



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*Sun in Virgo 2018 Issue
Time to get moving ...*

About those retrogrades ... especially Mercury and Mars: Exactly how do you measure progress right now? Certainly there's a lot of restless energy, and a real need to move forward. But it's just plain difficult to do when the energies of communication (Mercury) and action (Mars) are meandering around in a kind of moonwalk. Although Mercury started moving forward on August 19th, it's in what we call the "Shadow phase" right now -- a time when forward progress is hampered by unfinished business. Look for the case of: "Well, it seemed like a

good idea at the time ..." to crop up over the next few weeks. There may be plenty of situations that are like shooting yourself in the foot! And it can seem that not much is really moving forward. Still, there's a sense that it's time to get serious about what we want and how to make it happen. Take heart: Mercury and Mars dropping their shackles and will both be free to go somewhere. Question is: "Where?"

When the **Sun's light shines through Virgo, starting on August 23rd** (12:09 AM) we enter a 30-day period designed to bring a sense of order and practicality to the forefront. The perfect time to figure out what's wrong, and possibly how to fix it, has arrived. (No guarantees.) At the least, this is a great time to reset priorities and get organized. Or find someone who likes that sort of thing, to help. Don't get me wrong: I truly appreciate the qualities of Virgo, despite what can be tedious, but is necessary. Just look at how we've structured our collective calendars: when the Sun's in Virgo, school starts, schedules become more important, goals are defined, and the need to learn something gets a shot in the arm.

This year, during the Virgo cycle, we're also experiencing the undercurrent of a **powerful harmonious connection between structured Saturn and innovative Uranus** that's adding more potential for positive change -- especially for those who are willing to cooperate with an eye toward common goals. Saturn's trine to Uranus does not reach "perfection," but stays within minutes of arc, reminding us that life is about dealing with a continual state of flux. Adaptability is a key factor now. Are you working toward making a change, launching a fresh endeavor, committing to a significant relationship, or making other major alterations in your life? This may be a sweet spot period for making progress in such arenas.

The **Pisces Full Moon on August 26th** (7:58 AM EDT) emphasizes a time to take a different approach to expressing what you feel. The same old, same old is not likely to get anywhere. It's time for an attitude adjustment! A tremendous time to enjoy music

and the arts, or immerse into a great book or fantastical movie -- healthy escapes can be just what the doctor ordered.

Mars finally leaves its retrograde on August 27th (10:05 AM EDT), opening the way forward, marking a time to break free. By the way: be aware that it's difficult to make progress, and sometimes to even go somewhere on the 27th -- the day Mars is stationing (when it stops retrograde and then begins to move forward). Immediate gratification is not likely for the next few weeks either. It's like the need for physical therapy after an injury. The early period after Mars leaves retrograde can be like "rehab." And the path forward may be littered with pot holes. Patience is the key. A slower more deliberate pace fits the bill, especially since Mars is traveling back through the last degrees of Capricorn again until September 10th. Plus, Mars retraces the same territory traveled since early May through early October! As a result, we may all be struggling with those clumsy dance steps for a while. Still progress can be made, and the collective sigh of relief opens the way for more enthusiastic energy, particularly when it's directed toward heartfelt endeavors.

Fresh ideas and common goals strengthen communication and pave the way for a different approach to resolving issues from September 3rd - 8th. Mercury harmonizes with Venus, when common threads can be readily identified. And then, Mercury-Saturn- and Uranus form a powerful **grand trine** aspect. This can be an excellent time to join with others whose ideals harmonize with your own. Connect with friends, too. Note: Speak up. Stand strong. And deliver a powerful message. Open the way for present and future change to manifest!

Not to be forgotten, **Saturn is also leaving its five-month retrograde on September 6th** (7:10 AM EDT), marking the right time for business deals to show promise. Some of the trimming or setbacks that may have taken place during the past few months may now benefit from a second look, and some former situations may be reinstated. New business endeavors are now more favorable than they've been for months.

Mercury's transit through Virgo from September 5th - 21st marks a time when greater precision and attention to detail are higher priorities. During this period, sensible analysis might actually be the most direct way to get to the core of an issue, although it can be a challenge to avoid excessive critical commentary.



More refreshing changes arise with the Virgo New Moon on September 9th (2:01 PM EDT). Indicators of healing and regeneration take the lead, adding strength to the natural momentum of a new moon phase. This marks an excellent time to begin and/or try something different. If you feel stuck, make a deliberate effort to step outside your comfort zone. Perhaps you can afford to be more adventurous.

On top of these opportune shifts, **yet another flurry of communication garners extra attention from September 12th-16th,** while imaginative ideas, enigmatic speech and inspiring words can galvanize fantastic change or new direction. Walk the talk, focus on truth, and hold your ground when necessary.

With the added optimism of expansive Jupiter once again moving in harmony with transformative Pluto, it's a real manifestation of the opportunity to speak truth to power. Although the contact between **Jupiter in sextile to Pluto peaks on September**

12th, you may find that something about this period feels familiar. You would be right, since these two planets joined up in January and April 2018. Are you finally ready to take those bold steps you've been practicing since earlier this year? Or maybe it's time for another try that will bring you closer to your goal? In any case, now it's time to invest your best resources and to muster the courage you've always known was there. The strongest influence of Jupiter sextile Pluto lasts from August 30th - September 18th, although there is likely to be a residual effect for several more days. This can bring protection in difficult situations, or may indicate a promise of healing where it's needed most. That's a good thing, since we have a little trouble with Mars taking on more radical or revolutionary expression.

Regarding Mars: **Mars shifts into Aquarius on September 10th** and the eagerness to break free of situations that are counterproductive to thwarting progress becomes more palpable. A time when humanitarian ideals can drive actions, there 's also a drive to go "where no one has gone before". Heads up! There's need for caution, since **Mars** runs headlong into a **tense square with Uranus from September 12th-22nd**. It's a time to be cognizant of high risk situations, and to avoid them if possible. It's not a new cycle, as the path of Mars echoes back to mid-May and early August when Mars and Uranus were in conflict. If you experienced unexpected accidents or incidents during those earlier dates, be forewarned to be alert during these 10-days in September. Knee-jerk reactions can be problematic for anyone during this Mars-Uranus square period. Even relationships may undergo more stress, particularly those strong new attractions that might knock you off your feet. It's definitely a time to think before you take action ... And to put to use what you've learned from earlier challenges.



I do hope you're enjoying the best of this season, and sharing time with those you love. I'm thinking that Jupiter-Pluto undercurrent might make for a more open path toward progress -- especially in the realm of what matters most to you.



Bright Blessings,
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