

Happy February!

I hope you made it through January intact, as the eclipses early on and again at mid-month caused a great deal of stress and anxiety for many of us. The weather patterns of the past month certainly seem to align with planetary action, right down to the end of the last Mercury retrograde phase returning Maine to an "old fashioned" winter! I don't recall seeing so much snow since I was a kid! I do hope you are all warm, safe and snug, wherever you may be!

Overall, February should prove to be a very good month for most of us. Mars, the planet of action, war and sexuality will be busy this month, revitalizing some areas of our charts, while stirring up trouble in others! Globally, Mars' effects are being clearly seen in Egypt, with the possibility of more explosive surprises in that area next month, when Uranus shifts her position.

February starts very sweetly with Mars blowing kisses at the new moon. The early days of this month seem to hold romance, new alliances and the possibility of wishes being fulfilled. Some lucky few may see an increase in their finances. Business and work opportunities seem especially blessed through the entire first week, due to Saturn getting in on the action between the Sun and Mars. Patience and stamina should be high and dealings with authority figures should go well.

Doubts and insecurities about our relationships or the general lack thereof may surface around the 9<sup>th</sup> when Venus crosses Pluto. We may feel a lack of trust, general uneasiness or even loneliness around this time. The approach of Valentine's Day may be enough to trigger this response in many, but pay it no mind. Take a deep breath, look around and count your blessings. If all else fails, treat yourself to some lovely chocolate. These feelings will pass soon enough, and anything we do to change the situation right now may very well back fire on us.

The Moon is in Cancer on Valentine's Day so this would be a perfect night to plan a romantic evening at home. Candles, wine and snuggling on the couch are exactly in order! For those of us spending Valentine's alone: don't despair! We are likely to find we are perfectly content not having to share the remote, or clean the dishes from that fancy dinner we just cooked!

On February 17th, the Sun will conjunct Neptune and cross into Pisces, a position it loves! Neptune in Pisces will sharpen our intuition, thus being a great time to indulge in a Psychic reading! =) The highly spiritual energy at this time may make us all feel more generous and kindly disposed toward

others, so charities should do well this week. The energy carries through the 22<sup>nd</sup> with creative ideas and intuitions flowing freely. We may tend to speak or express ourselves more freely as Mercury, Mars and Neptune come to conjunction and then Mercury and Mars enter Pisces.

The last week of February brings a challenging aspect between Jupiter and Pluto, around the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pluto rules jealousy and anger, and Jupiter will amplify these feelings. Arguments could easily escalate at this time, and there could be an increase in crime, including thefts. This will put a strain on growth and optimism and force changes in spiritual and philosophical beliefs. Pluto can be extreme here, but there are some very positive aspects and fixed star influences which give hope that higher ideals and humanity will prevail.

With all this in mind, let's take a look at some specific dates:

Thursday, Feb 3: The New Moon is at 13 degrees Aquarius in conjunction with Mars and Ceres. That means that the Sun, Moon, Mars and Ceres are all piled up together in the sky. On a global level, Mars is war and Ceres is associated with food, the environment and natural resources. This month we could see real battles and protests breaking out over these issues. This highly charged energy is likely to last throughout the whole month. On a more personal level, this can bring about power struggles within relationships dealing with how money and relationship resources are handled.

Friday, Feb 4: With the Sun conjuncting Mars, this is a wonderful day for self-assertion. However, temper tantrums may be evident as not everyone will get what they want!

Saturday, Feb 5: Mercury sextile Jupiter makes this a great day for reading, studying and expanding the mind in general. Philosophical discussions may crop up out of nowhere. Jupiter's angle to Mercury also makes this a great day for romantic and business communications.

Sunday, Feb 6: With both the Sun and Mars trine Saturn, the work ethic is strong. You are putting effort into achieving something lasting and rewarding. You are all business, nose to the grindstone, focused and constructive for the next few days.

Thursday Feb 10: Venus conjuncting Pluto intensifies our need to both give and receive love. We find it far more difficult to hide our feelings as our feeling cannot easily be contained! Secrets become harder to keep while jealousies and infatuations are revealed.

Friday Feb 11: The Moon squared by the Sun and Mars, both in Capricorn cause aggressive emotions, putting a strain on relationships for the next week.

Monday Feb 14: Mercury trine Saturn makes this a good day for study, logical thinking and communication. This is a good day for signing documents, making long range plans and doing business in general. Romantic communications can flourish under this influence, making it a good day to "pop the question".

Thursday Feb 17: The Sun is conjunct Neptune shining it's rays on spiritual growth, enlightenment and empathy. Neptune can make our thinking somewhat fuzzy, and water down our judgment, so we must watch out for deceptions, trickery and misunderstandings.

Sunday Feb 20: Mercury conjunct Mars adds a layer of hostility to our communications. Watch for arguments, threats, temper tantrums and rash decisions.

Monday Feb 21: With both Mercury and Mars conjunct Neptune, hostile communications are now confounded by lies, trickery and propaganda. Watch your back!

Thursday, Feb 24: The Sagittarius Moon is trine Jupiter, bringing a welcome relief from all the hostilities of the past week or so. This optimistic Moon phase will last for about a week, bringing emotional balance and good feelings back to personal relationships.

Friday, Feb 25: A big day, as Jupiter squares Pluto, a major aspect that has been building for weeks. This is a challenging aspect which is softened by the conjunction of the Sun to Mercury. Mercury Sun will open positive communications allowing differences to be bridged and tensions to be eased. Open and honest communication will be the key to resolving differences.

Enjoy your February.

Cheers,  
Janna