



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Autumnal Equinox 2019 * Sun in Libra cycle 2019
Balance of Power

As we enter another balancing point in the cosmic cycles, ample opportunities to tip the scales provide interesting challenges and significant opportunities. It's that time of year when the hours of light and hours of darkness are relatively equal, and here in the Northern Hemisphere the days begin to grow shorter. Extracting positive meaning for this perceived diminishing light can be irritating to some, although there are excellent reasons to embrace this change. I'll leave those up to you to define!

Autumn arrives September 23rd, 2019 at 3:51 AM EDT. Relationships and partnerships take center stage while the Sun's light illuminates Libra's domain. It's time for the Harvest Festivals and gatherings that bid us to welcome the experience of coming together to share with one another. Libra's influence invites us to seek harmony in our lives. It's the Cardinal Air sign of the zodiac -- stimulating action through communication. Libra also brings qualities of refinement, artistry and beauty. Connected to Libra is Venus, the planet of love, and love relationships are a central focus during this cycle. Finance and the economy are also in the spotlight.

This Sun in Libra cycle starts with a mandate: *At the time the Equinox occurs, the Moon is in Cancer*, connecting with Mercury, Venus and Saturn in a pattern we call a *T-Square*. This signifies powerful tension, centered upon our needs to improve the way we connect with one another. In other words, the planets are not really getting along. The challenge likely arises from our tendency to fall back into old attitudes, using those outworn comfort zones as an excuse for judgmental words and actions. It may be all too easy to focus on those excuses, instead of meeting the challenge of reaching consensus or resolution. For example: Family tensions or unresolved resentments may be troubling. Within that same pattern is the challenge to explore our commitments and promises, and to honestly determine whether we're meeting the problems facing us or attempting to pass them off as too difficult. Those of you studying astrology know that since Saturn is involved in this pattern ... there must be a test! You are 100% correct. Try this: Can you list three things happening in the world now that require serious resolution? Or, look at your own life, for your own very personal list.

When faced with these tests, the lazy approach of sweeping issues aside will only create more obstacles to overcome. Libra takes the lead now: What actions can you take to bring balance into your life? This theme will resonate throughout the next 30 days, and we'll look into those ramifications.

It is quite apparent that the way we relate to one another is complicated. While we might desire to reach out and create harmony, there are all sorts of parameters serving as stumbling blocks. Keep the faith: Reaching agreement during this cycle may actually show very real promise. Among other things, Libra is the *Great Negotiator*. **We can use those qualities now, and with the Sun, Mercury and Venus in Libra until October 2nd, finding the solution that can offer each side something of value is stronger.** Honesty about the work involved can actually lighten the load by clarifying the task at hand. Knowing what you want is equally important. No hemming and hawing. Speak up! Need to build your confidence? Practice using a mirror. It actually works.

Another clue: **Saturn is transiting in conjunction with the South Node of the Moon in Capricorn until October 7th**, drawing out old fears, and tempting those troublesome enemies and unresolved resentments to taint the process of reaching agreements. While fears may be haunting you, confronting them creates progress. Going a step further to explore those fears can be illuminating, and is helpful when you seek to understand whether the fear is genuine, or if it's being used as a weapon or an abuse of power. On a personal note ... this can be an amazing time to reach a breakthrough in the process of therapy. Counselors rejoice!

Ready to get things moving? Launch projects and take action after the **Libra New Moon on September 28th** (2:26 PM EDT). The image of the Sabian Symbol for the zodiac degree of the New Moon is: **A MAN WATCHES HIS IDEALS TAKING A CONCRETE FORM BEFORE HIS INNER VISION**. One of the key principles of spiritual law centers upon the concept, "What you think, you become." *This New Moon is our invitation to clarify, envision, affirm, and take action.* If you use a vision board, it may be time to revise, and to add something new. If you're working with affirmations, perhaps it's time to reshape or redefine. Working on a project? Making a move? Initiating a new stage in a relationship? Progress may be accelerated now.

On **October 3rd, Pluto ends its long retrograde cycle**, continuing to move forward until April 2020, signifying a period to bring issues to the surface. Transformative change continues on every level, but now there may be more success eliminating factors that prevent progress and healing. The planet **Mercury enters Scorpio the same day**, initiating a fairly long cycle for this planet. Usually, Mercury travels through a sign in about three weeks. However, because there will be a retrograde of Mercury starting the end of October, the planet of communication continues its cycle in Scorpio until early December! While this longer cycle of Mercury in Scorpio can be an exceptional time for research and investigation, it can also be a time when everything that's dug up in the process may not be useful. One example: Secrets ... otherwise known as potential landmines. At the same time, anticipate some developments that alter the course of events. Some for better. Some, not so much.

Patience and reasonable caution are emphasized **October 6th-8th**, when that cycle of Saturn and the South Node locks in to discord with the Sun (exact on October 7th). It's a time when some in positions of power may stubbornly hold onto an attitude or position that blocks resolution or progress. At the same time, Mercury is opposing Uranus, indicating unexpected changes, unusual ideas, or a greater possibility of a disruption in the lines of communication or travel. *Rebellious actions might just break the log-jam.*

Those all-too-familiar power plays are still sparking unsettled situations when we reach the **Aries Full Moon on October 13th** (5:08 PM EST). Yet we have good news in the picture! The Sun and Moon are both tied to positive contact with generous and optimistic Jupiter, indicating a period of genuine opportunity, and potential for support when it's needed most. At the same time there's an undercurrent of manipulation, signified by tensions with intense Pluto. It's important to get to the core of how differing courses of action are more likely to manifest. This may be more notable on the world stage, but can certainly influence our individual lives, too.

When we consider the transformative qualities of what we're seeing in the world, it's easy to fall into a feeling of discontent and mistrust. There's a more subtle planetary cycle from **October 10th - 23rd involving Jupiter and Pluto, moving together in a way that shows hope for healing change**. These are the days to concentrate upon the manifestations of our thoughts and actions, and to determine next steps. It's not a time to stand still and do nothing. However, there may be some standing still, centering, refocusing, and then ... stepping forward. In the process, there can be exceptional hope, healing, and renewed trust in situations and relationships that matter the most to you.
Namaste.



Peace, light and blessings,
Gloria

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