



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Sun Cycle in Sagittarius 2018 Inspiration or Delusion?

As we head into the holiday season, much of our attention turns to celebration, sharing and looking forward to a brighter future. It's perfect for the season of Sagittarius, the sign known for its adventurous inspiration and hopes for tomorrow. For 2018, the Sun's cycle in Sagittarius gets an extra boost from the planet Jupiter. If you wonder about the meaning, just "think big!" Of course, there are other factors that challenge unbridled growth, and they may prove to be helpful by adding clarity and focus to our hopes and ambitions.

When the **Sun's light shines through Sagittarius, starting November 22nd** (4:02 AM EST), we begin a 30-day period when foresight and optimism are more readily accessible. While the jovial nature of Sagittarius is uplifting, the sense that tomorrow is filled with promise looms large. It's the perfect time to speak truth, launch significant endeavors, and connect with others who value freedom and love to explore the realms of possibility. It's a time to give. Perfect for Thanksgiving in the USA, there's a quality of confidence and generosity, and plenty of philosophizing around the dinner table.

Unfortunately, this can also be a period when promises made have little substance or simply do not ring true, or when extravagance can become a liability. Being honest with yourself is always the best place to begin when questioning whether or not an opportunity has real potential. It's true of relationships, too. Begin with clarity, build on trust. Now is the time to allow hope to flourish, and to make the most with what you have as you take steps to manifest your dreams for the future.

The positive intensity of this period of forward-thinking is fed by Jupiter's powerful capacity for philanthropy, rewards, and adventure. *Jupiter entered its year-long cycle in Sagittarius on November 8th*, opening the way for improvements on every level. Jupiter also represents the quest for wisdom, and while it travels through Sagittarius, Jupiter's influence can be most readily employed. When this energy is operating in harmony with other cosmic factors, it's much easier to embrace diversity, and also to build loyalty. However, when frustrated by discord, Jupiter's potential for excess can take charge. A heads-up: **From November 21st - 24th, there's a potential for excessive hostility to arise while Jupiter experiences a poke from Mars.** Angry words and provocative actions can take off like wildfire. On the physical plane, fire itself can more easily burn out of control. For the remainder of the Sun in Sagittarius cycle, Jupiter moves more harmoniously along its path, adding an undercurrent of confidence we can all appreciate.

While it can be a time to say what's on your mind, **the Full Moon in Gemini on November 23rd** (12:39 AM EST) also amplifies the potential for wounding words to cut more deeply. Knee-jerk responses can be dangerous, particularly in the realm of relationships. It's best to avoid jumping to conclusions, since there may be unknown factors at work that are not fully understood. For yourself, try the technique of counting to 10 (or 20) before you chime in with your opinions -- just to be sure that what you say truly reflects your intentions!

This can also have an impact on economic factors during the last week of November, since that volatility can influence the economy, indicated by the tensions between Venus, Uranus and the Nodes of the Moon from November 26th - 30th. Tech stock may prove unreliable, although surprising developments could also open a gateway to make a quick trade. Still, it looks nerve-wracking to me, and for those who prefer less drama, sitting still while the storm passes can be the better choice. Rash actions are likely to bring unreliable results.

Of course, **Mercury's Retrograde has been a factor since November 16th, continuing until December 6th**. Confusing signals abound from December 3rd - 7th, and clarification can go a long way toward resolving what could be messy during that time. These days may be better spent finding positive outlets for imagination and creativity, too. This can be an excellent period to enjoy a favorite escape or entertainment. **Mars joins with Neptune during the first week of December**, and suggests a time when those with less-than-honorable intentions may be busy running their propaganda or other tricky maneuvers. This can also be a time when tilting at windmills may intrigue those who prefer manufactured reality. Anticipate that old issues are likely to arise from December 6th - 25th, while Mercury crosses through its shadow path, passing over territory already traveled twice in the previous two months.

Initiating new projects, taking a different path, or launching a significant endeavor is supported on December 7th when the New Moon in Sagittarius arrives (2:20 AM EST). Actions supported by intuitive insights can lead to interesting discoveries, although there can be a notable contrast between what is real and what is fabrication. This works nicely in fairy tales, but creates problems if those in power take unfair advantage of weakness or vulnerability.

Issues of trust are amplified by the tensions between innovative and revolutionary Uranus and foggy Neptune from now until late February, 2019. This can be an undermining cycle if we fall under the spell of propaganda. The underlying difficulty of this pairing arises from a strong drive to create breakthrough change in the midst of uncertainty. It can bring a feeling of collective vulnerability arising from situations driven by the creation of confusion and distrust that can be likely when power mongers use fear to drive control others. One example might fall in the realm of social networking to distort the truth. Under such influences, we all need to sharpen awareness and consciously distinguish between what does exist and what may have been manipulated to look like something else.

On December 17th, Venus finally leaves her Shadow phase following her recent retrograde cycle during October and November of this year. While we have had the opportunity to deeply explore and question our values for the last few months, it's now

time to put those realizations to work in our lives. As noted in earlier *Starlight Messages*, one of the directives of Venus Retrograde is to be honest with yourself about what you really want, what you like, and what you feel about yourself and your life situations. It's so easy to allow outside forces to shape our values, often in ways that works against our highest needs. The next few months can mark a time when what we feel inside and what we know to be true about our wants and needs can radiate through our words, actions and attitudes. There's power in feeling good about being kind to yourself. It ultimately extends out into the world in ways that can be almost magical.

For the next year, while Jupiter continues through Sagittarius, deliberately building an attitude of gratitude can open amazing pathways in our lives. It's the perfect time to tap into your own vision for the future, and to build confidence and hope. Sharing is key to success now, and embracing the power of Truth illuminates the pathways for your talents to thrive.

Do get in touch when you're ready to clearly focus on the year ahead, and we'll schedule an appointment that works for you. Meanwhile, may you find clear inspiration, renewed hope and abiding love each step of your journey in the days ahead.

Joy, Light and Blessings,
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