



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*Sun in Leo Cycle 2018
Follow the Leader?*

Signs of progress can get lost in the chaotic shuffle these days, especially if we're looking in the wrong place for a signal that indicates when to speak or take action. As you might recall from the Summer Solstice *Starlight Message*, we have entered another eclipse season, marking a period of crisis and

climax. It's a global influence that plays out in the public arena and around the kitchen table. The urge to establish safety and protection when it's needed most may be overshadowed by those whose personal agenda can lead to new problems, instead of solutions. Perspective from the cosmic signals can help us sort through issues.

When the **Sun's rays shift to illuminate the qualities of Leo on July 22nd** (5:01 PM EDT), there's a rebellious undercurrent sparking a need for change, although a clear direction may not be forthcoming. For the duration of the Sun in Leo (lasting until August 23rd), true expressions of creativity, pleasure, drama and generosity may readily take center stage. Now is the time for clear leadership to emerge, when we are ready to unleash our enthusiasm for issues and values that are close to the heart. We may wonder who could be the right person for the job! After all, some may take the spotlight and let love lead the way, while others may only use this time to enhance themselves and satisfy selfish desires. Expect Ego to reign supreme! The pendulum does swing, and a tendency toward extremes is likely. **The Sun cycle in Leo represents a powerful spectrum of energy, and can be directed to bring about amazing healing results.**

Sending a clear message can be troubling, though, since **Mercury enters retrograde on July 26th** (1:03 AM EDT), continuing its apparent backward motion **until August 19th**. Throughout this time, Mercury -- the energy of communication, connection, travel, technology, and ideas -- takes on the characteristics of Leo. Dramatic, powerful words are more readily crafted now. But what do these words transmit? We may wonder if, despite best efforts, our voices are being heard. Or wonder if the message is being transmitted at all. When Mercury retrogrades, it's good to confirm, review, edit and fine-tune what needs to be said. On a practical level: Check your equipment! Making a deal? Ongoing negotiations may prove fruitful, or may expose what's missing from a proposition. More than likely, this will be the time when you wish you could "take back" something you may have said in haste. No do-overs, but certainly it's the right time to genuinely attempt to make amends.

The **Total Lunar Eclipse in Aquarius occurs the night of July 27th - 28th**, and it will be the **longest lunar eclipse of the 21st Century!** People in the Eastern Hemisphere will be able to see it, but *it will not be visible in North America* (here in the USA, the peak eclipse occurs at 4:20 PM, during the daylight hours). Where it is fully visible, the Earth will completely block the sun's light on the surface of the Moon for 1 hour and 43 minutes. In fact, the Moon will be under the earth's shadow for almost four hours. **It matters not if you can see the eclipse. It is the energetic quality of the eclipse that resonates.** This Lunar Eclipse occurs mid-way between the Solar Eclipse that occurred July 12th, and the Solar Eclipse that will happen August 11th.

Here's the "astro info": Exploring the nature of this Aquarius Lunar Eclipse, the outstanding feature involves a powerful connection between Mars and the Moon, conjunct in Aquarius, adding a belligerent quality to the mix. This suggestion of hostility is amplified by the climactic quality of the Full Moon itself. Yet there is also tension tied to the revolutionary energy of Uranus, in a square to the Sun in Leo, and the Moon & Mars in Aquarius. **For those who champion a cause or have a passion to express important priorities or issues, this is a period of peaking energy that can enhance the impact of words and actions.** The influence of eclipses is lasting, but our ability to tap into the more intense energy occurs for a period of about six months. Because Mars plays such a significant role in this particular eclipse period, I would

anticipate that events or during July and August for those who insist And this is not just about social interaction important. Or can be a approaches find new And personally, it's time let others know who you definitely be tested. both humanity and Lunar Eclipse challenges



circumstances occurring would spur very real passion upon being seen and heard. about political action. It is and fighting for what is time when those with radical momentum for their cause. to speak up for yourself and are. Relationships will After all, Aquarius is about individuality. Perhaps this us to bridge the gap?!

The **Sabian Symbol** for the zodiac degree of the Lunar Eclipse is: **A COUNCIL OF ANCESTORS HAS BEEN CALLED TO GUIDE A MAN.** Given the nature of our current time, wise counsel could certainly be helpful toward the task of bringing clear perspective concerning what we need to address. On a personal level, perhaps that Council of Ancestors is your own life experience ... or those who've paved the way for the path you are taking. What do you see from this image?

From July 27th - August 2nd, Mars transits in square to Uranus, suggesting an unexpected turn of events. This can be an accident-prone period, or a time when hostile actions can spin out of control. Unresolved anger can flare quickly. Weather events can be unusual and extreme under such conditions. Whatever the situation, we might all benefit from slowing our pace, and deliberately taking time to breathe deeply before taking action -- particularly since Mercury's retrograde reminds us that a second (or third) look might be necessary before we know what's really going on! (Oh, yes: This Mars-Uranus aspect occurred from May 15th-18th, 2018. You might trace back to determine if there was a project, an issue or a challenge happening at that time. Or,

was there a confrontation of some sort? Such situations often resurface when an aspect like this happens for a second time!)

Uranus enters its five-month retrograde on August 7th. It's a time to take a closer look at what's become outworn or no longer fits to determine if changes can be made that will change our value of such situations. During this retrograde, Uranus will change signs. From now until early November, Uranus will continue its cycle in Taurus. But then, Uranus will backtrack into Aries -- just for kicks. It's like the last hoorah for a fad. "Get your hula hoop now before they go out of style!" But those few months of Uranus backing through Aries can be a time to recapture a project, a deal, or a creative vision and find a way to move it forward through what will be newly designed gateways once Uranus moves into Taurus for its 7-year duration.

The **Solar Partial Eclipse in Leo on August 11th** (5:57 AM EDT) brings emphasis to a message, mission statement, or clarification of an intention. It's time to ask ourselves about priorities, and about the impact of our thoughts, ideas and words. So many times we have a tendency to speak off-handedly without a thought to the effects. And so again we turn to what resides at the heart of the matter. How does Love show itself through your thoughts and words?

Stable, reliable Saturn in Capricorn travels in a supportive connection to Uranus in Taurus from July 31st through September 18th. While this cycle is not necessarily a "front and center" kind of thing, it does mark a time when viable, real progress can be made. Long-range projects or agreements forged during this Saturn-Uranus harmony have a very good chance of succeeding, especially if they involve opening a path to future growth and opportunity. Keep this in mind, particularly if you're making plans, or building something long-term. It's also the perfect time to renew vows, or to make promises you definitely intend to keep!

It's a good thought to hold when **Mercury stands still (stations) and turns Direct on August 19th** (0:25 AM EDT). Be aware that it can be quite frustrating to get anything moving on August 18-19, when Mercury stations. As you may know, now Mercury crosses back over a path it's traveled twice already! From August 19th until September 3rd, Mercury will be in its *shadow* path, and it can be difficult to launch new ventures. Let's say this: if you attempt to start something new while ignoring unfinished business (especially if you promised...), you will very likely need to address incomplete circumstances before you can move forward. It's like an obstacle in your path. Those obstacles come in all shapes and sizes, but one you might overlook is a stubborn attitude or mind filled with fixed outworn ideas. This is a bonus time to clear away such impediments. Welcome to your future!

Bright Blessings,
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