



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Burning Beyond Limits Sun in Pisces 2017 Issue

Turmoil describes the current state of affairs in the world, so much so that it takes very little to ignite protest. Such gatherings stir hope for those who seek change. The cosmic cycles definitely symbolize a time of revolution, with many of the emerging issues centered upon both claiming and reclaiming

rights that are in jeopardy. You've probably heard that the Merriam Webster Dictionary's "word of the year" for 2016 was "surreal." Seems that sentiment continues to echo through the Collective. Yet, a New Reality is emerging, even though it has very little continuity at this time. Now that we are in Eclipse Season, our shared experiences again reach a critical point. But to what end?

With some longer-lasting cycles reaching a peak over the next thirty days, the cosmic clock continues to tick along, shifting the rhythm of this time period. Now we enter a new center of attention as **the Sun's rays shift into the realm of Pisces on February 18th** (6:32 AM EST). This cycle continues until March 20th, reminding us that **it's time to affirm connection to the Inner Self and to let that spiritual light shine brightly**. It's time to welcome imagination, creativity, intuitive insight, and to exercise compassionate outreach. Progress can certainly occur on these fronts. Yet, an impulse to escape can also be quite powerful now -- although healthy escapes are encouraged. Maintaining personal boundaries can certainly be more challenging now. Confusion may seem to run rampant, and questions of credulity will emerge. It's definitely time to tread carefully, and to avoid jumping to conclusions.

The **Solar Annular Eclipse in Pisces peaks February 26th** (9:58 AM EST), suggesting that some situations will reach a point of crisis -- not necessarily on the day of the eclipse, however. The process of a solar eclipse generally lasts for months, although the period between the Lunar and Solar Eclipse is often filled with more dramatic intensity. The Lunar Eclipse on February 10th marked an acceleration of the critical changes taking place, and the Solar Eclipse helps to bring clarity to the process. **The theme of this eclipse period centers upon unrest, rebellion, and difficulties defining truth, and honoring reasonable limitations**. And with the qualities of Pisces in place, there's a stronger capacity for misdirection, even though the higher expression of Pisces emerges from a place of peace and empathy. True vulnerability can arise when those who would abuse power, persecute others, or take unfair advantage of those in weaker circumstances.

To gain an understanding of the undercurrent of this particular Solar Eclipse, let's consider the zodiac degree. The **Sabian Symbol** for Solar Eclipse is: **THE RACE BEGINS: INTENT ON OUTDISTANCING HIS RIVALS, A JOCKEY SPURS HIS HORSE TO GREAT SPEED**. It's an image of excitement and intensity, but reminds us that the race itself is only beginning. When you consider this image, do you wonder about the outcome? About the jockey? Or about the horse? There are many reasons to keep this image in mind, since other cycles beyond the eclipse also carry a similar theme!



For example, one of the most influential cycles going on now stems from expansive Jupiter traveling in opposition to three planets: fiery Mars, revolutionary Uranus and disruptive Eris. The Jupiter-Uranus opposition peaks on March 2nd, but its influence is strong from February 19th - March 10th. While this can be an excellent time to increase momentum or to move an agenda forward, there is a danger of going too far or creating havoc if things accelerate too quickly or a situation flares out of control. Since this cycle occurs during the time the Solar Eclipse is manifesting, critical changes can be more intense.

Let's break it down just a bit more: First, **Mars** is strongly activated now. Traveling through its favorite sign, Aries, Mars can operate in full tilt until it shifts into Taurus on March 9th. Mars in Aries can be an excellent time to be more physically active or engaged, but with an awareness and appreciation of circumstances, please. Mars in Aries is also the time to take the lead or to get things started or launch a project. Yet it can also be a time when friction is more the order of the day and patience is in short supply. **Heads up: On February 21st-23rd, Mars is hampered by tensions from Pluto, suggesting a need to be especially wary of high risk situations to avoid destructive possibilities.** Then, from February 25th - March 1st, Mars joins with Uranus and Eris. You are likely familiar with Uranus -- the energy of unexpected change, revolution, and innovation. When directed positively, Uranus can be quite helpful when it's time to break away from what is no longer or relevant, and protests staged may have greater impact. Eris is an icy dwarf planet that moves very slowly. Her purpose seems to be disruption and the creation of chaos. When activated by other planets, we often see Eris' handiwork in place. Do you see evidence of her influence recently? Intermittently for the last six months, Uranus and Eris have traveled in conjunction, with Eris adding her energy of discontent to Uranus' capacity for changing the status quo -- in unexpected ways.

When we bring together these very active qualities involving Mars, Uranus and Eris, and then add Jupiter to the mix, we get a potential for situations accelerating out of control. Impulse can simply be dangerous. There is also a greater possibility of acting without considering consequences, or simply taking action as an act of defiance. By the way: It's also one of those times when you might be thinking that it's a good idea to avoid poking the bear with a stick.

The core quality that emerges with these cycles reminds me of the absolute importance of being fully in the moment. Employ mindfulness. **Be Here Now**. If you need to take action, strive for greater clarity and consider the basic laws of cause and effect. Become clear about how you truly feel, and honor your true needs. Because

these cycles suggest a scattering of focus and a tendency to feel more frazzled, consciously centering and grounding your energy will make a difference in how you handle this crazy time. Personal honesty and clarity about your intentions will go a long way toward your safe navigation of choppy waters.

Mars gains support from Saturn beginning March 3rd, suggesting that a real sense of direction can emerge. Also, **once Mars moves into Taurus on March 9th, a greater sense of calm control and focus take the lead.** Much of what may have seemed like a frenzy becomes at least a little more stabilized.

Value systems undergo special audit starting March 4th, when Venus enters

retrograde, continuing until April 15th. Venus Retrograde marks the time to determine what we love and honesty difference. It's actually a particularly if of showing its choices.



and why. Relationships of all types are also up for review, about the status of a relationship will make a huge difference now, since the weaker points will most certainly emerge. It's a very good time to take steps to heal issues in a relationship, that relationship is deeply important. Love has a way strength now, even if you might have to make difficult

In the realm of business and the economy, Venus retrograde is the time to pare down inventory, to get rid of the things that seem to just be taking up space, and to re-evaluate what is working when it comes to the bottom line. You may see some things accelerate in value, but usually, it's the opposite: appraisals may be disappointing, or that raise you've been promised might come in at a lower percentage than anticipated. If you're buying, this can be a good time to strike a bargain. If you're selling, you might want to wait if a particular market shows signs of improving later in the summer. Even though Venus is retrograde, there's an excellent window to negotiate from a position of strength from March 16th-19th, when Mercury and Venus travel in tandem to one another. These days can mark a turning point in ongoing negotiations, and can also be a good time to reach out to others to achieve consensus about an agreement.

Practical matters gain traction when the **Virgo Full Moon peaks on March 12th** (10:54 AM EDT). It's a good time to get organized and to clarify your priorities. From March 11th - 13th, communicative Mercury is in a tense contact to Saturn, marking a time when the rules of a situation apply, and when a more conservative attitude is likely to prevail. There's little wiggle room when Mercury and Saturn are in a square to one another. A more critical or harsh attitude may seem to be present, and a good sense of humor can go a long way to alleviate tension. Appropriate humor, of course ...

As we near the end of the Sun's cycle in Pisces, we look forward to the emergence of new life ... the promise of Spring! It is during the Sun in Pisces that we are reminded to forgive, to let go of the things we cannot control, and to discover the freedom of moving in harmony with true peace. May you find that peace throughout the days ahead. Do get in touch when you're ready to schedule time to explore how these and other cycles are working in your life. Check out the Starlight Special!



Peace, light and love,

Gloria

EVENTS:

May 25-29, 2017: I will present the Opening Keynote Address and two lectures at the upcoming **NORWAC** (Northwest Astrology Conference), in Seattle, WA. To learn more about this event, check out the conference website: www.NORWAC.net. **I am scheduling personal consultations during this event.** If you wish to arrange an appointment, please contact me directly.

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