

## Starlight Message From Gloria Star

## Sun Cycle in Pisces 2020 *Practical Magic*

As we arrive at the gateway of Pisces, we enter the realm of spirit, imagination, and unity. On the surface, you might think this could be a time of easy escape from the challenge of sorting through what is real and what is imaginary, yet the illusory realms can be difficult to

navigate, especially if the element of trust has eroded. Fortunately, there are hopeful qualities emerging now, and it's time to invite the visages of possibility to shine more brightly.

When the Sun's light shifts to shine through Pisces on February 18th (11:57 PM EST), we may find that intuition heightens, and sensitivity increases. This can be a good thing, particularly if there's a creative project or an inspired endeavor calling. This cycle can be an excellent period to merge your efforts with those of others whose aims and deals compliment your own, whether your goal is personal, political or professional. The mutable water sign of the zodiac, Pisces represents the conduit encouraging the flow of energy that brings nourishment of the spirit. Pisces stirs deep emotion, and during this cycle, the impressionability of the Collective is more permeable. While such a process enhances our capacity to feel what we have in common, it can also bring a greater vulnerability to those who may already feel that they are being manipulated by others who may be bent on abusing their power. The remedy for this is truth, honesty and integrity. From there, faith opens a clear path.

Since Neptune, the ruler of Pisces, is also traveling through this ruling sign, it can be an especially significant time for spiritual awareness and artistic creativity. It's a time to dream, and to let those dreams inspire change in your life. Fortunately, the planets Jupiter and Neptune are traveling in harmony through the early days of March 2020, marking a time when the opportunity to manifest your hopes and dreams is enhanced.

But it's also easy to let this time go by without taking any action at all. Drift can be a major problem. To avoid swimming in circles, and actually take advantage of the greater potentials of this time, individuals must become aware, and then take action. When Jupiter Sextile Neptune peaks on February 20th, take time to reflect, and consider adding fresh inspirations to your vision board, and include hopeful and confidence—building energies into your visualization or meditation.

When the Sun in Pisces cycle begins, Mars, the action planet, has just entered its cycle in Capricorn. While Mars treks through Capricorn through the end of March, we're experiencing a positive time to develop courage, take action, maintain focus, and accomplish what we set out to do. It can be an amazing time to "do the work." Keep in mind the Zen teaching: "Before enlightenment, you chop wood and carry water. After enlightenment, you chop wood and carry water."

Because Jupiter is moving through the earthy territory of Capricorn when it makes the harmonious connection with Neptune for several days, it's the perfect time to, make plans and open to accessing the resources that will be needed to achieve success during the days and months ahead. Yes, it's time to *do something*. Being a spectator can be both non–productive and frustrating! Think of it this way: use the combination of Earth and Water to create building blocks for those hopes and dreams. If you're uncertain about the best way to begin, your inner work can be very helpful as you determine what you really want. In fact, it can be easier to meditate during this cycle. Yet dissolving your connection to the physical plane can be problematic, when you can feel that there's something from the "real world" calling. The presence of so many planets in either Earth or Water signs reminds us that the real magic in our lives may come through the everyday experiences. At the very least, this can be a time for practical magic – focusing your power and creativity through the space of compassion and imagination toward the aim of greater harmony with all that is within and around us.

The New Moon in Pisces on February 23rd (10:32 AM EST) shows a powerful blending of those Earth and Water elements. Because the Sun and Moon in Pisces are joined by Mercury at the time of the New Moon, the potentials for cooperation are enhanced. Creating the right circumstances for making a fresh connection and be strengthened by the potentials that others may also have a more open mind, when it comes to working together toward common goals. Mars also enters the picture in a supportive sextile to the New Moon, adding a spark of activity. And, just for a bit of extra incentive, Uranus in Taurus (also Earth) reminds us that it's time to find more

productive means of using our assets. It's time for something (or someone) new. At the very least, it's a good time for a different approach!

Keeping in mind that Mercury's retrograde is continuing for a while longer, there's an opportunity manifesting from February 23rd – 27th, when Mercury backs up into a positive connection with Mars. ...could be some provocative ideas and inspiring communication taking center stage! However, philosophical differences can create a break in what may have been progress, with Venus in a tense square to Jupiter on February 23rd. It's one of those times to know when to engage and when to back out of the room!

Venus (transiting in Aries) squares off against Pluto from February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>, and then runs into tension with Saturn. This adds a real conundrum to the picture, since simple solutions may not be easy to find. On the economic front, money matters may be problematic, and disappointments may arise due to financial tensions. A conservative approach can be the best bet, to avoid feeling out of control or threatened by uncertain outcome. Good news if you're ready for a few changes: Venus joins the breakthrough energy of Uranus from March 5<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup>, when new love may arrive ... or at least a potentially welcome change!

Heads up: The Full Moon in Virgo on March 9th (1:48 PM EDT) is also a Super Moon! Tied with the energy of nebulous Neptune, it's a time to break away from attitudes and situations that stifle progress or block true self-expression. The planetary indicators during this Full Moon invite a new or different approach, with Venus and Uranus joined together. Also, Mercury is stationing during this Full Moon. That means Mercury's not going anywhere. It's not the time to take action, initiate an agreement or finalize a contract. It's time to be still and allow for the direction of thoughts or ideas to move forward again.

## Mercury leaves retrograde on March 9th at 11:49 PM EDT.

After this time, Mercury will travel over the territory it's already crossed twice. The *shadow* period for this retrograde cycle ends March 30<sup>th</sup>, after which time it will be much easier to realize success with your endeavors. You can be productive during the shadow cycle, but may have to deal with a few delays. If you do need to begin a new project or agreement, there is forward motion – but we will all still have to deal with

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those bits of unfinished business likely to emerge again through the end of March.

Some people feel that nothing positive comes during these shadow cycles, but it's more a process of assuring that unfinished business is addressed. There's no need to halt progress completely. Think of this more like a caution signal than a stop sign.

Our next cosmic journey through *Starlight Messages* will begin with the Spring Equinox in March. Hopefully your experiences during the Pisces cycle will offer insights, inspiration and opportunity to re-set your priorities so that they are more clearly aligned with your Highest Needs. If you're ready to look into what the cycles ahead hold for you, please do get in touch and we'll schedule a personal appointment. Meanwhile, may you fully enjoy the blessings of each day.



Peace and light, Gloria

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