



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

The Zealous Fight Sun in Gemini 2016 Issue

There's nothing like politics to bring forward Collective discontent. After all, that's one of the ingredients in a political movement: taking action to express a desire to bring about change. If everyone was happy, there would be little desire to alter the status quo. I cannot think of a time in recent history when that type of contentment was the norm. Perhaps it's part of the human condition to experience discontent? When we explore the skyscape for our current time, the picture is one of confrontation, agitation, disillusionment, moral

dilemmas ... and more. But that seems like enough to get us started.

The Sun shifts its focus through the lens of Gemini on May 20th at 10:37 AM EDT, initiating a 30-day period marked by spontaneity, heightened communication, changeability, inconsistency, and curiosity. Now is the time to share thoughts, and perhaps even more importantly, to *listen* to the ideas of others, since now may be the best time to explore issues and opportunities from multiple perspectives. However, when the Sun's cycle through Gemini begins, Mercury -- the planet associated with Gemini -- is retrograde and stands in opposition to the Moon, suggesting rather complicated situations when it comes to communication. Just in case you've failed to notice: things falling into the categories of communication, travel, technology, contractual agreements, or getting things to work properly -- well, there have been problems for the past few weeks. Plus, clarifying what might or might not have been said is not working out all that well, especially if you consider that we are all hearing comments like, "yeah, I said that, but it's not what I meant," or ... "I never said that," when there's ample evidence to the contrary.

Additionally, our potentially volatile friend, Mars (also retrograde), seems to be misfiring, especially in the arena of passionate, ideologically-driven anger. Certainly anger can be directed positively into effective action, but when it arises from knee-jerk responses or misguided ideals, the resulting wounds can be destructive. There are plenty of hot buttons that can be easily triggered! While passion can be a good thing, it can be overdone. Especially with the high-octane fuel Mars is experiencing now.

Expect to see a surge of anger or hostility through May 23rd, since aggressive **Mars is joined with the Sagittarius Full Moon -- in opposition to the Sun on May 21st** (5:14 PM EDT). While these connections show heightened intensity of emotionally-driven action, there's a deep sense of zeal within these driving forces. It can be the perfect time to stage an effective protest, but also indicates the potential for a protest to grow out of hand. On a personal level, keep in mind that disagreements at home could flare out of control, too. It's the time to think before you act, although the force maybe to

act spontaneously with little thought of consequences. Heads up! All these qualities together add up to higher potential for accidents.



Mercury leaves Retrograde on May 22nd, supported by the planets Jupiter and Pluto, indicating that this can be a good time to build cooperation and support. Since the Mercury Retrograde cycle can expose weakness, the few days following the retrograde can be the perfect time to reinforce, renew and rebuild, especially when focused on practical matters and economic solutions. Are there wounds you need to heal? This can be a time to make amends, although situations that are at a boiling point may need time to cool.

It's clear that divisive attitudes may continue to expand, with Jupiter playing a testy game of "Chicken", pushing limits with conservative Saturn. Granted, there are plenty of situations within "The Establishment" that need to change, and that's just what this ongoing cycle of Jupiter-Square-Saturn invites. Jupiter is the visionary, the energy that pushes us to question and explore. Saturn is the infrastructure, the foundation, and the traffic cop reminding you that actions come with consequences. Or, there's the image of Saturn, the stodgy old professor, insisting that you learn the basics before you move on, and who might need to learn a few lessons, too. Keep in mind that it may not be necessary to destroy our societal foundations in the name of progress. This is where those hard decisions come into our lives, when we acknowledge a path forward built on lessons learned. Although **Jupiter-Square-Saturn peaks on May 26th**, the holdover effect is likely to continue until mid-June.

It's time for a fresh start when the **Gemini New Moon occurs on June 4th** (11:00 PM EDT). However, it will be virtually impossible to make that start with a clean slate, since many pre-existing issues and concerns are locked into new plans that are likely to arise. Financial matters can be especially complex, and the economy can be rather bumpy. (For those of you studying astrology, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune all lock together with the New Moon & Venus to form a pattern called a Grand Cross.) While you may want to be hopeful and project a positive attitude, worry can mushroom -- especially if you are not seeing the results you anticipated. Still, the urge to make progress is strong, and it's a good time to break out of a rut. Think of it this way: You might just have to show up at that dreaded family wedding after all. Yet all signs are you could also come away with some pretty good memories!

Jupiter moves into a strong union with the Moon's Nodes for the month of June, drawing attention to the general tone of early summer. Lest we forget, the North Node continues its cycle in Virgo, suggesting that the easy thing to do right now is to simply point out what's wrong. With Jupiter transiting in Virgo, there's an even greater emphasis upon comparing what is "right," and what's not. Note, too, that Virgo is likely to encourage creating an actual list of problems, hence the tendency to complain. (By the way, if your Sun sign is Virgo, please do not feel that I'm picking on you personally. I'm a Virgo, too!) An obvious element easily overlooked while Jupiter travels in Virgo is that it's not enough to point out what's wrong, it's about finding a way forward through applying workable solutions.

Often, the cycle of the Moon's Nodes will clue us into the major issues we face together as a Collective, and this cycle also shows us where we each need to focus more attention if we are to grow. This is amplified because the Nodes travel in pairs, with the North Node currently moving through Virgo while the South Node travels in the

opposite sign of Pisces. Since the Moon's Nodes travel in the zodiac pair for about 19 months, we get a good dose of the qualities of the zodiac signs hosting them. Now we are challenged to strike a balance between compassion and criticism, or between practicality and imagination. Virgo-Pisces also illustrates the process of victimization, or the experiences which lead to feeling victimized. Pouting seems to happen a lot, but you can almost feel the Universe urging you to figure out what you can do to make a difference in resolving discontent. Fortunately, Pluto travels in a happy connection to the Nodes during June, strengthening capacity for healing change. Situations likely to reach a point may peak during the September Eclipse, although the immediate months ahead hold the key to how well we release and move forward onto a brighter path. For now, you might want to take notes regarding what you see from the world around you, and what you experience personally regarding these dilemmas. It might be helpful to create a question that reflects your honest concerns, since often, the question contains the answer.



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With this undercurrent in place, we move on to explore yet another long-lasting cycle that's been in place for the year 2016: **Saturn transiting in a Square to Neptune**. This frustrated duo began their tangle in November 2015, and will peak again on **June 17th** (and then the last time on September 10, 2016). The themes of this tension are reflected in current headlines. It's a cycle marked by reality challenging imagination: a time when upholding personal ideals will be tested against the basic principles that form the structure of a society. We need both, of course, and many may wonder how priorities seem to have changed so dramatically. While this cycle might signify a tendency to diminish our humanity and compassion for one another, it also comes with a warning that just touting principles is not enough. Disillusionment is likely to result in some circumstances. Saturn-square-Neptune also asks for a purity of intention and ideals. *It's Saturn: It's a Test*. Saturn may require the elimination of situations that are not what they seem. After all, Neptune can represent a smoke-screen just as much as it signifies faith. It's time for the fog of deceit or delusion to clear so that we can see the path forward and identify the work that is to be done.

Remember that list we're making? Maybe there should be more than one column: Something like: Column "A": Problems; Column "B": Solutions; Column "C": Options

Well, you get the idea. As we move forward into the last month of Spring, it's time to invite a quality of playful and imaginative experiences into our lives, even if only in the form of an evening's entertainment or a weekend away from the daily grind. Of course, a real vacation might be even better. Shifting one's perspective has a remarkable way of clearing vision.

If you're in need of a personal consultation -- whether a short focus on a question or a more involved consultation, please contact me directly to schedule a time that works for you. As always, we can work in person (if you're in the vicinity of my home office in Connecticut), or by phone. Please phone or email to arrange your appointment.

Also, please check below for announcements (including details of the ISAR Conference in October), and information about your **Gemini Starlight Special!** By the way, if you're still on the fence about attending the ISAR Conference, there's an extra incentive to register now: You can still receive an early-bird discount on the cost of the ISAR Conference until May 31st.

Bright Blessings,

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Gemini Starlight Special

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EVENT Notice:

October 13-17, 2016: The International Society for Astrological Research (ISAR) sponsors a Symposium in Costa Mesa, CA. ***The Power of Forecasting: Change, Choices, Vision***, offering a comprehensive array of classes and workshops. In addition to teaching a class during the symposium, **I will be presenting a post-conference Workshop: *The Nodes Know, The Eclipses Show: Destiny, Opportunity & Renewal***. To learn more about the conference and to reserve your place in my workshop on October 17th, contact me. Or, check the ISAR website: www.isarastrology.org/2016-conference

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