



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*The Sun's Cycle in Aquarius 2023
Or, "What does it cost?"*

Now that we are leaving the Mercury Retrograde Cycle (January 18, 2023), it may become easier to understand one another, although that is a sharing process and works best when those involved keep an open mind. Fortunately, as we move through the cycle of the Sun in Aquarius there's a true opportunity to be part of

breakthrough. It's time to shake things up, and make way for progress. Have your ideas ready, since this can be an excellent time to be seen and heard. It's the time of Aquarius – the time for freedom and revolutionary change!

When the Sun's light shifts to illuminate the qualities of Aquarius on January 20th, 2023 (3:30 AM EST), we enter a period filled with opportunities for innovation and humanitarian action. It will be difficult to ignore the areas of life that have already changed, or in the process of transforming. Some alterations will have happy results, others may be destructive. After all, we are still putting our lives back together after the havoc wrought by the pandemic. And let's not forget the battles being fought in Ukraine. Issues involving communication are still playing a major role, since, at the time the Aquarius cycle begins, the planet Mercury is tied to the Moon, adding significance to the fact that the Collective need to speak and be heard is a signature of this time period. Aquarius' qualities remind us that we are individuals united by a Collective Mind, and that the actions the individual will impact all of us. We are in a period of Paradigm shift, and there are even more significant changes ahead. This Aquarius period presents the opportunity to prepare for those fresh ideas. As Winter ends, we see evidence of new life, but also recognize the vulnerability of this time. When this phase ends, we will be at the gateway of Spring!

Happy Chinese Lunar New Year (January 22nd)! This is the Lunar Year of the Rabbit – celebrated in most parts of the world, although, some will celebrate the Year of the Cat. Cultural differences determine which is celebrated in your locale. The date is determined by the Lunar cycle, and the Aquarius New Moon. In most of the Western World, we utilize the Tropical Zodiac, the structure I prefer for astrological calculations.

From that perspective, let's continue ...

You may be ready to launch your projects or plans now, and with the **Aquarius New Moon on January 21st** (3:53 PM EST), there's ample momentum. The New Moon provides bright energy, and during the next two weeks, getting things moving can be a breath of fresh air. If you wonder about that hesitation that seems to be in the air, it's likely a manifestation of the impending **conjunction of Venus to Saturn in Aquarius**. The support for change may dwindle a bit for a few days, since doubters and resisters can be the squeaky wheel. Expect to run into resistance from those whose values may be different from your own. Be ready to answer, "What does this cost?" You might discover that there is not always quid pro quo, although defining expectations will go a long way toward healing grievances. This cycle lasts from January 21st – 24th, when conservative – or even fearful – attitudes can thwart progress.



Perhaps it's time to slow the pace, and take more deliberate steps forward? The Venus-Saturn aspect is exact on January 22nd, a day with additional significance, since **Uranus ends its retrograde on the 22nd**. Uranus is the planet connected to Aquarius, and with the planet ending its months-long retrograde, we can anticipate even more manifestation of revolutionary change during the season of Aquarius. Leadership calls for courage, when it's time to connect with others whose ideals and ideas harmonize with your own. But do make room for those who may think quite differently or have a different approach. Remember that you are not alone, although you may not yet be fully secure showing the world what you have to offer. Trust yourself ... and activate your networks!

After Uranus leaves retrograde, all other planets will be moving in direct, or forward, motion. No retrogrades! This shows a more open pathway for energy to manifest without the disruption or hesitation often present during retrograde cycles. The planets continue in direct motion for fourteen weeks before any turn retrograde. This may be a better period to open new pathways, particularly in the realms of technology, science, medicine, transportation, space exploration, and new options for improving the educational system.

The Full Moon in Leo peaks on February 5th at 1:28 PM EST. The astrological chart for the Full Moon has a significant indicator, since the planet Uranus creates a T-Square pattern between the Sun, Moon and Uranus. This clue draws to the potential for disruptive change, and brings an unsettled quality to our lives. Anticipate the “unexpected” to manifest in surprising ways. Is it a good surprise? Given the nature of Leo, it’s likely that those driven by a need for self-importance are the likely disruptors. In relationships, anticipate a tendency from others to get in their own way. Be aware that might include you, too!

One of the dynamic principles represented by Aquarius is that of humanitarian ideals, and endeavors that might have a positive impact upon the quality of life, may be launched with greater confidence during this cycle. However, the shadow of Aquarius is Leo, and personal relationships may also take higher priority, especially true friendship and unconditional love. It’s a good time to make room for your unique differences, and to establish trust in one another.

Saturn continues its push through the last degrees of Aquarius now, as it heads toward Pisces territory. Saturn-in-Pisces will begin in early March, marking another quality that will drive the new paradigm emerging at this time. While such major cycles can seem too remote to matter to us as individuals, the opposite is the true factor: the thoughts, words and actions of the individual create the options and changes the whole of humanity will ultimately experience. This month of the Sun in Aquarius can be a launch pad for the new infrastructures necessary to build the foundations of our future in the new world. Celebrate the talents of others, and give yourself ample opportunity to let your originality shine!

May you enjoy true blessings and abundance in all good things!
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