



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Vernal Equinox 2018 The Sun Cycle in Aries

The cycle of seasons shifts once again, as we break away from Winter in the Northern Hemisphere and welcome the period of renewal initiated by Spring. Signs of life are emerging, despite Winter's reluctant release. This is the time to open up and get moving. In fact, several cycles during early spring

support a time to focus upon the need to take action, leading to very real progress. Of course, it helps if you know what you want!

The **Vernal Equinox occurs March 20th** at 12:16 PM EDT, marking the time when hours of night and day are equal, with light then overcoming darkness as the days begin to grow longer. The Sun's rays shine brightly through Aries for the next 30 days. It can be a period of breakthrough and fresh starts. Direct action and adventurous attitudes prevail, although the rush to get from place to place can be a bit dicey. Use the Aries period to become more positively assertive, leaving room for spontaneity when you can. But be aware that this sign also relates to bellicosity, reminding us to choose our battles wisely, when possible. This is the time for courageous attitudes to prevail, when the spark necessary to ignite change can be especially powerful.

Just before the Sun moves into Aries, the planets Mercury and Venus are traveling in tandem, (a cycle that began in early March). This pair starts to separate just hours before the Equinox, although the theme of *speaking from the heart* is still strong for the first week of the Sun in Aries. Witness the uprising by students across the USA, joining together, speaking out. It is not a time for quiet reflection, but is, instead, a time to act. With conviction and courage.

The first **Mercury Retrograde** for the year 2018 **starts March 22nd** (8:19 PM EDT), continuing through April 15th. As you know, the Mercury Retrograde period is filled with misdirection, and it's good to be aware of the Trickster at play ... generally more frustrating than funny, but some head-shaking humor is likely to arise. The early days of this Mercury Retrograde are accompanied by angry attitudes and short tempers while the Sun and Mars are in conflict (from March 20th - 24th), a time when patience may seem to be non-existent. Keep in mind that this cycle often signifies a time when communication and travel are especially subject to change and disruption. It's a good time to review, revise, edit and test, and progress can be made in ongoing negotiations or continuing projects. Postpone new projects if at all possible.



Working with a vision board? Mercury's retrograde is perfect for revisiting your goals and reworking your affirmations. After all, you've been growing and changing, and may need to put some old elements to rest, while you open to fresh possibilities.

A unique approach or opportunity may arise from March 26th - 29th while artistic and value-oriented Venus joins with innovative Uranus. It can be a serendipitous period, so keep your head up and your eyes open! Negative attitudes from those in authority can put a damper on your enthusiasm, so think twice before you share your inspired idea with others who might not be on the same wavelength.

Priorities and personal relationships come into focus with the approach of the **Libra Full Moon on March 31st** (8:37 AM EDT). Relationship issues are likely to peak around this time, especially if there are questions of control or what may be an imbalance of power. Family matters may need extra attention, too. And be aware of the dynamics of work relationships, which may be in need of repair.



With assertive, independent **Mars traveling through Capricorn and joining forces with conservative Saturn from March 30th - April 4th**, a major project comes into focus. It's time to take decisive action and step up when it comes to taking responsibility. Collectively and personally, the question of accountable action will emerge, and it's definitely a time of testing. Sometimes those tests reveal the truth of a situation, and in personal matters, that "line in the sand" may be very clear. The challenge centers upon embracing the need to allow things to end that are no longer in harmony with your highest needs. It's time to clear away attitudes, situations and things that can undermine the integrity of what we hope to build.

Keep faith: the cosmos brings help from the powers of Hope and Truth. From **April 1st - 23rd, generous Jupiter and transformative Pluto travel in harmony with one another**, marking a time for the force of cooperative action to manifest. Peaking on April 14th, this cycle opens the way for healing change to occur. The key to working positively with these energies requires that we be open to change. More good news: **Mercury leaves its retrograde on April 15th** (5:21 AM EDT), opening the way for progress in matters that may have stalled during the previous three weeks.

Dynamic breakthrough shows up when the **Aries New Moon peaks on April 15th** (9:57 PM EDT), with the Moon & Sun joined by revolutionary Uranus. Time for something different! You know the motto of Uranus: "Expect the unexpected!" Add to that: Economic matters may seem to be out of proportion or over-inflated from April 15th-17th with Venus getting a burst of energy from Jupiter. It's an excellent time to be generous, but can also be a time when enthusiasm overcomes practicality. Could be great for creative, artistic endeavors, and an excellent time to celebrate with those you love. Just keep the credit card in your wallet as much as possible. It's easy to overpay under these aspects. During the same period, personal values and material worth are open to improvements while **Venus and Pluto travel harmoniously from April 15th - 18th**. And for you romantics out there, it's a powerful time to deepen an intimate relationship.



Testy **Saturn retrogrades on April 17th** -- a cycle lasting a little more than four months. This is the time when business matters are under review and reconsideration. However, infrastructure benefits from careful evaluation and repair. With Jupiter also in retrograde, anticipate that there's likely to be even more down-sizing on the commercial business front. Starting a new business, or stepping into a new job? Anticipate some back-tracking, or a need to deal with old matters that may have gone unattended before you can actually start to make progress. Geopolitically, anticipate that some old alliances and agreements will play a significant role in solving current issues.

Spring is an excellent time to bring about change and move forward with confidence. If you're ready to schedule a personal consultation with me, please just call or email and we'll arrange a time. Meanwhile, may you enjoy a fresh awakening and the true beauty of this time.

Bright Blessings,
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