



## Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*Sun Cycle in Pisces 2022  
Evaluating Values  
And ...The USA Pluto Return*

Have you arrived in a new (or different) “heart space” recently? This time of year, relationships take center stage, one way or another. We’ve celebrated a special day for affection – Valentine’s Day – and the sky

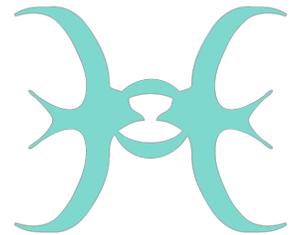
above us has provided a continual view of the “love planets” – Venus and Mars – reminding us that life is ever-changing...just like relationships. But did you know that Venus, like the Moon, has “Phases?” In fact, all planets have a phase to their cycles, as their reflected light depends upon the relationship between the planet, the light of the Sun, and Earth. The trick is to find harmony between yourself and the shifting cycles and phases, so that your journey through time and space has an opportunity to evolve.

As **the Sun has shifted into the zone of Pisces (February 18<sup>th</sup>** at 11:43 AM EST), the stage is set for dissolving boundaries, marking a time for creativity, artistry, compassion, and escape into a zone of pure release. Of course, bringing these qualities down to earth can be quite the challenge, especially if your desire and intention is anchored in a need to express goodness and acceptance. We are facing very real value tests now. **Sun in Pisces cycle can bring forth human vulnerability and can awaken the desire to make a difference in the world.** Yet these same dynamics might also inspire those whose intentions are more sinister. Pisces also represents duplicity, reminding us that things (and people) are often not quite what they seem to be. Adding to the need to create an anchor to reality, when this new Sun cycle begins, the Moon is in an opposition to sensitive and potentially confusing, Neptune. This can be a great time to come together and unify for good, but can also be a time when illusions and confusion lead the way. Still, there are reasons for hope and faith to open the path forward. *This is the time for Divine Love to inspire us, when reaching out can make a very real difference. ...but with eyes open!*

You might recall from the last Starlight Message that the planets **Venus and Mars are joined in a conjunction, moving together, through mid-March.** Venus – the planet signifying values, beauty, artistry, and love – is conjunct Mars – the planet of action, passion, courage, competition, and assertiveness. When traveling together, there is a powerful source available for good will, progress and the creation of harmony. It’s the perfect time for the Olympics!

Venus and Mars are both still in Capricorn, assuring that ratings and guidelines are correct. Practical matters aid success, and satisfaction is more likely to arise from defining goals. On a personal level, displays of affection may still seem to be more stifled or restrained in some way. Yet there is an often overlooked sensitivity about Capricorn that hides beneath that conservative exterior. Perhaps it's time to get that fabulous outfit out of storage before you arrive for a new job? Or, you might feel inspired to add your own creative ruffles and flourishes. Additionally, on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Venus and Mars both join in a harmonious connection to Neptune**. If you've been waiting for a time to declare your affection, to make a choice that reflects your true Self, or to take the path that could leave you feeling inspired, the days surrounding these connections can enhance a successful outcome.

When the **Pisces New Moon arrives on March 2<sup>nd</sup>** (12:35 PM EST), the light of the Sun and Moon joins with generous Jupiter, indicating a time to begin a fresh path with greater confidence. At this same time, Mercury is conjunct Saturn in Aquarius, and Venus and Mars are still in conjunction in Capricorn. *With these three pairs of conjunctions, the Universe provides us with the capacity to consolidate thoughts and actions so that expressions truly reflect intentions.* One reason you may feel like communication is going better: Mercury leaves the Shadow Cycle of retrograde on February 24<sup>th</sup> (0:56 AM EST). Now it's easier to trust that your appointment calendar is actually correct, travel runs more smoothly, and communication may be easier than it's been for the past several weeks.



**Heads Up! Venus and Mars leave Capricorn and move into Aquarius on March 6<sup>th</sup>, incorporating a quality of unconditional acceptance to the mix.** After all these weeks of earthy Capricorn influencing what drives our passions and preferences, the shift to Aquarius makes room for revolutionary change. To be honest, after the restrictions from Covid sparking what seems like impenetrable rules and regulations, these personal energies can serve as a beacon, attracting more harmonious qualities centered upon humanitarian qualities. If your chart shows a strong amount of air signs (Gemini, Libra or Aquarius), the next four weeks will provide opportunities to access and create harmony. Communicative projects gain momentum.

A conjunction from the **Sun to Neptune peaks on March 13<sup>th</sup>**, when leadership is more elusive, although this influence is not especially long-lasting, it does often manifest as a time when our leaders say or do things that are contradictory or confusing. There's that duplicity again! Because the transiting Virgo Moon is opposing transformational Pluto at this same time, there can be a powerful feeling of vulnerability created by mixed messages from those in power. Speak truth to power should such situations arise in your life through mid-March! Aim for actions that serve the Greater Good.

You've asked me about the significance of the fact that **we are now experiencing the Pluto Return for the chart of the Declaration of Independence of the USA**. It has taken Pluto this long to move all the way around the zodiac, reaching the zodiac position it occupied on July 4, 1776. As you see, Pluto moves very slowly! First, the Pluto Return is the time Pluto returns to

the degree it occupied at the time the USA declared itself to be itself. We celebrate this day each year, marking the time the world changed, as a new way of governing and defining our identity as a nation was born. Whether or not this is or has been a success is up for debate. I, like many others, see the USA as an amazing and challenging experiment in the evolution of human consciousness. This Pluto cycle, peaking three times during 2022, has already brought to the surface hidden issues, circumstances, and tests that actually determine the USA's will and capacity to survive. Transformative change is huge. It's the caterpillar to butterfly story of life, but now being lived out through a nation and her people. And it goes further. With Pluto in Capricorn, our Earth is also going through changes as we witness and experience factors like climate change. We see the global manifestations of Pluto now, but what action shall we take? The burden of responsibility to bring healing and regeneration is up to us.



I'll add one more astrological note about the Big Picture: In addition to Pluto's return, this year is the year **Neptune's transit is opposing the USA Neptune**. A national mission shaped by the Greater Good may emerge, although that is uncertain. The polarization shown by Neptune opposite Neptune can erode the heart of our nation, but we can also strive to attain a balance between our differences. Creativity and compassion are strengthened, and the body politic is searching for an opportunity to focus on the Big Picture. There's a bit of a problem lurking within this cycle, in that Neptune also rules things we cannot see, like viruses. It's an elusive vehicle, and suggests that people may be easily misled about solutions for dealing with such "invisible" challenges. (The word hornswoggled comes to mind!) Yet, this same energy opens wide the doors of Divine Love and soothes the pains of battle. Neptune is expressed and experienced through music, the arts, energetic healing, prayer and meditation.

With so much tension and unrest occupying the Collective psyche, reaching into our hearts to allow love to flow can be challenging. When possible, we can each take a deep breath and tune in to how we feel about ourselves and others ... maybe more than one deep breath ... and let the dance of rebirth begin!

Get in touch when you're ready to schedule a personal consultation. All sessions are telephone at this time.

Peace, light and love,  
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