



## Starlight Message from Gloria Star

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We certainly live in eventful times, particularly events of the man-made variety. Now that Saturn has stepped into Capricorn's territory, it's impossible to ignore the significance of infrastructure and foundation elements in our lives. Some old structures are crumbling, including societal norms that were once accepted as "the way things are." Tests of power are front and center now. We're already seeing the undeniable emergence of challenges to abuses of power, and it appears that we're at the tip of the iceberg. Promises made over the next three years may seem to be formed of quick-setting cement, while some will

result in positive reinforcement while others can be destructive. And there's the rub: are thoughts and actions made with conscious awareness of potential outcome? Of course, there are other cycles going on -- some short, some rather long-term -- offering up options, contrasts, and energetic impact of their own. If anything, astrology illustrates the complexity of life!

The **Winter Solstice occurs December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 11:29 AM EST**, when the Sun's light shifts into Capricorn. We reach the shortest day at this time, and celebrate Yule, the "return of the light". For those of you who've lamented the early sunsets, rejoice! The Sun in Capricorn cycle for the next 30 days marks a period to increase productivity, stimulate ambition and draw our focus to practical matters. It's time to be more attentive to the effort necessary to reach goals, and to clear a path for progress. And, we learn about limitations, too. This year, the Capricorn cycle begins as the Sun connects to the planet Saturn, adding some definite heaviness to the mix. Have you felt it? In the realm of personal growth, this period offers an opportunity to address our fears and insecurities -- especially important in this time of ever-increasing propaganda designed to reinforce those very fears. On a personal level, taking the time to explore your concerns will help to you define who's in charge of your life. Of course, some fears are very real, but others may have little foundation in reality. And that is the challenge of Saturn in Capricorn: What is REAL?" A good question to ask in the era of alternative facts.

Good news! **Mercury leaves retrograde December 22<sup>nd</sup>** (8:51 PM EST). Transportation and communication issues have been ridiculously difficult during the past three weeks,

including stormy weather disrupting travel, a major train derailing and a complete blackout at one of the world's largest airports -- just to mention a few incidents. **From December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 10<sup>th</sup>, Mercury will cover the same territory it has traveled since November 15<sup>th</sup>.** During this "shadow phase", new proposals and projects may have difficulty gaining traction, since unresolved issues or actions from the past may demand attention before we can move on. The shadow can also be the best time to take another look at a recent agreement, or perhaps an action taken during the retrograde is found to be problematic and needs further scrutiny. Now is the time to reach back into an unresolved situation or issue, to find a pathway or solution previously overlooked, or to revise, edit or test. And this can also be the time to locate something lost.

Venus, the planet of love, enters Capricorn December 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately running headlong into Saturn, adding a serious tone to the celebration of Christmas. At the same time, Mars travels toward a positive connection with Neptune, marking a period for compassionate action and bringing a spiritual focus that peaks on December 28<sup>th</sup>. These forces together can be harnessed for a positive period to be more involved in charitable outreach, and also support making time to be more actively involved in spiritual pursuits. This reinforces the significance of reflection upon the year that's ending, as you project toward the alterations you hope to make in the year ahead.

Face, it: sometimes Saturn's need for structure and rules can be a downer. After all, Saturn invented testing. Do keep in mind that this energy also brings clarity and reliability. Just in case you need it, the antidote for what may feel too daunting or negative resulting from Saturn's demands comes through the activation of Hope in our lives. **Fortunately, just at the celebration of a New Year, heart-centered Venus activates the Sun and Moon, while the Sun also moves in harmony with imaginative, creative Neptune.**

Welcome 2018! It's the perfect time to energize your vision board, by the way. But also excellent for allowing extra time and energy to express what's truly in your heart. There can also be a need to escape, and healthy escapes may be just the ticket for getting away from the grip the daily grind. Those not-so-healthy choices can be trouble.



For added measure, action-packed Mars moves to join forces with confident and generous Jupiter from January 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. What an excellent time to give a project an extra boost, and to open your awareness to the experience of joy. Also the perfect time for sports, games, and positive competitive endeavors. Infuse close relationships with fresh energy from January 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, when Venus and Neptune join to bring about a more open and compassionate experience of love.

Adding to these cycles, the **Full Moon in Cancer, a SuperMoon, occurs January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 9:24 PM EST**, adding intensity to life experiences. This can be just the right time to gather with family, or with those who form your close personal circle, to reinforce your mutual support for one another.

Innovative Uranus also leaves retrograde and moves forward again beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, opening the way for breakthrough change over the months ahead. A meeting of

the minds and joining together to bring about revolutionary change is favored from January 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, when Mercury's realm of the intellect gets an extra spark from Uranus.

Reality Check: **Mercury moves into Capricorn January 11<sup>th</sup>**, heading directly for a conjunction with Saturn on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Think of this time as a test. Could be a good thing if you're prepared. But there's also a high potential of obstructionist energy showing itself, or a stubborn clinging to the past. This just after innovative, progressive ideas seemed to lead the way. Knowing this, should you be involved in actions focused on bringing about change or taking something into a new direction early in the month, you want to be prepared to answer questions or **meet the test that could be awaiting you from January 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**. After all, the test will let you know about the viability of what you hope to achieve, and could actually strengthen your potential for success.

Finally, the **Capricorn New Moon on January 16<sup>th</sup>** (9:17 PM EST), opens the way for increasing momentum and reliable progress. While the focus now may seem to be more mundane, sometimes those every-day matters can be the key to success. Plus, there are indicators that the support sought to affirm the resources necessary to move forward can be tapped more readily from January 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> -- a great time to pursue a new job, improvements in your work situation, or launching a significant project.



Bright Yule Blessings!  
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**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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