



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Autumnal Equinox 2018
The Sun in Libra 2018 Issue
Out of Adjustment

Does it seem to you that everything is out of kilter? These have been disquieting cycles heading up to the beginning of Autumn. Even the leaves here in Southern New England seem confused about whether to hold on or let go, since the ambience of the season seems to have run aground. We can cite

the disruptive elements of the tension between fiery Mars and the unexpected qualities of Uranus that have just begun to release their entanglement. What's next? We're looking for opportunities to redirect these disruptive cycles so that we can at least gain a sense of which direction we may be going. What better than the cycle of balance and harmony to adjust those priorities?

When the **Sun's light shifts into Libra on September 22nd** (9:55 PM EDT), we mark the beginning of the Autumn Equinox. It's the time when the hours of light and darkness are equal, and when night begins to overtake daylight in this hemisphere. During the Libra period of Autumn, balance is at the forefront. It's not that this is especially easy, but more that this is the challenge. After all, we've had plenty of cycles that are all about disrupting harmony. The invitation now is about consciously making peace a priority. This year, there's a special quality of healing entering the picture. At the time of the Equinox, the **Sun in Libra is in opposition to Chiron in Aries**. It can feel like living in a room of mirrors, when it's difficult to escape seeing ourselves. Especially the ways we may be perpetuating our most sensitive wounds. Hold that thought while considering the significance of this 30-day period when negotiation, agreement, equanimity, and fairness can more easily influence the picture. It's time to think about where we can each work toward bringing balance to the forefront in our lives. And there are mitigating factors that may make this even more important ... as you'll see.

The **Harvest Moon (Full Moon in Aries) on September 24th** (10:52 PM EDT) brings the Aries Moon into a union with Chiron, bringing greater emphasis to interpersonal relationships, and the tendency for self-wounding. Also the need for mutual recognition and improvements in honest communication emerges. Because we also experience friction from Saturn at this time, it will be difficult to let go of old fears and to drag debris from the past into the present. Perhaps extracting the value of lessons learned will help us navigate away from the rocky shores toward a more calm course! In any case, relationships are under the microscope -- from our most intimate to those forged on the world stage.

All the Libra focus may also bring a period of irritating indecisiveness. Remind yourself that perfection is not an absolute. Just in time, **Venus Retrograde begins October 5th** (3:05 PM EDT). During Venus Retrograde values take center stage, and relationships are a top priority. An interesting twist occurs with this particular cycle, since Venus spends the first three weeks of retrograde in Scorpio, but backs into Libra for the last three weeks, adding extra emphasis to the relationship equation initiated with the Equinox. Lasting until November 16th, *it's a time to explore what we love, who we love, and how we love.* It's also about uncovering what you really want. In many ways, this can be a period to dig deeply into our most intimate life experiences and identify what might be in the way of our experience of the pure joy of living through Love. It's time to clear away what you no longer need. At the core of Venus Retrograde is the issue of self-worth, marking a time to explore what we each hold in our hearts when it comes to fulfilling this critical need for self-acceptance and self-respect. Because balance is also part of this experience, weighing our individual wants and needs with the needs and wants of others brings its own challenge.



Venus retrograde cycles also play a significant role in finance and business, since this is usually a time when products, resources, and services are evaluated for their worth. Investment markets may be sporadic to mixed. Think of this as a cosmic clearance sale, since it's time to eliminate what is not producing to make room for something more potentially valuable. Looking for a bargain? This is the time if you've done your research! Ready for a change? It helps to know what you want -- and sometimes that's more difficult than you would think.

When the **Libra New Moon occurs on October 8th** (11:47 PM EDT), it's time to start something fresh. Taking action is preferable to sitting still. Perhaps you'll gain inspiration while doing a bit of sky-gazing? The Draconids Meteors are peaking near the time of the New Moon, and if weather permits, can be seen for the 2-3 days around the new moon. Because there's **tension between Venus and Mars from October 8th-10th**, you might run into a few disagreements due to issues over taste and preference. Probably not the best time for a first date. Or for an initial job interview! However, because the two weeks following a new moon is a period of heightened momentum, you may feel inclined to take action anyway. But do keep in mind that, with Venus Retrograde, new relationships are not favored, since there's so much "past" to wade through. Let your intuition be your guide! In other arenas, if you've been waiting for a good time make a presentation, schedule an important meeting, or set a date, October 14th - 16th may be just perfect.

A heads up! Watch out for those power players who can't seem to get enough of the spotlight to suck the oxygen out of the room on October 11th-12th, when the Sun squares Pluto. Several short cycles punctuate the skyscape from the 10th to 19th adding creative tension to communication and artistic expression. Sometimes differences of opinion break up blocks to progress, however, finding common interests shows promise on October 14th-15th. Working toward a shared cause also brings potentials for

consensus from October 19th - 21st. It's a positive time to tap your courage and to let your values lead the way.

Do contact me to schedule your personal consultation to explore these and other cycles and how they're working in your life. Perhaps a look at that puzzling relationship through the lens of astrology could be helpful. Feel free to call or email to schedule your appointment.

Happy Autumn!



*Joy and Love,
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