



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Sun in Taurus 2016 *Loves Me ... Loves Me Not*

A clear spring day ... a girl, sitting in the garden, plucking petals from a flower ... chanting the heartfelt wish to discover if true love will show itself. The innocence of love is filled with hope. Surrendering this important question to the Fates is rarely satisfactory, but

then ... such is romantic love! The illumination from Truth points our focus inward, lighting each individual heart, inviting the discovery that abiding Love resides within. The flow of powerful, everlasting energy restores itself simply through allowing love to surge from the Divine Heart space through every breath we take. This is the time for regeneration through Love. With the process of renewal showing itself now, opening the heart seems an excellent way to begin. This is where action meets desire.

When the Sun's rays focus power through the lens of Taurus, qualities of earthy sensuality, focused determination, and deepening attachment to what is most treasured capture our focus. Beginning **April 19th at 11:30 AM EDT, until May 20th, the Sun in Taurus** cycle can be a time of vigorous growth and stabilization. However, Sun in Taurus 2016 also exposes an undercurrent of distrust or discontentment, symbolized by the tension between love and value focused Venus, tied in conflict with Pluto, when the 30-day Taurus cycle begins. All sorts of deeper issues bubble to the surface now and may erode amicable situations, especially since Venus is the planet most strongly tied to Taurus. Awareness of this process is another thing altogether. After all, how many times have you driven right into a pot hole? Not only is this the time to encourage love to grow, but it is a time to be clear about situations where love may have faded. It's helpful now to shift awareness to attachments that are in need of release. However, letting go is not easy under the rays of Taurus ... Taurus is about holding on! Sometimes, we humans hold on just because we fear that letting go of outworn attitudes or unhealthy emotional attachments will be too painful. The hurt that can come when love goes wrong, or when we discover that someone "loves me not," can be absolute torture. But holding on past the time of letting go can be more painful.

With the **Scorpio Full Moon peaking April 22nd** (1:24 AM EDT), the cosmos invites a clearing of deeper feelings. It's a time to purge, to release what is no longer in harmony with our true and highest needs. Revolutionary change and breakaway are amplified from April 21st - 24th, while Venus travels in tandem with freedom-loving Uranus -- both planets in Aries. Expect changes in attitude and shifts of priorities. **Heads up!** This can be a time when powerful attraction to something ... or someone ... new opens a path to exciting possibilities. While this cycle invites experimentation, it can be destabilizing and new love "discovered" may not last. Yet, the experiment itself can have lasting impact.

Travel plans, anyone? **Mercury begins its Retrograde cycle April 28th** at 1:20 PM EDT, marking the time when progress in communication, transportation, technology, and networking can be snarled. **Lasting until May 22nd, Mercury Retrograde in Taurus invites a slower pace.** Okay, maybe a snail's pace Try not to expect disagreements to be resolved quickly, and be ready for stubborn attitudes when it comes

to negotiation. Continuation with ongoing discussions may seem to stall, but if that's the case, it might actually provide an opportunity to be more clear about the areas where problems might arise in the future. While this could be a good time to test a situation, it's definitely not a time to start something new. Are you in process with something important that's due to be completed before May 22nd? Do finish, or put to rest, what is ready to end. It's okay if you do not complete a project or situation during the retrograde, but know that this particular retrograde cycle can be helpful if you are reaching an end stage.

Just a reminder: Mars, the action planet, began an eleven-week retrograde on April 17th. Mars Retrograde in Sagittarius suggests plenty of detours when it comes to getting things moving, and may provide plenty of frustration when it comes to maintaining momentum. The path forward might be difficult to ascertain, and patience can be in short supply. Still, it is important to avoid a tendency to give up, when what may be needed is a re-assessment of the effort that might be required to accomplish your aims. Watch for misplaced anger to arise in both personal and professional interactions, and be ready to unresolved anger to distort some situations.

Not surprising, a shift in values is likely, signified first by the changing cycle of **Venus, moving into Taurus April 29th**, continuing until May 24th. Expressions of affection and appreciation can have lasting impact, along with actions that fortify and support that which is beautiful and valuable. **Generous outreach** and artistic endeavors gain momentum while the Sun's energy is amplified by expansive Jupiter from **May 1st-4th**. This can lead to opportunities for broadening the impact of an idea or project. The spotlight can be a good thing! Much like tributaries from a river, the **Taurus New Moon on May 6th** (3:30 PM EDT) opens the way to enhance development and growth. Despite Mercury's retrograde, a glimmer of forward motion may show itself. Slow and steady wins the race in this case.

Healing energy emerges with the New Moon, continuing to peak through May 9th, while the Sun and Pluto joining in a positive connection to one another. Following this, and even more significantly, **Jupiter -- the energy of optimism, hope, and generosity -- leaves its months-long retrograde on May 9th, opening the way for a more free expression of Jupiter's abundance.** While the lack of confidence that may have accompanied Jupiter's retrograde since January diminishes, there's room emerging for hope and generosity. In fact, on May 10th, with value-focused Venus moving in harmony with generous Jupiter, there may be better news on the horizon. It's time to express gratitude and love, and to move a relationship forward. Another bonus: Communication-focused Mercury moves in tandem with Venus from **May 12th-14th**, with both planets gaining an undercurrent of power from Pluto. An excellent time for presentations, important meetings, and joining efforts with others who share your values -- these few days may hold the key to locking in the momentum necessary to achieve progress.

Alignment with others whose principles and social morays are in harmony with your own ideals is critical now. In fact, hypocrisy will be more transparent. Does this mean that everyone will act from a place of higher principles? Hardly. Yet this is part of the challenge we face individually and collectively while Jupiter and Saturn continue their tangled cycle during the spring 2016. Witness the current political climate. This Jupiter-Saturn tension can bring out the worst, since there is an increased tendency to become judgmental, if not self-righteous. Yet vision for the future is strong now. Keep in mind that Jupiter is in Virgo, prompting our tendency to allow more criticism and less free-expression. Take care to listen to your own heart, and to speak and act from a space that echoes your true values. Use Jupiter's expression of Truth to speak to the fears that block expressions of higher principles. Keep in mind that this does not mean it's time to abandon knowledge and experience from lessons learned. Speaking Truth to Power often incorporates awareness of acquired wisdom. Perspective is key.

On the financial front, these **short cycles from May 6th - 14th** also suggest the potential for real **improvement and higher rewards in economic matters**. There's still a challenge between the impulse to expand (represented by Jupiter), and the need to maintain structure and stability (signified by Saturn). While **Jupiter-Square-Saturn peaks on May 26th**, for the second time since late March, its influence continues to shape the backdrop of our lives for months. It is this tension that may be undermining real economic progress, since, at its core, this is a time when hope for a better future challenges the ultra-conservative, fearful dynamic that's been perpetuated in so many ways around the globe for the past few years. Breaking that pattern of fear requires persistence, and a radiant hope that the future can be better for all. A large part of successfully building our lives arises from implementing and integrating what we have learned, and that includes saying good-bye to attitudes or situations that no longer serves use well, while also showing gratitude. During this Jupiter-Saturn cycle, displaying such grace may be more challenging, but it can have a big pay-off!

Perhaps it all comes down to taking advantage of this time to move more carefully, and to integrate what we know with what we hope to achieve. Whether in matters of the heart, decisions about finance, political choices, or expressions of our talents and abilities ... it is time to let our true values be the guiding force. A little dreaming might even be in the offing. Flowers ready ... here we go!



Joy and light,
Gloria

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