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May 2021 Celestial Timings

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“The position of Sun and Moon on the Feast of Beltane”
is one, with a list of two hundred paired
figures laid out beneath.
Similar tables existed for
Hogmanay and Midsummer's Day,
and Samhainn, the Feast of All Hallows.
The ancient feasts of fire and Sun,
and Beltane's Sun would rise tomorrow.”
— Diana Gabaldon, [Dragonfly in Amber](#)

Hail to You, Great Sun.
Shining, Radiant
Nourishing all life on Earth
May All Life be Blessed by your
Life Giving Light



Beltane is the Gaelic **May Day festival** widely observed throughout Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Man. Most commonly celebrated on 1 May, Beltane is the seasonal cross-quarter between Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice.

The word Beltane means 'bright fire' or 'lucky fire' and in the Celtic seasonal year, Beltane celebrates the start of summer. In ancient traditions this was a time when all the fires were extinguished on the Eve of Beltane and new fires were lit at Beltane sunrise. Often these fires were lit on the hills and in the Standing Stone Circles or Stone Rings found on hilltops.

Astrological Beltane or Solar Beltane occurs on May 5 when the Sun reaches 15 degrees Taurus. Before calendars it was common to watch where the Sun was rising or setting along the horizon to know when to celebrate this High Holy Day. Many ancient Celtic traditions began their celebration of Beltane on the Full Moon or New Moon nearest Solar Beltane, and often the celebrations lasted until the next Full or New Moon over a two-week period. In 2021 the Beltane Full Moon was April 26 and the Beltane New Moon is May 11.

Hummingbird Magic

A few years ago I was putting together the May Timings when a Hummingbird appeared on the sidewalk in front of our sliding glass door. It was obviously stunned with wings outstretched. It seemed to be convulsing and I wondered if it was dying?



I sat beside this tiny creature and started speaking healing prayers and sending Reiki energy – either for recovery or to help it transition. I wasn't attached to the result. I just wanted to be supportive for whatever was happening and what was best for this tiny creature.

As I sat down beside the hummingbird, she (I would like to think she was a she) fell or tipped forward and was resting on her little beak. If it wasn't for the quivering in her tiny little body and seeing her eyes blinking I would have thought she was dead.

Peter (my BHE) did an internet search and discovered that sometimes giving sugar water to a stunned hummingbird can help with recovery. So he mixed up some sugar water and brought it to me while I maintained my vigil.



When the sugar water arrived, I placed the bowl under her beak but that didn't seem to do anything. So I put some on my finger and touched it to her beak.

The moment I touched her beak she quickly pulled her wings into her body as seen in the photos above. The sudden movement startled me but ultimately I was delighted she had responded.

A few more minutes passed, then she suddenly and simply took off and flew up to a tree about 15 feet away where she sat for another 10 minutes or so before flying away. You can see her sitting in the tree in the photo to the right.



This was an amazing experience to sit so closely to a hummingbird and to be witness to her recovery and in a way her resurrection.

I read somewhere that the hummingbird is a symbol of resurrection in the Andes Mountains of South America. The reason for this understanding is that hummingbirds seemingly become lifeless on cold nights and then spring back to life with the warmth of the rising Sun.

Essentially the Hummingbird is hibernating for the night, lowering its body temperature, and going into a dormant state. In this way the hummingbird is teaching us the importance of getting the rest we need and the importance of taking time to regenerate. This was an incredibly timely message that was not lost on me as I can always use more of that.



Having such a close encounter with this magical being I knew there was a message for me to share in connection to Beltane. I realized the message was mostly about Joy as that is the special medicine of Hummingbirds.

So I went to my “go to” book, *Animal Speak* by Ted Andrews, and learned that these tiny birds get their name from the hum or vibration that is created by the rapid beat of their wings and that their wings actually move in a figure 8 pattern – linking the infinity symbol of the past and future to our present moment.

Humming is actually a great way to balance the brain and support internal health and wellbeing as well as activate the vagus nerve and releasing oxytocin the feel good hormone.

In a way Hummingbird reminds us to notice the joy around us and then sing it out or find some way to give it voice.

This is timely because we are beginning the ascent of the Rainbow Goddess (Venus in Gemini Evening Star Cycle). Gazing on the full spectrum of light seen in rainbows including those we see in the sky, or in water fountains, or refracted through crystals is a suggested practice for the next few months.

AND synchronistically most hummingbirds have iridescent rainbow colors in their feathers. Plus, they collect nectar from a variety of colored flowers suggesting they have a strong connection to the magic of the colorful Rainbow. Interestingly, some tribal cultures consider hummingbirds to be bringers of rain and rainbows often follow rain.



Photo by Australian photographer Christian Spencer

I recognized back then after my hummingbird encounter that I was further connecting with Venus rainbow magic I had already been experiencing at that time. There is another magical story about a cave, the circle of grandmothers and an unexpected double rainbow located <https://cayelincastell.com/unexpected-rainbow-venus-magic/>

Also worth noting is one of the women in our Venus Class (back in 2014) posted her own magical story about her encounter with a hummingbird that also featured a double rainbow delighting everyone she shared it with from the inspiring perspective that magic is everywhere when we are open to it!

So... if you haven't signed-up yet and are interested in participating with the ceremonial Venus magic we have been creating with a truly amazing and present ceremonial group container use the link below. Details and sign-up <https://venusalchemy.com/gemini-evening-star-sales-page-2021/>



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with the New World Story Teller
Rainbow Gemini Goddess Initiation**

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The Journey Begins May 02, 2021
Details are here
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Rainbows and Hummingbirds

Returning to the Throat Chakra, it turns out that hummingbirds with their long bills or beaks and tongues have the ability to extract nectar from flowers while also helping to pollinate them. Without flowers hummingbirds could not live and without hummingbirds many flowers would not get pollinated. This is a cause-and-effect relationship where both need each other to exist.

Another reminder that we are all in this life together and we are all interconnected.

Plus, the hummingbird's ability to gather nectar speaks to the significance of the 'nectar' or 'sweetness' of life and the importance of being willing to experience and savor this joyous sweetness. In fact, it is vital and necessary for feeding our own souls.

The beauty, color, fragrance and herbal qualities of flowers are healing as the Hummingbird is well aware. That is why the hummingbird is able to teach us about the healing nectar that becomes our healing medicines such as flower essences and essential oils.



Hummingbirds fly everywhere they go. They cannot walk or hop but they can fly in every possible direction including backwards something no other bird can do. This means they can explore the past to extract the nectar or gifts available from what has been as well as in all the other multi-dimensional realms of time and space.

They can take off flying at high speed and then stop immediately mid-flight. These brave little birds are fierce warriors, unafraid of predators and according to *Animal Speak* have even been *known to chase away eagles*. They also chase each other as if fighting one another so they have gained a reputation for being warrior birds. However, researchers now feel that this aggressive behavior is more for exercise and fun than serious warfare.

These little birds love their freedom and they love to be alone unless of course it is mating season. Once mating has completed, males do not help raise the young, it is up to Mom to do that.

Usually, the mother hummingbird lays two eggs in her unique but well-designed nest. This reminds us to pay attention to our environment. Is it time to tidy up our space and bring more color and joy into our home?

Ted Andrews reminds us that the hummingbird *“is a symbol for accomplishing that which seems impossible. It will teach you how to find the miracle of joyful living from your own life circumstances.”*

This brings me back to the Beltane message I was working on before I encountered the hummingbird at my door all those years ago.

Joyfully BE Yourself!

More about Beltane and Be-ing yourself

<https://cayelincastell.com/beltane-the-astrological-cross-quarter/>



Messages from Hummingbird through key words and phrases

- Good Luck Messenger
- Healer – taking our prayers to the Creator
- Joy is our natural birthright
- Gratitude, Magic, Love, Honesty, Freedom, Playfulness
- Healing the past to more joyfully live in the present
- Inter-dimensional travel (soul travel)

May 2021 Sky Events

Summary (with more details below)

Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower May 4

Solar Beltane May 5

Moon, Mars, Venus, Mercury are Out of Bounds

Sun Pleiades and the Solar Zenith <https://cayelincastell.com/sun-pleiades-zenith/>

This month 2 planets turn retrograde. Saturn on May 23 and Mercury on May 29.

Jupiter enters Pisces on May 13 stationing retrograde on June 20 so will re-enter Aquarius on July 28 returning to Pisces in December.

Venus and Mercury both pass the Pleiades and are activating the Shekinah in the evening sky making their closest (possibly visible) conjunction until 2033 (see star map at the end)

May 20 the Sun enters Gemini and this date features the Solar Zenith with Sun and Pleiades.

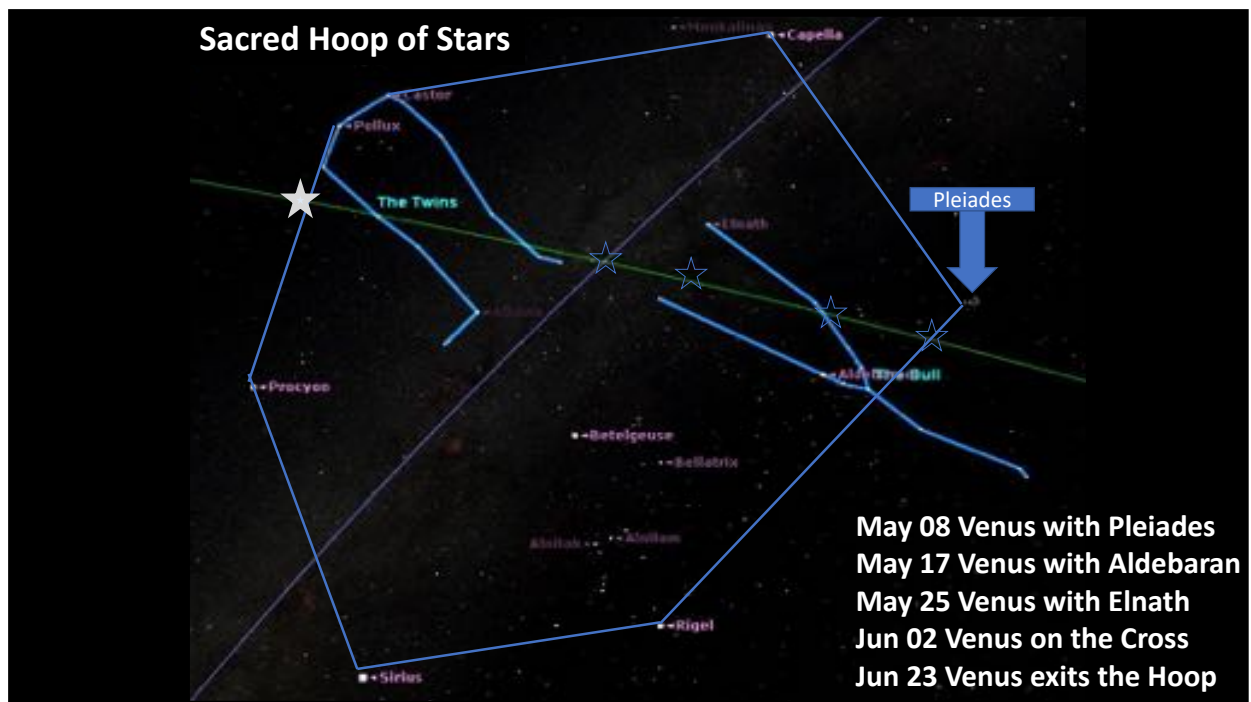
<https://cayelincastell.com/sun-pleiades-zenith/>

May 23 Saturn stations retrograde. <https://cayelincastell.com/saturn-in-aquarius/>

May 26 Features a Total Lunar Eclipse and the closest to the Earth or Perigee Full Moon of 2021

Venus is traveling through the Sacred Hoop of Stars entering Gemini on May 8 and leaving around June 22.

The Sacred Hoop of Stars <https://cayelincastell.com/the-sacred-hoop-of-stars/> (as they were known to the Lakota Sioux and other Plains Indians) are dropping lower in the western 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 placing Aldebaran within the Hoop. 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 (00 Cancer) is currently located.

Venus is technically rising into the evening sky on May 3 though won't be visible to many unless you have a low horizon line and clear skies. Venus is nearing the Pleiades with the exact conjunction taking place on May 8. This is the time of year when it is difficult to see the Pleiades low on the western horizon after sunset.



Gemini Evening Star Root Chakra Gate

May 02 and 22 Mayan Jaguar Day		May 5 is Solar Beltane
May 03 Mercury Enters Gemini	With the Pleiades.	May 20 is the Solar Zenith
May 08 Venus Enters Gemini		At Chichen Itza when the Sun is
May 10 Mercury Conjunct Aldebaran	10 Gemini	Conjunct the Pleiades directly over the
May 11 Taurus New Moon Near Pleiades	21 Taurus	Serpent Pyramid
May 11 Mars (11 Cancer) Squares Chiron	(11 Aries)	
May 12 Venus Moon conjunction	05 Gemini within 5 degrees of Aldebaran	
May 13 Jupiter Enters Pisces		
May 17 Venus conjunct the North Node	10 Gemini	
May 26 Total Lunar Eclipse	05 Sagittarius	
May 28 Venus Mercury conjunction	25 Gemini	
May 29 Mercury Stations Retrograde	25 Gemini	
June 02 Venus Enters Cancer on the Galactic Cross at the Galactic Edge		
June 10 Gemini New Moon	20 Gemini	
June 11 Venus Moon Sacral Chakra Gate	12 Cancer	

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Details and sign-up for the Ascent of Venus
as the Rainbow Goddess, New World Story Teller

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By May 17 Venus catches up to Aldebaran and the North Node of the Moon in a rare alignment that won't occur in this same way for 243 years. These short videos explain more. This one is about the number magic of 243 <https://youtu.be/i8CxvKJu1T4> This one is about Venus and the North Node <https://youtu.be/h6dbngQokc8> This one is about the Nodes in Gemini <https://youtu.be/NiDvSsbYhNQ>

Tuning into this alignment is a powerful way to connect with the incoming light codes, featuring our emerging destiny, that are being amplified by Venus and the Moon on May 12. Many ancient cultures looked to this area of the sky for special Celestial Events to let them know when the ages were shifting as described below.

The Great Bull of Heaven is linked with the end of each of the four ages; (the bull it is said) withdraws one of its hooves from the ground. When all are free the foundations of the world will be destroyed. Shiva's 'perfect horn' is the crescent Moon. The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet is 'aleph', which means "bull", and is the symbol of the Moon in its first week and also the name of the sign of the zodiac where the Moon's mansions begin (ELIT p.178). Many letters of the alphabet, hieroglyphs and ideograms are simultaneously associated with the phases of the Moon and with the bull's horns, the latter often compared with the crescent Moon.

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

6,500 years ago the ancients knew we were at a Turning of an Age when they saw the Crescent Moon near the Horns of the Bull at the Spring Equinox. We are now one quarter turn of the 26,000 year wheel later when the Summer Solstice is located where the Spring Equinox was 6,500 years ago.

Clearly it is no accident that we have chosen to be here on Earth at this time as witness to this grand cosmic unfolding. Our conscious participation, appreciation and awareness of these events helps determine what is now seeking manifestation through what we are imagining and energizing in our hearts.

As Carl Jung reminded us it is essential as conscious participants with this significant turning of the great galactic wheel that we “dream the dream onward”

Mars is STILL a Wild Card while Out of Bounds until May 24, 2021 at 07:45 pm PST (maximum is 24 degrees 53)

Mercury is entering a Wild Card Phase going out of Bounds on May 07, 2021 at 10:20 am PDT until May 29, 2021 at 10:15 pm PDT (maximum is 25 degrees 14)

Find out More <https://cayelincastell.com/wild-cards-or-the-out-of-bounds-planets/>

Out of Bounds Moon In May

Listed in order of Date, Sign/Degree, Declination

May 01 04° Cp38' -25°27' **May 02** 18° Cp47' -25°17'

May 15 29° Ge15 +25°06' **May 16** 11° Cn15'+25°38' **May 17** 23° Cn26' +24°56'

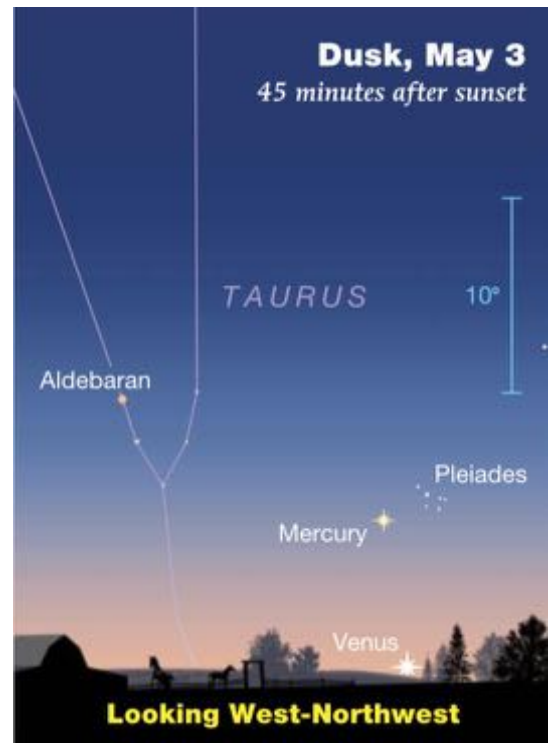
May 28 28° Sg31' -25°02' **May 29** 13° Cp15' -25°36' **May 30** 27° Cp36' -24°25'

Mercury is featured this month offering a great opportunity to see this elusive planet and is passing close to the Pleiades star cluster **while Out of Bounds from May 7 to May 29**. As twilight fades look to the WNW to see Mercury shining brightly at -0.9 magnitude.

Although Mercury climbs higher into the evening sky over the coming weeks it is getting dimmer at the same time.

Mercury is furthest from the Sun on May 17 (greatest elongation in the evening sky) and about 11° above the horizon in the West northwest 45 minutes after sunset. This is an event that always signals the approaching Mercury Retrograde happening May 29 <https://cayelincastell.com/mercury-retrograde/>

Plus Mercury and Venus are together when Mercury stations retrograde. Not exactly what the return of the Shekinah originally symbolized when Mercury and Venus were seen together in the morning sky every 8 years around the Spring Equinox but worthy of our attention anyway.



Mercury and Venus are within 10 degrees 2021 from April 15 until June 06 with 2 exact conjunctions on:

Apr 25 at 13 Taurus 47 (Inanna Underworld and both direct)

May 28/29 at 24 Gemini 42 (both evening sky as Mercury is stationing Retrograde)

Mercury Stations retrograde with Venus on May 29 at 25 Gemini.

<https://cayelincastell.com/venus-and-mercury-return-of-the-shekinah/>

Venus May 23, 2021 at 08:05 am PDT until Jun 18, 2021 at 02:12 am PDT

(maximum is 24 degrees 26)

May 1 The Moon occults Nunki <https://cayelincastell.com/nunki/>

May 3 Venus is really close to the Pleiades within 2° of Alcyone the main star at the center of the cluster but it may take binoculars to see them. Mercury remains close to the Pleiades over the next three nights moving beyond 5° by May 6.

May 4 (a.k.a. Stars Wars Day – May the 4th be with you!) and May 5 is when the Eta Aquarids peak in 2021 on the exact cross-quarter day with a waning crescent Moon in the morning sky. Best time to see these meteors is the hours before dawn on May 5 but also on May 4 and 6 when the greatest number are likely to be visible

In the northern USA and Canada, or northern Europe – the meteor numbers are much fewer. In the southern half of the USA, up to 10 to 20 meteors per hour may be visible under a dark sky.

This is likely the best meteor shower of the year for those in the Southern Hemisphere with as many as 30 to 40 meteors per hour.

Best viewing time is around 4 a.m. local time and the hour or two hours before dawn when the most meteors are likely.

<http://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide>

May 12 Moon and Venus come together as the two brightest objects in the night sky. The closer Venus and the Moon are to each other the more amazing the conjunction is visually.

You don't want to miss this one as around 8 PM (for those in daylight time) the Moon and Venus are within 1.5 degrees of each other. This is about 1 1/2 Moon widths that are separating Venus and the razor thin Lunar Crescent New Moon. (The Moon is only 1% illuminated about 29 hours after the Sun Moon conjunction a.k.a. the New Moon.



Venus and the Moon are low in the WNW in bright twilight about an hour after sunset so best possibility is to see them both is with a low horizon line and binoculars can also help.

May 13 the Moon and Mercury have a close encounter. The Moon is just 3° to the left of Mercury. Mercury has faded and Venus is shining at a -3.9 magnitude. Now the Moon is 10° higher than Venus and the Lunar Crescent is also bigger and brighter. This means it will be easier to see as it's higher above the horizon in the afterglow of the sunset.

AND Jupiter enters Pisces returning to Aquarius later this year. Aquarius says: *When the mind is open – Wisdom can enter!* Pisces says: *When the mind and heart are open – Wisdom is alive and felt within.*

May 15 the Moon catches up to Mars and is the easiest of the three planetary conjunctions to view. Mars shines at magnitude 1.6. The Moon is within 39 minutes to the right of Mars for those observing from the West Coast. Those on the East Coast will see Mars within a one and a half degrees as it sets in the west.

Wednesday, May 26 is a Full Moon Total Lunar Eclipse at perigee Meaning it is closest to the Earth.

During a total lunar eclipse the shadow of the Earth passes over the face of the Moon meaning we are looking at our own shadow.

This is a mega super Moon meaning that it is not only an eclipse but is also a pair of gym in activating the tides and weather patterns on the earth.

This is the first total lunar eclipse in more than two years. However, totality is short lasting only 18.4 minutes. Many total lunar eclipses last up to almost 2 hours.

The Moon reaches perigee about 9 1/2 hours before the center point of the eclipse. This means the Moon is about 8% larger than usual.

Here is a 4 minute video on the time acceleration effect that comes with a Total Lunar Eclipse <https://youtu.be/GhU4uoait8>

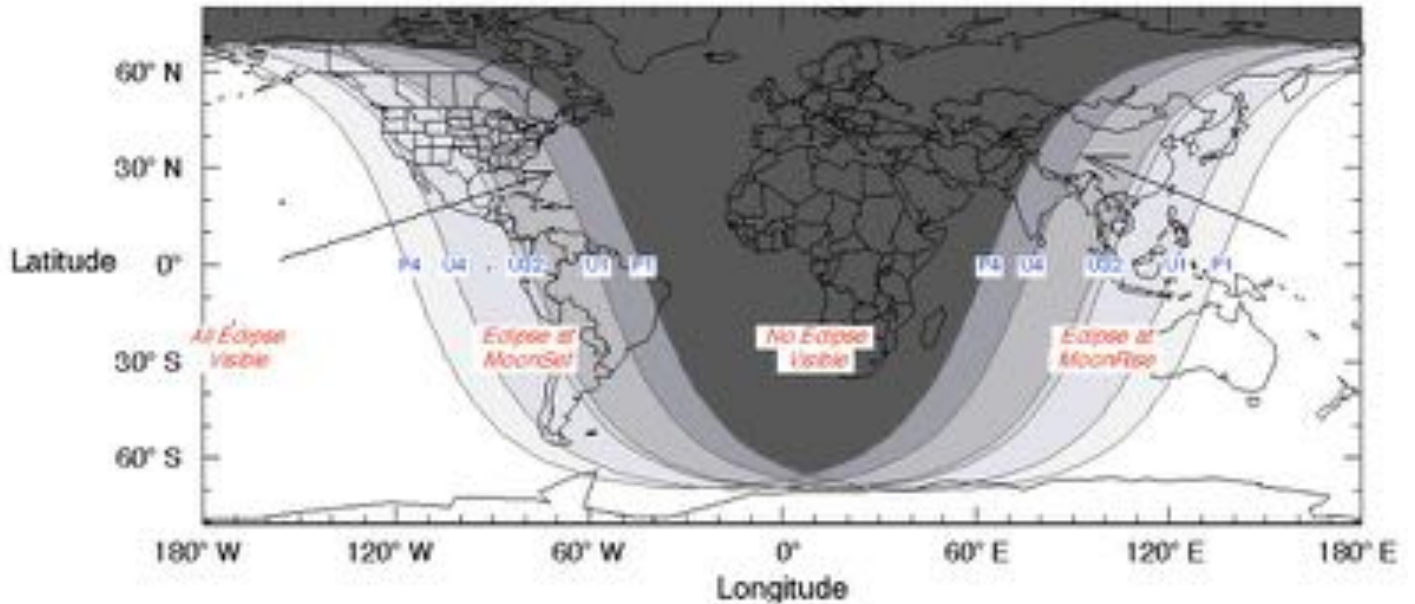


May 11 2021	New Moon	11:59:38 AM	PDT	21°Ta17' D
May 26 2021	Full Moon T eclipse	4:13:43 AM	PDT	05°Sg25' D
Jun 10 2021	New Moon A eclipse	3:52:29 AM	PDT	19°Ge47' D

Totality is visible from the western half of North America, western South America, east Asia and Australia. Across the continental US and Canada the Moon will hang low in the southwest so be sure to find a location with an open view in that direction to make the most of this event.

Those on the East Coast will only begin to see the shadow of the Moon. Midwest will see about half the Lunar disk darkening before the Moon sets.

In California the Moon exits the camera while it's still a comfortable 14° above the horizon around the start of dawn. The eclipsed Moon is visible in the head of the Scorpion roughly midway between Graffias a.k.a. beta Scorpii (see image on previous page of the Scorpion constellation).



Friday, May 28 Mercury reached greatest elongation from the Sun on May 17th and has been diving toward the horizon ever since. Mercury is less than half a degree from Venus and though an amazing visual Mercury has now dimmed to 2.3 magnitude and is being out shown by Venus by an astonishing 300 times.





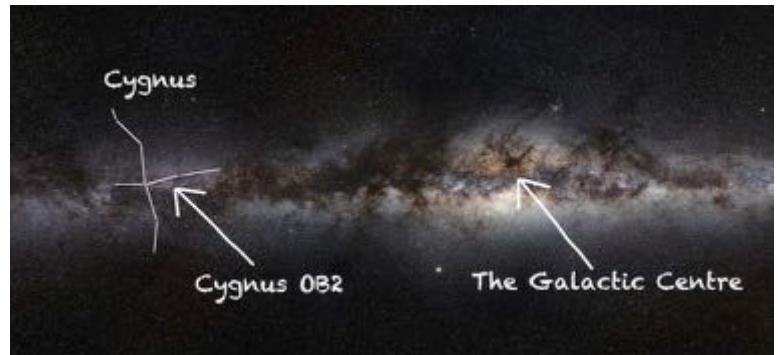
Monday, May 31 the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn are visible in the morning sky. Jupiter and Saturn are within about 18° of each other and the waning gibbous Moon is positioned between them about 5.5° below and to left of Saturn.

Jupiter shines at -2.4 magnitude from the western edge of the constellation of the Waterbearer.

Saturn is $+0.6$ magnitude in the constellation of the Goatfish. Both planets are high enough at dawn for good naked eye view.

Stars worth noting in the Night Sky this Month

This month the Milky Way is seen lying flat around the horizon so not clearly visible unless you look up to the Northeast highest part in Cygnus the Swan. However this position of the Milky Way gives us the sense of the Plane of the Galaxy. Plus, when looking Northeast toward Cygnus Galactic Center is to your right.



Also prominent this month is the constellation of the Virgin Priestess (a.k.a. Virgo) containing seven main stars. The most visible star in this group is the bright bluish white star Spica, meaning "spike of grain" reminding us we reap what we sew.

The Stellar Triangle is a perfect 30-60-90 degree right triangle and includes Regulus (in the constellation of the Lion), Spica (in the constellation of the Virgin Priestess) and Arcturus (in the constellation of Bootes).



Once each month the Moon illuminates Regulus and a few days later passes by Spica further energizing the lights codes from these stars. This is happening May 19 at the Last Quarter Moon (29 Leo) within one degree of Regulus (0 Virgo) and then the Moon catches up to Spica around May 23.



The image above features another triangle with Spica, Arcturus and Denebola the tail of the Lion becoming becoming more visible this month rising later in the evening marking the tail of the Lion and featuring the bright star Denebola, 43 light years away.

Orion and the Hyades are located inside the Sacred Hoop and are easily spotted this time of year. 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!

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.

<http://cayelincastell.com/the-sacred-hoop-of-stars/>

Planets Changing Signs

May 3 2021	Mercury	enters	Gemini
May 8 2021	Venus	enters	★ Gemini
May 13 2021	Jupiter	enters	Pisces
Dec 28 2021	Jupiter	enters	Pisces
May 20 2021	Sun	enters	Gemini

May <u>23</u> 2021	Saturn	Retrograde	02:19 AM	MST	13°Aq31' R
Oct <u>10</u> 2021	Saturn	Direct	07:17 PM	MST	06°Aq52' D

May <u>29</u> 2021	Mercury	Retrograde	03:34 PM	MST	24°Ge43' R
Jun <u>22</u> 2021	Mercury	Direct	03:00 PM	MST	16°Ge07' D

