



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*Sun in Taurus 2018 Issue
Revolution of the Heart*

As you've learned by following astrological cycles, some influences seem to reach farther than others. Of course, some cycles are quick, like the lunar cycle, while others linger for years or decades. We are currently on the brink of a new long-

term cycle involving the planet symbolizing change itself -- Uranus. Uranus signifies breaking away, the exercise of independence, and the manifestation of the products and actions of these breakthroughs. Uranus' changes may seem to arise suddenly, but frequently involve mechanisms that require several years to develop before the changes occur. Good or bad? It's not so easy to determine. Let's start with the cycles of the moment to ease into this major shift.

We begin a new solar cycle on **April 19th, when the Sun illuminates Taurus** territory (11:13 PM EDT). The next thirty days draws our attention to the practical elements of life, when it's time to build and grow. Taurus represents qualities like stability, consistency, productivity, sustainability and determination. It's a time to fill up your senses, enjoy the beauty of life and allow artistry to flow. Taurus says, "Make something!" or, "Be an expression of what you love!" However, because a materialistic focus arises from Taurus, there's a tendency toward possessiveness -- ranging from being supportive to overpowering. Yet this quality also resonates through our personal and collective value systems, making this the perfect time to embrace an attitude of true abundance in all things. Symbolized by The Bull, when you see Taurus manifesting, expect the potential for stubborn resistance when threats arise.

Taurus is an earth sign, and early in this cycle of the Sun in Taurus we see a strong presence of earth showing through Venus in Taurus, while Mars, Saturn and Pluto travel through Capricorn. These influences are perfect for Earth Day awareness celebrations, aiding our focus on the environment and climate. It's definitely time to deal with the reality of the moment with an eye toward the demands that may arise from the future. Particularly true in the realm of infrastructure, this Sun cycle draws attention to areas in need of reinforcement or rebuilding. That said, expect to also see tearing-down what is no longer useful, especially since Saturn continues in retrograde (from April 17 through September 6), and Pluto begins its five-month retrograde on April 22nd. Careful: since there's a tendency to dig too deeply from **April 22nd to 30th while Mars travels united with Pluto in Capricorn**. Expect some previously well-guarded secrets to be exposed.

To explore the layers of the cycles manifesting now, let's extend our focus to more big picture elements. The first longer-term cycle factoring into the cosmic picture is

already in place. **Chiron moved into Aries mid-April**, beginning a nearly nine-year cycle. Chiron is often seen as the Wounded Healer, and can point the way to the mechanisms involved in both healing and self-wounding. **Chiron in Aries invites the positive use of straight-forward action as a means of healing on all levels, beginning with the Mind.** Now, awareness of cause-and-effect will be hugely important, since the tendency may be to act first, think later. The last time Chiron traveled through Aries was 1968-1977. Think back to what was happening on our planet at that time that may have created a collective wound. (Vietnam, anyone?) This period ahead will bring forward opportunities to resolve some of those wounds and potentially avoid repeating the same mistakes. If you were born between 1968-77, you're experiencing your Chiron Return over the next few years. This cycle can initiate a deeper awareness of the impact of your choices and priorities ... among other self-awakening processes that provide an understanding of some of those "why" questions that keep cropping up in your life!



Adding to this awareness, personal issues and deep-seated questions may rise to the surface during the **Scorpio Full Moon on April 29th** (8:58 PM EDT). Supported by reality-driven Saturn, it's an excellent time to "get real" and approach your feelings honestly. Also remember that because Saturn is continuing its retrograde cycle, unfinished business or unfulfilled promises may stand in the way of progress. What's holding you back from personal fulfillment? Put some muscle behind your words! The Scorpio Full Moon will illuminate those not-so-subtle reminders of how we're handling personal responsibility.

Heads up! **The first few days of May offer a series of shorter cycles with a potential for deception and manipulation to manifest in communication and negotiations.** There's also a strong tendency for those in positions of leadership to stretch the truth or over-state a situation. Better to avoid finalizing major agreements or contracts from May 4th - 10th, and to use this time to gather data and evidence that will support such actions and commitments. You may discover that your intuitive sense about a person, situation or deal is correct, but it's just as noteworthy that we may all be more vulnerable to being manipulated by propaganda or other misleading actions. Caveat Emptor!

Plus, knee-jerk reactions can prove problematic from May 11th - 17th while action-packed Mars gets short-circuited by Uranus. Disruptions and unanticipated situations may be more the norm, suggesting that maintaining inner balance and mental clarity can go a long way toward getting through what can be a stormy period.

The **Taurus New Moon occurs May 15th** (7:48 AM EDT), opening the way for more productive, fresh ideas to take root and for new directions to gain positive traction. Just a few hours later, at 11:23 AM EDT, the planet **Uranus enters Taurus**, beginning its seven year cycle through this sign. (The exception to this will be a short period from November 2018 through early March 2019 when Uranus will retrograde back into Aries for a brief period, then move forward through Taurus again starting 03/06/2019.)



Dramatic changes in collective attitudes generally arise during Uranus cycles. **Uranus in Taurus** signifies a period to watch for

radical changes in music and the arts, breakthroughs in the beauty industry, shifting attitudes regarding material things, and the potential for true innovation -- and rebellion -- in regard to environment. Manifestations of Uranus in Taurus are already showing. One major example: expect unique methods of monetary exchange, such as digital money, to become even more ubiquitous. Agriculture, ranching, and food industries are likely targets for advancement while Uranus travels through Taurus. While this might signal more mechanization, the opposite could also be true. Incorporating the human factor into our inventions is hugely important with Uranus in Taurus in our high tech age. On a personal level, if you have the Sun, Moon or personal planets Mercury, Venus or Mars in Taurus - anticipate that this will be a powerful time to embrace and express your uniqueness and to break away from situations that inhibit your true self.



As a slower-moving planet, Uranus requires about 84 years to travel all the way around the zodiac. Although this energy does have strong implications for individual expression when combined with more personal factors of an astrological chart, it is mostly seen in the embodiment of Collective Consciousness through what we might think of as capturing the imagination by what things might become. Fads, the latest big thing, what's trending -- all these are expressions of Uranus. Uranus rushes headlong into the future, yet while in Taurus, there's a powerful struggle within the psyche to hold onto familiar values and social customs, even while they are being torn down by those who do not experience comfort by clinging to what once was. It's all about the message and the attitudes driving those messages. Wondering about what's happened when Uranus was in Taurus earlier? Your great-grandparents might remember! The most recent cycle of Uranus in Taurus was June 1934 - March 1942. Before that, reflect upon April 1851 to March 1859 to consider what human history may tell us about the types of issues likely to manifest while Uranus travels through Taurus during this 21st Century trek.

If you're ready to explore how these and other shifting cycles are working in your life, please get in touch and we'll schedule a personal consultation to discuss what's happening now and in your future.

Bright Blessings,

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