



## Starlight Message from Gloria Star

### Sun in Leo 2016 Issue *At What Cost?*

In the Eastern USA we're at the peak of the summer season. Somehow, the fact that the Sun's rays are shining through Leo now makes sense. Everyone is drawn to enjoy the fun of the season, and entertaining or being entertained takes a big chunk out of the week. That's one of the key things about Leo: Leo is the key to experiencing what we talk about when

we say something like, "living the good life." But this year, the cycle of the Sun in Leo arrives with many of the old reliable structures out of kilter. In one way or another, the world is in turmoil. Could it be time to reevaluate what that good life really means?

**The Sun's stay in Leo's realm begins July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 AM EDT**, and continues through August 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the early days of this cycle showing opportunities for cooperative and constructive communication. However, an argumentative and potentially cruel energy is easy to activate on July 29<sup>th</sup>, while Mercury and Mars square off. Anticipate knee-jerk reactions to be the order of the day, and seek out calmer circumstances should a storm be brewing. Throughout the 30 days of Sun in Leo, we have ready access to the qualities of creativity, enthusiasm, drama, generosity, pride, leadership and courage.

**Quirky, revolutionary Uranus begins its retrograde cycle on July 29<sup>th</sup>**, and will spend 5 months in apparent backward motion through the heavens. In many ways, the retrograde cycle of Uranus can complement the potentially rebellious qualities represented by Uranus. You might also notice that the activation of revolutionary issues may not have the desired effect, or that innovations take a project or an action into a completely unanticipated direction. However, because Uranus will be moving back into a union with trouble-maker Eris (an icy dwarf planet) by September, there's plenty of room for discontent and surprise to show up. Eris specializes in disruption. Anticipate that August and September will be filled with conflicts that disrupt our daily lives. There's a higher potential for outrageous action. We've seen this theme earlier in June, when Uranus and Eris joined forces. As always, the actualization of these cycles depends upon the choices we each make, and the nature of the intention driving choices and actions..

Initiating a project or opening a new pathway in your life is supported by the **Leo New Moon on August 2<sup>nd</sup>** (4:44 PM EDT). In fact, there are positive indicators that actions

begun now can have staying power. Joining together with others whose values are harmonious with your own can be especially rewarding for the first few days in August, while Venus and Uranus move in harmony with one another. These and other cycles suggest a time to enjoy meeting new people or exploring something out of the ordinary.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> is also the day **Mars re-renters Sagittarius**, heading out of the shadow of its recent retrograde. Spending two months in Sagittarius, Mars gets an extra boost of confidence, and this can also mark a period when actions fired by ideology gain momentum. This fits perfectly with the global unrest and political divisiveness of our current time. A more positive application of Mars trekking through Sagittarius involves the Olympic Games, when world-class athletes compete on behalf of their nations for the top prizes in their specialized events.

Another feature of the Sun's cycle through Leo centers upon value systems, since Leo does draw our attention to the way we express love. Leonine love radiates brilliantly, and carries a quality of commitment that can be unmatched. Leo's special sparkle can be absolutely intriguing, and creativity arising from the heart can certainly radiate an unforgettable quality. Now is the time to invite those traits into our lives. But Leo's influence can also suggest selfishness, arrogance, and stubborn pride ... which will also vie for the spotlight during this 30 day period. Making more room in our lives for experiences that fill our hearts with light and love can be a gift of this cycle.



Speaking of making room ... How long has it been since you took an inventory of your life? You could start with the "stuff" around you ... the material things you've accumulated or the things you hold dear. It's not necessary to do anything elaborate (all you Virgos out there ... relax!). When you picture that inventory, does anything in particular stand out? Think about that for a moment. Take a deep breath and let your heart remind you of the story of how that stuff got there. Now, move on to the people in your life, and finally, reflect upon the circumstances of your life. How do you really feel about them? Are you where you want and need to be? Taking this inventory now will be helpful as the upcoming eclipse cycles peak in August and September, when you may feel an urge to release some attachments to your personal inventory.

From **August 5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**, several short cycles are likely to draw attention to your **feelings of contentment or discontent**. It's a good time to de-clutter and re-prioritize. A super-critical attitude may permeate the Collective from **August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**, while Venus, trekking in Virgo, moves in a tense connection with testy Saturn. Although this can be the perfect time to trouble-shoot, care must be taken to avoid overdoing attempts to create perfection, or a tendency to hold others accountable to standards that may not be reasonable. On the financial and economic front, the tension between Venus and Saturn reminds us to think long-term, and to be realistic, especially when it comes to large expenditures.

Saturn leaves its four-month retrograde cycle on August 13<sup>th</sup>, opening the way for slow, but potentially steady, progress in the world of business, finance, and government. The first hurdle as Saturn moves forward again involves the re-invigoration of Saturn's dynamic and uncomfortable square to Neptune. The final square in this Saturn-

Neptune series occurs on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and then this cycle slowly dissolves. **From now until mid-September, the ideological, judgmental, and stubborn qualities that have driven much of the divisiveness in our society may grow more intense.**

Because we already have familiarity with the issues that are likely to emerge, this last phase of this long-term influence can actually become more constructive. It's time to put to work what we have learned. It is not the time to stubbornly hold firmly as the bridge falls apart beneath us, when we have the resources to make repairs and move forward.



Such challenges are amplified thanks to the Eclipse cycles emerging in August and September. We have three eclipses in this pattern. There are two lunar eclipses, with a Solar Eclipse at the halfway point.

The first **lunar eclipse occurs on August 18<sup>th</sup> (5:26 AM EDT) with the Penumbral Lunar Eclipse in Aquarius.** It is a time to reflect upon our individuality and our shared Collective experiences. Because the Sun and Moon also form a positive connection to the breakthrough energy

of Uranus at the time of the eclipse, the innovative qualities of the Aquarius Moon are enhanced. It is time to reach deep, to unveil true humanity, and to actualize our capacity for unconditional love. It's time to acknowledge our common experiences -- what we all share -- and to recognize the power of consciously joining together to bring about healing change in the world. This lunar eclipse will be visible at Moonset from South America and the eastern half of North America, during full eclipse from Western North America, and portions of Russia, Japan, N and S Korea, and Indonesia. Of course, you do not have to see the eclipse to experience its influence!

Remember that Eclipse cycles are not about a day or a single event, since they represent a process of evolutionary change. The August-September series of eclipses illustrate the potential struggle between individual spiritual growth and Collective evolution. The Solar Annular Eclipse in Virgo will take place on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and then the second Lunar Eclipse occurs on September 16<sup>th</sup>. More on those eclipses in the next *Starlight Message*.

However, one thing I do want to mention is the story being told by the cycle of the **Nodes of the Moon** during the thirty-day period of these three eclipses. These Lunar Nodes are points in space that show the intersecting paths of the Earth around the Sun, and the Moon orbiting around the Earth. The Nodes move in a zodiacal pair, and for this time period, the North Node is traveling in Virgo, while the South Node travels through Pisces. *The North Node whispers of the potentiality and promise that can result through conscious awareness and devotion to meeting the tests or challenges arising, while the South Node shows us the lessons of the past.* We can use the Sabian Symbols to activate what these Nodal cycles signify. (Keep in mind that the Sabian Symbols are a set of 360 images, with each degree of the zodiac represented by a single image). The Sabian Symbol for the North Node is: **A POWERFUL STATESMAN OVERCOMES A STATE OF POLITICAL HYSTERIA.** Well, that could certainly appear on

the wish list of a lot of people around the world! True political leadership can be invaluable to the positive evolution of society, and this is a time when the manifestation of such leadership plays a crucial role in reshaping situations that may have spun out of control.

Another consideration comes from the **South Node in Pisces**. That Sabian Symbol is: **A SWORD, USED IN MANY BATTLES, IN A MUSEUM**. Lessons learned appears again in our story from these cosmic symbols. In many ways, this image is perfect for the opportunities of forgiveness and release presented by Pisces. Reflecting upon battles fought, regardless of outcome, puts you in touch with the cost of such action. These symbols for the Nodes remind us that many battles have been fought, but have now ended, hopefully, yielding to conditions of peace and harmony. I could use more of that peace and harmony myself. How about you?

As always, do get in touch when you're ready to schedule a personal consultation, and we'll arrange a time that works for you.

Peace and Light,

Gloria



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