



## Starlight Message from Gloria Star

### *Sun in Taurus 2019 Cycle* *The Race*

The cosmos applies the brakes ... but will we end up with a gradual slow-down or whiplash? It can go either way, or send us on what may seem to be the road to nowhere. There are plenty of dilemmas out there, and ample games afoot ... with contestants choosing sides and supporters (or fans) likely to prefer the sidelines until it's "safe" to take action. Then, there are those who may not be team players at all, but who fit comfortably in the category of non-committal. We're heading into what could be a stabilizing phase, but must clear the path and strengthen foundations before anything like

progress emerges. Make way for the new! Think of this as a period for spring-cleaning and reorganization. Did someone say "Kondo"?

The Sun's light focuses through Taurus starting April 20<sup>th</sup> (4:55 AM EDT), opening the way for practicality to take the lead, when stability and consistency are the goals. Taurus invites us to connect with nature, explore the sensual qualities of life, and absorb beauty. While the Taurus cycle draws attention to persistence and determination, it's also a time when stubborn resistance is likely to emerge. Taurus is not usually happy about change, unless those changes improve the value of what is held dear. Although this cycle begins with some instability, by the last two weeks of this 30-day period, reinforcements arrive. It's a powerful time to reaffirm commitments and strengthen alliances. Be aware of resistance, since these energies may serve to cement priorities that add to what may become intransigence for those whose minds are closed to entertaining new possibilities. On a personal level, it's the time to ask yourself about the origins and intentions of your attachments and your values. After all, Taurus is ruled by Venus!

There's *high potential for the unexpected to surface from April 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>*, while the Sun conjuncts Uranus. Those in positions of leadership are targeted, and are very likely to trigger sudden disruptive changes through their words and actions. On the positive side of the spectrum, there's room for a fresh approach, particularly when it comes to resolving issues or problems. However, those who are more emotionally volatile are likely to overreact.

Plus, to complicate matters, it becomes more difficult to determine the best direction for action, while *Mars travels under the foggy confusion of Neptune from April 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>*. Those who like to mislead may relish this cycle.

We're still adjusting to the early period of the **seven-year Uranus in Taurus cycle**, and now is the time to be more aware of how you're seeing this influence manifesting in your life. All of us are experiencing a shift in the things that capture our interest -- the "fad", or what is now trending, or viral. Actually, the "Green Movement" is a perfect manifestation of Uranus in Taurus. You can count Brexit in that category, too. Watch for shifts in financial institutions, and, as we've explored in earlier Starlight Messages, major changes in the exchange of money and resources through technology. It's time for a breakthrough on the global economic scale, although it's the process of changes over the entirety of the cycle that will be the pervasive undercurrent. The same is true in our individual lives. (Check your natal chart and find the House containing Taurus. This will be the area of your life undergoing the greatest revolutionary changes and where you are likely to experience the greatest breakthroughs.)

**On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturn begins its 5-month retrograde in Capricorn.** During Saturn Retrograde, weaknesses in infrastructure are exposed, and it's the perfect time to explore what needs to be repaired or replaced. This includes physical and also institutional infrastructure -- ranging from schools to government to healthcare to banks. Expect businesses to downsize or reorganize. And there's a major indicator **when Saturn enters Retrograde that cannot be ignored: Saturn is conjunct the South Node of the Moon**, indicating that this is a period for dealing with situations from the past that are still at the core of our most significant issues and needs for safety and security. It shows a period of karmic reckoning.

The zodiac degree of the Saturn-South Node in Capricorn shows us where we might begin when it comes to exploring this challenge. The **Sabian Symbol** image for that degree is: **"A RELAY RACE"**. Think about it. A relay event requires team effort, but only one team member at a time carries the baton. Runners are each responsible for their performance, and when their role is complete, surrender the next leg of the race to another runner. A united effort is necessary to accomplish the goal. This symbol reminds us that we need to know when it's time to put forth best effort, and when it's time to pass on the responsibility. Ultimately the whole team will win or lose ... together. The indispensable quality of teamwork emerges through this Sabian image. It is time for us to honor the contributions of the individual, and to also unify our efforts as a means of achieving the best results.

**From April 20<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>, a challenge to integrate current norms and ways of thinking into some of our time-worn ideals can create tension.** Uranus and Neptune are in an unfriendly connection, marking an invitation to explore what we hold sacred ... and why. Issues involving belief systems and ideology may arise when prejudicial thinking is challenged by the need to make a change or to consider how cultural differences are likely to manifest. We're seeing this in social movements like "Me Too," realizing that attitudes and behaviors that were once allowed (or tolerated) may not be acceptable in today's world. It's uncomfortable, and complex, but a necessary part of honoring the necessity for change while allowing compassion and forgiveness when warranted.

**Fresh direction and opportunity emerge on May 4<sup>th</sup> with the New Moon in Taurus.** Marking the perfect time to initiate a project, take the lead, or make a move, the New

Moon lights the way for accomplishment to gain momentum. Taurus thrives on love, and this can be a significant time to let love lead the way in your life.

Additionally, from **May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**, action-packed Mars travels in opposition to confident Jupiter, marking **temptation to take risks, and when pushing limits is likely**. Knee-jerk reactions can result in unnecessary collateral damage. The tendency to over-respond or blow things out of proportion manifests under such cycles. This can be a troubling period if limits are breached without consideration for potential outcome. Better to invoke the Boy Scout motto, and "be prepared" whenever possible.

**Peaking on May 9<sup>th</sup>, the energies of generous Jupiter and transformative Pluto work in harmony to move forward.** (This connection is a semi-sextile aspect.) Beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>, and continuing until May 18<sup>th</sup>, these powerful forces moving in harmony provide substantial support for the changes we've been exploring. Plus, since this peaking influence occurs about midway between the New Moon and Full Moon, it adds excellent momentum to keep progress going. From May 8<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, a series of faster-moving cycles suggest opportunities for new plans or agreements to be forged. On a personal level, relationships can benefit from the need to explore qualities that make room for what is unique.

The Moon cycles have had interesting titles during 2019! We've had Super Moons, Blood Moons, and this month, there's a **"Full Seasonable Blue Moon" in Scorpio on May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Additionally, this Full Moon in Scorpio also marks a special spiritual period called the *Wesak Festival*, celebrating a time to connect with the Universal Source of Love, Mercy and Grace. Do yourself a favor and make time to indulge in the experience of going inward. Perhaps that's easier if you're meditating or practicing mindfulness. Or, you might open those gateways by dancing with the Muse and allowing your artistry to flow, or experience the artistry of others. Or share a dinner fresh from the farm with those you love most. And in all of these expressions, offer gratitude for the wonder of your life.



Namaste.

Peace, love and blessings,  
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...just a note of acknowledgment for the zodiac art used at the beginning of this newsletter -- Jody Bergsma is the talented artist. And this image for the Blue Moon by Rachel Santel is a perfect illustration!

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