



Starlight Message From Gloria Star

Winter Solstice 2022
Sun in Capricorn Cycle 2022/23

The Light Returns!

After two seasons of retreating light, we reach the height of darkness... the Sun arrives at the entrance to Capricorn, and we experience light's return! We mark this period as the time when we establish the foundation for what we will manifest during the year ahead. It's an exciting time, and this year, the chart of the Winter Solstice shows true promise. This is the time to clarify hopes and dreams, infusing them with the energy of fresh enthusiasm coupled with practical

qualities that can help insure success.

When the **Sun shifts into Capricorn on December 21, 2022** (16:48 EST), we have ample stores of Earth energy, with support for the Capricorn Sun from Mercury, Venus and Pluto also in Capricorn. Plus, Uranus occupies earthy Taurus' energy. These combined qualities suggest a building and stabilizing force – just what humanity needs to recover from the previous harsh years of destruction and hostility. In addition, the Sun sits in a challenging square to expansive Jupiter at zero degrees Aries. Finally, after months in retrograde, and a period in and out of Aries, Jupiter arrives at the gate of self-assertiveness to complete its cycle the help of drive that lights the enthusiasm Jupiter so enjoys. Jupiter expands its impact even further when cycling through fiery Aries. Coupled with the pragmatism of Mercury, Venus and Pluto, the Sun lights the way forward, carrying the torch of true leadership. Faced with ample challenges, the Capricorn-attired Sun reminds us: "I have a plan for that!"

The Capricorn cycle is the period when Time itself takes the spotlight. After all, within this period we begin a New Year, and experience a Collective feeling of renewal that's almost like starting fresh. Of course, there's plenty of unfinished business to address – something the cosmos marks this year with the transit of Mars Retrograde, drawing emphasis to the priorities that keep showing up in the path. Once Mars turns direct in January, there's more energy for something different to gain momentum.

During the phase of Sun in Capricorn, we are all given an opportunity to see the importance of history and structure. That does not mean there will be agreement, but before progress can be

made, those lessons from the past might prove quite significant. Ambition shows itself strongly while the Sun travels through Capricorn, and even if it's not you demanding attention, like the rest of us, you'll be challenged to be clear about the value of integrating the old and the new. At the time of the Solstice, innovative and revolutionary Uranus is supported by value-driven Venus. There's plenty of room to try something different, but respect for what has gone before will go a long way toward succeeding in your endeavors.

Keep in mind that Capricorn is, first of all, practical. Proof is important, and theory may be welcome only when there is real support from the Powers That Be.

Shortly after the Solstice, the **New Moon in Capricorn occurs on December 23rd** at 5:17 AM EST, marking a powerful time to initiate projects or actions. The Moon continues to increase in light for two weeks, and during this waxing phase there's more potential for new interests, actions and experiences. The Sun & Moon are square Jupiter, inviting a tendency to push past limits, or to try something more adventurous. That can be workable if there's an eye on what might arise that falls into the category of "surprise!" In other words, have a backup plan when possible! With Uranus trine Venus there may be ample good will and monetary support, but it's best not to push things too far unless you have time and resources to spare.

On December 29th, Mercury turns retrograde. Whoopee! Mercury travels in Capricorn for the entire retrograde cycle (that ends January 28th). At the beginning of the retrograde, Mercury is joined with Venus, marking an excellent time to invite the participation of others – whether the relationship is personal or professional. As you know, Mercury Retrograde can signify trouble with travels and communication. ...Best to avoid new presentations or projects, unless you're simply testing the waters, or making changes in a proposal or plan that's already underway. However, reconnecting with a person or situation from the past shows promise, thanks to that conjunction with Venus. Because Mars is also still in retrograde until mid-January, you may be stymied by problematic situations and it can be very difficult to make clear progress. A lot of compromising may be going on, and it's good to ask yourself if the deal or circumstance you're drafting is really worth the effort and resources. Do keep in mind that time is a resource of great value.

We usher in the New Year 2023 with indicators of transformation on the economic fronts, with some potential good news, also more questions from those who may want to share power not being especially forthcoming. When the **Full Moon arrives in Cancer on January 6th** (3:00 AM EST), more positive potentials from working with others are building strength. It's a good time to invite friends and trusted associates to share in the good fortune and opportunity. Personal intimate relationships can be improved or may take a positive turn around this time, too.

Mars, still transiting in Gemini, leaves retrograde and starts moving forward again on January 12th (12:56 PM EST). Finally, the path to progress may have a clearer path forward. But for a few days there are obstacles or uncooperative people or situations to satisfy. There's a tendency to try something again that has not worked in the past. You know what they say

about that ...! Perhaps alterations, edits or a different approach can reshape the action or proposal to help move away from the restraint of old ideas that are in need of revision.

News Flash! **Mercury leaves retrograde on January 18th, 2023.** A potential stroke of good fortune is seen through Mercury joining in a conjunction to Venus when Mercury begins its forward motion again. If you've left some issues on the table in your relationships, this is a good time to listen to your heart, and assure that your words and actions resonate with your true values.

Mercury's station occurs when the Sun is conjunct Pluto in Capricorn, bringing the impact of transformative change into the picture. This suggests a time when those in positions of authority or leadership may be both challenged and empowered. Misuse of power can bring destruction, while harnessing power with the desire to bring about healing change can be the start of amazing positive change. As you might surmise, on the global front, this can be a turning point.

The year 2023 has some major cycles coming into focus in March. Perhaps the two most significant are shifts in the cycle of Saturn -- moving into Pisces in early March, and Pluto -- moving into Aquarius later in that month. Saturn will remain in Pisces for about 2-1/2 years, although Pluto's cycle in Aquarius is much longer and takes a couple of years to be fully invested. We will explore these shifts in greater details in future *Starlight Messages*. For now, we are all witnessing a period of paradigm shift, and the evolutionary changes indicate some truly amazing growth and healing potential. Be hopeful.

*Blessings, Peace and Light,
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