



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Sun in Taurus 2017 Issue
Self-Inflicted Wounds

Have you noticed that we humans tend to be slow learners? Over the many years of my astrological practice, I've witnessed plenty of situations that offer up an opportunity to apply what's been learned from lessons of the past, only to see a repetition of old, and often destructive, patterns emerging in response.

Face it: letting go of the past is simply not easy. Logically, it makes sense. Emotionally ... that's another story. Peering through the lens of astrology, we, as a Collective, are challenged now to be honest about our fears and explore what we've gleaned by taking certain pathways before. Do we have the courage to step up to confront those fears and make choices that will help to heal old wounds ... or will we fall back into the old (and familiar) responses and choices? You're probably thinking that this sounds like Saturn. And you're right ... this energy of testing is front and center. But there's much more!

When **the Sun shifts into its cycle through Taurus on April 19th** (5:27 PM EDT), the impulse is to embrace, touch, taste and absorb the richness of life. It's an earthy time, and here in New England, the time when everything blooms. It's a time of renewal, brilliant color, beauty, and pollen. Taurus says, "solidify and reinforce". During the 30 days of this cycle, the practical and materialistic elements of life may take top priority. The yearning now is for stability, and taking steps to bring chaos into order can be accomplished in some areas. After all, tenacity can be helpful when intentions are honorable and minds are open. Otherwise, the same qualities often manifest as intractability. There's some increasing motion as **Mars moves into Gemini on April 21st**, suggesting a bit more flexibility where action is concerned. Heads Up: **Fixed thinking will show itself on April 19th-20th**, with the Sun & Mercury conjunct in Taurus. Anticipate demands for proof, which may just be a cover-up for not wanting to consider options. After all, stubborn resistance can be difficult to counter, even in the face of logic and reality. It may not matter why one side refuses to budge, although fear of loss is usually somewhere near the core of such action. One way or another, values take center stage now, and differences in this arena can lead to disappointment in responses from others.

Speaking of values, although the retrograde of Venus ended April 15th, there was little relief from that nagging feeling that what we hold dear may not be as precious to others. **Venus is in Pisces from now until April 28th, and is also traveling in conjunction to Chiron**. This pairing indicates a time when leading from the heart can be strengthened by an expanded awareness of the potentials to create healing through love. However, fearfulness and lack of trust that's permeated the Collective may still block the release of this compassionate force, since **Venus and Chiron are also in a**

tense relationship to Saturn. Personally, it is important for each person to take full responsibility for their values, ranging from self-worth, to relationships, to all those treasured of ultimately be reactivated the triggers relationships. now.



material things, and even to many ideals. Release attachments may be painful, but also may the key to restoration. Emotional trauma may be during this period, allowing for a redirection of that may be keys to healing, particularly in We are all clearing out more than closets right

When the **Taurus New Moon arrives on April 26th** (8:16 AM EDT), some impediments start to release. Even though it may seem slow, momentum is more likely to gain traction now, and signs of progress emerge. New Moons bring beginnings, and you may be especially eager for something fresh to manifest in your life. It's up to you to make that determination, of course. Fortunately, Venus is moving out of that square to Saturn, and shifts into Aries April 28th. Certain value questions may have a clearer path toward resolution. Yet **Chiron and Saturn remain in their frustrating square to one another until May 11th**. This comes with a nagging quality that feels like something is missing. In many ways, this cycle stimulates a time when we question ourselves, our spirituality, our reason for being here, and our connection to the inner aspect of our Being. Getting past subconscious barriers to uncover your own truth is rarely easy. Yet, reaching inward, a subtle quality that shifts perspective begins to manifest. It can be difficult to articulate. But you know it when you feel it. Think of this as a testing period, when we may need to submerge into the innermost realms to recharge and rejuvenate, so that we are each more capable of dealing with the circumstances of life in the most creative and productive manner. This is further strengthened by Saturn's positive support of Uranus (more detail about this in a mere two paragraphs).



Good News! **Mercury leaves its retrograde on May 3rd** (stationing at 12:33 PM EDT). Innovative ideas and alternative solutions are highlighted as Mercury moves forward again, electrified by the energy of Uranus until May 11th. It's an excellent time to address what needs to change, and to employ a fresh approach to old problems or highlight uniqueness and ingenuity. If you've been aching for inspiration, open your heart and mind to receive during these few days. Listen to your intuitive voice. Take notes. Try something different!

Caution: This same stimulus signifies knee-jerk responses and ill-considered words and/or actions. Impulse can be problematic if it is not balanced by at least a second glance before uttering a proclamation or taking action.



The **Scorpio Full Moon on May 10th** (5:42 PM EDT) is also the festival of Wesak, when the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha is commemorated. Scorpio's powerful energy of regeneration intensifies emotional issues during this Full Moon, and this year there's an extra boost of transformative power from Pluto in the mix. Mars, also associated with the sign Scorpio, is strengthened by a thrust of confidence from Jupiter,

marking this as an exceptional time to take action that will lead to opening a path toward the fulfillment of your hopes. However, there's a little twist in the cosmic energy from May 8th-11th, while Mars is distracted by a square to Neptune, marking a time when confusion or deception can lead to detours. The tendency to jump to conclusions can be dangerous during this time, when more thorough consideration of cause-and-effect will clearly make a difference.

Fortunately, the potential to engage in a more holistic manner of thinking or approach to action is supported by the cycle of structure-focused Saturn traveling in a supportive trine connection to changeable Uranus. The influence of **Saturn trine Uranus is strongest from May 5th - 30th**, adding an undercurrent of stability that arises from life experience and lessons learned. It's a time when proven facts (and reality) offer better opportunity for sustained progress. At least that's the positive potential. Now may be just the right time to make powerful changes in your life. Perhaps you're considering a move, a different career path, or a unique approach to a relationship. This cycle peaks on May 19th. Plus, from May 17th-20th, Venus travels in opposition to Jupiter, signifying an opportunity to bridge the gaps between those differing values we've been exploring. Or perhaps a person or situation is worthy of a second look, from a different perspective. Oppositions between planets invite the exercise of balance, with the challenge of this particular balancing act centered upon having what you need but wanting more, with a tendency to push limits just a bit too far. In other words, just because your credit limit on that card is \$20K, you do not have to spend it.

Just a reminder that I will be traveling during the last two weeks of May. If you're ready to schedule a consultation with me before I leave, please contact me at your earliest convenience to assure that we can find a time that works best for you.



May your days be filled with light and joy!
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EVENTS:

May 25-29, 2017: I will present the Opening Keynote Address and two lectures at the upcoming **NORWAC** (Northwest Astrology Conference), in Seattle, WA. To learn more about this event, check out the conference website: www.NORWAC.net. If you wish to arrange an appointment, please contact me directly.

October 21, 2017: Lecture presentation in Portsmouth, NH. Details to follow!

May 24-30, 2018: UAC 2018: "Celebrating Earth & Sky," Chicago, IL. I'm presenting two lectures at UAC next year. There will be limited time for personal consultations while I'm there. Details to follow.

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