



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Spring Equinox 2020: Sun Cycle in Aries 2020 *Collective Responsibility*

The usual awakening symbolized by the Vernal Equinox is often accompanied by a quality of exuberance, with opportunities to grow, blossom, and display the fullness of life. The process

of renewal sometimes has a few challenges in the mix – like this year. Despite those added tests featured at this time, the cycles persist, with their particular dynamics creating the drumbeat of the passage of time.

As I write this Starlight Message, the world is grappling with the pandemic we've named Covid-2019, a rather stubborn viral illness creating very real havoc. The virus itself has managed to expose a lack of positive preparedness, sparking a climate of fear exacerbated by uncertainty and mistrust. What do the planets have to tell us about this challenge? Let's get into the process by locking in to the continuum of Time expressed through the planetary cycles.

The arrival of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere, also designated as the Vernal Equinox, bumps up against the process of breaking out of a cycle of darkness, inviting longer days and a release of energy that's been stored and waiting during the Winter. The **Sun shifts into the territory of Aries on March 19th at 11:50 PM EDT**, opening the gateway for amazing new life to burst forward. It is time for the outward manifestation of power, spurred on by the energy of the planet Mars, the ruler of Aries. During this 30-day cycle of Sun in Aries, bold actions can and will make a difference. Aries is all about action, and can manifest as restless discontent should that action prove to be insufficient. That can be especially so during the 2020 Aries cycle.

Why is that? As noted, the ruler of Aries, Mars, tells us a lot about the most pressing dynamics of this time. Mars, the God of War, is always ready to battle enemies. Now,

Mars is in a tangle with the power planets – Saturn and Pluto, feeling a major extra boost from expansive Jupiter – all traveling in Capricorn in close proximity to one another, showing extreme intensity. But there's something more to consider:

After all, the Covid-19 made itself known (albeit behind the scenes) just a few short weeks prior to the conjunction of Saturn and Pluto. As you recall, that particular cycle of these two giants peaked on January 12, 2020, when its power was being seen, but all its manifestations were not yet complete. Now, we are experiencing an amazing process bringing up old issues and power struggles that have been brewing beneath the surface. Now, the challenge is unveiled.

We might tend to wonder if the enemy in this battle is the human race, as we face the conundrum of how to control and quell the attack of the corona virus. With the influence of Capricorn, there's a very real need to make progress. And with Saturn continuing to be a key factor, limitation and responsibility are key factors. Keep in mind, **these planets join together from March 17th – 26th**, and they can certainly have an effect that seems overwhelming at times. Significantly, these are also qualities we can use to fight battles. Mars activates the whole dynamic during this period, and taking responsible action will make a difference. These early days after the Equinox also feature Mars conjunct Jupiter – a time to expand the efforts required to gain control. To top it off, Mars is joined with Pluto. This can signify a time when we might actually make headway stifling the vitality of the virus itself. Think of the “disinfecting” we're seeing as the prime weapon. In other words, kill the darn thing.

These powerful cycles will manifest on multiple levels. Leadership is directly challenged during this period as Mars treks over Jupiter, Pluto and Saturn. Mars is an activator, igniting other energies as it moves through this period. Misuse of power is tempting for those whose modus operandi involves stealing power from others, or making excuses instead of owning mistakes.

It's easy to feel powerless in the face of such a daunting battle, and so it's important to find a positive way of dealing with such feelings. On a personal level, explore your fears, holding them under the microscope to determine if they are justifiable. When you can, make a positive effort to let facts guide your path forward. Consciously connect with your subconscious, through meditation or mindfulness to find and embrace your center.

Heads up! There's another new cycle beginning on **March 21st: Saturn moves into the sign Aquarius**. It's actually another one of those "teaser" cycles, since Saturn will not get far into Aquarius' territory before turning retrograde, ultimately backing again into Capricorn territory by the end of June. Still ... **from March 21st – July 1st, 2020, Saturn will be in Aquarius**. This can actually be a gift, since during this period we have the opportunity to explore and design the types of foundations and infrastructures that will be immediately ahead in 2021!

Saturn in Aquarius draws our attention to what we share in common: our humanity and our Collective Consciousness. Saturn in Aquarius invites us to think **"community first,"** and can show the way forward as we build the foundations suitable for a new age. Health and environmental issues are a huge part of Saturn's tests while cycling in Aquarius. Grass roots efforts can gain traction. Logic may prevail as a torch when there's darkness. The "needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few" can be a manifestation of the test of Saturn in Aquarius (philosophy a la Spock).

Although it's several months away, what we're experiencing during March 2020 heralds a major cycle called the **Great Conjunction**, when Jupiter and Saturn will conjunct in Aquarius on December 20, 2020. The Jupiter-Saturn cycle is a turning point for the Collective, when clarity about the kind of future we are building for ourselves and generations to come can take root. The inner work to be done now takes each of us to the point where we connect with The One, and when visions for a bright future become clear. At least for a moment More about this in future Messages.

Back to the current cycles, the **Aries New Moon occurs on March 24th** (5:28 AM EDT), adding a fresh vitality. Joining with Chiron, this New Moon brings potential for breakthroughs in healing. Situations that may have been stalled may release. **Mars enters Aquarius on March 30th, and then forms an exact conjunction to Saturn in Aquarius on March 31st**. This pairing provides focus and thrust working together, and can mark a time of success in meeting challenges. It can be a true turning point. However, this can stimulate excessive control in some instances. It can be a fine line.

Other major players emerge from **April 1st – 6th, when expansive Jupiter unites with Pluto**, marking a time when what has been pushed beneath the surface is likely to be exposed. This amplifies the need to get to the root causes of major issues, and to eliminate what is useless, rotten, or unhealthy. It can be a period when hopeful results emerge, but it can also be easy to go too far in some situations. On other fronts, political and legal matters can be shape-changers for society. Make room for Truth.

It's a **Supermoon on April 7th** (10:35 PM EDT), in the sign Libra. The Supermoon appears to be unusually large because of its closer proximity to Earth. This Full Moon in Libra draws attention to relationships, especially our partnerships. Perhaps relationships need a review, or a few issues need to be addressed. It's best not to use avoidance as a technique of dealing with such things, since these cycles tend to amplify problems.

As the Sun moves into the later degrees of Aries, tensions arise that challenge the Sun's clear expression. The Sun represents those in power, the leaders, and it also shows the expression of the ego in a psychological sense. From **April 13th - 16th**, the Sun forms a tense square to Jupiter and to Pluto, and this can mark a time when leaders overstep their power. Watch for ego to get in the way or create unnecessary obstacles.

There's a lot going on ... and I hope that this exploration of the cosmic scheme will provide at least a bit of objectivity at a time when a sense of personal power can feel fragile. We all are challenged now to find that which unites us, and to think more universally when we can. As the intensity of these challenges begins to wane, we will have opportunities to do the work of bringing healing into our lives. Society is changing in a huge way. The way we approach life on our planet is changing, too. These transitions will bring our fears to the surface, and from there, we can more clearly see what we're confronting. There's nothing like knowledge and understanding to illuminate the path ahead. Transformation can be daunting, and, if it were easy, we would not call it transformation!

I am available for client consultations now, but only by phone. Do get in touch if you wish to schedule time to explore how these cycles are working in your life. Meanwhile, find joy ... and spread it around! Be well.

Peace, light and blessings,
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