

Starlight Message from Gloria Star

Sun Cycle in Scorpio 2019
Transformation and Revolution

Do you feel the rumblings of revolution ... or is that just mounting discontent? The planetary patterns for the next eighteen months (or so) indicate the need for major changes. Several of you have asked about the upcoming conjunction of Saturn and Pluto, a cycle that peaks in January 2020. As you may suspect, its influence is already underway. The pairing of these two planets happens only every 35 years or so, and can bring potentials for deep healing and major paradigm shifts. Power issues are paramount, particularly abuses of power. We see the issues on every front, from the exceptionally personal to the more universal. Fear of the unknown can

loom large. Yet we do have "hints" about the areas of our lives that may need extra attention. Just one example: There have been warnings from environmentalists that our Earth itself is in a truly vulnerable state. This has a universal effect, and must be addressed now. One key thing to keep in mind: Saturn/Pluto offers up the potential for dedicated effort (otherwise known as "work"!) to make a very real difference. Especially where these major changes most readily touch our individual lives. Where do we start?

Back in the present: Now's the perfect time to tap into the undercurrents, **starting** October 23rd (1:20 PM EDT), when the Sun moves into Scorpio. We reach into the inner realms during this cycle -- the time of renewal -- lasting until November 22rd. As the release of the old, dying elements peaks, we can feel the power of life on a more primal level. A promise of rebirth draws us to acknowledge that healing change often means an ending or an elimination of something that may be toxic or outworn. Because Scorpio is the Fixed Water sign of the zodiac, this period can be emotionally intense. It's easy to fall victim to extreme actions or reactions. Yet it's an excellent time to find your own power, and put it to use. Whether that involves exploring your own health and well-being, addressing your needs in relationships, or pursuing a career path that may be more suitable to your true nature -- personal honesty will fuel the changes you are inspired to undertake now. Be watchful of others who may be deceitful, and take care when it comes to your own secrets.

When the Scorpio New Moon arrives on October 27th (11:38 PM EDT), there are powerful dynamics at work. First, the New Moon sits in opposition to revolutionary Uranus at the time of the fresh lunar cycle. Not only is this a powerful time to begin something new, but something unique, revolutionary, or a breakthrough can gain extra

momentum now. It is NOT the time to try to keep things the same. Sameness is so yesterday to a Sun & Moon opposing Uranus. The trouble comes from feisty Mars trekking through Libra, hamstrung by a tense square to testy Saturn. Saturn may be whispering to Mars, "You don't want to change. Even if you do not like where you're heading, why would you change?" Here's the skinny: that Saturn voice is a TEST. Excuse the shouting, but it's easy to miss that part about being tested. You will find that your fears are given voice now. Perhaps you do need to reconsider or slow down, or you may not actually be ready to move forward. But if your fears are holding you back, speak to them to determine whether they are valid.

Just to add a bit more drama to the scene, Mercury begins its retrograde on October 31st. Continuing until November 20th, this cycle can be a real monkey wrench in the works. However, because there are some lovely planetary connections taking place from October 30th - November 1st, this particular retrograde might actually begin with something positive taking place. Mercury and Venus are joined, and the Moon also unites with Jupiter and Ceres: Perhaps you've been needing to get in touch with someone? Reconnect? Check in for progress? Or you may need to review a project or a



manuscript, and might actually see fresh potentials that were previously overlooked. This retrograde extends Mercury's cycle in Scorpio to a full nine weeks! Mercury in Scorpio adds a pull to dig more deeply, question more intensely, or feel driven to get to the core of anything that might be troubling. Mercury in Scorpio is all

about investigating. Gee, where have we heard that term before? The prize for this investigative drive can be discovery. What we do with that information brought to the surface makes all the difference!

While some fear that any action taken during Mercury Retrograde is doomed, take heart. We simply cannot stop our lives and hide out every time a retrograde occurs. Essentially, Mercury Retrograde reminds us to be aware of what need to be completed. Loose ends can be truly irritating now. Deal with them when you can. As for signing contracts, it is definitely better to avoid long-term agreements during this period, since there's a stronger likelihood of missing something significant in the details, or that the action you're taking might not be especially positive. Pay attention to those caution signals when they show up. Feel an urge to complete an assignment? It's also a superb time to edit,

revise, or fix something you've been postponing or ignoring.

The conjunction of Ceres and Jupiter from October 30th - November 1st also bodes well for greater awareness of common needs that we might want to address. Ceres reminds us that we are the stewards of our planet, and points the way to take care of such basics as assuring necessities like food and shelter.

Another positive to keep in mind involves a return of the cycle we've seen earlier this year, with Saturn traveling in a helpful sextile to Neptune. Most influential from October 26th - November 15th, this planetary pair brings a combination of focus, responsibility and clarity to expressions and actions of compassion, creativity, and imagination. These qualities resonate most positively in situations involving outreach and conscious connection to the Collective. It's a great time to formulate long-range

plans, and to explore how the infrastructure in our lives resonates with our current and future needs. In other words, if you have a vision, do what you can to bring it down to earth!

As you might suspect, there's a possible wrinkle in the process. It's centered upon pure abuse of power or misuse of influence, suggested by a frustrating square from action-packed Mars to secretive Pluto, peaking on November 5th, although the influence lasts about four days (11/03 - 11/7). One way this combo works involves the undermining potentials of a hidden agenda, or covert action which ultimately sends progress on a non-productive detour. Careful when you're tempted to share your plans and hopes, to be sure that your confidant or others in the room are worthy of your trust.

Fortunately, the Taurus Full Moon on November 12th (8:34 AM EST) ushers in more



positive time of leadership while the Sun travels in harmony with both Saturn and Neptune. Plus, Mars and Jupiter are getting along beautifully, adding optimism and generosity to the picture. This can lead to open lines of communication, infused with compassion and a desire to serve humanity's highest needs. This is an excellent time to solidify commonly held goals based upon shared values.

Mars begins its cycle in Scorpio on November 19th, continuing through the remainder of 2019. This is the time when healing actions can have a profound effect.

A reminder: Mercury's Retrograde ends November 20th. After this date, getting new ideas and projects off the ground will, hopefully, be less problematic. Do keep in mind that the shadow period of this cycle continues until December 8th -- when tying up loose ends will be a great aid to the progress you hope to achieve. If there is unfinished business lurking about, the shadow phase can be helpful when addressing it. (The shadow phase occurs when a retrograde planet crosses over the same territory it's already crossed twice.)

Also, a note about Jupiter's cycle: Jupiter will end its year-long cycle in Sagittarius on December 2nd, when it will then head into Capricorn for about one year. The cycles of Jupiter create a theme that resonates with the areas in our lives which can bring opportunity, growth, and good fortune, although this Jupiter cycle in Sagittarius was hampered by some confusion and disillusionment because of the distortion from Jupiter's tension with Neptune. This final month of Jupiter in Sagittarius can be a positive time to rekindle the path of Truth and wisdom. How can you incorporate that into your life?

Back to where we began with Saturn conjunct Pluto in Capricorn. Why am I even writing about something that's not immediate? Well, to be honest, it's because these planetary cycles are most intense as they approach their exact joining. The next three months are the build-up of this cycle, and will show the greatest impact. With slow-moving planets like Saturn and Pluto, we can feel the heavy, more ponderous qualities, including a feeling of impatience with the process. But this great conjunction is also a clarifier - like cosmic window cleaner, helping us see what needs to be done, and to keep our priorities in focus.

Saturn cycles always seem to take longer than we like. It's like living with your most challenging teacher. We will definitely be exploring the significant major cycles in 2020 over the next few months, with a clear eye to Saturn/Pluto as marker of major change, clarity of purpose, and the work of rebuilding and healing that lies ahead. More ... later!

If you're ready to explore how to best utilize these significant cycles happening now and in the future, do get in touch and we'll arrange an appointment for your personal consultation.

Bright Blessings, Gloria



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