



Starlight Message From Gloria Star

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The Sun's Cycle in Leo

Everyone is seeking some confirmation that “normal” will become reality any day now, while the essential qualities of the cosmic cycles point to a need for focus, structure and inspiration to help

overcome the task of reconstructing our lives. It's never easy to overcome fear, particularly when it has permeated the psyche of humanity through the ravages of a pandemic. This is not just any old mundane recovery we're in. Now we must put our efforts forward to find true hope and faith in ourselves and one another. At the core, we may uncover mistrust, drawing consciousness into a kind of paralysis that makes it quite difficult to move forward. But what if we stop for a moment, and find the stillness resonating calm, peace, and harmony? Before you toss the idea aside, measure the strength of such merging and seek out your center space of Being. The light may be dim at the beginning, but as it grows, illumination exposes fresh options. From there, anything may be possible!

There's help from the Universe, shown through the ever-shifting cycles of the planets. Already underway, we have entered a new zone of the zodiac and now experience the dramatic, entertaining, self-confident, generous and brilliant time of Leo. And I'm not overstating. This is the period when the lights shine and the stage is set for something amazing - even if it is not grand or perfect. (All Virgos may now clear your throat and pay attention.)

On July 22nd at 10:27 AM EDT the Sun entered 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 was further emphasized by the **Aquarius Full Moon on July 23rd** (10:37 PM EDT), when the balance between the Collective and the Individual was the challenge. This Full Moon amplified not only what we hold in common, but also to honor our differences.

Because the Full Moon occurred 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. Inspired leadership can be especially influential during the Sun's trek through Leo. 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 – a gift from the Aquarius Full Moon still resonating. A period filled with drama and excitement, it's an excellent time to be either the Entertainer or the Entertained. Events like the Olympics fare well during Leo, although this year, the event was altered significantly thanks to Covid19. Still, the drama and the opportunity to witness the talents and brilliance of others were definitely on display.

This emphasis on the value of friendship grows especially strong when Jupiter retrogrades back into Aquarius on July 28th. Now, the energy from the cycle of Jupiter that began late December 2020 is reactivated. Retrogrades of the slower moving planets signify both collective and individual influences. Jupiter's retrograde is known as the cycle of reprieves and last minute rescues. It's the time you're most likely to receive that shipment you thought was lost in transit. Unfinished legal business may garner the headlines.

Right now, with Mars moving through Leo in opposition to Jupiter from July 26th–31st, it's easy to overextend or rush past limitations, and high risk circumstances can get out of control. This cycle may also point toward natural events like escalating intensive heat, think: "heat dome" occurring in North America, as a good example. Also, this dynamic shows up as the acceleration of Covid seen globally now.

Keep in mind that **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. It's a good time to uncover what truly inspires you.

We're quickly moving into the midpoint of the Sun's cycle in Leo, celebrated as astrological Lammas on August 7th, just before the **Leo New Moon on August 8th at 9:50 AM EDT**. Most calendars simply mark August 1st as Lammas day, but Pagan

traditions use astrological cycles to define this day – a time to break bread together and honor the early harvest. The **Leo New Moon** adds a kind of super-charge, and can accelerate development of actions. For the next two weeks, take advantage of the chance to put an extra bit of fire into your hopes, projects, personal goals, and visions for the future. At the least, use this period to demonstrate to those you love and cherish how much you do care about them. It's a great time to be more playful, and to let your imagination lead the way. It's also a time to recognize those you respect, and to support leadership in balance with respect.

With **Venus traveling in Virgo, opposite visionary Neptune from August 6th–10th, a merging of inspiration and practicality can enhance any artistic endeavors**. While this can be an amazing time to indulge in your favorite escapes, it's also a powerful time to open your heart to greater compassion. Seek beauty and harmony. The warning label on this cycle can fall into the category of being more easily deceived or losing track of reality, especially in monetary matters. Spend wisely, and do your research when it comes to major purchases or investments.

Also during mid-August, **Mercury and Mars are traveling in tandem from August 16th–21st**. This brief period can mark high levels of productivity, and can be an especially positive time for communication, negotiation, and sharing ideas. That over-expansion from a few weeks back may be less problematic as Mars gains support from forward-thinking, innovative Uranus from August 17th–20th.

Uranus' energy is full of surprises, and when a cycle is sparked by Uranus' it's a good idea to leave a bit of room in the schedule for the unexpected ... Or, in social situations, to realize that your expectations may be a fair distance from reality. You may have had little motivation to bring about changes in your life during the height of the pandemic, partly because gaining your footing seems unreliable. Everyone's flexibility has been stretched out of shape. If you're not feeling inspired, you are likely among many others who feel uncertainty and a lack of trust. With **Uranus long-term retrograde beginning on August 19th**, we have a chance to revisit the way Uranus energy is working in our lives. Look to the area of your astrological chart where Uranus is located by transit. That particular House points the way for major changes to occur. Uranus Retrograde will last until January 18th, 2022. During these months, give your inventions and ideas for change another shot. Even if you're only re-arranging your closet, it's time to institute changes that remind you this is a new day, and a time to have faith in your own uniqueness.

There's a **Blue Moon on August 22nd –the Full Moon in Aquarius**, peaking at 8:20 AM EDT. This is the second Full Moon in Aquarius for 2021, and adds emphasis to the importance of our social connections. Friends can become an even more valuable asset in our lives now. If you've been missing time with your friends, this may be the perfect chance to reconnect and reinforce those relationships. Also, check in with those you're missing most, if nothing more than to open lines of communication.

When the Sun's cycle moves along, the gates open into the realm of Virgo on August 22nd (5:35 PM EDT), emphasizing the Great Fixer. Now is the time to review your plans and test your ideas to be sure all's in good working order – including your health. The Sun's cycle in Virgo 2021 begins just before that Full Moon, and for the next thirty days, the emphasis on getting things right can be helpful, while at others times, can create tension. Virgo can bring out the most critical qualities in a person, but it's also the impulse to bring order and attention to detail. Seek out opportunities to be of service to others now, and you may be surprised at the number of doors that open.

By the time we reach the **Virgo New Moon on September 6th** (8:52 PM EDT), the Sun, Moon, Mars, Uranus and Pluto are harmoniously joined, marking this as an exceptional time to do something different ... something completely different ... and make room in your own life to try an approach that may previously seemed impossible. Experimentation may be a very good thing!

...More about the Sun Cycle in Virgo in the next Starlight Message. Meanwhile, if you're in need of a personal consultation, please do get in touch and we'll find a time that works for you! My direct office line is (360) 357-0265.



Bright Blessings,
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Planet Watch: Venus and Mars are Evening Stars until mid-month in August, while Jupiter & Saturn have been bright all night. Sometimes it helps to pay homage by extending your focus to the magnitude of the heavens. Bonus! The Perseids Meteor Showers peak mid-August, when the darker sky during the new moon makes it a good time to see those meteors.