

GREETINGS:

February begins with a bang as Mars, the planet of action, squares off with the Sun in rebellious Aquarius. Welcome to a month of transformational intensity! The powerful combination of Jupiter and Saturn shining their light on one another together in Aquarius on the Winter Solstice (12/21/2020) opened a portal of growth and change which will accelerate this month. Here are the highlights:

MERCURY IS RETROGRADE UNTIL FEBRUARY 20:

As most of you know too well, when Mercury, the messenger of transportation, communication, and all things mechanical and electrical, takes a backward 3-week stance, things go haywire. This is a period where we should observe, plan, and wait to take action until after 2/20. During this first Mercury retrograde period of 2021, we will have Mercury joining the Sun, Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and the Moon (2/11) to overload the sign Aquarius for the first time since February 1962. On 2/8 Mercury moves toward the Sun which puts Mercury into the heart of the Sun (cazimi) which is a great time to become clear about your goals and needs for 2021. Time to make a plan. On the New Moon (2/11) Mercury joins Venus and Jupiter bringing amazing new opportunities. It is time to dream and believe and be grateful for the future that we are allowed to create. It is also the beginning of the celebration of the Chinese New Year which thankfully is symbolized by the Metal Ox. I will share more with you about this in an email summarizing the New Moon in Aquarius. On 2/20 Mercury moves back into forward motion so we can clear up what needs to be repaired during the three-week period of possible breakdowns in tech, as well as transportation and communication failures. Mercury will arrive at the point he went retrograde on March 13, so we have a few weeks to straighten things out.

VENUS, THE PLANET OF LOVE IS A STAR IN FEBRUARY:

Venus (Aphrodite) enters Aquarius on 2/1, intensifying our need for social connection with friends and family. We will be enriched through our relationships with like-minded people, especially those who share our goals and values. Venus joins Saturn on 2/6, asking us to take an honest look at the quality of our relationships, as well as being clear about our needs and whether they are being met. It is time to get a fresh start on our relationships, letting go of those that no longer serve our needs and support our future plans. Since Venus is occupying the sign of Aquarius which is ruled by Uranus and Uranus is occupying the sign of Taurus, which Venus rules, we are looking for change and freedom in our relationships. This combination brings a desire to connect with others while maintaining our individuality. On 2/11 Venus joins Jupiter, just before the New Moon in Aquarius, expanding our deep feelings for those we love and depend on. On 2/14 as Mercury joins Jupiter we get a boost of enthusiasm for sharing our love with others.

THE DEFINING ASPECT OF 2021; SATURN SQUARES URANUS:

The first act of the major energy pattern of 2021 occurs on 2/17 when structure meets disruption, authority meets rebellion, and rigidity opposes unexpected change. This three-part saga will challenge all of us in different ways, but it is a major test of our resilience, as we can only look forward and go with the flow. Pay attention to the themes which occur at this time, as there will be more development in June and November of 2021. It is time to release expectations and take a big leap forward. Our lives are being re-arranged whether we like it or not.

NEW MOON IN AQUARIUS:

On February 11, as the Sun and Moon join together with Saturn, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury, we are overwhelmed by the emphasis of the energy of Aquarius, the Water Bearer. This is the sign of creativity, imagination and change resulting from chaos. It is the belief of we are all in this together and we should come together as we are stronger together than apart. Certainly, this is the challenge for each of us and all of us together. We experienced this energy pattern in February 1962, and we went into space and life changed permanently. I believe this will happen again but there are always labor pains with the birth of change, particularly when it is unexpected. Since this New Moon occurs with the beginning of the Chinese New Year of the Metal Ox, we are advised to work hard, sleep well and be determined and work together, since the Ox is a herd animal.

PISCES HEALING ENERGY ARRIVES ON 2/18:

After 17 days of intense change, the Sun enters Pisces, where we can dream big and create healing rituals for ourselves and others. We will have a month to enjoy the activities which the right hemisphere of our brain enjoys: sleep, dreaming, creativity and healing. I call this time the 3-r's of REST, RECREATION and REGENERATION. Pisces energy is symbolized by the collective unconscious, the feeling function which softens and heals us as we release and reboot. On 2/19 Venus and Mars square off, reminding us that we all need reassurance in our relationships. On 2/20 Mercury moves forward allowing us to think straight again and on 2/21 Mars and Pluto form a positive triangle. Time to take a deep breath and go for it. This is a great time to move forward with success, as action at this time is emboldened with transformational possibilities if we can let go of what no longer serves us. On 2/24 Venus begins her visit in Pisces, remaining in deep feeling waters until 3/21). The creative needs of the right hemisphere of our brains will benefit from laughter and beauty at this time. On 2/27 the Full Moon in Virgo brings mental clarity and encourages us to pay attention to details. The Moon in Virgo harmonizes with changemaker Uranus. It is time to re-orient yourself, heart and mind, to your future.

As you can see, we are moving forward whether we want to or not. The gift of change is our future in 2021. If I can assist you in any way, I will be available for astrological updates as well as counseling sessions. Since we have a beautiful pattern of energy this Valentine's Day, I wish you love in your life in all forms.

SENDING YOU COURAGE, COMMITMENT, JOY AND CURIOSITY, AND LOVE AND KINDNESS,

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