



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*Summer Solstice 2019
Sun Cycle in Cancer 2019*

Three major cosmic happenings draw our attention now: Solar and Lunar Eclipses, and the infamous retrograde of Mercury. We could just stop there and walk away, but the issues will follow us like petulant ghosts. Fortunately, the Summer Solstice

marks a time to fulfill deeply held hopes and can be a period of powerful illumination. We connect to both light within, and without, and we are challenged to let clarity shine.

Like most Western astrologers, I use the Tropical Zodiac and have observed that these seasonal markers are quite significant. Identifying the quarters of the year, the solstice and equinox points open cycles of initiation and beginnings. **The Sun's entrance into Cancer's zone on June 21st** occurs at 11:54 AM EDT, **ushering in a period of heightened feelings and emotional sensitivity.** It's time to take in the full view of your life, and to get in touch with your deepest feelings. An emphasis on history and what has gone before seems more palpable now, and it can be tempting to feel that the way things once were is somehow better. Now's the time to test those attachments to determine their validity. Open to your life force, and let it awaken vision inspired by the illumination of Spirit. After all, the Summer Solstice *is* the longest day. During the 30-days of the Sun in Cancer, tend to the things in your life ready to grow. Family time can be especially powerful, and sharing honest support with those who bring their light to the circle of your life can be especially meaningful. You know, we always hear people commenting about how quickly life goes by, and it is true, of course. This phase of the great cycle of the year helps us get in touch with what truly nourishes us on every level. Allow yourself to share that feast!

When this cycle begins, ***Jupiter is still continuing its travel in a tense conflict with Neptune, with heightened ideology driving many actions and attitudes.*** Jupiter-square-Neptune will leave at the end of June, and until then will create an undercurrent, potentially altering many issues we're facing. It's that clash that can occur between the Higher Truth, and the power of belief. Sometimes, we see only what we want to see. Very human. Plus, there can be a struggle between the strengths of the teaching and the teacher. An ethical dilemma, perhaps? Additionally, ***from June 21st - 26th, there's tension between Venus,***

Jupiter, and Neptune. We see that Venus -- the planet representing our values, sense of artistry, and expressions of love and beauty -- is not flowing particularly smoothly. The tendency now to hide or hold back feelings can warp their authenticity. It's also a time when we can be more easily misled by others whose motives and intentions may be nefarious or simply self-serving. Relationships can be challenged, too. Plus, pay special attention to financial and legal matters, since deception or illusion may be in play where money matters are concerned. This is especially true given the misleading forms of communication so rampant today -- spam, spoof or just plain hustle -- be alert!

The **Solar Total Eclipse in Cancer occurs July 2nd** (3:16 PM EDT). Family becomes a powerful focus now. Keep in mind that eclipses mark a process, and many of the changes, opportunities, or challenges signified by the Solar Eclipse will manifest over several months, and may shape changes that occur for years. We may all anticipate some positive results from actions taken if those actions are driven by our truest values and are designed to stabilize the infrastructures in our lives. However, since this can be a crisis point, we may all have some added anxiety in situations where we are not in control. This Solar Eclipse does remind us to embrace those experiences that offer a chance to take on the responsibility for making a difference where we can.



Allow me to add a brief "astrology lesson:" Saturn, the planetary energy signifying structure, stability, discipline, responsibility, testing, perseverance, caution and restraint -- continues its lengthy cycle in Capricorn. During the weeks prior to and immediately following the solar eclipse, Saturn joins with the South Node of the Moon. Now, before you decide to stop reading, focus for a brief moment. The Nodes of the Moon are sensitive points opening the way for an eclipse to happen. **With Saturn transiting in a union with the South Node, the past is very likely to be replaying.** Family gatherings may be filled with recollections from the past, and this can be a significant time to become more aware of the true nature of your relationship to your family. Perhaps it's time to activate some new "traditions," fitting with the changes that have transformed your family, and connections to your roots.

Thanks to Saturn's interplay, this can certainly become a time of karmic intensity, when those proverbial chickens are heading for their roost. Promises and responsibilities insist on being addressed. It's the perfect time to do what you can to clear up issues that undermine your ability to move forward. Significantly, it can be a milestone period, when the Collective needs to pony up

and get busy when it comes to dealing with important matters. Are you thinking, "climate change?" Tick tock. Time makes itself known.

In fact, just about the time **Mercury begins its retrograde on July 7th** (7:15 PM EDT), Saturn and the South Node are joined at the hip.



Unfinished business almost demands to be on the agenda of the present moment. Given the tendencies of Mercury Retrograde to remind us that starting something new can be complicated if you're already obligated by something incomplete, let me suggest that we all deal with those unanswered messages and unpaid debts during this

retrograde cycle (which ends the last day of July 2019). Anticipate some fiery rhetoric from July 1st - 10th, while Mercury joins with Mars in Leo, adding drama to what may be an already hot exchange of words and actions. Knee-jerk reactions can create very real damage under this explosive pairing. But it may also lead to a potentially exciting display of fireworks. Happy Independence Day!

The two week period between the Solar Eclipse and Lunar Eclipse is **not** a positive time to initiate new projects or take on major new obligations, and this is amplified by Mercury Retrograde. As you know, the retrograde of Mercury tends to involve difficulties with communication which can snarl even the most carefully laid plans. However, it can be a good time to focus on completing a project or making revisions to improve a task or an agreement. Attempting to finalize a deal can be highly frustrating, but that does not mean all progress must cease. Perhaps an incremental approach to a negotiation or a procedure will be more productive. Also, returning to that ever-present unfinished business might unveil details previously overlooked or misinterpreted.

The Partial **Lunar Eclipse in Capricorn on July 16th** peaks at 5:38 PM EDT. The opportunity of this eclipse cycle rests in the attitude we develop while dealing with the highs and lows of bringing our dreams and hopes into reality. The influence of Capricorn might feed a more negative attitude, especially if progress seems stalled or too slow. But careful focus and persistence can manifest very real rewards. Plus, the planet Venus is conjunct the North Node of the Moon at the time of the moon's eclipse, opening the way for closure and healing to emerge through expressions of love and artistic creativity.

Values become a powerful focus, and living in harmony with our true personal values can bring infinite rewards.



Also drawn into the energetic processes of this time, Venus especially reminds us that economic matters can be a hot button. And with Saturn just inching away from its conjunction to the South Node when the lunar eclipse occurs, reality will be difficult to avoid. In fact, Venus and Saturn are in a tug of war, and longstanding issues may be at the core of some very persistent differences in values. This opposing pair also awakens relationship issues, particularly those that pull us out of our comfort zones. Whether it's a business deal, a special purchase, or a relationship -- the question of "what will this cost?" becomes significant. In other words, how valuable is something or someone?

Ultimately, this can be a powerful time of spiritual awareness invoking a need to allow soul and Spirit to guide us. With the Nodes both being highlighted by the planets Venus and Saturn for this Lunar Eclipse, you may experience a deeper intuitive awareness about what's happening in the world. Even more significantly, this eclipse invites us to be fully in the moment, and to relish the pure awareness of that experience. This time, we enter through the gateway of our feelings. Now is the time to ask yourself, "How do I truly feel about myself, my life, and my relationships?" or ... "What do I need?" You'd be surprised how powerful that attunement can be. It's all part of the process involved as we each clear the path for the inner work possible ... with the help of these eclipses. As we say ... it's a process.

If you're ready to explore how these eclipses and other cycles are working in your life, please contact me to arrange an appointment for a consultation. Just a reminder -- it is not necessary to schedule a long consultation. If a 30-minute consultation is best for you, just let me know. Billing is pro-rated according to time spent in consultation.

Bright Blessings for a Happy Summer!
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