



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

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The Search for Unity*

It's time for the unconventional to make its mark, when experimentation and invention gain momentum and revolutionary change gains traction. Oddly, such concepts may almost feel timeworn or commonplace following the

surreal changes that have recently manifested during 2016. Plus, the planet Jupiter will soon enter its retrograde, a cycle known for diminishing optimism. Before you decide to give up and opt to spend your days in your comfy bathrobe watching way too many old movies, let's take a deep breath and take another look ...

When the **Sun shifts into Aquarius zone of independence on January 19th** (4:24 PM EST), we enter a period of intellectual and altruistic expression. The 30-days of Sun in Aquarius draw our attention to those we consider to be our friends, and invite participation in community activities that bring us together for common causes and special interests. This is the time to embrace our shared humanity, when we can better understand one another. Collective Consciousness gets a boost. Brotherhood and sisterhood gain traction. The potential for unconditional acceptance is more powerful now. While this is a time to exercise individuality, that expression often requires awareness and acknowledgment of those who have paved the way for progress.

But you're also right to think that this can be a period when we may be more tempted to make choices that could lead to greater isolation, unless we do the work of communicating clearly and acting responsibly. Such options show themselves early in the Aquarius cycle, with a few complications arising. Venus, the purveyor of love and harmony is supported by the power of Pluto. Yet, at the same time, action-oriented Mars is in a hostile square with stubborn Saturn. *The old guard may seem more intimidating from January 18th-22nd, but that will not likely quell protests arising from deeply held values.* It's the perfect mix for the season of Aquarius!

There's a very real paradox in place in terms of the planetary cycles, adding to the conundrum of our time. Change for change sake feels very unsettling (with Jupiter still transiting opposite Uranus), yet the status quo is unsatisfactory. Happenings in the seat of government are an excellent example: Anticipated by some and dreaded by others, the inauguration of a new President of the United States on January 20th is due to be followed by the "Women's March," in Washington, DC on January 21st (accompanied by more woman-focused political events nation-wide) giving voice to the palpable discontent during this time in politics. Other events around the world show their own dynamic manifestations.

On the global stage, world-wide celebrations of the **Chinese Lunar New Year** take place January 28th, following the **Aquarius New Moon on January 27th** (7:07 PM EST). It's the Year of the Rooster, a sign of Dawn and Awakening. Rooster is a fire quality, and resonates with the color red. During a Rooster year, passions can run high, and burnout can occur if those passions burn too hot and too fast, illustrating the lesson that success requires patient hard work.

We can explore this cycle further by reflecting upon the meaning of the zodiac degree occupied by the New Moon. The Sabian Symbol is: "**A FLAG IS SEEN TURNING INTO AN EAGLE.**" This transfiguration suggests a time to reflect upon our ideals, particularly the exercise of power and influence. But there are many more qualities emerging. It is time for each of us to find the center of our personal power and to activate these driving forces so that we accomplish what we have set out to do. How do you see this vision applying to your life now?



Speaking of principles and ideals, **Jupiter -- the planet representing ethics, principles, generosity, optimism, and the urge to make things better -- enters its four-month Retrograde cycle on February 6th**. As you might surmise, Jupiter Retrograde can be a time when positive thinking and optimism are more difficult to achieve. There's a feeling that what was once guaranteed is being held back, or in jeopardy. On a personal level, Jupiter Retrograde suggests hesitation, when bold confidence would be more welcome. Yet there can be a virtue when reconsideration before commitment might bring greater clarification or understanding. On a practical level, be prepared for costs to exceed estimates for ongoing projects, and promises that seemed bright and enticing may become rather tarnished by the process of moving from vision to manifestation. Staying in the moment can be difficult, especially if you're waiting for someone else to act. In fact, this cycle can be a period of disappointing returns -- especially if aims have not been realistically aligned.

Essentially, Jupiter Retrograde is the time to be crystal clear about your expectations. Review contracts or agreements, and make adjustments where necessary. Personally, take a careful look at your goals and your hopes. Perhaps there are things you're striving to accomplish that are simply no longer in harmony with your needs or growth. And watch for the trap that can arise when you fail to articulate your expectations -- including expectations of yourself, by the way. When it comes to negotiations, use the retrograde of Jupiter to explore options you may have overlooked previously. There's time to reconsider and/or alter your position over the upcoming four months, particularly if you're keeping an eye toward long-range future implications. On the world stage, there's likely to be plenty of "waffling" when it comes to policy and diplomacy!

February also hosts two eclipses. The **Lunar Eclipse in Leo on February 10th** (7:33PM EST) precedes a Solar Eclipse due to peak on February 26th (9:58 AM EST). With the Moon's eclipse occurring first, situations reaching a climax or a critical point may seem to be driven by emotions, when logic takes a back seat to feelings. Impulsive emotional responses can be powerful, and taking the needs of others into consideration may mean the difference between success and failure. Situations that have been simmering can flash to a boiling point, and crisis can reach a climax. That's not necessarily a bad thing!

Positive potential does, indeed, show itself. There's a **Fire Grand Trine** involving the Lunar Eclipse, positive process and bringing issue (Saturn) results to occur when a reason to be magnanimous Jupiter suggest the potential for generosity from those in positions of leadership or power. For the rest of us, it's the perfect time to share the best of ourselves. We'll explore more about the Solar Eclipse (February 26) in the next issue of *Starlight Messages*.



with the Moon, Uranus and Saturn forming a connection. Because Eclipses represent a have an influence that lasts months or years, forward a fresh approach (Uranus) to an old holds real promise. It can take a while for materialize. Plus, during this two-week period and Solar Eclipse, watch for the trap that can wounded ego gets in the way. There's ample hopeful, since the Sun's support from

If you're ready to investigate how you might best utilize the energy and power of these cycles and would like to schedule an appointment, please contact me to arrange a time that works best for you. Before we go ...

About That Comet! I wanted to address questions from many of you about the New Year's Comet 45P/Honda-Mrkos-Pajduskova, dubbed the *New Year's Comet*, since it was seen at that time. It was visible, and somewhat near brightly shining Venus (you've likely seen Venus the early evening sky during late December and early January). Astronomers announce that we will see quite a few comets during 2017, many new, and several of them periodic, returning for a fresh look. Comets represent something unexpected and potentially extraordinary, and their presence often heralds a quality of uneasiness. My friend, Michael Lutin, reminds me that comets signify the presence of "the uninvited guest," suggesting that we each look to determine if we can identify such a person or experience. Of course, we can also see situations on the world stage that illustrate an odd assortment of "guests" at the table! On a personal level, comets provide an excellent reminder to sharpen our awareness of ourselves, our environment, and our personal choices and to be open to messages from sources beyond the realm of our ordinary experience.

Bright Blessings,

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EVENTS:

May 25-29, 2017: I will be presenting the Opening Keynote Address and two lectures at the upcoming **NORWAC** (Northwest Astrology Conference), in Seattle, WA. To register for the conference and learn more about this event, check out the conference website: www.NORWAC.net. I am scheduling personal consultations during this event, but my schedule fills quickly. If you wish to arrange an appointment, please contact me directly.