



## Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*Sun in Aquarius 2018 Issue  
New Year's Eclipse ...  
Chinese, that is*

Do you recall the excitement about the Solar Eclipse in Leo last August? It was an inspiring time, when inhabitants of North America

joined together to witness the Total Solar Eclipse as its path crossed the continent -- a rare event. It seemed that most people were content to allow their personal experience resonate in whatever manner seemed important, as each person witnessed the dying of the light for a brief few minutes in time. It was a time that inspired many to visit their hopes and dreams, and clarify opportunities to help manifest them. For me, an opportunity to witness peaceful gatherings across North America, and to indulge in those moments of harmony was truly special. It's time now to revisit the invitation issued by the August eclipse. In the weeks ahead, there will be a Total Lunar Eclipse, followed by a Partial Solar Eclipse in Aquarius, resonating with the opposite astrological qualities that were featured last August. It marks a time to explore progress we've made since that August Solar Eclipse. Or not ...

First, let's focus upon the shifting cycles that open to us as the Sun's light shines through the lens of Aquarius -- the sign of humanity, "the people," independence, and inspired invention. Beginning **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:10 PM EST**, this 30-day period of the **Sun in Aquarius** features cycles that draw our attention to finding innovative ways to communicate more clearly, to developing a greater awareness of universal values, and to the quest we each undertake to find the essence of Truth. Aquarius represents the unconventional, and also symbolizes the spirit of altruism that helps to connect us to our capacity to experience and express unconditional love. Yet Aquarius can also draw us into elitist thinking and attitudes -- easily undoing much of what unconditional love may have created. This is the time to strengthen friendships and forge connections with others whose ideals harmonize with your own, qualities emphasized with harmony between Mercury and Neptune when the Sun enters its cycle in Aquarius. A desire to bring about revolutionary change also emerges. But first, we must craft a message defining the mission!

Let me also remind you that Saturn has now moved firmly into its cycle in Capricorn, bring a different quality and focus to the structural elements of our lives. While it may have been easy to get away with making it up as you go along while Saturn was in Sagittarius, Saturn in Capricorn brings awareness to the systems, infrastructure, and rules of society. Some are firmly stated, others fall in the category of "that's the way it's always been." Many of these foundations still provide a healthy platform for growth, while others are crumbling. Now we're seeing very clear examples of how some attitudes and structures may have worked against our best interests. But one thing is

clear -- sweeping old issues under the rug will not work right now. Saturn and Capricorn both are connected to time. And we're seeing now that for some outworn societal constructs, "Time's Up."

While some may be tempted to ignite change with a vengeful attitudes from January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, addressing underlying problems is a more effective way to deal old wounds or abuses of power. The invitation of Mercury's joining with Pluto for those few days is perfect to bring issues to the surface that must be addressed if healing is to take place. And, if the goal is to stage a revolution against outworn attitudes and infrastructure, getting to the core of the matter promises more effective long-term success.

When **Mars gallops into Sagittarius on January 26<sup>th</sup>**, there's plenty of energy available for staging a revolution. Mars cycles through Sagittarius for six weeks, marking a period of inspired action, drawing emphasis to the virtues of enthusiastic competition in events like the Olympics. Back to more immediate challenges ... Knee-jerk reactions can create a bit of disruption January 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, especially if the resulting conclusions have no basis in fact.

The arrival of the **Total Lunar Eclipse in Leo on January 31<sup>st</sup>** (8:26 AM EST) brings attention to the challenge of the individual standing up to power, particularly when prejudice or oppression have distorted the truth of a situation. This eclipse draws our attention to what we hold in common with one another, while also allowing the individual to shine forth. We are challenged to create a positive balance between leadership and "the people." This Full Moon is a *Supermoon*, with the Moon closer to Earth, appearing extra large in the heavens.



Also, since this is the second Full Moon in a month, it's a Blue Moon! That's a lot of extra special qualities happening at once, drawing unique emphasis to the opportunities signified by this Full Blue Moon Eclipse! This can be the perfect time for each person to reach out to do just one thing in service to humanity. ...kinda makes me think of John Lennon's vision: *"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope some day you'll join us, and the world will be as one."*

Value systems and relationships are highlighted from January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 7<sup>th</sup> -- when diversity and differences can be more readily embraced and accepted by those with an open mind. Negotiation can lead to a resolution of some longstanding issues. However, it's important to avoid exaggeration, since that can invite other very real problems. Economically, this reminds us that some investments are over-valued or blown out of proportion during these few days. While this can be a positive time to take action, spend and invest with care, and if you feel uneasy, consider sitting out while markets become a bit more quiet.

**It may be more difficult to sort through what is real and what is not from February 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, while the Sun hides beneath the fog of Neptune.** This is particularly true for those in positions of power and leadership. While it might be tempting to cover-up or distract as a means of redirecting focus, such actions can result in major setbacks for those hoping for real solutions to difficult problems. Although I'm not sure if the metaphor of "buttons" will be involved, pushing the game of "mine's bigger than yours" will lead nowhere.

The **Solar Partial Eclipse in Aquarius peaks February 15<sup>th</sup>** at 4:05:06 PM EST. This eclipse stands opposite the degrees of the Leo Eclipse that happened last August, bringing our attention to what was, what is, and what will be. For the days prior to the eclipse, find time to reflect upon what's transpired since last August, particularly if you set some specific goals at that time. Turn inward, get in touch with what you're feeling about yourself and your life. Make time to write out your thoughts and goals. On a Collective level, this Aquarius eclipse draws upon the power of ideas. With Mercury -- the planet of communication -- in a strong positive contact to futuristic Uranus at the time of the eclipse, we see a grand opportunity to *think globally*.



The Chinese New Year -- the **Year of the Earth Dog -- begins February 16<sup>th</sup>**. The year of the Earth Dog emphasizes the value of hard work and the importance of honoring your obligations. It's also a year to pay attention to health, on a personal level and within society. Environmental concerns can also draw special significance. Traditionally, the Earth Dog brings success in financial matters, but not without effort.

**Misleading actions can be problematic from February 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**, while Mars is caught up in the confusion brought by Neptune. The image of the pied piper comes to mind, and we would all do well to be more attentive to the path we're following and who might be leading the way. Of interest, too, is the challenge to avoid miscalculation and misdirection. This can be especially problematic in the world of sports. Given that the Olympics will be taking place during this time, we might anticipate that some events may be met with confusing results. Mars square Neptune also suggests a greater potential of a lack of clarity, outright deception, or a lack of trust in some venues. Intimate relationships can be tested during this period, particularly if someone is being too manipulative, or if commitment is wavering.

If you're wondering how the eclipses are showing up in your life, take a look at the Houses in your personal chart occupied by the signs Leo and Aquarius. These two areas draw the most attention now, and make mark both challenge and opportunity. Do get in touch if you're ready to schedule a personal consultation to explore how these and other cycles are working for you. Meanwhile, I do hope you're finding positive ways to enjoy the gifts of this season in your life.

Bright Blessings,  
Gloria

### **EVENTS:**

**May 24-30, 2018: UAC 2018:** "Celebrating Earth & Sky," Chicago, Illinois. UAC is the largest astrology conference in the world, and offers an amazing opportunity to experience astrology, attend classes, and meet others who "speak the language!" I'm presenting two lectures at UAC 2018. My personal consultation schedule while I'm in Chicago is now being booked, so do get in touch if you want to schedule an

appointment while I'm there. For more information about UAC 2018, check out the website: [www.uacastrology.com](http://www.uacastrology.com).

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