



## Starlight Message from Gloria Star

**Winter Solstice 2016**  
**(Sun in Capricorn 2016 Issue)**  
*And now for something  
completely different...*

Celebrate the Returning of the Light!  
The Winter Solstice signals a shift on  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 5:45 AM  
EST**, when the longest night occurs,

and the days then begin to grow longer in the Northern Hemisphere. It is a reminder of the promise of new life, even if the evidence may not yet be visible. Although the gateway into this next cycle of the Sun's light through the zodiac carries the theme of Capricorn, other cycles provide an entirely different set of concepts. Let's call these counterpoints, and like their musical cousins, these astrological counterpoints suggest complexities that can be quite intriguing, in contrast with a simple tempo and single melody.

The cycle of the Sun's light ascending Capricorn's challenging path continues until January 19<sup>th</sup>, and during this time the focus turns toward more pragmatic thinking. As you might recall, we begin this cycle while **Mercury continues its retrograde in Capricorn** (Mercury will leave retrograde on January 8, 2017). Despite that, it's time to get organized, strive for efficiency, and to be more conscientious when it comes to meeting obligations. Identifying priorities is a must. Perhaps "get your ducks in a row" was first spoken by a Capricorn! But there's much more going on than organizing feathered friends. The Sun and Mercury in Capricorn also emphasize a time to clarify those ever-important goals. Maintaining a positive attitude can be a challenge during Mercury's travel through Capricorn, when it's easier to focus on the negative, or to consider what could go wrong before you even get started.

When we explore a more comprehensive cosmic blueprint, the other planets come into view. Value-focused **Venus continues travel through Aquarius until January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, reminding us of the importance of unconditional love, making this the perfect time to reach out to friends and to gather with those whose values resonate positively with your own. Also, **from December 19<sup>th</sup> through January 28<sup>th</sup>, Mars will be gliding through Pisces**. During this period, action itself is driven by imagination, with the planet Mars signaling that all will not be as regimented as it might otherwise become under Capricorn's watch. However, it *is* a cycle when willpower may be more easily manipulated. By following the highlights of the travels of Mars for these several weeks, we see some important punctuation in the story from the cosmos. In fact, from **December 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**, the Sun and Mars travel in harmony, suggesting a positive time for travel, and an excellent time for games, sports, and good-natured interaction. A nice quality in place for celebrating Hanukkah and Christmas.

**There are three longer-lasting cycles peaking in December that will reassert themselves over the course of 2017**, helping to define themes. Their qualities will be influential for the entire year, since even though these aspects may move away from being at a peak in their geometric measurements, they are still operating as undercurrents for several months to come. First, expansive **Jupiter continues a friendly flirtation with Saturn** until the end of January 2017, showing potential for building a reliable foundation for hopes and dreams to manifest. Plus, **time-worn Saturn and innovative Uranus work in harmony**, with the two planets in a trine aspect, exact on December 24<sup>th</sup>, that influence remaining strong through January 8<sup>th</sup>. On a personal note, such cycles can be helpful if you're upgrading your wardrobe, renovating a kitchen, or even starting a new job. More globally: reorganizing government, and bringing old systems up to date benefit from these qualities. **This pairing shines light on the potentials for the established order to incorporate innovation and change into the significant infrastructures of our lives.** There is also promise for different factions to work together toward resolving major issues, but this will require dedicated effort, and not just fiery rhetoric if it is to be effective. Keep in mind that this Saturn-Uranus aspect will strengthen again in May and November, 2017.

But another cycle is afoot, since expansive **Jupiter shifts into an opposition to changeable Uranus, exact on December 26<sup>th</sup>**. Here, the real tension arises, with the potential danger for knee-jerk reactions to cause big trouble. It can be easy to get caught up in the process of exercising a personal agenda, or making changes, without considering the effects of those actions. Propaganda continues to flourish. Yet, there is a visionary quality to this particular opposition, and if directed with awareness, indicates the possibility for revolutionary change stemming from the pursuit of higher ideals. But whose ideals prevail? Will Truth stand unfettered, or will the desire for sensationalism prevail? We've almost become immune to being inundated with lies and half-truths. It's not over yet! There are already factors in play that signify cultural strife, or battles driven by deeply held beliefs. The two longer-lasting cycles involving Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus can actually be helpful to the situation, suggesting that reality might at least be identifiable. Plus, there are contrasting cycles from the faster-moving planets that suggest possible solutions.

**Values and loving intentions may enhance objectivity**, while Venus, the planet of harmony and love, moves forward with support of generous and optimistic Jupiter, clarity from Saturn, and also fresh energy from innovative Uranus, during these significant days. At the least this suggests that taking the time to express your love and appreciation for others will make a very real difference in your life now! The economic indicators can be more positive, too. For the time being.

But let's also look to Mars, the planet representing assertiveness, war and discord, for another clue. **From December 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Mars travels in connection to the North Node of the Moon, showing that the Collective psyche is ready for action.** It's not a time for just sitting around. This also tells us that aggressiveness and confrontation can have an especially deep impact. Before we jump to conclusions that this is only a bad thing, consider this reminder: Sports and games can release a lot of tension, and can also provide a great outlet for shared interaction. Which team are you rooting for?

And of course, all those holiday toys will certainly be put to use! (Notice: some may also ignite without warning -- that's not over yet.)

On the world stage, there may be an acceleration of tension. We're certainly seeing different manifestations of such situations around the world, ranging from political discord to horrible battles. Is it possible that the tide of world events will turn during this period?

When the **Capricorn New Moon arrives on December 29<sup>th</sup>** (1:53 AM EST), its' time to initiate, move forward and put energy into fulfilling your goals. Some of those aspirations may be expressed as the New Year's Resolutions in need of clarification. This New Moon can be helpful toward that end. Plus, with Mars merging with Neptune, *reaching inward to connect with your deepest hopes and dreams gets an extra boost.* It's also the perfect time to dance with the Muse, and surrender to your creativity. **Careful: Actions can be misread from December 30<sup>th</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Also, the potential for undermining or deceptive action exists during these days. While flexibility can result, vulnerability arises if those dreams are not grounded in reality. By the way, this is definitely the time to have a trustworthy designated driver at that holiday party!

**Mercury stands still, then turns Direct on January 8<sup>th</sup>** (4:43 AM EST), leaving its **three-week retrograde.** Now begins the time to gather up those loose ends, and follow-up on situations that may have fallen by the wayside at the end of the year. Finalizing agreements and signing contracts can be accomplished with greater confidence now.

**Momentum peaks during the Cancer Full Moon on January 12<sup>th</sup>** (6:34 AM EST). Unexpected events or unanticipated actions send a situation into a different direction, although this can also be a time of discovery. With the strong connections from Jupiter and Uranus to the Full Moon, emotions may run especially high. It's one of those times when taking a deep breath and counting to ten can be advantageous.

May the year ahead be filled with the continued blessings of peace, prosperity and happiness.

Blessed Solstice to you and yours!

Peace and light,  
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