

GREETINGS;

As February explodes with the energy of the Sun, Mercury and Mars in rebellious, inventive Aquarius, most of us are experiencing volatile weather, which exactly mirrors the combination of planets in Aquarius. Unbelievably, 2/2 brings us a New Moon and is the date of Candlemas, the celebration of the mid-point between winter and spring. When we are half way through any cycle, it is cause for celebration, as the hardest part is over. Hopefully, the long month of January, followed by the shorter month of February will give us the feeling that Spring is nearer and nearer.

LANDSCAPING; I am sure most of you can't believe there is anything to do in February, other than weep and wait for winter to end. Since plants and trees are dormant, it is an excellent time to prune and mulch and make a plan for March. Our ground warms up quickly in March, so planting in April is often a bit late for best results. I am happy to report that the house I staged for sale in December sold quickly in January, so if you are considering selling any property, it is a great idea to make it ready so you can reap the rewards.

In case you didn't hear the furor over a Minnesota astronomer's revelations of a 3,000 year old fact about precession of the signs and the addition of a 13th sign, which no one has used for 3,000 years for good reason, you can read the article in the Houston Chronicle in which I was interviewed at <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/7382756.html> If we ever wondered about our reporters not having a background in science, this proved it. It must have been a slow news day. I was interviewed on Channel 26 twice on 1/14 after the story went viral.

FEBRUARY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK

We have a bit of a wacky month with the first part of the month dominated by the planets in air sign Aquarius and the second half flowing into watery Pisces. The month begins with the New Moon on 2/2, followed by a joining of the Sun and Mars. Many of you asked me the last week of January why people were so hostile and in a hurry. This was it; Mars and the Sun were moving toward a collision. After 2/4, more peace will be possible. For those with planets in Aquarius, this was a trying time. For the rest of us, we needed more time to recover from our outings with others.

On 2/6, we have a stabilizing pattern with the Sun, Mars and Saturn in air signs Aquarius and Libra, which get us all thinking and communicating in a more balanced, realistic manner. The contact between Venus in Capricorn and Jupiter in Aries may cause a bit of an adventure in reality and passion. On 2/9 Venus and Pluto combine which can bring about anything from drastic awareness to deep passion. For those with planets in Taurus, Libra, Scorpio and Capricorn, this may be a time of profound change. On 2/14 Mercury and Saturn bring about a peaceful mental pattern, which will hopefully give those who celebrate Valentine's Day a pleasant experience.

On 2/18 the last of the five 29 degree Moons (this one in Leo) occurs prior to the Sun entering complicated water sign Pisces. Henceforth, we have more of an opportunity for balance after the pot boiling over monthly for the past 5 months. The Moon in Leo is very dramatic, so have or attend a party and dress like a star. This is not a time to have a serious discussion with those whom you are in conflict with. On 2/20 Mercury joins Mars and Neptune in Aquarius. This can product creative genius as easily as delusion. This is particularly true for those with planets in Gemini, Virgo, Aries, Pisces and Aquarius, actually most of us. Do something imaginative and magical this day, so the energy has a place to flow.

The last week of the month provides an abundance of feeling energy and a volatile combination of energy between Jupiter in Aries (the "me" sign) and Pluto in Capricorn (the "follow the rules" sign). On 2/25 resist the temptation to get the last word or push others in any direction.

As the Sun, Mercury and Mars move into Pisces the last week of the month, we may experience a need to practice the three R's, rest, recreation and regeneration. We will need it for the huge changes coming in March and April.

Mercury begins the month in Capricorn, entering Aquarius on 2/3, joining Saturn on 2/14 and Mars and Neptune on 2/20 at 29 degrees, intensifying its effect on our understanding, or lack thereof. This is a day to be an observer, not a communicator. On 2/21 Mercury moves into Pisces, where it resonates with our dreams and spiritual needs. It is time to rest and reflect.

Venus begins the month in fiery, festive Sagittarius, running into Uranus at the New Moon of 2/2. Sparks can fly, so if you are single, don't be alone this day/evening, especially if you have planets in Aquarius, Sagittarius or Pisces. On 2/4 Venus moves into Capricorn, where reality becomes more apparent to all of us. This is a time when rewards for work well done and accomplishments deserving of recognition will rule the day, especially on 2/6, as Venus and Jupiter reward those who risk. On 2/9 Venus and Pluto combine in Capricorn for a deep look at our values and our finances. Don't slip into negativity on 2/15, as Venus and Saturn challenge us with our decision to be optimistic rather than realistic. This is especially true for those with planets in Libra, Taurus and Capricorn.

Mars is moving swiftly through erratic Aquarius till 2/22. This can be a wild ride for many and an energy booster for most of us, particularly for those with planets in Aquarius and Aries. As mentioned before, Mars is joined by the Sun on 2/4 and balanced by Saturn on 2/6 and joins Neptune on 2/20. We all need a rest the last week of February.

Jupiter is quickly moving in the first degrees of Aries, liberating all of us from our self imposed limits. This is a period for confident movement, releasing self doubt.

Saturn is resting in Libra, so we can recover our sanity in relationship matters.

Uranus is reviving up to enter Aries 3/11, so we can increase our development of healthy narcissism, the developmental task of adolescence, and the habit of functional adults. To read about the other kind and why we are surrounded by it, please read *Why Is It Always About You?* by Sandy Hotchkiss. This brilliant book will answer your questions about why you have so much trouble understanding so many people.

Neptune is slowly leaving Aquarius on 4/4 and joins the Sun in Aquarius on 2/17 for one last time. This is a great day for meditation, reflection and visualization of our unmet needs and unrealized dreams. On 2/21 Neptune joins Mars for a jolt of courage and movement.

Pluto is slowing down in Capricorn, where it is changing all of us profoundly. The meeting of Jupiter and Pluto on 2/25 may give each of us a clue as to our new direction.

As mentioned in previous months, we are in a new pattern of development, personally and collectively. We are remodeling patterns begun 84 years ago, 12 years ago and 30 years ago. Review your life for clues as to your new direction.

I will be in my office to help you make sense of these changes. Call if you or someone you know needs direction and/or confirmation of their choices.

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