



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Sun Cycle in Leo 2019 Value Judgments

Wondering about the odd manifestations and weird energy going on around us? Of course, as I write this, we are just emerging from the July eclipses of the Sun and Moon, and trickster Mercury is still in retrograde. In other words, we're not done yet! But there's plenty to invite us to look up and think forward as we move

through the Sun's cycle, dressed in the brilliant light of Leo, and certain to heat things up ... at least a little!

The ingress of the **Sun in Leo occurs July 22nd** at 10:51 PM EDT. It's the beginning of a 31-day period of enhanced inspiration and originality and can be a time when generosity flows from loving hearts and leadership emerges from powerful vision for the future. Leo's capacity to focus the fiery energy of passionate creativity can be unmatched. The challenges of Leo frequently stem from too much ego involvement, when self-importance is overblown. This 2019 cycle of the Sun in Leo also features transits of the planets Mercury, Venus and Mars in Leo -- suggesting plenty of opportunities for those who love the spotlight to shine. In the best of circumstances, the playful quality of Leo can be a great relief when we are in need of entertainment -- in all its forms.

From **July 23rd - 27th**, Mars -- also trekking through Leo -- joins harmoniously with jovial Jupiter. This can be marvelous energy for inspiring others, and can indicate a period of time when extraordinary success may occur, particularly in circumstances that are already in motion. Anticipate that some of those "opening acts" may garner even more attention than the headliners! Those in positions of leadership may be full of surprises, or may turn up the heat through their words and actions on July 28th-30th, while the Sun and Uranus are traveling in an irritating square.

July 31st is a day that invites us to be clearly in the moment, yet also hopeful for the future. The **Leo New Moon** arrives at 11:12 PM EDT on July 31st, and then, just minutes away (at 11:58 PM EDT), **Mercury** stands still, and then begins its forward motion -- **ending the retrograde** that's been so bothersome for the past 25 days. One of the best days to take advantage of these changes will be August 1st, when that



New Moon gets a boost from both Mars and Jupiter!

Differences in value systems are likely to manifest from July 31st - August 3rd, while Venus sideswipes unpredictable Uranus. Relationship issues are likely to arise, too -- particularly when it comes to preferences, personal taste, or money matters. On the global stage, these tensions may spark difficulties reaching agreements, especially if compromise is not working. It's a good time to listen, but not such a good time to take action. For those who can wait a few days, options that may very well open new doors are more likely. From **August 5th- 10th, values held in common and greater opportunities for prosperity emerge while Venus gains support from generous Jupiter.**

Also on the good news front, Jupiter *leaves* its retrograde on August 11th (after 17 weeks). Since Jupiter represents opportunity, generosity, hope and truth -- we've seen an erosion in these areas of our lives for the past few months. Of course, retrograde cycles do serve the purpose of reminding us of our history -- where we've been, what we've learned (or not), and what is yet unfinished. The reflection upon our cultural and ethical differences has not been especially quiet during this time. Now, with Jupiter moving forward again, we may have greater success building pathways or opportunity for our future. Issues with the courts and justice system, education, publishing, and trade are likely to fare better, too.

Additionally, **Uranus** -- the planet of revolutionary change, rebellion, disruption and breakthrough -- **begins its retrograde on August 11th**. Now in early degrees of Taurus, Uranus is making known some of its potential manifestations during its seven-year cycle. We've considered the possibilities of Uranus in Taurus as it is likely to show alterations to our monetary systems, and there have been several changes brought to the table already. Have you heard about Facebook's bid to launch its own cryptocurrency? It's called *Libra*! So far, *Libra* has not achieved support from the necessary legal approvals required, but the process has begun!

August 15th sees the peaking of the Aquarius Full Moon (8:29 AM EDT). It's the perfect time to gather with friends, and to make time to bring your priorities into balance. The next two weeks will likely show shifts in the narrative, when shared values will, of course, be at the root of revolutionary changes. The challenge of the Aquarius Full Moon centers upon the quality of unconditional acceptance and how we employ it in our lives. How do you think we're doing on that front?

Just before the Full Moon, the Sun and Venus are joined, with the **superior conjunction of the Sun and Venus occurring August 14th**. This means that Venus is now trekking ahead of the Earth in the race of the planets around the Sun. It's a powerful shift in the planetary cycles, and signifies a time when value

systems are undergoing a review. Historically, this phase of Venus has been associated with changes in leadership, or changes in the favorability of leaders. Since the political climate is rather saturated at this time (and not just in the



USA!), it makes sense that a reconsideration of where we are, what we need and what we want from our leaders would be necessary.

This phase of Venus can be quite helpful. You may be thinking about other ramifications of Venus, such as the status of women in our society. Increasing awareness of current value-focused and also women's issues will likely shape political action over the next few weeks. (You may have noticed that Venus disappeared from the morning sky on July 8th. Look to the evening sky starting September 20th to see Venus shining again.)

By the way, for those of you who've asked: **Mercury will leave the Shadow phase of its cycle on August 15th** -- inviting us to take action or launch new projects unencumbered by so many past issues. It's the right time to promote something (or someone) who inspires you. Keep in mind: that could be yourself!

Just a note about my computer issues, and other manifestations of these crazy cycles in my own life: I am not currently able to access my full Starlight Message Subscriber database. As a result, you may not be receiving this newsletter in your personal email right now. We're working on this, and it should be repaired within a few weeks (or months?!). Meanwhile, if you contact me directly via email right now, I am rebuilding that database, and will be happy to be sure you're included. Thanks for your patience!



Bright Blessings,
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