

## **GREETINGS:**

I hope you are enjoying the beginning of the Year of the Metal Rat and all the possibilities we now have access to. As you may have heard, this is the first time since 1960 that we have this pattern of energy. It is interesting to me that 1960 began a decade of change and the first glimpse for most of us of the "Age of Aquarius". In 2020 we are beginning Part 2 of the changes ushered in during 1960. There will be more originality, desire for freedom, and chaos leading to greater creativity. This is a time of connection to those who share our vision of reality and change. With the internet, we are only a click away from ideas and people.

## **AQUARIUS ENERGY FROM 2/1-16:**

February begins with 4 of the 10 planets in earth signs, as well as the unrestricted movement of no planets in retrograde motion. This is a time to put your ideas into motion and follow your intuition. It is a time to plant seeds and say "yes" to life. Whether we know it or not, we are being moved into the flow of our new and more authentic life that will emerge over the next few years. The Sun will remain in air sign Aquarius (the water bearer) until 2/18. This is a time of making new connections, as well as renewing relationships with groups and individuals. This is particularly true at the Full Moon in Leo on 2/9. Aquarius energy urges us to find our tribe and renew ourselves through connection to like-minded people. The Moon in Leo asks us to celebrate creatively. Mercury, our thinking and communicating planet begins the month in Aquarius, allowing us to think clearly until it moves into dreamy, watery Pisces on 2/3, where it remains until 4/12. That is a lengthy time to feel excessively. Venus, the planet of values and attachment begins February in Pisces, and enters fiery, action-oriented Aries on 2/9. We will be brave and bold, and sometimes irritated and angry in our quest for love and abundance during this month-long energy pattern.

On 2/9 Mars, our action planet moves out of restless, fiery Sagittarius and becomes more determined as he moves into earthy, realistic Capricorn, joining Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto in a 4 planet in Capricorn meet up. Whatever obstacles occur during this time, we are all equipped to persevere into new territory and create solutions for long standing issues. When Mars goes into Capricorn, he goes "out of bounds" until 3/2. This pattern of apparently going beyond the path of the Sun increases the unpredictable and unexpected action within all of us. Prepare to be surprised by your determination, impatience and increased desire for success. The tendency is also to be more reactive and be more radical about our intention to reach our goals. Many of us will be more vibrant during this time, so go after what you need with enthusiasm and charm.

## **ASTROLOGICAL SHIFT FROM 2/16-2/29:**

As mentioned above, on 2/16 Mars enters Capricorn, increasing our determination, in the same time and space that Mercury, our mental planet, begins a 3-week, retrograde motion beginning in watery Pisces. I doubt any of us can escape self-doubt, extreme emotions, and the inevitable frustration of lost objects, delays in transportation, confusion in general, and of course, the tyranny of electronics not working. DO NOT buy cars, sign contracts, or try to replace electronics at this time if at all possible. This will be a review course in change for all of us. Try to breathe and enjoy life where and with whom that is possible. Keep a running list of your thoughts and make changes in March. This is also not the time for serious conversations with those you have issues with. It is a great time to brainstorm with those who care for you and begin to see creative solutions to old problems. On 2/19 the Sun enters Pisces urging reflection for the next month. Pay attention to your dreams and your intuition during this time. There are no accidents, only synchronistic events which reveal themselves in time. This is a period to go with the flow

with gusto. Mark your calendar for 2/21, as Mars in Capricorn meets Uranus in Taurus for a supportive energy pattern. This is a great time to have new insights and brilliant solutions to old problems. We are feeling the need for greater freedom and can see a new way through our difficulties at this time.

The last week of February is very interesting astrologically. As Mercury moves closer to the Sun in Pisces, they become entangled on 2/25 bringing the opportunity for illumination and intuition. It is worth noting that the New Moon in Pisces on 2/23 plants the seed for expanded awareness which culminates on Mercury joining the Sun on 2/25. Use this time as a problem-solving time, as well as a time for inner contemplation. As Venus ends her visit in Aries, she moves into readjustment with expansive Jupiter in Capricorn at the New Moon (2/23). All of us who are expanding our concept of our true calling may have new ideas for our work life during this time. At month's end (2/28) Venus and Pluto square off with the two goats, Aries and Capricorn, at cross purposes. This is not the day to have a discussion with those you share financial or romantic relationships with. Hold your tongue and feel your feelings.

As you can see, the astrological energy available to us in February is a paradox of confusion and clarity as we integrate the last two signs of the zodiac into a new pattern. I promise it will not be a boring month. If you need brainstorming, astrological guidance, or need someone to actively listen to your thoughts and feelings, please let me know if I can be of assistance.

**WITH JOY, OPTIMISM, LOVE AND PEACE IN THE FIRST MONTH OF THE METAL RAT!**

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