



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*Sun Cycle in Scorpio 2018
Love Awakening*

Every now and again the catalog of Beatles music plays in my head. It's no surprise, since the

soundtrack of our lives does have a way of replaying itself! Lately, with Venus retrograde and all, *The Long and Winding Road* has worked its way from that storage space in my psyche into some present moments. For most of us, the experiences of love rarely follow a straight line, especially during cycles like those we're experiencing now! And then, there are reminders of our values -- what we hold dear -- that flash before us, challenging us to open our hearts to our personal truth. Current cycles show us that we may be retracing steps we've taken before ... but are we seeing or experiencing anything new?

When the **Sun's light shifts into Scorpio on October 23rd** (7:23 AM EDT), we enter a period of intensification. Passion seems to flow more readily during this 30-day period, and change can feel inevitable. It's definitely not a time to cling to the status quo, but, instead, this cycle of transformation provides opportunities to morph into something different. Life itself provides continual reshaping. Now is the time when healing power is more readily accessible. As to how this manifests -- that's where free will and choice enter the picture. We have clues though. First, when the Sun enters Scorpio, it is met by the energy of electrifying change signified by Uranus. This Sun-Uranus opposition is a signature of this year's Scorpio influence. It is definitely time to do things differently. To break out of the ruts carved by repeating old attitudes and actions that may not work anymore. The impulse for changes may actually arise from an unanticipated challenge. And what you later may categorize as "unexpected" will remind you of what you can ... and cannot ... control.

There's another major clue from the cosmic treasure map requiring more exploration. As you know, **Venus -- the energy of love -- is still in her retrograde cycle.** Venus Retrograde continues until November 16th. From now until then, Venus transits the very same path traveled beginning September 3rd, 2018. Retracing steps. Time to take another look. Time to determine what makes your heart sing. Or not. Relationships are under the microscope. Honesty makes a difference. And each of us will be invited to reconsider what we value, and why. What we want. Who we love. How we express love for ourselves, too. Perhaps you'll find that hurt from an old relationship has left behind scars that block your capacity to experience the joy of loving in your life today. Venus retrograde can be about acknowledging scars, while not allowing them to take away your power.

It's true in relationship to the *things* we love, too. We invest our resources into our personal material things, our lifestyles ... the "stuff" of life. Anticipate that economic indicators will continue to wobble during this Venus cycle. Yet it's also a good time to re-evaluate your investments, or reconsider how you're spending those resources. Have your priorities shifted? Are your actions supporting your values?



Recent events have reminded us that embracing one's self-esteem does not have to come at the expense of victimizing others. This is shown again from October 22nd - 26th, while Venus gains traction from Saturn's insistence on sticking with reality. Abiding love crystallizes during such energetic times, when true alchemy takes place. These are good days to strengthen and restate commitments. Or, to walk away from what you can no longer support, or what no longer supports the fulfillment of your true needs and values.

On the world stage, we've seen the challenge of weighing deeper values against one another. Ultimate questions, including how to value a human life, are headline stories. Is financial profit more important than a human life?

Individually, we are in a period of personal reckoning and spiritual awakening. On the geopolitical front, it's a time for revolutionary change. Underscored by the **Taurus Full Moon on October 24th** (12:45 PM EDT), this can be a time of passionate uprising. Uranus conjuncts the Full Moon, while the Sun is moving closer to Venus. There are powerful hints that those who provide clear plans of action are most likely to prevail. That's the Saturn influence mentioned before. Saturn endows respect upon those who take responsibility for their values and actions, and can also weaken those who fail to embrace what is truly valuable in the realm of positive evolutionary change.

From October 29th - November 1st, the interplay of energies indicates a rebellious quality that may be fed by an increased need for freedom of expression.

Revolution, anyone? While this can be a very playful time, more serious implications arise, too. Those with pressing issues find new or continuing momentum to assure that their voices are heard. Those in positions of leadership may also seem to take surprising actions that may be more of a tease than a reliable reality. In fact, on the romance front, these few days can be a time for flirtation and fun, but not especially sustainable. After all, it's All Hallows Eve, when dressing in costumes and searching for sweets has become quite the popular endeavor. We might do well to question the differences between playing a role and showing one's true self. How real is that costume, after all? Consider this: Venus opposes Uranus during these days, when letting your "freak flag fly" may be more the order of the day!

Heads up! **Value-driven issues emerge again from October 31st - November 3rd.**

Whether due to cultural differences or simply diverse viewpoints, it can be easy to be caught in a web of misunderstanding ... and misrepresentation. Venus retrogrades back into Libra on October 31st, while in opposition to Uranus. It's an emotionally itchy time, and easy to feel absolutely discontented. Careful! When you try to define "why", you may run into trouble. Could be that it's hard to figure out the source. Like an itch. Venus continues to travel through Libra's territory until December 1st, fueling a more artistic and refined quality of expression. Or at least a hope for refinement. Plus,

Uranus tension adds the unexpected, and often unwelcome, quality of intrusion that might seem inappropriate to the more gentle disposition. (Does anyone have that these days?)

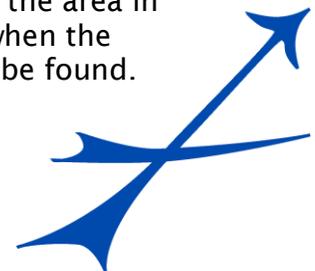
There's also a subtle cycle shift as the Nodes of the Moon back into the Cancer-Capricorn axis during the first few days of November. Continuing until May 2020, this nodal cycle draws our attention to the ways we might balance our personal and home lives with the demands and challenges of attaining success in the outside world. Expect heritage and family fate to play significant roles personally, politically, economically, and more. The "corporatocracy" gains strength as well. These cycles point the way to the eclipses we'll be experiencing during the next 18 months.

Time to focus on something different or to gain a new perspective when the **Scorpio New Moon arrives on November 7th** (11:02 AM EST). In the USA, this will be the day after the mid-term elections, paving the way for a fresh path. Exactly how that will pan it remains to be seen, but change is certainly the keyword for this time.



On a lighter note, **Jupiter shifts into Sagittarius on November 8th** (7:38 AM EST), opening doorways of opportunity in the realms of higher knowledge. Continuing until December 2nd, 2019, this planetary trek is fueled by greater optimism, a quest for Truth, potential for cultural enrichment, and can also stimulate generosity on every level. At the least, it's a time when expressing gratitude can have a huge impact on the outcome of almost any endeavor. Academic endeavors gain strength, and education may become a higher priority. Look to the area in

your chart occupied by the sign Sagittarius to determine when the greatest opportunities for your success over the year ahead are to be found. You might also gain some insights by reflecting on the last time Jupiter traveled through Sagittarius from December 2006 through December 2007. Some of the opportunities occurring then may resurface, or may manifest through attaining a new level of success.



From November 8th - 11th, Venus and Mars travel in harmony, marking a positive few days to reach out, make connections, and share what's in your heart. Artistic and creative endeavors may garner good reviews and resonate with the collective psyche.

The planets take an ironic turn on November 16th. Venus ends her Retrograde. But Mercury starts his retrograde. Hmmm... What the heck is that about? A word of advice: probably best not to start anything important on that day. After all, there are two planets going nowhere. Just sitting there. Perhaps a good day to go with the flow when you can, and to keep expectations on the low side. To sort it out, keep in mind that this is the time Venus turns and moves forward through the zodiac again. In matters of the heart and in the world of finance, the path forward may be more clear after November 16th.

As for Mercury's retrograde beginning November 16th, you know the drill: Issues with communication, technology, travel, and mental clarity (or a lack thereof) are more likely to be a problem. We have a special ingredient complicating this Mercury Retrograde cycle, with the foggy lack of clarity produced by Neptune adding potential

confusion and deception to the picture from November 14th - 18th. Those who might take advantage of this vulnerable untruths and misdirection. Special networking is recommended. Do tension with Neptune provides even making long-term agreements, significant details or to promised. Signing a long-term until after December 6th. Use renegotiate, test and revise agreements and plans.



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Extra care with travel is also necessary, with a nod to mindfulness to help avoid the frustration of confusing travel details, losing track of valuables, or finding yourself on the wrong road. If you're one of the millions of USA residents planning to travel for Thanksgiving, do allow time for delays or interruptions in the proposed itinerary if you're traveling early -- from November 16th-20th, when this particular aspect is most annoying.

Feel free to contact me when you're ready to explore how these and other cycles are manifesting in your life, and we'll schedule an appointment to journey through the cosmic realms. Also, a reminder that if you're seeking the best time for important actions or decisions, that astrology is absolutely the best timing tool to employ!



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