



Starlight Message From Gloria Star

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*Autumnal Equinox and the Sun's
Cycles in Libra & Scorpio*

Achieving a sense of balance in our lives has become a greater challenge during the Age of Covid. The weight of restraints has distorted many of our personal choices, and incorporating what once seemed like simple, logical options can be lost under the shifting mandates, deeply-ingrained fears, and voices of dissent. Yet here we are, on the precipice of change, faced with what might seem like a battle between the Greater Truth and a wave of lies. The wheel of the year continues to turn, and now we have a new perspective emerging – starting with the Sun's Cycle in Libra, which begins September 22nd (3:21 PM EDT).

The beginning of the **Sun in Libra is marked by the Autumnal Equinox on September 22nd**, when the balance of light and dark equalizes for a brief period before the hours of light diminish, and the dark half of the year begins. It's time to strive for harmony in your life – at least harmony with yourself! You would think that to be a simple task, but during such testy times, not so much. Yet the Universe arms us with a new mix of energy, now with an emphasis on relationships, co-existence, sharing, and dealing with the push-pull of differing values. This is the time to reap what you've sewn, and to enjoy and share the bounty, even if you find it difficult to fully embrace all the changes.

The month-long cycle of the Sun shining through the light of Libra draws attention to all our relationships – not just the close, personal connections. Libra also shows itself through expressions of artistry, beauty, and opportunities to enjoy what is truly valuable. The give-and-take necessary to accomplish balance will be on full display, since one-sided options are likely to fall short when it comes to progress. Watch out



for judgmental situations that foster prejudice, a warped sense of status, or a lack of fairness, since these circumstances may also provide an opportunity for growth and progress if you can move beyond the barriers of excess.

Wondering when Mercury backs into retrograde? **Communication glitches may be abundant during Mercury Retrograde from September 27th – October 18th.** This time, Mercury will turn just shortly after reaching a tense square with Pluto, potentially unearthing hidden secrets, unresolved issues, and power struggles. Relationships most



certainly will be tested if some of those secrets are draining the energy from a relationship. Vengeful attitudes can emerge, potentially distorting communication and blocking the ability to reach agreement.

Trekking through Libra can bring its own set of special circumstances to Mercury. After all, Libra's quest for fairness may actually require review and revision before the "best" decision is reached! Let's look first at the fact that *Mercury will travel through Libra for two months – from August 31st through November 5th, 2021.* Of course, that extended period is possible thanks to the retrograde, when Mercury treks backward, then stations, then moves forward again across the same territory. During the entire cycle of Mercury in Libra, negotiations may actually fare better than anticipated. However, we may all experience higher-than-usual levels of vacillation when trying to reach a final decision. Add the retrograde effect, and you have even more doubts, disruptions, delays and detours. The period from October 18th – November 5th is the time to tie up loose ends, and finish what's incomplete or make your final evaluations. Signing long-term contracts or starting a major project? **Make every effort to avoid the actual days of retrograde (9/27 – 10/18).**

The **Libra New Moon on October 6th (7:05 AM EDT) is the time to act**, but with care (Mercury retrograde...!), since the Sun and Moon are united with action-packed Mars, adding a quality of impulsiveness to the picture. We may feel that patience has run dry, but before stepping out or making that call, do yourself a favor and count to 10. Waiting a few days may provide a different viewpoint.

Also on **October 6th, Pluto leaves its retrograde**, opening a period for clearing pathways of the debris of indecision or hostile actions. Adding more power to the picture, Saturn leaves its long retrograde on October 10th, when the infrastructure needs exposed

during Saturn's backward trek in Aquarius will require more attention, and when responsibilities arrive on your doorstep.

Undercurrents continue... Keep in mind that we are still grappling with the conflicts between future hopes and dreams and the memory of the past – which itself may be distorted by frustration with continuing restraints thanks to the persistent virus and its threat to our quality of life. This is seen through the undercurrent of **stubborn Saturn in its tense square to revolutionary Uranus – a cycle that's been present all year, and will continue to assert itself through early 2022.** Saturn-Uranus tension reminds us that patience will be required, but also suggests that we may have to give up some old ways of thinking, acting and living in order to accomplish the harmony and peace we so desire.

The energy to make things happen is definitely stoked by the conjunction between the Sun and Mars from October 1st–18th, although these actions may be more like baby steps than major accomplishments. Fortunately, confidence and generosity may be easier to generate or uncover, since expansive Jupiter also leaves retrograde and starts direct motion on October 18th.

I suppose it should be no surprise to see such intensive energies coming together at the same time when you factor in the **Aries Full Moon on October 20th** (10:57 AM EDT). Energy peaks and situations come to a head during full moon cycles. Watch the headlines during the days around the Full Moon, since situations that have been building up may reach an end point or a turning point.

Also in the mix, **Jupiter has been retrograde since June, and turns direct on October 18th.** Now the energy of expansion and growth is heading into territory less encumbered by old issues or incompatible circumstances. And Jupiter clips right along, moving through the last degrees of Aquarius until December 28th, when then heads into Pisces. *This period of Jupiter making a final pass through Aquarius can be a time to make progress in humanitarian matters, and could be an excellent time to make appeal to the community and invite those whose ideology harmonizes with your own.* Consider what you might do to take a step forward with those matters that can enhance the quality of life for everyone.

When the Sun enters Scorpio on October 23rd (12:51 AM EDT), focus shifts toward transformative change. While transiting through the fixed water sign for the next 30 days, the underworld calls, with an invitation for each of us to release what is no

longer needed or in harmony. It's the perfect time clear out clutter – physically and psychologically. Make room for renewal, and honor your need to step back and take an honest inventory of your life. Healing can follow.



On November 4th (5:14 PM EDT) the New Moon in Scorpio opens the way for fresh beginnings, especially within the realms of trust and intimacy. Plus, with Mercury and Venus in harmony, sharing a special time with those you cherish, or, if you're so inclined, to connect with nature, can be just the right fit for this period. Venus heads into Capricorn, beginning a long cycle through the ambitious and often tight-fisted sign. **Venus will enter her six-week retrograde on December 19th,** thus extending the amount of time she spends in this sign. In

fact, Venus travels through Capricorn from November 4th, 2021 through March 6th, 2022. Relationships WILL be tested during this retrograde cycle. Values play an absolutely significant role. Be aware that this can be a highly productive cycle, but it comes with little tolerance for wastefulness. I'll write more about the Venus Retrograde in the next Starlight Message.

Knee-jerk reactions can lead to complications while Mars travels in conflict with both Saturn and Uranus during November. **From November 6th–13th, the square between Mars in Scorpio and Saturn in Aquarius can slow progress,** or may harbor strong resistance from those whose stubborn attitudes can seem insurmountable. Then, following shortly from November 16th–20th, Mars driving force can become unpredictable while in a square to Uranus in Taurus. Flexible attitudes can go a long way toward getting through these days safely. However, you may feel like you have whiplash with these contrasting cycles. It might be helpful to be more conscious of how and what you're feeling, so that you can better gauge how involved you need to be in dealing with the ups and downs. Remember: you may very well have the right to say, "No" if you are not able to agree.

On November 19th, the Taurus Full Moon arrives, testing the balance between holding on and letting go. While releasing what you no longer need may be a deep desire, the actuality of letting go can be more difficult. And, **this is the Full Moon Eclipse,** adding extra intensity to the process. Because the solar and lunar eclipses represent significant developments that are reaching maximum strength, you may feel some hesitancy before taking action. But if you have been doing the inner work to prepare

you for the changes you're experiencing, this time can be a true immersion into the deeper mysteries.

...More about the Eclipses in the next Starlight Message!

Just an update on my relocation: we are settling into our transitional home, and getting comfortable with our new surroundings. Thanks to all of you who've adjusted to my being in a completely different time zone.

For 2022, astrology conferences are opening up again to the potential of in-person gatherings. I am slated to speak for the NORWAC conference (here in the Seattle area) next spring, and also the ISAR Conference in the Denver, CO area late summer. I'll let you know more, when I know more!

When you're ready to schedule time with me, please do reach out, and we shall find a time that works for you. Meanwhile, I do hope you'll have ample opportunities to enjoy the beauty of the season ahead, and soak up the inspiration along the way.

Bright Blessings,
Gloria

Here are photos taken just this morning of visitors to our front yard. A sweet surprise!



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