

## GREETINGS;

I hope you are ready for February, a month with fewer days that seems to be moving faster than usual, as Jupiter rushes through Gemini after resting for the Fall and early Winter. Gemini is an air sign with wings, and Jupiter is the largest planet with the strongest radio waves Saturn slows down on 2/18 in water sign Scorpio and Mercury makes the first of its backward moves in water signs for 2013 on 2/23 in Pisces. With the Sun and Venus in air sign Aquarius most of the month of February, talking, planning and making moves forward mentally may evolve into a wind storm of activity. Both Gemini and Aquarius represent the urge to communicate and gather with others, so make sure you have plans to join groups and make time for those who balance and enlighten you.

LANDSCAPING; Unbelievably for those of us in the Gulf Coast area, it seems like winter is winding down and Spring is here. Since summer is shortly behind Spring, clean up your yard, prune and plant trees and get your color plants in the ground. If it stays this warm, everything properly tended will grow spectacularly for the rest of the year. I will send some terrific pictures of drought tolerant gorgeous trees that you can plant in honor of Arbor Day. If I can help you with any of your needs in the area of exterior decorating, please let me know. I have precision specialists available for all of your needs.

## FEBRUARY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

As mentioned above, the rhythm for February is fast and furious and lots of fun. Mercury begins the month in Aquarius, entering Pisces on 2/5, where it will rest for three weeks beginning 2/23. Take advantage of the mental clarity in the first 3 weeks of the month and attend to all your important matters, making plans and decisions and delivering important communications before life takes a wrong turn. As we all remember too well, when Mercury goes retrograde, life can get confusing and people even more so. Get all your purchasing done before 2/23, particularly in the matter of electronics and mechanical items, or expect some adjustment thereafter. It is also wise to complete all legal dealings before 2/23 if at all possible. After 2/23, allow extra time for all travel, and an extra window of time for everything and everyone. Expect change and you will be prepared and not disappointed. Mercury joins Neptune in Pisces on 2/5 which is a particularly creative energy pattern, particularly for those with planets in Gemini, Virgo and Pisces. This is a great day to solve problems in a unique manner. On 2/8 Mercury joins Mars in Pisces for a lesson in anger management and perhaps a bit of neurotic self-expression on the part of some of us. This is not the time to become impatient or to try to convince others of our position if it differs from theirs. On 2/9 Mercury and Jupiter expand our thought processes, so keep some paper nearby to write down all your many thoughts down. On 2/12, the mind is balanced by Saturn, so take the next 9 days to make a check list of items to address and complete and get going before 2/21, at which time you will probably need to redo everything you try to accomplish thereafter for the following 3 weeks. On 2/26 Mercury rejoins Mars, for another episode of anger management and neurotic thinking patterns.

Venus begins February at the end of Capricorn, which is no fun at all, but later on 2/1 Venus enters Aquarius till the Full Moon of 2/25 encouraging all of us to celebrate and congregate with those of like minds and goals. On 2/7, Venus and Jupiter form a pattern of balance which is a great time to celebrate with friends and/or to try to work out our difficulties or differences with those we are attached to. This is especially true for those with planets in Aquarius, as the time Venus energizes the sign Aquarius is particularly joyful and full of blessings, some unexpected and others planned for. On 2/11 there may be a course correction in our reality testing as Saturn steers us toward greater depth, clarity and empowerment from its slowed down position in Scorpio where it stops on 2/18 for several months. Those with planets in Scorpio and Taurus will be especially glad of this changing of the energy as they have had 6 months of pressure. On 2/25 Venus moves into creative harmony in Pisces and gains inspiration from Neptune on 2/28. This is a great day to wish on a star or dream a great dream for yourself.

Mars, the great mover of energy in the Universe, begins February in Aquarius, moving into Pisces on 2/1 until 3/11. Mars is a planet of fiery action not so comfortable in a watery dream sign so many of us will experience more than a little bit of frustration during this period, particularly those with planets in Aries, Pisces and Virgo. This is definitely a time to find new and better forms of relaxation and balance, as too

much time with people less rational than yourself will create opportunities to react, and not always with ease. Find new creative activities and outlets, and develop ways of being at peace with yourself and others. The New Moon of 2/10 brings Mars in an expansive relationship with Jupiter, which more often than not leads to impulsive thoughts and actions later regretted. If you have been waiting to overcome procrastination, this is the day you have been waiting for. On 2/16, as Saturn is slowing down, Mars balances its position with enthusiasm. This is a great day to have meetings, work on positive outcomes to old situations and find yourself clear about the direction you and your life need to go.

Jupiter is going every which way but loose in Gemini, flying fast and high like Icarus. The next four months will find us all in a race with time and tripping over our optimism and opportunities.

Saturn is slowing down in Scorpio which may give us all a feeling of less pessimism in business and finances. Now is the time to make a realistic budget for 2013.

Uranus is gaining strength as it moves deeper into Aries, asking each of us to be honest about our needs and make time to make a plan of action to get them met. This is the time for each of us to overcome our habit of indecisiveness and find our courage.

Neptune is embracing the creative and spiritual potential of Pisces, and hopefully we have made this a priority in our lives.

Pluto is encouraging the maturing potential we all possess to overcome obstacles and persevere in spite of them. This is the theme of the long slow movement of Pluto in Capricorn.

To me, February offers each of us a period of enthusiastic optimism. This is a month to master the habit of worry and catastrophizing outcomes. The result of optimism is success, in ways we cannot imagine, but surely are grateful for. With so many planets in air signs, thinking is the major function of the first half of the month, so remember, the same blood that goes through your brain goes through all your body parts. Use positive visualization and don't use negative words that don't serve you. The second half of February find the planets moving into resonance in water signs, which encourages the feeling function to expand. Since feeling leads to healing, this is always a blessing; it just doesn't always feel like it. This is a paradox, so find a way to release your feelings in constructive ways. Talking out loud to yourself is immensely helpful, as it overrides the fear messages. Finding a wise person to talk to is a great way to reality check yourself and move from feeling to action.

I will have office hours every weekday in February if you need to schedule an appointment. Enjoy the change energy of Aquarius and Pisces, and keep an open mind and heart.

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