



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

The Sun in Leo 2017 Issue Eclipse!

It's all the buzz: In August, a Total Solar Eclipse path will cross the USA, for the first time since 1918. The band of total darkness transverses the U.S. from Oregon to South Carolina. Those outside the band will see only a partial eclipse. The longest duration for the Moon blocking out the

Sun's light will last 2 minutes 40.2 seconds. It's a dramatic effect in the middle of the day! Details about eclipses can be confusing, and most of the news reports have been somewhat inaccurate -- since many newscasters have said that there has not been a total eclipse since 100 years ago. The simple fact is that there has not been a time since 1918 that the path of a total solar eclipse has traveled completely across the United States. There have been other total eclipses of the sun since then, with the path of totality in other parts of the world -- but not visible across the USA. It's easy to be confused. And, no, that's not just an effect of the eclipse. Although it may seem to be the current state of affairs.

As we immerse fully into eclipse season, the **Sun's light shifts its focus through the lens of Leo beginning July 22nd** (11:16 AM EDT), continuing until August 22nd. During this 30-day period, displays of power may become more dramatic, creativity is stoked, and opportunities for leadership are featured. It's time to enjoy your favorite entertainment, to kick back and savor the best of the season. There's plenty of room for bravado, and ample opportunity to take the stage. And, yes, there's a good potential for hubris to take hold. Self-absorption is one big negative associated with Leo. Just a word to the wise.

Leo's cycle gets an early boost with the arrival of the Leo New Moon on July 23rd (5:46 AM EDT), following the lead of Mars, also traveling through Leo. This marks a time for boldness, but can also encourage brash, egocentric action. The addition of Mars to the New Moon signifies a period of more assertive action, and a true desire for dominance can emerge. The potential for powerful and positive leadership certainly exists, but the question of motivation and intent looms large.

Particularly significant is the underlying pulsation of gigantic **Jupiter traveling in a tricky tangle with intensifying Pluto**. This cycle reaches a peak on August 4th, but it's influence is powerful **from July 25th - August 10th**. The motivation of attaining dominance can lead to conflict. The potential for distortions of truth and facts is high, with an emphasis on manipulating the ideals and beliefs of others as a means of gathering strength. Educational systems and the courts play a significant role during

this period. Personally, it is imperative to be honest with yourself about your ideals, especially if you realize that you may have fallen victim to those who abuse power as a means of gaining control.

Uranus' energy is all about change, and is seen through the innovations and breakthroughs that bring about dynamic change in our lives. **Uranus enters its 5-month Retrograde cycle on August 3rd**, marking a time to reconsider or revisit the effects of some of the changes activated in past few months. This period can also be the perfect time to take a different approach to significant situations, that might prove to be more effective or successful. Coupled with other cycles, like the Jupiter-Pluto square, this can also be a time to reconsider affiliations with groups or others, particularly if the true personal goals are in conflict with such affiliations.

On **August 7th, we experience a Partial Lunar Eclipse in Aquarius** (peaking at 2:10 PM EDT). Lunar eclipses draw attention to how we feel about what's happening in our lives, issuing the invitation to turn inward and reflect upon attaining balance in the areas of life moving into focus. With the Leo-Aquarius axis emphasized, balance between the "people" (Aquarius) and leadership (Leo) becomes more critical. *It is important that we become aware of what our leaders signify about who we are.* This is true on a global and national level, but also resonates within our personal lives. Friendships also come into focus, and a more conscious awareness of unconditional acceptance is offered at this time. Time to question the give-and-take within your friendships at this time. Is there balance?

We can glean insights into the impact and meaning of the lunar eclipse by exploring the images of the Sabian Symbols (a different representation for each degree of the zodiac), adding another dimension to help understand how the eclipse might impact our lives. The Sabian Symbol for the zodiac degree of the Aquarius Moon is: **"A BIG BUSINESSMAN AT HIS DESK."** Need I say more?



To make use of the eclipse cycle this month, take at least a few moments to let go of the trappings of the outside world and get in touch with how you really feel about what's happening in your life right now. I've found that when the Moon's eclipse occurs before the Solar Eclipse that the urge to be more connected to feelings can be helpful when it comes to determining how to deal with the impact of the Solar Eclipse. A question for you: "What do you need to leave behind right now?" Consider that question during the days surrounding the Lunar Eclipse.

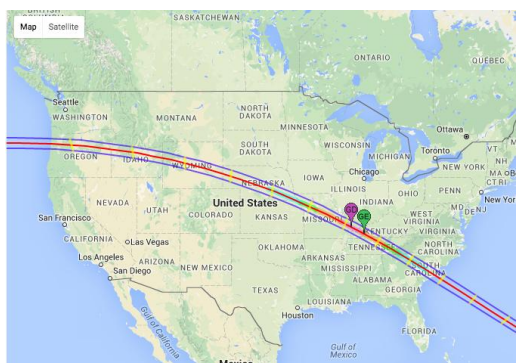
And, oh, yes... Mercury -- the planet representing the intellect, communication, technology and connecting -- moves into Virgo's analytical zone on July 25th, drawing attention to detail and bringing a more critical quality to communication. To add to the abundant nervous energy of the time, **Mercury Retrogrades beginning August 12th** (9:01 PM EDT), continuing until September 5th. This retrograde will extend the period of time Mercury spends in Virgo, which could be helpful when it comes to sorting out issues or making critical repairs. But watch for nit-picking and hypercritical

commentary. (Mercury stays in Virgo until the end of August, when it backs into Leo again from August 31st - September 9th.)

Between the Mercury Retrograde and the Lunar and Solar Eclipses, avoid starting major projects, launching significant business deals, or finalizing major agreements. But it can be the perfect time to further explore an issue currently under investigation, to research the benefits or costs of a major purchase, or to renegotiate an agreement that needs to be reconsidered. There are also issues with proper valuation of everything, since Venus is hamstrung by cycles involving Jupiter and Pluto, suggesting that costs can spiral out of control. Or, that a change of plans could quickly devalue a major economic issue. Basically, if you want to start or finalize something important, you'll do yourself a favor by waiting until after September 5th.



Then, there's that much touted **Total Solar Eclipse in Leo on August 21st** (peaking at 2:30:06 PM EDT). Solar Eclipses represent an evolving process, signifying an opportunity to be more critically aware. There is no specifically inherent evil or negativity stemming from an eclipse, but eclipses do mark a crisis point, and issues in need of our attention are likely to emerge during the weeks surrounding a solar eclipse. Because the Lunar Eclipse precedes this solar eclipse, there will be a *heightened emotionality* attached to the experience of the solar eclipse on the 21st.



If you're wondering where the Eclipse will be most visible, please refer to the map. The band you see across the USA shows the path of total darkness that will occur on August 21st (making landfall at 10:16 AM Pacific Daylight Time and returning to sea at 2:48 PM Eastern Daylight Time). Locations above and below the direct eclipse path will see a Partial Eclipse.

With the Eclipse in Leo, the Collective may become even more focused on the ego-driven actions of those who seem to need extreme amounts of attention. Some people live for the spotlight. Let's remember, though that we're talking about a period when the Moon -- representing needs, feelings, family, home, and more -- is blocking out the light of the Sun (the ego). Some big egos don't really like it when the spotlight fades to black, or when the needs of others block their need to be in control.

This is further stressed by the fact that the eclipse is closely aligned with the Fixed Star Regulus. Regulus is the star signifying kings and rulers, and an eclipse dancing around this area further emphasizes questions of leadership, power and royalty ... and those who crave it. Now, the potential for crisis for those in positions of power is stronger. Of course, the impact could also have a potentially profound effect upon the "people," should there be a crisis with leadership. When you look at the world today, you may wonder where true leadership is showing itself. The recent G20 gathering of world economic powers was a clear example of lacking leadership, when compared to the ways we've viewed this gathering in the past. Indicators such as this suggest that we

are experiencing the birth of a new era, and that what we, the people, need from leadership is undergoing profound change. This eclipse points to an opportunity to explore how we each deal with the aspects of ourselves triggered by a need for personal empowerment. It's time to explore the ways to embrace your power in the healthiest possible way. Even if it does mean that you must let go of an old set of ideals or priorities in order to break free.

Wondering about the Sabian Symbol for the Solar Eclipse? It's a profound one: **"A MERMAID HAS CLIMBED TO THE ROCKY SHORE OF A BLEAK COAST, SHE AWAITS THE PRINCE WHO WILL BRING HER IMMORTALITY"**. Let that one settle for a while.

Meanwhile, two more questions for you: "Do I fully embrace my personal power?" and "What must I release in order to allow my uniqueness shine through?"



There's much to ponder. Turning points are like that.

May this be a time filled with insight and illumination!

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Starlight ECLIPSE Special:

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EVENTS:

October 21, 2017: Lecture presentation in Portsmouth, NH. Details still in process!

May 24-30, 2018: UAC 2018: "Celebrating Earth & Sky," Chicago, IL. UAC is the largest astrology conference in the world, and offers an amazing opportunity to experience astrology, attend classes, and meet others who "speak the language!" I'm presenting two lectures at UAC next year. There will be limited time for personal consultations while I'm there, so do get in touch if you want to schedule an appointment. Details to follow.

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