



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Sun Cycle in Taurus 2023 *Eclipses and Demands for Radical Change*

I hear from many that life seems more intense right now. It's true: we are at a period when emotions are peaking, when power structures are being tested, and value systems are under

siege. We are experiencing an introduction from Pluto offering a glimpse of a few elements of what Pluto in Aquarius may have in store for humanity over the next two decades we enter this phase of planetary action. Perhaps it's too early in that cycle to know how it's likely to manifest. So let's pull back a bit to see what's on the immediate horizon. The cosmic skyscape has a few surprises. First, we launch into the Sun's cycle in Taurus directly on the heels of an Aries Solar Eclipse. That eclipse occurs at 0:12:19 AM EDT, on April 20th. Just a few short hours away, the Sun shifts into Taurus at 4:14 AM EDT. But wait ... there's more:

Let's stay with the period adjacent to the **Sun shifting to shine light through the lens of earthy Taurus on April 20th (noted above – at 4:14 AM EDT)**, beginning a month-long period focused on practical values and needs for comfort and consistency. That consistency factor has been in a state of disruption, thanks to Uranus continued influence in Taurus since 2018. What we may have counted on to be there before is not quite as reliable, especially in the realm of finances and relationships. This year's Taurus period may be more intense, partly due to the eclipse cycle. Eclipses generally show their influence for about 18 months: this as a process instead of a clearly defined cycle. At the core of this process we are all faced with adapting to changing value systems. Think about it for a moment: What is our "currency" now, in 2023? Bring the Uranus factor into the picture, and add words like "crypto-currency" to the vocabulary. But I do stray ... forgive me.

Thanks to the tenacity of Taurus, patience may win the day when it comes to negotiation, and there's ample energy to dedicate to slowing the process when you can to assure a more successful outcome. Revising and renovating may be more successful now, too. That's especially true since, on these **red-letter days of April 20th-21st, Mercury Retrogrades**. You may be thinking that if Mercury will be in retrograde from **April 20th – May 14th** that progress will be difficult. It could be, especially if you rush into things. This can, however, be an exceptional time to revise, edit, negotiate, reconsider or, simply "wait." Keep in mind that on April 21st,

Mercury will be transiting in conjunction with Uranus. Surprise! New options are likely to emerge. Sudden changes are likely, too. And because we are also factoring in an Eclipse, it can be difficult to trust that what may be called a “final decision” is anything but!

If you can, use the few days at the beginning of Sun-in-Taurus to evaluate a situation, as you strive to be clear about the true costs of actions to be taken. If travel is on the horizon, be prepared for unexpected changes in itinerary due to unexpected events. (Remember – Uranus is at play here!)

Back to that transit of **Pluto-in-Aquarius** ... Pluto’s new cycle is definitely around for only a short period, since it will retrograde on May 1st, heading back to Capricorn mid-June. There are some very real opportunities emerging during these early months of what will ultimately be a very long cycle. A few fresh options manifesting lately are showing up: SpaceX is preparing to launch soon, testing out the rocket that could transport humans to the Moon and back. And then, there’s Artificial Intelligence – “AI” – pushing the potentials of the new paradigms now teasing possibilities that are both fascinating and frightening. Right now, driven by the intensity of the eclipses influenced by other cycles taking center stage, it’s tempting to make radical changes before the path forward makes itself known.

On **May 5th, 2023, the Lunar Eclipse in Scorpio** occurs (1:33:50 PM EDT), with the planet Uranus opposing the Moon, adding a bit of drama to the already dramatic potential of a Scorpio eclipse. Since Eclipses promise a period of intensity during the two weeks between the Solar and Lunar Eclipse, it’s a good idea to be open to change in that time when the lunar phase can make a truly extraordinary shift. It is a time to eliminate what is no longer working in our lives. On a personal level, you may feel that you simply must release yourself from situations that are not working in your best interests.



If your chart shows a strong emphasis in Fixed signs of the zodiac (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius), there is greater potential for significant changes in your life during this Taurus period. You may be making serious changes consciously, or may simply feel that it is time to alter your life in ways that bring a greater sense of personal freedom. The evolutionary changes in our lives often come at what may not, at first, seem to be important. If you take the time now to get in touch with your inner self, you might be truly surprised at what emerges.

Mercury leaves retrograde on May 14th, and after this date, those contracts, projects and actions you have been planning can show greater promise and success. When Mercury is “direct”, it is moving forward through the zodiac, and when retrograde, Mercury appears to move backward. Once Mercury is in direct motion, progress tends to move along a more positive path. You may still have an opportunity to finish some projects that have been difficult to complete now. Mercury has the support of Saturn once it moves forward again, suggesting this is a good time to make long-range plans to take on responsibilities that stabilize the infrastructure of your life.

Jupiter – the planet of promise, opportunity, generosity, abundance and confidence – moves into **Taurus on May 16th**, marking the beginning of a year-long cycle. This can be a strong period for financial growth, and is a time when practical matters can bring high value to a project, relationship, or endeavor. The beginning few days of Jupiter in Taurus meet a tense square with Pluto. Watch for power plays, especially from those who have a reputation for selfishness or greed. Awareness that this can be a time of expansion can work to your benefit, although maintaining an awareness of reality will assure a more viable result. While Jupiter is in Taurus for the next year, a more leisurely pace will work better than getting into a rush. Taurus’ motto is often “show me.” Without evidence, support might be difficult to establish.

On **May 19th, the New Moon in Taurus** occurs (11:53 AM EDT), marking a time to stabilize and strengthen momentum. Center yourself before taking action. This is the perfect time to fine-tune your vision for the future. For the following two weeks, as the Moon waxes, plant seeds of opportunity, initiate projects, celebrate accomplishments, and share the abundance and enjoy the potential for true growth in your most cherished relationships.

Bright Blessings,
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