

## GREETINGS:

As we leave January and its focus on the Roman god Janus, who has a head that looks forward and backward simultaneously, we enter February where the Sun takes on the characteristics of the last two signs of the Zodiac: Aquarius, the water bearer and Pisces, the twin fishes swimming in a circle. All of us will experience some of the energy of both signs as the themes of February reflect the capacity for creative change out of chaos, combined with originality and progress derived from the Aquarian Sun, as well as the Sun in Pisces from 2/20-3/20, which deepens our capacity to dream, increase our trust in intuition and keep our feeling function healing as we let its current move us forward.

The wild card in February begins 2/1 as competitive, courageous Mars in its own sign Aries squares off against destroyer Pluto in Capricorn. With this combination our passions are amplified and can create a desire to battle even if it is not in our best interest. A wiser approach would be to alter our strategy, thereby swinging the battle back in our favor. Our goals must shift as life brings the winds of change into a fierce struggle with our dreams.

None of the planets which provide our energy are retrograde this month, and all of them occupy less than one-half of the sky, from Sagittarius to Taurus, leaving life out of balance if we don't have a strategy for balance and self-care. The personal planets Mercury (mind) and Venus (heart) move between Aquarius to Pisces and from Sagittarius to Capricorn, respectively. Mercury moves into Pisces on 2/10 and remains in the energy field of feeling for the next 9 weeks, making it impossible to ignore feelings, especially those that remind us of our painful lessons. On 2/22 Mercury and Jupiter create an expansive path for problem solving and optimistic communication. If you have conflicts to resolve, this is a great day to make progress. Venus leaves optimistic Sagittarius on 2/3 and moves into realistic, somewhat depressive Capricorn for the remainder of February. On 2/2, Venus and Uranus have their final dance so plan a wonderful activity with great people this day. Thereafter, reality bites whether we want it to or not, particularly for those with planets in Capricorn, where Saturn, Pluto and now Venus are revising life conditions for the first time in 30 years. This is a time for reality and practical solutions for all of us. On 2/18 Venus joins Saturn which will make some of us not feel competent, confident or up to the tasks at hand. Fortunately, on 2/20, benevolent Jupiter opens the door to opportunity so don't be discouraged and look for the magic lining which will surely appear. Again, on 2/22 Venus meets the energy of Pluto. On the positive side this combo can deepen our capacity and desire for intimacy if we allow ourselves to be open and honest, or we can choose fear and mistrust of ourselves and/or others and close our hearts and put up walls between ourselves and others.

## NEW MOON IN AQUARIUS 2/4:

This New Moon puts us more in touch with our need for human connection, particularly the power we receive from membership in communities of likeminded individuals. This New Moon is joined by Mercury in Aquarius, the planet of thought and communication, bringing with it the capacity to attach as well as to detach. A period of optimism, hope and joy is possible with this pattern. Since generous, joyful Jupiter in Sagittarius is also part of this mixture, we are able to focus on the needs of others, as well as ourselves. With Uranus, the ruler of Aquarius moving to the last degree of Aries as it joins Mars, some fast moving, surprising changes are possible in the form of unexpected "wake up" calls.

## FULL MOON IN VIRGO: 2/19

A highly charged Full Super Moon in Virgo brings a pattern of impatience and volcanic heat which may allow what has been inside of us to explode with great fury and power. For some of us this energy will feel like a breath of fresh air, for others it may knock them off balance, but this is a time for decisive action and pressure for change. With the Moon in Virgo, we all need to get organized and put our lives in order. This Full Moon prompts us to quickly review what is possible and manageable. If we have been packing too much activity and people pleasing into our lives, we will receive a clear wake up call. During this time kindness and courage join together in an irresistible combination. Pay attention and see what your dreams have to offer.

#### MORE MARS MISCHIEF:

After finally leaving fiery Aries on 2/14, Mars enters Taurus where the fixed earth energy and influence of peaceful Venus tame the warrior spirit. This follows the last combining of Mars and Uranus in Aries on 2/13. This day (2/13) is one where caution and restraint are called for as these two planets seem like worlds in collision. Avoid people and circumstances that cause you to erupt and wait for more peaceful times. On 2/25 Venus in Capricorn joins the South Node of the Moon urging freedom to change and release ourselves to new experiences. On 2/26 Mercury makes a supportive pattern with the North Node of the Moon whispering to us new ideas that are ready for development.

As you can see we are not resting yet and if anything, the pace is changing its rhythm. If you are concerned about how to navigate these energies and how they apply to you and those you interact with, please let me know how I can help you. Astrology offers a leg up when we are expanding and changing our lives. I would be honored to help you with a reality check, as well as tools for development of a wider path.

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