



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Summer Solstice
Sun in Cancer 2016 Issue
Coming Down from the Mountain

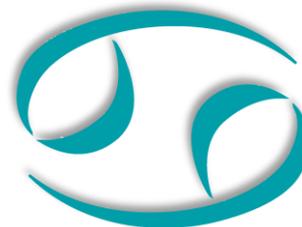
First, after hearing from so many of you, I have decided to continue sending *Starlight Messages* on a monthly basis, instead of switching to a quarterly format. However, there may be some months when the newsletter is a little more "lean," as I'm coming upon a very busy time in my schedule due to my obligations with

upcoming astrology conferences. Thank you for letting me know your thoughts, and for your loyalty and support over the years. Now, to the substance of this newsletter:

As the cycles turn and time continues, we enter the gateway to another seasonal shift, initiating a renewed dynamic. While the **Summer Solstice** brings forth the longest day, it also marks a time when the moments of daylight begin their waning phase. This ebb and flow seem to occur almost simultaneously, yet there is a moment tied to the fullness of Light inviting us to take in all that we can. This is certainly a time when inviting the Light can bring comfort, hope and renewal.

Just hours before the seasons shift, the **Sagittarius Full Moon**, also called the Strawberry Moon, shines its brightest on **June 20th at 7:02 AM** (EDT). The days surrounding the full moon are likely to be filled with greater emotional intensity, and now the sparks are likely to ignite from within the context of ideological and cultural differences. Ranging from dogmatism to open-mindedness, the essence of Sagittarius represents the qualities we express as enthusiasm and generosity, and this can be an exceptional time to offer encouragement and support where it's needed most. Yet we may also see the negative manifestations striking a nerve. It's one of those times when dinner conversation can be complicated. You know what they say about talking politics or religion ...!

The moment of the **Summer Solstice in North America occurs June 20, 2016 at 6:35 PM** (EDT), when the Sun's rays shift their focus to the fertile realm of Cancer for the next 30 days. It's the time to reach out with a nurturing spirit, and express deeper feelings. Home, family, children and domestic matters take priority now. Nationalism is generally stronger during the Sun in Cancer, too.



This year's cycle of the Sun in Cancer also involves the complicated undercurrent of a pattern called a Grand Cross, involving tensions between Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune. All of these planets connect to one another and form a series of 90 and 180 degree aspects. If you wonder why so many weird things are going on, we can certainly point to these conflicts. Quick-moving Mercury just entered the picture, and you may

have been wondering of Mercury was still retrograde. No ... but, Mercury's energy is distorted by this frustrating tension with Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune. We've been exploring the squares in this pattern in past newsletters. Simply put: it's complicated ... and confusing!

As the planets move away from this Grand Cross, we're still "stuck" with the longer-lasting cosmic influence -- controlling Saturn transiting in square aspect to sensitive Neptune. While Saturn-Neptune reached a peak on June 17th, its influence will continue to be quite strong through the next 30 days. In fact, the final peak of this square occurs on September 10th, and so the cycle continues to have an impact until the end of October. During the entire summer, expect to see more critical attitudes toward differing beliefs, especially from those who may try to impose limitations upon others due to these differences. *It's a test of our tolerance and compassion as human beings, and it can be very tempting to allow fear and prejudice to overtake tolerance and understanding.* A vulnerable period, manipulation and propaganda can (and will) distort the truth. It will be interesting to see how this and other cycles play into the political scene, including, of course, the UK vote regarding staying in the European Union.

The Universe brings opportunities for balance, however. On a more positive note, expansive **Jupiter travels in a supportive trine connection to transformative Pluto, peaking on June 26th.** The Jupiter-Pluto influence remains for about ten days, and marks a powerful period to bring healing and regeneration. Complementing this cycle, lovely Venus draws support from the compassion of Neptune, stimulating an **opening of the heart through Divine love and forgiveness from June 24th-28th.** It's a time when Higher Truth can prevail, and this very influence can help to dissolve some of the negativity of that Saturn-Neptune trouble. It's time to open to possibility, a time to share resources and make a very real difference. Even more so, it is a time for the restoration of Hope.

Then, there's Mars. The trouble-maker. It's not been a pretty Mars Retrograde cycle (since mid-April), particularly during June. In fact, during its retrograde, Mars has traveled over the same territory Saturn dragged over during the summer of 2015. What does that mean? I'm assuming you're somewhat familiar with the concept of karma. Addressed honestly, working with the energy of Saturn, real and can last. But sustainable growth is likely. Structures solidified can last. But actions like taking short-cuts, attempting to cover-up a problem instead of fixing it, or making promises that simply cannot be fulfilled -- such circumstances will not hold up when put to the test. This Mars cycle is testing what was built during Saturn's travels in the Summer of 2015. Let's call it a "stress test."



Mars is an activator. It is, after all, the planet representing action and assertiveness. **On June 29th, Mars leaves its retrograde,** and moves one more time over the territory it's been crossing since late February. Mars in direct motion could even mean the promise of progress! Right action will be evident.

Expressed negatively -- Mars transits can bring aggression, anger, and hostility. Old resentments, unexpressed or repressed anger are very likely to be re-activated while Mars moves along its previously traveled path, from the day its retrograde ends (June 29th) through August 20th.

Now we are experiencing evidence of what happens when Mars stirs up what Saturn has attempted to solidify. Think back to the months from June - August 2015, and the situations, projects, or relationships that were your focus at that time. What was requiring your attention? Just to remind you, it was, simply put, not a good time to start something entirely new. However, it was a time to gird-up or complete something already underway. There was a lot of repair work going on. Now, thanks to the influence of Mars, it's time to see if those situations established or strengthened last summer will hold up under pressure. It may be that now we're just taking things to the next level, but could also be like climbing to the peak. For those who've been seriously planning, getting into shape, doing the hard work, and keeping their focus, this can be the right time to make that major attempt at fulfilling a goal.

Yes ... you may finally be able to get something going. But -- and here's the part that connects to that Saturn business -- not if there are unfinished obligations or responsibilities holding you back. And not where someone has been scape-goating, hedging, and not really instead of "owning up."

Emotionally, Mars cycles stimulate anger, and we've seen ample evidence of what can happen when deep, unexpressed anger is finally unleashed. Even though this can be a productive period, it can also be filled with rage -- some of it righteous, some of it misguided. Here is the power of individual choice and free will.

The Sabian Symbol for the zodiac degree of Mars as it ends its retrograde and moves forward again is: *Crowds coming down the mountain to listen to one inspired man.* The image calls forth a hopeful experience, when we are ready to hear a message of enlightened truth. Significantly, the image is also about listening ... opening heart and mind to hear what an inspired person may have to say. This is an invitation to find your own truth, to hear the message from your higher self and go forward with clear vision of the path ahead. It is time for personal honesty, and actions inspired by integrity. There is potential vulnerability in this message, and it's centered upon excessive idealism, and that, too, is underscored by other cycles we've been exploring. We might also consider that the message may present a challenge to take action that could run against popular ideals and require the mustering of true courage in the face of such a challenge.

When the **Cancer New Moon arrives on July 4th** (7:01 AM EDT), citizens of the USA will be starting their celebrations of our nation's independence. It's the perfect time to share with others who are part of your personal circle. Also on this date, the Sun & Mercury gain depth from the penetrating power of Neptune -- it's the perfect day to seek out opportunities to make a difference, and to open to the vision of what your life can yet become.



By mid-July, several short-lived cycles emerge that challenge us to define our actions and attitudes more clearly, and to avoid knee-jerk reactions that could lead to unnecessary difficulties. Venus and Mercury move into Leo on July 12th and 13th, respectively, shifting values and conversation to a more dramatic level. Just in time to add more flair and drama, especially as the major political parties in the USA hold their nominating conventions to name their candidates for President and Vice President of the USA.

The **Capricorn Full Moon will be shining brightly on July 19th** (6:56 PM EDT), right in the middle of the Republican Convention time slot. This should add some extra juice to the event. Convention or not, the Capricorn Full Moon is an excellent time to attempt to clarify intentions and assert whatever becomes the intended message. This is aided by both Venus and Mercury traveling in a supporting trine to Saturn. But there is also a little problem with Venus & Mercury arising from tensions with Neptune -- indicating that there are likely to be some who are definitely unhappy with that message.

The Democrats hold their convention with the Sun's cycle in Leo, material for the next *Starlight Message*. Astrologically-speaking, there's plenty of drama showing up for both of these events, and rightly so.

While I do have some shorter trips planned this summer, please know that I am available for consultation. If you're ready to explore how these and upcoming cycles are working in your own life, please contact me and we'll arrange an appointment that works for you.

Bright Blessings,
Gloria

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In addition to teaching a class during the symposium, ***I will be presenting a post-conference Workshop: The Nodes Know, The Eclipses Show:***

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