

GREETINGS;

I hope you are looking forward to February and all the important new beginnings and endings it brings. The period of Mercury walking backward ends on February 11 and the powerful second New Moon in Aquarius occurs on February 18, the second of 6 Super Moons this year and the fifth in a series of 6 New Moons which form at the first or last degree of a sign, intensifying the extremes and opening new pathways and possibilities.

Early in February we have a dynamic, bold Full Moon in Leo on 2/3 at which time we all should make plans to celebrate and create new dreams in the company of those of like mind and heart.

Both Mars and Venus enter Aries, the sign of new beginnings on 2/19 and 2/20 respectively, and join together with unlimited energy and magnetism on 2/22.

I am betting we will have an early long Spring so it is time to get moving.

ASTROLOGICAL TRENDS IN FEBRUARY:

As mentioned above, Mercury, the mental source for all of us has been walking backward and allowing us to review and revise many issues in our life. Since this pattern occurred while Mercury was in Aquarius, we all have had the opportunity for new awareness and deeper understanding of our own nature as well as the possibilities in others, ensuring greater freedom and more choice in our lives. Mercury moves forward again on 2/11, and shortly thereafter, on 2/18 the second New Moon in Aquarius occurs at the final degree of that air sign. Within minutes the Moon moves into Pisces, shifting from air to water, offering an opportunity to create a bridge connecting thinking and feeling. As the Moon and Sun dance together into Pisces they join Neptune, the ruler of Pisces in a pattern of unparalleled creativity and spiritual openness. Please plan some quiet time on the evening of 2/18. The awareness available to us at this time contains a spark of divine oneness with all nature and all people on the planet. Shortly thereafter Mars re-enters its home in Aries for the first time in 2 years, giving us all the courage of our convictions and the stamina to move through any challenge and take advantage of all opportunities with ease and grace. Venus joins Mars in Aries on 2/20 and embraces Mars on 2/22. This is a magical few days of unlimited courage and opportunity. Plan accordingly and don't hold back.

As mentioned above, February begins with a fabulous Full Moon in Leo which is stabilized by the planet Saturn in Sagittarius and Uranus in Aries, a grand fire triangle (all the bases are loaded) and expanded by the presence of the generous planet Jupiter in Leo. Do not remain home alone this day as life is happening outside your four walls and is welcoming social activities and creative pursuits. All Full Moons bring more light to darkness, increasing our vision and understanding. At this Full Moon we are blending individual creativity with the power of collaboration, where the whole becomes bigger than any of its parts. This Full Moon offers a great opportunity to practice love in all its many forms. Mark your calendar to celebrate on 2/3. On 2/6 the Sun in Aquarius is expanded by its opposition to Jupiter which continues the theme of opportunity, creativity and generosity in all its forms.

Venus begins the month of February in Pisces, with the Sun joining it is space on 2/1. This is a magic time for love and creativity and the strongest dream time of 2015. There is richness in the interior of your heart and mind at this time. Venus enters the bold and brave fire sign Aries on 2/20 and joins Mars on 2/22, creating a powerful magnet for whatever we desire. On 2/24 Venus and Saturn form a triangle of stability and maturity which adds more success potential to the equation.

Mars is meandering through Pisces until the New Moon period (2/19) and many of us will be somewhat neurotic and edgy until that time. Mars is a brave, active fire planet, and Pisces is a tentative, dualistic, chaotic water (feeling) sign. This is a not a great mix. Plan to keep a list of your negative thoughts and fears and burn it on the 19th so you will not be held back by your negative imagination as life moves forward with so much possibility for change, success and growth after the New Moon 2/18. Mars and Saturn form a balancing triangle on 2/25, which allows restraint and planning to be in a balanced ratio to courage and risk.

The first 17 days of February are under the influence of Aquarius/Pisces energy. These are the last two signs of the Zodiac and represent the collective energies of the whole, as well as the collective unconscious. There are, therefore, no limits to what is possible for each of us at this powerful change time. From 2/18 to month's end, the energies of Pisces/Aries prevail, giving birth to active change in service of our higher potential, as well as our deepest unmet needs and dreams. As many of us know, the second New Moon following the Winter Solstice ushers in the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the Yin Wood Sheep, which is traditionally a more peaceful and creative period, encouraging us to slow down and appreciate the simple things of life which money cannot buy. It increases our desire to express our artistic nature and follow our heart's desires, which is the same message we find in Western Astrology by the presence of Jupiter in Leo most of 2015. The Wood element emphasizes qualities of thoughtfulness and caring for others, and goodness knows, we are overdue for that ideal. The Chinese system repeats in 60 year intervals, so the last time we had a Yin Wood Sheep year was 1955. At the time of the New Moon it is possible to have heightened intuition, imagination and expanded states of consciousness. This is a period of transition from fear to love.

As a footnote to the trends of February, we will end a 3-year pattern of struggle between the energy of individual desires versus the power of the status quo on March 16, as Uranus in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn finish last of 7 squares on that date. This follows up to the patterns of the early 1960's and we are certainly observing the tension of the unfinished business of those times in recent years. All of us have had our lives uprooted by the unexpected and unimaginable in the past 3 years. Now that the energy is moving to a higher level of expression, it is time to make plans for forward movement and the removal of impediments which will limit our progress. Please consider having an update of your astrological chart at this time, as well as using my many therapeutic skills and tools to increase your options. I would love to help you in any way I can and am loving my new office space, so call to schedule and I will enjoy seeing you in my warm new space.

Spring is right around the corner and I will be landscaping at full speed in March, and will give you more information about my landscape services shortly.

ENJOY THE GIFTS OF FEBRUARY!

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