



Starlight Message From Gloria Star

Sun in Taurus 2020 Cycle *Retracing Steps*

As you might surmise, the current planetary cycles present a paradox of sorts. There's great potential showing itself, with one of the keys involving how to activate a true sense of power directed toward healing and regeneration. Lest we forget, there are humans involved, and in our

inimitable imperfect manner, we've made a few missteps. Okay, I'm being kind. But there is one thing we may be able to salvage that can go a long way toward the rebirth we so desire. That quality is Trust. It is time to allow our skepticism a little breathing room while seeking the best solutions derived from worthy scientists, thinkers and leaders. When situations and relationships falter, there's generally a quality of mistrust at the core. It may be easy to identify, but how do we heal that great divide created when trust is missing?

Let's start with a few standouts before we get to the faster-moving changes. Over the next thirty days, four planets turn retrograde. Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto all enter their retrograde cycles. There's a very strong push-pull to retrace our steps. At the very least, it's time to figure out what we may already know. Funny how easily we miss uncovering what we know! These shifts remind us to access the knowledge we've gained and to employ the lessons we've learned. It is too costly to ignore such treasure. Details about these retrogrades follow.

There's more: Although the exact conjunction has past, the amplified crisis represented by the cycle of Jupiter united with Pluto continues to show itself most powerfully through the Corvid 19 challenge. This is a repeating cycle, but the first joining (which happened April 5th) is likely to have the most disruptive effects because it is "new". The invisible menace has exposed the deep recesses of power, leaving very little to the imagination. Humanity is under threat. But I cannot help but revert to the

words of Pogo: “We have met the enemy, and he is us.” (Walt Kelly, cartoonist, “borrowed” the quote.)

Jupiter and Pluto join again on June 30th and finally on November 12th, but the planetary picture will be quite different then, and we are likely to find some positives emerging when this pair reaches an exact aspect on these later dates.

Back to the new gateway opening: On **April 19, 2020** (10:45 AM EDT), the Sun shifts to shine its light through the stabilizing quality of Taurus. Taurus reminds us to slow down, be in the moment, and enjoy the experience of the Now. Gathering resources, finding the best opportunity for fertile growth, and creating from the heart are all expressions of this cycle. Taurus can also spark a stubborn resistance to change, and can lead to selfish indulgence when carried to extreme. The Fixed Earth sign of the zodiac, Taurus brings beauty, love, sensual delights, and artistry. The Sun Cycle in Taurus continues through May 20th.

Happy Earth Day! On **April 22nd, the New Moon in Taurus** marks a period of fresh beginnings and renewed energy (10:26 PM EDT). Values take center stage, and with Uranus – the planet of revolutionary change – traveling in Taurus, this lunar phase can be a time of powerful awakening. Uranus is the inventive risk-taker, although those qualities may seem a bit stifled with Uranus wearing the more laid-back qualities of Taurus. To me, this looks like a time to make progress on the scientific front, and to seek new applications of the gifts from the earth. Financial matters also take center stage.



When **Pluto enters retrograde on April 25th** (2:55 PM EDT), Mercury is traveling in a conflicting square, suggesting a battle of wits and ideas – and not likely a new battle, either. Disappointing results occur, and reaching an agreement can, at first, seem impossible. But there are clues emerging that could lead to very real progress. The cycle of Pluto retrograde continues until October 4th, providing ample time to research, dig into core issues, and expose what may not be initially visible on the surface.

Watch for inconsistent messages and potential hyperbole from April 25th – May 2nd, while Mercury is also energized by Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus. Too many cooks in the kitchen, I say.

The **Scorpio Full Moon on May 7th** (6:45 AM EDT) brings emotional intensity, also reminding us of the need to balance in our lives. In a world that's been in lock-down, this lunar cycle may stimulate a deeper awareness of the losses we have all experienced. It can be a time to allow the process of grief to work its way through our hearts and minds. There has, after all, been a great deal of loss on so many levels. Yet we've also seen amazing discovery, ingenuity and love emerging on so many levels. This is the perfect time to reach out to those who do healing work in the world, and time to connect with the healer within.

Keep watch of the skies in May. The Eta Aquarids Meteor Showers peak May 6-7, in the east before dawn. The **Moon will conjunct Jupiter and Saturn (south and east before dawn) May 11th-12th, just in time to greet Saturn's Retrograde, beginning May 11th** at 12:09 AM EDT. Saturn is barely into Aquarius' territory (started March 21st), and will retrograde back into Capricorn at the beginning of July 2020. However, the retrograde of Saturn will continue until September 29, 2020. *During this retrograde cycle, all infrastructure elements in our lives will come under scrutiny, and our Collective need for stability and security is likely to show plenty of weak points.* Consider where we are financially, politically, socially now. Our foundations have shaken. But we are also seeing our strengths, and the areas where we can begin to rebuild. Leadership will be under careful scrutiny. No doubt!

Perhaps one of the most relevant retrograde cycles arrive when **Venus turns retrograde on May 13th** (2:45 AM EDT), continuing through June 25th. Venus is all about values, and during her retrograde, we have the best opportunity to explore what we hold dear ... and why. It's time to focus on core attitudes, relationships and what we "own", and to determine whether or not they are still relevant. Money matters are more complex during Venus Retrograde, and things (or people) who may once have seemed part of your life may now hold little significance. Because Venus is transiting in Gemini, ideas and communication fall under scrutiny. Off-the-cuff remarks may be interesting at a dinner party, but anyone seeking valuable information may find such exercises a waste of time.

Jupiter's retrograde begins May 14th (10:32 AM EDT), as Jupiter continues in Capricorn. Ending September 12th, the retrograde of Jupiter brings a less expansive quality to Jupiter's energy. Of course, with Jupiter in Capricorn, it's difficult to feel footloose and fancy-free ... more like hampered by a harness. This is one of the more challenging cycles for Jupiter, since restraint is required, and the retrograde of Jupiter can indicate

a reversal of a previous form of action. The question is: “How much restraint?” However, it is conceivable that the social-distancing we’ve been experiencing may start to relax somewhat while Jupiter retrogrades. But it will not relax completely. It’s still Jupiter in Capricorn!

With all these cycles happening simultaneously, anticipate that life will continue to be complicated. Metamorphosis can be daunting. Yet, there is an element of simplification that runs as a common theme: it’s time to re-evaluate, re-consider, re-examine, and re-allocate. Exactly how this will affect the social order is uncertain, but it will be changing, and under a more restrictive expression than what we knew before. Getting back to basics is one way to think about it. Those over-the-top experiences may have to wait for another time. Meanwhile, explore your own priorities and preferences. What do you need most right now? How might you go about achieving that? And what is truly precious to you? That’s a key to the path forward.

Do get in touch if you are in need of a more personal look at how these and other cycles are unfolding in your life, whether it’s just a question or two, or a more in depth conversation. I’m working by phone only right now.

Be well. Let Love lead the way.

Peace, light and blessings,
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