



Starlight Message From Gloria Star

Summer Solstice 2023 Sun Cycle in Cancer 2023

It may feel like we're all just going through the motions, following along the tracks of time, simply hoping that the destination will

prove itself as a worthwhile experience. Instead of getting caught up in actions and situations just for the sake of being there, we enter a period that may inspire each of us to weave our ideals and hopes into a more true expression of ourselves. After all, we're still figuring out what it might mean to answer the call of Saturn in Pisces. Instead of wondering when what we knew in the past is going to return, we can use the malleability of Saturn in Pisces to reshape our lives. Seeking a comfort zone may be counterproductive, however. Perhaps during this Sun cycle, we can try something different ...?

The **Sun moves into Cancer on June 21st, 2023** at 10:05 AM EDT. It's the longest day, when the sun reaches its most northern point from the celestial equator – the Summer Solstice. This period of maximum light begins a cycle filled with opportunities to connect with those who share the intimate circle of our lives. When the Summer Solstice begins, the Moon is in Leo, and is moving toward a union with the planets Venus and Mars. These three energies together provide a rich source of creative inspiration and opportunity.

Cancer's natural expression invites contact with family, and can be strongly focused on home. The resources shared can create a bond within the family circle, but also deepens devotion to meaningful experiences. Jupiter and Saturn continue their harmonious dance that began June 19th, continuing through the end of the month.

Neptune enters retrograde June 30th, although it's one of those cycles that can go unnoticed until its end (in January 2024).

It's a subtle heads-up that there may be more going on with a not-so-hidden agenda. Those who would take unfair advantage of others, or work against the best interest of others, may use this time to further their own aims. A test of what you believe ... and why! ... is underway.



Look up! The **Capricorn Full Moon on July 3rd** may be just as brilliant as some of the holiday fireworks. The Capricornid meteor showers will be bright in the heavens from July 3rd-15th, and might be easily visible all night, although the nights around the Full Moon might be "blinded" by the glare of moonlight. As we go through the remaining nights in July, that glare will

diminish and meteor showers may still be visible. Plus, Venus and Mars are evening stars, so may be an added attraction.

These energies signify a time when new projects or actions not only gain traction, but bring efforts to fruition for those focused on work required for a successful outcome. Be aware of heightened emotions now, since investments of time, energy and resources can have a personal value. With Venus and Mars traveling so close together, relationships can be more expressive, and it can be a time when expectations and values are more clearly defined.

This changes when **Mars separates from Venus and enters Virgo July 10th**, beginning a cycle of heightened productivity. While practical matters may take the lead, attention to details may determine how far a relationship might go. Preferences and priorities play a significant role in personal and professional matters. For the next ten days, Mars travels in a challenging opposition to Saturn. This can actually be a great time to make progress – if you have a plan to follow. Haphazard actions are not likely to manifest the desired results. Also, Mars-Saturn periods can manifest lasting results, since Saturn's qualities help stabilize the active passion of Mars.

The **Cancer New Moon on July 17th** also marks the time when **the Nodes of the Moon** change signs. Since January 2022, the Nodal Axis has connected through the signs Taurus and Scorpio. To refresh your memory, the Moon's nodes are the points in the zodiac when the Sun's orbit around the Moon and the Moon's orbit around the Sun connect. Now, the North Node of the Moon has a new target, moving through Aries, while the South Node cycles through Libra.

Heads-up, Aries and Libra! When these nodal points are connecting to your astrological chart, you may feel a bit hypersensitive about the qualities and processes represented by the planets involved. The Nodes are directly connected to the eclipse cycles, another reason why there's a touch of super-sensitive involved! However there is strong potential for positive changes, and self-realization.

The **Cancer New Moon** marks a time for fresh beginnings, and suggests opportunities for acknowledgment and support of others. This particular moon cycle occurs when Pluto is forging a tense square aspect to the Nodes of the Moon. World events may intensify around this period, especially in the realm of leadership and those seeking to increase their own power. An appeal to those who feel disenfranchised can be successful now – a cycle that can have positive or negative implications. Keep in mind that Pluto does arrive with healing power, not just destructive force.

Venus, still trekking through Leo, begins her retrograde cycle on July 22nd, shortly before the Sun in Cancer cycle ends. The Venus retrograde period always stresses how our values are manifesting. Watch for the economy to present challenges, although some indicators may actually have positive results. On a personal note, now, more than ever, it is imperative to determine what (and who) you truly love. Unresolved conflict in relationships can play a major

role now, and it's important to honor your truest self if you are to unravel the new ways value systems are manifesting.

Do get in touch when you're ready to schedule a personal consultation to explore your questions and learn more about how these and other cycles are manifesting in your life.

Bright Blessings,
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