More about Nunki <https://cayelincastell.com/nunki/>**

### All Planets are Moving Forward Most of April

On February 20 Mercury stationed direct creating 66 more days of all planets moving forward until Pluto stations retrograde on April 27. This is a total of 82 days of NO retrograde planets 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/>

**Mars is a Wild Card while Out of Bounds from March 21, 2021 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/>**

**April 6** Saturn (12 Aquarius) is shining at a +0.8 magnitude in the constellation of the Goat Fish (a.k.a Capricornus). Saturn rises around 4 AM daylight time followed around 20 minutes later by the waning Lunar Crescent Moon. The Moon is about 4 1/2° below Saturn in the morning twilight.

**April 7** the Moon passes Jupiter within about 5°. Jupiter is out of -2.1 magnitude shining much brighter than Saturn. Jupiter (25 Aquarius) is rising about two hours before the Sun and is about 15° above the horizon before the sunrises.



Apr 11 2021	New Moon	7:30:41 PM	PDT	22°Ar24' D
Apr 26 2021	Full Moon	8:31:23 PM	PDT	07°Sc06' D

**April 16** the Moon reappears in the evening sky passing within 5° of Mars by late on the 16<sup>th</sup> or early on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Both Moon and Mars are visible in the Sacred Hoop of Stars with the Moon between the horns of the Bull and Mar just beyond the horns of the bull near the galactic cross at the galactic edge passing this point on April 23!

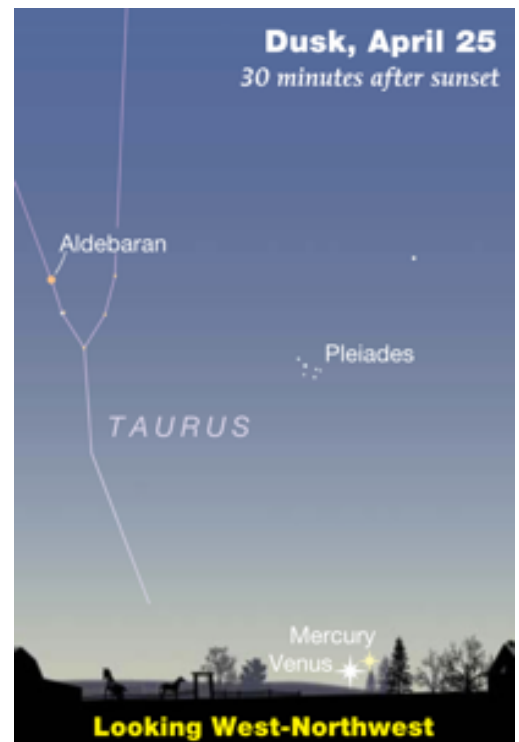
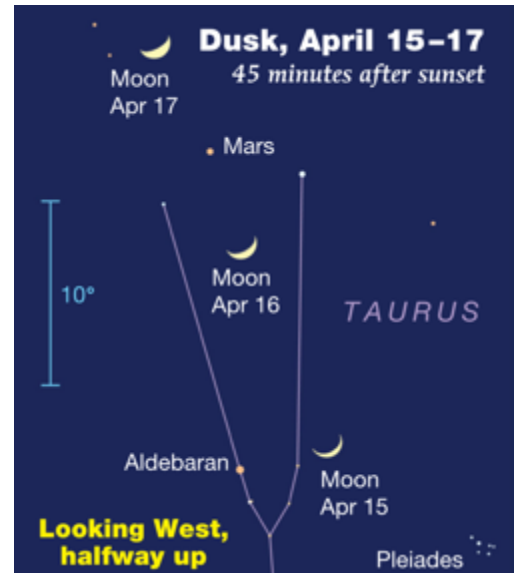
**The Moon occult's Mars on April 17** visible for those in India and Southeast Asia. Mars (26 Gemini) is still Out of Bounds and with the Moon occultation the energy is magnified along with our intentions especially noting how we are thinking beyond the cultural conditioning of what we are told is the way it is – the way it is supposed to be and who is really in charge of our reality. Ideally the Cosmic Warrior Mars on the world stage in Gemini near the Galactic Cross has the courage to find new ways to perceive reality and to act from greater compassion and creative FUN In Service to Spirit!

**April 18** According to Sky and Telescope magazine April 18 is a time when Venus may be visible in the evening sky though they also say it is somewhat arbitrary to say this is the date the Venus rises into the evening sky but they're suggesting that with a low horizon you may be able to see Venus with binoculars. Venus is at -3.9 magnitude about 4° above the horizon at sunset so seeing Venus then is most likely with binoculars – rather than naked eye observation.

Usually, astronomers assign naked eye visibility to a planet when it moves to 10° and beyond from the Sun. That is happening with Venus on May 3.

Venus will climb slowly into the evening sky over the next several months reaching greatest elongation from the Sun on October 29. Venus reaches its highest position above the horizon in early December for mid northern latitudes.

**Also on April 18 Mercury and the Sun (29 Aries)** are conjunct today suggesting Mercury is receiving an infusion of light energy to further fuel expansion of our perception through the expansive messenger energy of the current Mercury Cycle. See opening quote.



<b>Apr 3 2021</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>enters</b>	<b>Aries</b>
<b>Apr 14 2021</b>	<b>Venus</b>	<b>enters</b>	<b>Taurus</b>
<b>Apr 19 2021</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>enters</b>	<b>Taurus</b>
<b>Apr 19 2021</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>enters</b>	<b>Taurus</b>
<b>Apr 23 2021</b>	<b>Mars</b>	<b>enters</b>	<b>Cancer</b>



Out of Bounds Moon		
Apr 03 2021	25°Sg11'	-24°28'
Apr 04 2021	09°Cp07'	-25°24'
Apr 05 2021	22°Cp43'	-24°46'
Apr 18 2021	02°Cn17'	+25°15'
Apr 19 2021	14°Cn23'	+25°27'
Apr 20 2021	26°Cn45'	+24°25'
Apr 30 2021	20°Sg05'	-23°53'

Out of Bounds Planets <https://cayelincastell.com/wild-cards-or-the-out-of-bounds-planets/>

**Moon passes Regulus on April 21 and 22nd.** On April 26 the Moon is with Spica. Then on the 29th the Moon passes the royal star Antares (1.1 magnitude bright red star of the heart of the Scorpion) within 3 1/2° technically closest at 4:47 am Eastern daylight Time.

**April 25 Mercury** currently shining around -1.6 magnitude and about 1 1/2° to the upper right of Venus also returns to the evening sky and is with Venus today mark in the first of two encounters with Venus in the evening sky. Best viewed through binoculars.

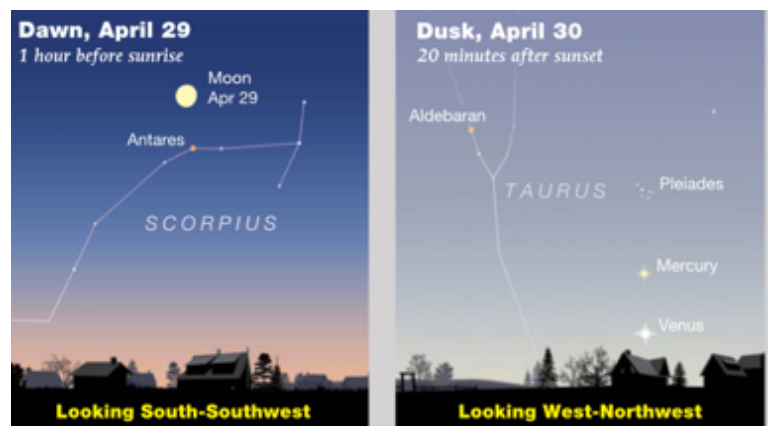


**All Planets Are Direct until April 27** when Pluto Stations retrograde. All the Planets have been direct since February 20, 2021 suggesting this has been a time for a Full Speed Ahead time - moving forward and/or taking inspired and decisive action toward a heart-felt intention. Find out more <https://cayelincastell.com/all-planets-moving-forward/> and <https://cayelincastell.com/planetary-stations-retrograde-and-direct/>

Apr 27 2021	Pluto	Retrograde	01:01 PM	MST	26°Cp48' R
Oct 6 2021	Pluto	Direct	11:29 AM	MST	24°Cp18' D

On the morning of April 30 Venus and Mercury are below the Pleiades.

This is worth seeing in the early morning sky if you have clear skies and a low horizon line.



## The Underworld Initiation Continues

The ancient sky watchers considered the visible planets to be in the Underworld when they were not visible in either the morning or evening sky. From their point of view, the Underworld was a place of profound initiation they welcomed and embraced.

In current times, the Underworld is often thought of as the hell realms and most people will do whatever they possibly can to avoid this dark, scary, uncomfortable, terrifying place. Unfortunately, this means they are missing out on connecting with their true power, purpose, and essence.

Consider that the visible planets when they are in the underworld (this month most notably Venus and Mercury) are actually traveling with the Sun, the source of light and life for our planet. When planets are with the Sun they are with the Source. This means there is the possibility of surrendering all the misconceptions and beliefs that hold us back and it is a time for embracing an alchemical transformative process that could change everything.

This month Venus (the divine feminine) and Mercury (the messenger) continue their underworld journey though may be visible in the evening sky later this month. (see above sky map)

**Baten Kaitos** In addition to the underworld imagery this month Venus is passing Baten Kaitos on April 8 and the Aries New Moon is with this star on April 11 and Mercury passes here on April 14.

<https://cayelincastell.com/baten-kaitos-and-the-belly-of-the-whale/>



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

No Previous Knowledge of Astrology Is  
Necessary to Be a Part of This Ceremonial Journey

The Journey Begins May 02, 2021

Details are here

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

**[Lyrida Meteor shower](#) peaks April 20-22.** These meteors are swift and bright - disintegrating after hitting our atmosphere. They move at a moderate speed of 29.8 miles per second and are known to produce visible observable luminous trains of dust for several seconds. This year's peak on the morning of April 22 will be less stunning due to the nearly Full Moon, yet worth checking out if you can.

To see any Lyrids through the Moonlight it is best to be far away from city lights looking into a dark sky. Ideally start observing after midnight until morning twilight. Best to look towards the bright summer triangle of the bright stars Altair, Deneb and Vega (shown below). As with nearly all meteor showers, it

is not necessary to look at the radiant (where the meteors appear to originate from) because these meteors can appear almost anywhere in the sky.



**Reminder:** All the events listed in the Celestial Timings 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 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 Ruperti  
(<http://www.earthwalkastrology.com/>)