



Starlight Message From Gloria Star

*Summer Solstice 2021
Sun Cycle in Cancer 2021*

Summer! The season marked by vacation, playful recreation, family gatherings, graduations and weddings is finally underway in the USA. In fact, we seem to be

accelerating toward all types of records as we tap the resources necessary to feed these hopes and desires. The Summer Solstice marks the longest day, when the extended hours of light invite true celebration – particularly as we ease our way out of the harsh limitations of the pandemic. But is it really over? As you're probably hearing and observing – We may be done with covid, but is covid done with us?

On **June 20th at 11:32 AM EDT, the Sun shifts to shine its light through the lens of Cancer, marking the Summer Solstice.** It's time to vitalize relationships and activities that create a feeling of connectivity to those who share the circle of our lives. During the month the Sun is in Cancer, we can become more aware of our opportunities and challenges when it comes to rebuilding post-pandemic, as we move toward a more inclusive society with greater clarity about ourselves and what we truly need.



Looking into the details, at the time of the Solstice, the Moon is in Scorpio, reminding us that there are unseen elements pushing issues to the surface. With the Sun and Moon influenced by water signs, emotional intensity builds now. Plus, the planets Venus, Jupiter and Neptune are also moving through watery realms. *We are all more likely to experience heightened sensibility when it comes to emotional issues.* Watch for those hot buttons when dealing with such sensitivities, especially in relationships. Granted, we have very good reasons to feel touchy, in case anyone is seeking justification. Yet progress will be more forthcoming when we blend logical processes with our feelings, bringing greater consciousness to our words and actions.

To add another wrinkle, just a few hours before this seasonal change **on June 20th, the planet Jupiter begins its 4-month retrograde**. Jupiter has been traveling through Pisces since mid-May, 2021, signifying increasing potentials for compassion and emotional support to be more accessible. It's been a period for emphasizing the power of caring for one another, and this cycle has been a positive force when it comes to seeking others whose ideals and values resonate with our own. Jupiter's energy is all about expansion, opportunity, generosity and optimism. While transiting through Pisces, Jupiter's gifts may be centered upon our experience of humanity, our spiritual connections, and the gifts our spiritual relationships bring into our lives. It is a time to experience freedom that begins from within, expanding through an open heart into the world.



Jupiter in Pisces also draws our attention to those institutions that support the needs of those less fortunate. While in Pisces, Jupiter's qualities may show up in ways that seem like a dream, or that seem unreal in some way. It's a bit easier to see how that ripple on the water can ultimately become a tidal wave. We're in a period now when everything is starting to open up – almost like magic! (very Jupiter in Pisces, by the way.) In almost every facet of life, there's been growth. You may be seeing evidence that we humans are difficult to satisfy. This possible manifestation of Jupiter in Pisces is the vision of having all desires fulfilled. While the demand for certain goods and services was restrained or unavailable during the pandemic, now the floodgates are open, and everyone seems to want everything at the same time. You can see this in the lack of availability, or what is quickly becoming the un-affordability of some products and services. You name it, it's probably more costly now than it was a few months ago. Jupiter also connects to the concept of travel, another aspect of life that's certainly busier than it was a few months ago. As you likely suspect, this is changing – especially during this particular retrograde.

When Jupiter is in retrograde, the flow of expansive energy can be delayed or frustrated by philosophical or cultural issues that can operate like a detour. What may have seemed like an excellent period of opportunity may run into snags that can redirect plans, actions and progress in favor of waiting until circumstances calm or slow down at least a little. Jupiter will slide back into Aquarius at the end of July 2021, and will ultimately return to its cycle in Pisces Dec. 29th, 2021, continuing until May 10, 2022. That period next year may be a great target for completing some of the plans, changes, actions, travel, moves, or other activities that may have to be postponed now.

Mercury has been in retrograde since May 29th, and will reach its standstill on June 22nd, when Mercury's cycle shifts and moves forward. Keep in mind that, while you may finally be able to safely finalize a contract, make a move, take a trip, start a project or schedule that important meeting – Mercury will still be in its Shadow phase until July 7th. Heads up! It's quite likely that unfinished business, delays and other irritating obstacles may crop up like weeds until Mercury is beyond its shadow (after July 7th).

When we reach the period of the **Full Moon in Capricorn on June 24th** (2:40 PM EDT), it's a SuperMoon, drawing extra attention to the value of reconnecting with our roots. We gain insightful perspective when we bring the past, present and future into focus through giving of ourselves and supporting others who rely upon our experience, talents and wisdom (yes, that includes you!). It is through such connections that we can build the essence of our true family, and share in the bounty around you. New circles of friends are likely to emerge, and some old friendships may fade away if they are no longer relevant or in harmony with your highest needs. **Power struggles and unresolved issues may burn out of control from June 30th – July 6th**, while Mars is in high tension with Saturn and Uranus. These days can be marked by a period of unrest and hostility, and it's good to know a situation before you head into it to avoid getting caught up in volatile demonstrations.

On July 9th, 2021 (9:16 PM EDT), the New Moon in Cancer marks the beginning of the perfect time for a gathering, especially if there's plenty of fabulous food and time to play and be entertained. The advantages of a waxing Moon phase continue for two weeks, until the Full Moon. It's a great time to start something new. Those of you who are entertainers and artists may now want to take advantage of situations that provide a platform to showcase what you have to offer. Plus, with Venus and Mars traveling together in Leo – the sign of the Entertainer – from July 7th – 18th – there are likely to be venues and events available that have been waiting for the opportunity to open their doors. Prefer to still stay at home rather than being around others? Look to the evening sky and you'll see Venus and Mars, both moving close to the fixed star Regulus near the hours around sunset during these dates.

On July 22nd at 10:27 AM EDT the Sun enters Leo's zone, prompting an opening of the heart and an opportunity to let love and generosity lead the way. Sun cycle in Leo can be a period to let your passion shine through and to show your own truth. This is further emphasized by the **Aquarius Full Moon on July 23rd** (10:37 PM EDT), when the balance between the Collective and the Individual may rely upon an agreement to allow

room for not only what we hold in common, but also to honor our differences in the best ways possible. Because the Full Moon occurs so close to the Sun's ingress into Leo, an emphasis on actions and ideas that have had time and opportunity to be more fully developed can arise. Leadership can be especially influential now. The quality of that leadership can reflect the needs of those seeking to follow truth, but can also be tainted by those who are abusers of power and influence. Friends are a true asset now

When Jupiter retrogrades back into Aquarius on July 28th, energy from the cycle of Jupiter that began late December 2020 is reactivated. Jupiter will continue its travel through Aquarius until December 29th, 2021, when, once again, Jupiter will dance into Pisces to fully complete that cycle next year. If you've postponed actions or activities, you may have better success revisiting those plans and determining whether you're ready to activate them! In some ways, the doors you may have opened during June and July this year may very well re-open for you in the New Year ahead. ...ready to make a difference in your world? Now can be the perfect time to take the lead where you can make a very real contribution. Hope and faith fuel momentum. Get on board!



Do get in touch when you want to explore your astrological indicators for this significant time, and your path ahead. Of course, I'm also available to answer your questions or to help you determine the best times to take action, choose a date for an event, or for other important decisions. Just call or send an email, and we'll arrange a time that works for you.

As most of you know, I've relocated from my long-time home in Connecticut to the Pacific Northwest. We're living in Tumwater, Washington, a suburb of Olympia. My office is finally mostly organized, and I am definitely available for work with clients. But for those of you who've been used to my location in the Eastern time zone, I'm now three time zones westward - in Pacific Time.



Bright Blessings,
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