



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

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Doing the Right Thing

Winter Solstice marks a true turning point in the cycle of time. Here in the Northern Hemisphere we arrive at the longest night, and from this moment light starts its increase again. It is an initiation point: a beginning of a new path forward. Seems like a good time for reflection and personal honesty. After all, 2015 has been a tumultuous year, and now we have an opportunity to open new horizons. There's a reason New Year's Resolutions seem appropriate, beyond just turning the page on a calendar. Changes -- small to large -- begin with the whisper of an idea. Opening hearts and minds to the possibility of setting a more productive course of action can, and will, make a difference. Just one thing: exactly how will you go about manifesting your own fresh reality? Perhaps the cosmos can provide a few clues!

With the Sun's passage through Capricorn's gateway on December 21st (11:49 PM EST), the Winter Solstice arrives. It is time to find the Light within each of us. For the thirty days that follow, we can access the practical realities of life more easily. It's a time to build, to reveal plans, to demonstrate how that million-dollar idea might work. Think of the Sun's cycle through Capricorn as a period of "show-and-tell." There's a little extra energy to tap when you tune-in to the generosity symbolized by expansive Jupiter, since Jupiter is joined by a supportive connection to the gifts of Venus, from December 21st - 23rd -- a wonderful time to share heartfelt connections with others. Let the brilliance of your true artistry shine forth!

Christmas day is punctuated by the **Full Moon in Cancer, December 25th** at 6:11 AM, adding extra focus on home and family to this widely-celebrated occasion. Whatever your ideological leanings, this is an excellent day to share your abundance with others, and to look positively toward the future. In fact, with communicative Mercury (transiting in Capricorn) dancing in lovely harmony with generous Jupiter from December 24th-26th, this might be an excellent time to *reach out toward those who might need reassurance or a helping hand*. This combo also opens the way for a more jovial period, when laughter and joy provide true healing.

Innovative Uranus shifts away from its months-long retrograde cycle on December 25th, when it then again moves forward through its trek in Aries. Some of the potential changes initiated between April through August of 2015 are likely to emerge again over the winter months ahead, providing an opportunity for reconsideration of their validity and effectiveness.

Watch for a few foot-in-the-mouth moments from **December 28th-30th**, while Mercury and Mars square off, suggesting a time when ill-considered ideas or actions can lead to real trouble. Words spoken in anger may seem especially explosive during these few

days. Perhaps there will be an opportunity to revisit such situations during Mercury's Retrograde, starting January 5th. During Mercury Retrograde, regrouping often seems more the norm than the exception. However, in some situations, this cycle often adds an extra dose of perspective. You know what they say about the clarity of hindsight! Still, revisiting a difficult situation often yields information previously overlooked, or misunderstood. Reaching a harmonious resolution could result, especially if intentions are honorable. This particular cycle of **Mercury Retrograde extends from January 5th - 25th**, with the first few days punctuated by yet another battle between Mercury and Mars on the day the retrograde begins. Frankly, this does not bode well for peacekeeping, since it indicates a greater potential for what might be unnecessarily combative thinking and communication. However, there are other more positive elements in play, with harmonious Venus lifted by the compassionate power of Neptune from January 3rd - 6th. **There may be peaceful potential after all!**



Do keep in mind that Mercury's Retrograde marks a time when long-term agreements are best set aside for a more favorable indicator. Short-term contracts are usually okay, but check with your astrologer first! Generally, this is not the best time for pouring a foundation, starting a new endeavor, or undergoing elective surgery (unless that procedure addresses an issue already under treatment or is part of a series of procedures). Be particularly alert when traveling during the first few days of this retrograde cycle, when friction between Mercury and Mars is suggestive of a greater propensity for accidents.

It may be time to reconsider the roots of our individual and collective principles, or at least to make an honest examination of what drives our ideology. **Jupiter enters its four-month retrograde cycle on January 7th**, marking a period when the expansive quality of Jupiter's energy recedes. While Jupiter retrogrades, financial and economic situations frequently falter. It's the time to rethink policies that shape social systems, work situations, educational endeavors, legal agreements, political platforms, and family matters. Since Jupiter is traveling through analytical Virgo's zone of influence, the details of such situations will be more carefully examined. Are you planning to sign an important contract over the next four months? Jupiter retrograde through Virgo comes with a warning to "read the fine print." Don't you really wonder what might be in those lengthy User Agreements we so readily sign when we update our smart phones?

Craft plans and carefully consider options when the New Moon in Capricorn occurs on January 9th. Although the New Moon suggests a time when forward progress meets with success, a more conservative approach from January 8th - 10th will fare better, thanks to the joining of Venus and Saturn. The following two weeks may provide just the right opportunity to re-launch a project, undertake a test-run, make revisions or edits, or other such actions that will get the momentum going. Because Mercury is retrograde, a completely new endeavor might run into snags. This does not mean that innovations or a fresh approach to an ongoing project will fail, however -- especially from the 10th-13th, while Venus travels in harmony with inventive Uranus.

A special signal from Jupiter arises in January, peaking near the end of the month, but influential for the entire month, while this cosmic giant travels in unity with the North Node of the Moon. Before you get tripped up in astrology jargon, let's take a moment for a brief astrology lesson: Here's the skinny: The Moon's Nodes are points in space,

showing the connection between the motions of the Earth around the Sun, and the Moon around the Earth. These points represent a kind of gateway, filtering particular qualities into the Collective Consciousness, and playing a significant role in human evolution. The Moon's Nodes entered the Virgo/Pisces axis in mid-November 2015, and continue to cycle through Virgo/Pisces until spring of 2017. During this phase, one challenge we face involves balancing ideological belief with applied work in the world. It's about dharma: the work to be done along the spiritual path. You may have heard the Zen saying: "Before enlightenment, we chop wood and carry water. After enlightenment, we chop wood and carry water." That's pretty much the message of the North Node in Virgo.

To top it off, the enthusiasm and generosity of Jupiter take on the challenge of integrating the potentially humble qualities of Virgo. **During January, Jupiter is traveling precisely in the degree of the Moon's North Node.** This Jupiter-Node connection is not an everyday cycle, by the way! And there are real potentials hidden in this subtle phase. It's about doing the right thing. Although it may seem like it, this is *not* the time to determine that "my ideals are better than your ideals." It's about finding common ground. The invitation is to look at the situation, evaluate the opportunity and challenge presented by the situation, and to speak or act in a manner that will serve positive evolutionary change. By the way: Practicing *tolerance* can certainly be more difficult while Jupiter travels in Virgo. Yet it is tolerance that can lead to a deeper understanding of what we hold in common. This can be a rugged, but rewarding, path.

I have every hope that humanity will welcome these opportunities, and find a way to locate those common threads so that workable solutions to some of our greatest challenges emerge. Call me an idealist, but I simply cannot abandon that hope. I am so blessed to do the work of an astrologer. What an amazing and joyful experience it is to work with individuals, couples, families, and yes, businesses -- endeavoring to bring forward the best of themselves. How could I be anything less than hopeful? My sincerest thanks to all of you who make this work possible.

As we welcome a new year, and usher in the time of increasing light, I send brightest wishes to you and yours for a beautiful holiday season, and a year filled with true opportunity.

Brilliant Solstice Greetings!
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