

Welcome to the March 2018 first edition of SAMS Monthly Timings from Three Members of the SAMS Executive Council Viola Goodwin, Mary Kern and Kate Rusko

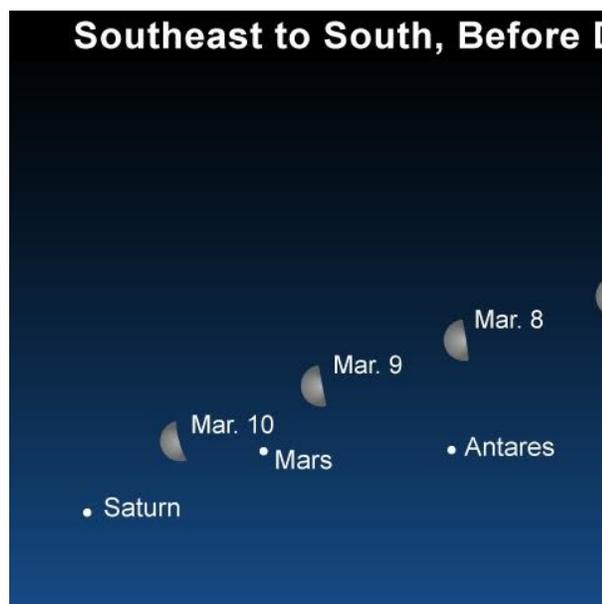
Our goal is to provide an overview from a Shamanic Astrology Perspective of what is happening in the March Sky. All times are for the Pacific Time Zone (changing from Standard Time (PST) to Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) March 11. Arizona and Hawaii do not change to Daylight Time.

March Overview

Looking southeast to south, **March opens with a stunning array of pre-dawn planets including Saturn, Mars, and Jupiter.** Pluto is also there but low on the horizon and not visible to the naked eye. Throughout March you can watch as **Mars approaches Saturn until they are conjunct on March 29th.** The Moon will join pass this array March 7-10.

March has two full moons. On March 1st the moon is full and will be for a second time this month on March 31st. Mercury and Venus are very closely conjunct in Pisces in the Evening Sky as they arise from the underworld. By March 6th, both planets enter Aries.

March 20th marks the **Spring Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the Autumnal Equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.**



Shamanic Astrology Timings for March 1 - 10, 2018 by Viola Goodwin

March 1, Thursday: The month starts with the **Sun in Pisces shining on the Full Moon in Virgo, the Sign of the High Priestess.** In Shamanic Astrology the Sun represents our energetic signature. Pisces energy is watery and compassionate. Here, the Moon is flooded with that compassionate energy as we celebrate the archetype of the High Priests and Priestesses, the ones who know how to reflect on current patterns and choose what to do next to restore sacred balance.

Venus, also in Pisces until March 6th, arises from the Underworld for the next leg of her [Inanna journey](#) in the evening sky. As she returns, she has a few days to reflect on unconditional compassion and love before stepping into the Aries Archetype of the Wild Woman, the Amazon Warrior fighting for a noble cause. ([p. 94, The Shamanic Astrology Handbook](#)). Uranus is at Aries and will be until mid-May. Neptune is in Pisces.

March 2, Friday: Those who live in the Southern Hemisphere will probably be able to see **Jupiter, Mars, and Saturn** rise into the Night Sky earlier than in the Northern Hemisphere where it might be easier to get up early than to stay up light for the spectacular view.

Mercury and Venus are visible to the west in the early evening if you have a low western horizon. They're conjunct by less than 2° and exactly conjunct on March 4th. They will dance closely across Aries for most of March, separating when Mercury goes retrograde on March 24th.



If you haven't heard about the **Humanity Star**, you might want to [check it out here](#). Launched on January 21st, it spins as it orbits the Earth creating a flashing light effect as the panels reflect the Sun's rays back to Earth. The launching of commercial objects into orbit is the subject of growing debate. You can read about it and find out when it's visible in your Night Sky at [The Humanity Star](#).

March 3, Saturday: The **Moon enters Libra** shortly after midnight and leaves Libra March 5th at about 5:23 AM. The Libra Moon (partnerships, relationships) reflects the compassionate Pisces light of the Sun. Are you giving too much in your relationship(s)? Too little? Are you more or less committed to the relationship than another? What is the most compassionate perspective you can bring to bear on the circumstance?

March 4, Sunday: The **Moon passes Spica (23°Libra08')** today and is exactly conjunct at 6:41 PM. Still below the eastern horizon, the exact conjunction won't be visible in the Northern Hemisphere This is a time to pause and connect with your higher self. If there is something in your current situation that is unclear to you, you might experience some intuitive insight about it at this time.

March 5 and 6, Monday and Tuesday: The waning **Moon enters Scorpio at about 5:23 AM and Mercury enters Aries at 11:34 PM on March 5th**. At 4:26 PM, March 6th **Venus continues to conjunct Mercury by about 1° as she moves into Aries** and ascends from the underworld to her **First Gate meeting with the Moon on March 18th**. Here are some great resources to learn more about the [Inanna Journey of the Aries Goddess](#) and the [Living Wisdom of the Inner Planets](#) Venus, Mercury, and Mars. Both start this month.

The **Moon passes Zubenelgenubi and Zubenelshamali** at 9:53 AM and 10:25 AM, respectively, and joins Jupiter, Mars, and Saturn in the late night and early morning hours of the next few days. Zubenelgenubi (Beta Librae) and Zubenelshamali (Alpha Librae), the two brightest stars in The Scale, represent the beam of the scale in most graphic images but are also associated with the pans.

March 7, Wednesday: The **Moon enters Sagittarius at about 2:03 PM and is square Venus (3 Pisces 21) by 8:37 PM**. **March 8, Thursday:** Venus still pondering compassion, she has the opportunity to find her truth before moving into Aries.

On March 8th the **Moon passes Antares (10 Sagittarius 01)** at 9:45 AM. About two hours later the **Moon is conjunct Mars at 11 Sagittarius 03**. The Moon illuminates the potential for Mars to explore some new territory, broaden horizons, ponder meaning and purpose, and find his own truth.

March 9, Friday: The **Last Quarter Moon 18 Sagittarius 50 at 3:22 AM**. **Mercury (06 Sagittarius 03) is square Saturn (06 Capricorn 03)**. Can Saturn (limitations and boundaries) and Capricorn (responsibility) conspire to provide the container for Mercury to offer new ways of intuiting and communicating about what's happening in our world today?

March 10, Saturday: Moon enters Capricorn at 1:52 AM. There may be a greater awareness of responsibilities or of what does or does not work. The Capricorn Moon supports attending to details and finding satisfaction in the results. However, with the **Moon and Mars trine Uranus** at 25 Aries 19 there may be a few minor surprises. **Mercury 06 Aries 03 squares Saturn 06 Capricorn 03 at 3:31 PM.**

Shamanic Astrology Timings for March 11-20, 2018 by Mary Kern

March 11, Sunday: The Capricorn Moon is at Perigee, meaning it is closest to the Earth at 2:13am PDT.

The Moon (12 Capricorn 51) is passing by the blue white star, Nunki, located on the shaft of the arrow in the constellation of the Archer. This star points toward the center of the galaxy and has a powerful connection with the wisdom, information and awareness from the galactic Center. (from Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing by Michael Smulkis And Fred Rubinfeld).

At 9:15pm PDT the Moon (12 Capricorn 51) conjuncts Pluto (20 Capricorn 51) illuminating the gifts of Pluto to bring out the Capricorn shadow. A major shadow of Capricorn is the addiction to doing. Take time to ask yourself, "Am I over-doing and what is my motivation for doing?" Is it because you are fearful of not having enough, being enough, or avoiding what you don't want to feel? We live in a culture of over-doing and under-feeling. What are you *not doing* because you are afraid you may fail?

This is a time to take a **deeper** look at your life and reflect on where to make some changes. Pluto is here to support your greatest possibility of empowerment by facing up to any fears that may be limiting your choices or **where you may be** overdoing because of a mis-perception. Magic can happen with more life force available and an open door to all possibilities once you surrender and make the conscious choice to do what you love most!

March 12, Monday: The **Moon moves into the air sign Aquarius.** This can bring innovation and original ideas to help you gain insight and get a cosmic perspective on your life. This is the time to explore unconventional and unique ideas. What a great time to brainstorm or ask yourself, "Where are my ways of thinking stuck?" "What new ideas can I give my focus to?"

To add even more potency to this the **Moon (24 Capricorn 41) in Aquarius it is square to Uranus (26 Aries 27)** at 8:36am PDT. Uranus is the resonate energy of Aquarius adding even more revolutionary potency.

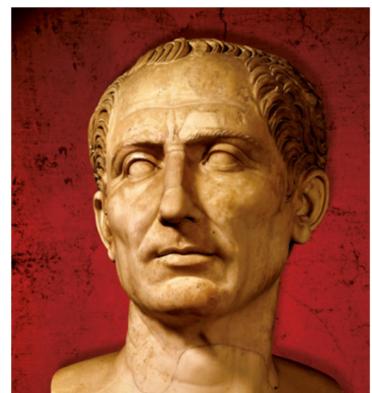
March 13, Tuesday: Venus (8 Aries 08) squares Saturn (8 Capricorn 08) at 5:39am PDT. Saturn is asking Venus how she will use her powers to help change the world and set up new guidelines that will sustain and protect the next seven generations to come.

From the realm of Capricorn elder wisdom Venus is being directed to powerfully use her elder wisdom to benefit our ailing world.

March 15, Thursday: The **Moon moves into Pisces** energizing the mysteries of mystical connection with the divine.

Today marks the Ides of March a day on the Roman calendar corresponding to March 15. The Romans had religious observances and a deadline for settling debts on this day.

In 44 BC, this day became famous as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar marking a turning point in Roman history that helped transition the Roman Republic



to the Roman Empire. The quote from Shakespeare's tragedy *Julius Caesar* (1599) tells of a soothsayer who tells Julius Caesar that his life is in danger, and he needs to be beware the **Ides of March**.

The Ides of any month occurred near the midpoint of each month (March was originally the first month of the year for the Romans). For most months this midpoint was on the 13th, but for March, May, July, and October it was the 15th. The original Roman Calendar was based on the lunar movements and the Ides were supposed to be determined by the Full Moon, so the Ides of March would have been the first Full Moon of the new year.

Mercury at 18.4 degrees East is at its **Greatest Elongation**, or the maximum angle that can occur between the Sun and Mercury or any planet. In this case it is the angle East of the Sun so Mercury is in the Evening Sky.

Mars (28 Sag 44) is conjunct the star **Acumen** (28 Sag 47) and according to Isaac Mozenon, author of "The Word", Acumen means "sting" in Latin and is located at the stinger of the Scorpion Constellation. In Hebrew Acumen means "smart" relating to the hurt of a sting as well as mental intellect.

In Indo-European and Edenic the root word means enemy or one who rises up against you. Acumen is also a Latin word meaning mental acute-ness as well as a point and a sting. Perhaps Mars, representing the Divine Masculine, is encountering a download to enhance mental acuity or will encounter a very pointed event that opens his mind.

March 16, Friday: The Moon in Pisces (13 Pisces 26) conjuncts Neptune (14 Pisces 23) at 6:47am PDT. Neptune is about illusions that we may believe to be true and the Moon's Illumination may bring clarity to what has been confused or hidden from view.

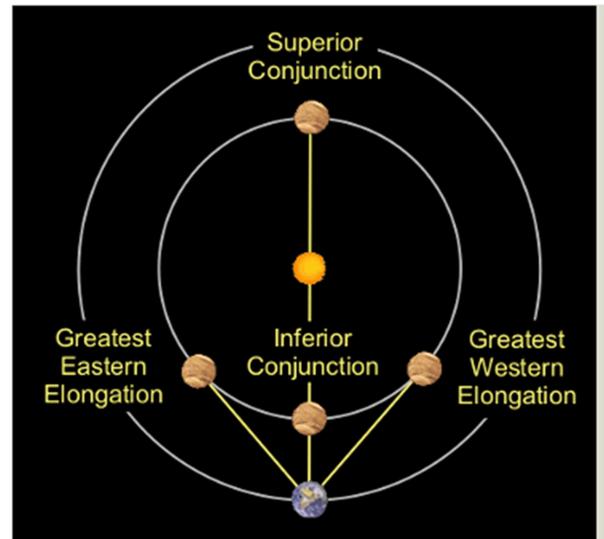


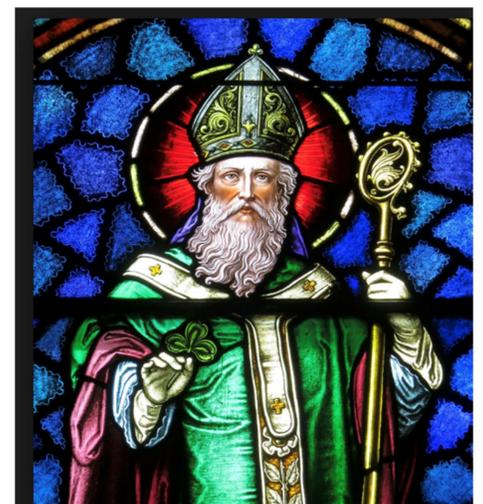
Fig 3: Elongation Configurations of an Inferior Planet

Neptune is also about compassion, universal love, and radical forgiveness. This Pisces Moon is resonant energy with the energy of Neptune thus a double illumination of the Neptune/Pisces mysteries are available to us at this time.

March 17, Saturday: the Feast of Saint Patrick is celebrated on what was thought to be the day of his death. Saint Patrick is the primary saint of Ireland along with Saint Bridget. Though not from Ireland, he converted Ireland to Christianity.

The Pisces New Moon (26 Pisces 53) is exact at 6:12am PDT. The New Moon always occurs when the Moon and Sun are together in the same sign. This is the closest New Moon to the Spring Equinox and is a seed point for setting new intentions concerning the Pisces Mysteries of compassion, radical forgiveness and unconditional love.

Mars moves into Capricorn at 9:41am PDT and the **Moon moves into Aries** at 11:57am PDT.



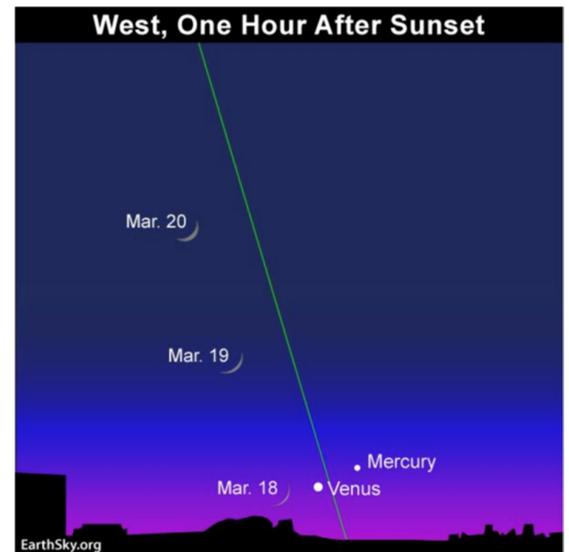
Capricorn assists Mars in bringing into form all that has been learned up to this point during its current 26 month journey and continues to unveil the shadow of the Divine Masculine. Capricorn infuses Mars with the more serious nature of the wise elders and helps Mars to apply any new truth learned into new guidelines and tools needed for solving current problems in the collective.

The Moon moving in Aries is a call to action and to commit to whatever you are called to defend. What actions do you need to take to fulfill your intentions and how can you begin this now?

March 18, Sunday: The Moon conjuncts Venus at (14 Aries 18) at 2:58pm PDT, catching up to conjunct Mercury (15 Aries 32) at 4:47pm PDT with the star Algenib (9 Aries 11). Algenib is a 3rd magnitude star that forms the southeast corner of the square of the Pegasus, or wing on the side of the horse. Meditating on this star directly is said to stimulate creative visualization according to Michael Smulkis and Fred Rubenfeld of **Starlight Elixirs and Cosmic Vibrational Healing**.

Venus, representing the Divine Feminine, is with Mercury, the planet of the Mind. Escorted by Mercury and Algenib, Venus may well be getting an infusion from Algenib bestowing even greater attributes of a penetrating mind, strong will and determination that Algenib is known to support. (Fixed Stars and their Interpretation by Ebertin-Hoffmann.)

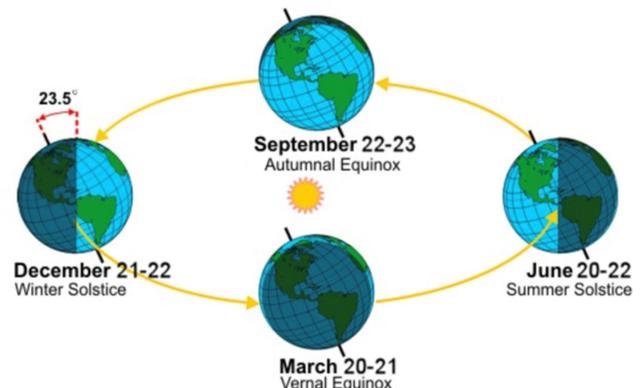
This is the first **Venus Moon Gate** at the root chakra as The Queen of Heaven ascends in the sky more empowered as the Aries Goddess. To learn more about this amazing journey of Venus ascending through the sky while clearing and elevating the energy centers of the Human Psyche or collective consciousness be sure to join Cayelin Castell and Tami Brunk in Venus Alchemy at Arise & Ascend Aries Goddess. [Aries Venus Cycle Journey](#)



March 19, Monday: At 9:02pm PDT, Mercury (16 Aries 05) is conjunct Venus (15 Aries 32). The Moon conjuncts Uranus (26 Aries 49) at 12:29pm PDT and moves into Taurus at 6:07pm PDT. What revolutionary, unique and novel vision from Uranus will the Moon expand and illuminate for Mercury and Venus?

March 20, Tuesday: Vernal or Spring Equinox. The word **Equinox** comes from a Latin word meaning “Equal Nights”. This is one of two times each year that the Sun is overhead at the equator and the length of sunlight and darkness are the same all over the planet.

On this day, at 9:16am PDT the **Sun** moves into **Aries** crossing the 0 Aries point or Vernal Equinox point in the sky, a time of renewal in the northern hemisphere.



Celebrated as “Persian New Year” or “New Day” in Iran and other Middle East and Asian cultures a 13-day spring festival falls on or in close proximity to this Vernal Equinox in March and is thought to have been part of the Zoroastrian religion. Other cultures celebrated the New Year following the first New Moon after the Vernal Equinox, later in March.

The Moon is conjunct the star Hamal (7 Taurus 42). According to EarthSky.org, Hamal is an ancient equinox star also known as Alpha Varieties. It shines as the brightest star in the Ram. If it was possible to view the Sun and Hamal in the daytime, we would see them line up in a conjunction on or near April 24th, both heavenly bodies due South at noon.

2500 years ago on the March Equinox the Sun and Hamal were conjunct. Due to the procession of the Equinoxes and Solstices where the backdrop of constellations move 1 degree every 72 years (twice the diameter of the Sun) this conjunction now takes place about a month later.

From 2,000 BC to 100 BCE the March equinox Sun rose in front of the the constellation of the Ram. Today the sun shines in front of the constellation of the Fish on the March equinox. (Bruce McClure, Astronomy Essentials 11/24/2017, history.com).

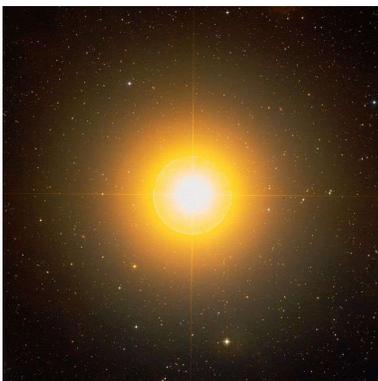
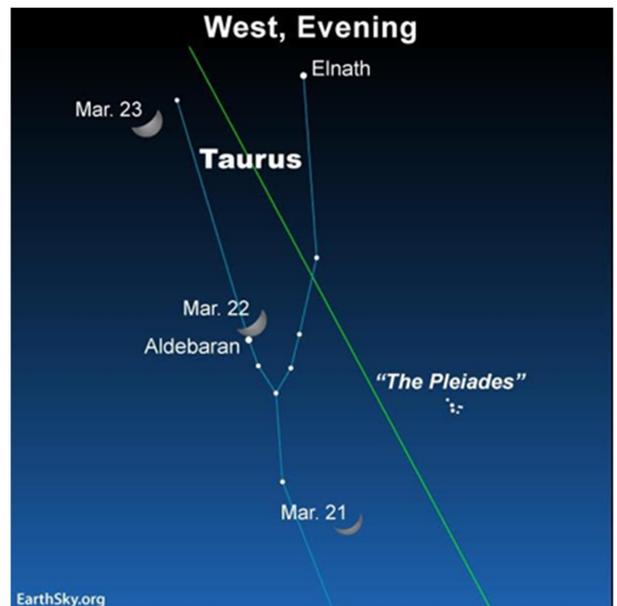
And **Uranus is catching up to the star Al Pherg (26 Aries 51)** the double star in the cord below the tail of the Northern fish in the Fish Constellation. Though dim, Al Pherg is the brightest star in The Fish.

Shamanic Astrology Timings for March 21-31, 2018 by Kate Rusko

March 21, Wednesday: The Moon is in Taurus opposing Jupiter in Scorpio. How is our path to mastery of the capacity to respond to desire, to go beyond our personal edge, to feel the most we can feel (Scorpio), illuminated by our ability to receive and our capacity for intimacy (Taurus)?

Scorpio wants to go to the edge, and possibly beyond - it risks. Taurus wants to maintain, stabilize through receiving. Can we find the balance between the two?

Mercury is still stationing: the station period can be most challenging as Mercury loves to move, and move quickly at that. With Mercury at this station point and Mars closing in on Saturn, there could be a frustrating feeling of limited, constricted action. A feeling of wanting to accomplish, to produce the results (Capricorn and Aries are results oriented), yet not feeling the backing or inspiration to do so.



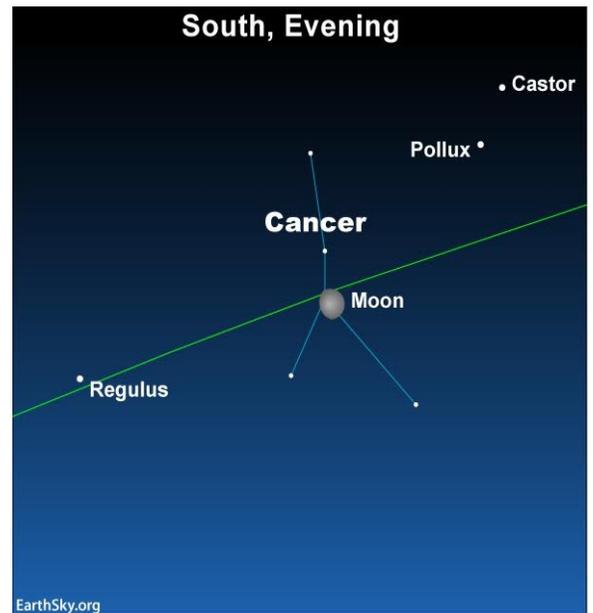
March 22, Thursday: Mercury goes Retrograde in the sign of Aries until April 15th. This mercury is already impulsive, expressive and shoots from the hip. So as we begin the move from Equinox to Solstice, we have an opportunity to get very creative with our thinking. Fire Mercuries are already out of the box thinkers, so this is a time to really let it fly.

The **Moon is in Gemini with Aldebaran, the fiery eye of the Bull constellation.** You can find a line to Aldebaran by drawing a line west through the three stars of Orion's belt. Aldebaran is part of a V-shaped star grouping that forms the face of the Bull. It is also one of the four royal stars of Persia: it is known as the

“watcher in the East”. It marked the Vernal equinox 5000 years ago and the constellation of the Bull was the first constellation of many ancient cultures.

Just south of the ecliptic, Aldebaran is close enough to be occulted by the Moon. A series of 49 occultations occur starting at 29 January 2015 and ending at 3 September 2018. Each event is visible from a different location on Earth, but always in the northern hemisphere or close to the equator.

March 23, Friday: The Moon in Gemini squares Neptune in Pisces brings in new dreams and visions. Gemini loves to cross boundaries, to go beyond the duality of the mind. Neptune brings fresh visions by confusing the mind: it is not about clarity, it is about trust. We can expect new inspiration, but if we are stuck to our linear thinking, our ideas of right/wrong, good/bad, we will lose out on the opportunity.



Venus in Aries also squares Pluto in Capricorn. Evening star Venus passed through the 1st gate of the sacral chakra on 18th, and is now challenged to stand tall in owning her power over her deepest wants. How powerful is our mission? Are there areas where it is not aligned to the greater karmic laws?

March 24, Saturday: Today we have a **first quarter moon in Cancer** forming a T-square with Mars conjunct Saturn. First quarters can produce tension in order to induce action. As Mars is also involved here, we can expect a shake up. Is there some situation that comes up to rock us out of our comfortable, safe Cancer shell? What are we *not* stepping up to do? Where are we not expressing our response-ability?

March 25, Sunday: The **Cancer Moon is busy making dynamic aspects to Mercury, Pluto, and Venus.** In the Shamanic Astrology paradigm, the Cancer archetype investigates new themes for home and family. These transits present an opportunity to dig deep into our ability to provide a firm foundation for our home and roots project. How can we create a solid container for our most personal needs?

Mercury also goes into the underworld today - it leaves the evening sky as it closes in on ten degrees from the Sun. The underworld period of a planet meeting the retrograde period is sure to offer some magical and unexpected insight if we are willing to surrender into unknown territory.

March 26, Monday: The **Cancer Moon squares Uranus** in the early hours of the morning EST potentially stirring up things for the part of us that prefers to be settled. We may wake up suddenly in the middle of the night with new, dramatic insight.

The **waxing gibbous Moon is at perigee** (closest to earth) and appears larger and brighter as it moves into Leo.

March 27, Tuesday: The **Leo Moon squares Jupiter as it moves towards Regulus**, the brightest star in the constellation of the Lion. Regulus, the heart of the Lion, is one of the four Royal stars of Persia. It has just entered the sign of Virgo ending its 2000 year stay in Leo during which we experienced the spread of Christianity.

The **Moon squaring Jupiter in Scorpio** could give us a moment's reflection on power and empowerment. Leo in its highest expression is a god amongst gods: it reflects the innate loving and creative power of every human being. Jupiter in Scorpio seeks to go to the edge of its aliveness, to be fully alive and *here*. How can we express our creativity in a way that allows everyone their full experience? How can my empowerment inspire your empowerment?

March 28, Wednesday: Venus in Aries is conjunct Uranus bringing unexpected circumstances designed to shift our perception of our mission, of what we feel we are "all in" for. Aries has such a strong sense of direction that it may resist mightily to being taken off course. It is time to trust that the deviation is taking us where we need to go.

According to earthsky.com, "the planets Venus and Uranus stage the second-closest conjunction of two planets for all of 2018. (You're unlikely to see Uranus, however.) Only the conjunction of Mars with Neptune on December 7, 2018, will be closer. The last time Venus and Uranus were in conjunction was June 2, 2017, and the next time won't be until May 18, 2019.

Keep in mind that these two worlds set soon after sunset. At mid-northern latitudes, Venus and Uranus follow the sun below the horizon about 90 minutes after sunset. At the equator (0o latitude), these two worlds set about 80 minutes after the sun; and at temperate latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere, this twosome sets an hour (or less) after sundown."

March 29, Thursday: The latter half of this month has been characterized by **strong Aries energy in dynamic aspect to lots of Capricornian energy**. The action and doing aspects of our nature have been dancing with the parts of us that want to create something sustainable and lasting: the fires of our inspiration meeting the dependable practicality of Earth.



Today the **Aries Sun squares Saturn in Capricorn while the Moon in Virgo opposes Neptune in Pisces**. What can I do that is truly in tune with the greater picture and the greater cycles? How can I attune my actions to Gaia herself? And how can she inform me of the deeper currents of being that I am naturally a part of?

March 30, Friday: Venus slips into Taurus on this Good Friday, in the very few minutes before midnight EST. This is the day that Christians commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

In the Shamanic astrology paradigm, Taurus explores receivership and intimacy as an art form. It is the Garden of Earthly Delight. How much are we willing to receive? Venus is still at the root chakra gate which governs our most basic survival needs. As Venus is on the ascent, what are we willing to claim in this area? How can we open to receive the abundance that exists in order to own it? It is a time to question how much our belief in the need to struggle is tie in with our sense of security and abundance.

March 31, Saturday: Today marks the beginning of Passover, an eight day commemoration of the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.

It is also marked by the **second Full Moon of the month**, this time **in Libra**. This is the second and final “Blue Moon” (two full moons within the same month) of 2018. The next time we have two Blue Moons in one year will be 2037!

As the Moon has entered a “householder” sign (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn), it will have plenty to engage with today. The Moon will square Mars, then Saturn, and also oppose Mercury which is close to an exact conjunction with the Sun. The Libra moon will highlight relationship and partnership issues. Perhaps Retrograde Mercury will bring in new insight into how to maintain a healthy sense of independence while working with others.