



FEBRUARY - MARCH 2014

Just as the new year begins to gather momentum, cosmic messenger, Mercury stations Retrograde on February 6th (till Feb 28), in 04° Pisces, so plans or arrangements of any importance should be implemented *prior* to this period. However, while Mercury *is* retrograde, you may safely make revisions or otherwise go over previously covered territory for inconsistencies or errors.

The sun squares Saturn on the 11th, when the flow of vitality we receive from the sun can be restricted by Saturn, bringing temporary frustrations and impatience, so you may need to exercise a greater measure of self-discipline around this juncture. This somewhat heavy aspect can illuminate personality flaws, perhaps to show where work needs to be done. Duties and responsibilities can seem onerous now. Don't expect any favors from your boss, teacher, or other authority figure just now, either. However, do persevere, as achievement will come through hard work, persistence, and disciplined effort. To lift your spirits, meditate on something cheerful or inspiring.

Mercury, now retrograde, re-enters Aquarius on the 12th, till March 17th, when creative writing and progressive ideas get the green light, while the study of metaphysics, science, or astrology can provide intellectual stimulation, as well as timely insights.

Share your progressive new ideas with friends and colleagues as the **full moon** culminates on the 14th, in 27° Leo, conjunct Mercury, as they could provide the emotional and moral support you may be seeking. Avoid hasty actions around this juncture. Watch out for emotional fireworks!

An energizing trine between the sun and Mars perfects later on the 14th, when expressing your unique creative abilities could open doors for you. The spirit of competition thrives now. Do work requiring heavy physical exertion—you'll breeze through it!

When the sun conjuncts Mercury retrograde on the 15th, in 28° Aquarius, consider what actions you can take to further your ambitions or enhance work practices. Communicate your thoughts and ideas, but let others get a word in, too. Attend to back-logged paperwork, correspondence, and messages.

Examine business contracts for accuracy when Mercury retrograde trines Mars on the 16th, but don't sign anything binding until Mercury resumes Direct motion on the 28th. Make travel plans, take a trip. Get some physical, and mental, exercise.

The sun slips quietly into Pisces on the 18th (till March 20), heightening our intuition and psychic faculties. Tune in to dreams and meditations for guidance or inspiration during the next four weeks. Explore the power of prayer. Balance what you put "out there" in helping others with some quality quiet time spent by yourself.

Later on the 18th busy Mercury squares serious Saturn, a good time to deal with tasks requiring great concentration. Banish fleeting worries, fears or frustrations by keeping your mind focused on the job in hand,

On the 22nd Mercury retrograde trines Jupiter, another good time to catch up on correspondence, to reorganize your office, or to improve your filing system. Travel can be rewarding now. Consider beginning a study course, or signing up for a workshop.

When the sun makes its annual conjunction with Neptune on the 23rd, in 6° Pisces, wander through your personal field of dreams regarding ambitions or career direction. Intuitive insights are possible, though it may not be easy to distinguish between genuine higher inspiration and the murmurings of the subconscious mind.

Jupiter's protracted square to Uranus becomes precise on the 25th, amplifying the need for independence and freedom of action. Be on your guard against impractical idealism, impulsiveness, and a tendency to go overboard. An urge to travel or to escape the routine may strike without warning. Act with prudence and avoid unwise speculation. Be sure you can follow through on promises made now.

After Mercury stations Direct on the 28th, in 19° Aquarius, mental processes emerge from the recent fog and begin to accelerate. Any sudden bursts of inspired thought should be recorded for later reference. Move ahead with plans or projects now, but continue to refrain from making snap decisions, as there's a tendency towards impatience and impulsive behavior. Nonetheless, communications are now getting back on track.

When the sun trines lucky Jupiter later on the 28th, visualize very clearly what you want, as you just might get it! Expand your intellectual and occupational horizons now. Advertising campaigns and PR activities are favored, as are journeys for business or education. Seek favors from those in authority.

February's **new moon** arrives on the 30th, in 10° Pisces, aligned with Neptune and the major asteroid, Chiron—associated with healing old wounds. In the coming weeks, the quest for emotional and spiritual harmony

and understanding could receive a higher priority, while creative artists may find fresh inspiration. This is a good time to begin a dream diary, or journal.

Celestial warrior, Mars, officially beats the retreat by stationing retrograde in 28° Libra on March 1st, commencing a rare, six-week backward trek through the zodiac till May 19th, temporarily diminishing the traditional Martian assertiveness factor. In this mode, Mars is more reluctant to act, instead, holding back energies that might actually be better off expressed. Thus, hostilities can erupt as pent up energies accumulate, evolve into acute frustrations, attain a critical mass and go ballistic. This is, in fact, a most appropriate time to seek a compromise with an antagonist, as people may be more conciliatory, or especially patient. Nevertheless, impulsive tendencies exist, and motivations need to be questioned—your own, as well as those of others. This is not the ideal launch window for a new venture, or for making a major purchase, as the motive force required to get a project off the ground may be insufficient to overcome the inertia, while financial prudence could be in short supply. Instead, check your moral compass, your game plan, and, most importantly, your motivations, and focus on tasks requiring patience in the meantime.

Saturn, planetary ruler of career and lord of *karma*, stations Retrograde on March 2nd, in 24° Scorpio, till July 20th. Take the time during this period to review your professional or educational ambitions; if necessary, seek vocational guidance. Issues from the past could resurface for resolution. Much personal growth can occur now from acknowledging, then releasing, fears, and what you once considered to be limitations.

Venus squares Mars later on the 2nd, when extreme emotional reactions could be triggered simply by a thoughtless remark. Avoid financial extravagance, as the urge to splurge could quickly drain precious resources. Sensuality is heightened now. One's ability to cooperate with, or adapt to, the desires or wishes of another could be tested.

When the sun sextiles Pluto on March 3rd, corporate enterprise and joint financial concerns are emphasized and, in general, supported. Find creative ways to recycle or reuse discarded items or resources.

When Venus makes her grand entrance into

gregarious Aquarius on March 5th, an urge to socialize often develops, while affection is more freely expressed, and relationships can take an unconventional twist. Seek financing for a pet project.

After four months in retrograde, giant Jupiter stations Direct on March 6th, in 11° Cancer. Jupiter's resumption of forward motion through the zodiac could bring sudden growth opportunities that can quickly propel one way beyond one's preconceived limitations.

Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00am on March 9th so remember to turn your **clocks forward 1-hour**.

Mercury squares serious Saturn on the 10th, making this a good time to deal with tasks requiring great concentration. Banish fleeting worries, fears or frustrations by keeping your mind focused on the job in hand,

Constructive progress can be made towards career or educational goals as the sun aligns in a flowing trine with Saturn on the 13th. Advice from an elder, a mentor, or authority figure could prove helpful. Being both practical and creative achieves best results now.

Mercury trines Mars retrograde on the 14th, a time to sign or renegotiate business contracts or agreements. Make travel plans. Be sure to get some physical, and mental, exercise.

Don't sweat the details around the Virgo **full moon** on March 16th. If you're well organized and focused, much can be accomplished now. New information may come to light that could facilitate progress at work, or a breakthrough that allows a personal project to quickly reach fruition.

Mercury heads into dreamy Pisces on the 17th (till April 7), when unconscious desires are powerfully stimulated, while intuitive and telepathic abilities increase. Maintain contact with reality now as discerning fact from fantasy could prove challenging;

Spring arrives with the **vernal equinox** on March 20th, as the sun enters tropical Aries—the first zodiacal sign—where it will remain for the next thirty days, invigorating humankind, animal, and plant alike, prompting mother nature to spring forth into life, causing the sap to rise and new growth to begin in earnest. Spring is the season of initi-

ation, pulsating with the vibrant energy and vigor of Mars—ruler of the dynamic sign, Aries—and filled with the impetus for new beginnings. As with New Year's Day, consider what you want to accomplish in the next twelve months and, with increased determination, go after it! Energetic activities have greater appeal and are more readily pursued.

Practice creative imagery techniques on the 22nd when Mercury conjuncts Neptune. It may not be easy to separate reality from illusion just now. Begin a dream diary.

On the 26th, catch up on correspondence, reorganize your office, or improve your filing system when Mercury trines Jupiter. Travel can be rewarding now. Begin a study course, or journal.

Improve efficiency wherever possible when Mercury sextiles Pluto on the 27th. Willpower gets a boost from this alignment...but don't get carried away! Constructive activities of all kinds are favored.

It could be thrills galore when Venus trines Mars on the 29th, a day perhaps tailor-made for romance, when relative harmony exists between the sexes. This alignment favors most forms of creative self-expression. However, it's also possible that a more serious than social vibe will pervade the ethers, as Venus also squares somber Saturn today, inclining some to want to just be alone and focus on business matters, such as ways to secure your cash flow.

March's New Moon occurs on the 30th, in 10° Aries, aligned in conjunction with Uranus, and t-square to an opposition between Jupiter and Pluto, imparting a powerful desire to communicate your thoughts and views. However, be aware that others will want to share *their* ideas, too, so be prepared to listen. The vernal equinox theme of initiation and new beginnings continues, so prepare to launch new personal projects...but preferably *after* Mars has completed its retrograde phase on May 19th. Meanwhile, make sure that the appropriate players are in place and know their roles in the grand plan.

Following is a general overview of how the planetary trends for **Februsry/March, 2014** apply to each sun sign. If you know your rising sign (Ascendant), read that, too, for additional insights.



ARIES (March 20—April 19)

Take every opportunity to network and to promote your professional activities in February, and don't be shy about blowing your own trumpet, as you never know who might resonate with your tune. You have big dreams and lofty ambitions as February's Pisces new moon dawns on the 28th, and yet you also realize that you will need the help of trusted allies to make them a reality. Indeed, you may connect with a certain individual during this forecast period who could be instrumental in opening new doors for you in the months ahead. On March 1st your sign's ruling planet, Mars, stations retrograde (till May 19), a cosmic augury to throttle back a little and to take stock of the recent progress you've made. During this period, take the time to attend to any personal or family matters that may have been sidelined while you have pursued your professional objectives.



TAURUS (April 19—May 20)

Your work or vocational activities could occupy a great deal of your time and energies now, and throughout this forecast period. Alternatively, if it's employment you're seeking, your efforts to find work may shortly be rewarded, though not, perhaps, in the manner in which you had expected. You could find yourself with an assignment that may be tailor made for your talents, together with stimulating and progressive-minded colleagues. New goals and ambitions may shortly come to mind, as you sense you might finally be on your destiny path. Indeed, your outlook on life is transforming to accommodate the wealth of new input coming your way now. Be sure to allow yourself some quiet time alone to digest and to synthesize recent developments into your evolving worldview.



GEMINI (May 20—June 21)

You're feeling keen, creative, and inspired to get ahead in the world as 2014 gathers momentum, as you set about broadening your horizons, to encompass some innovative notions you've been entertaining. Significantly increasing your cash flow may be the lynch pin that will hold your dreams together, and you set about implementing a creative strategy to ensure this key component is quickly put in place. A new professional opportunity that comes your way during this forecast period can be both fulfilling and potentially lucrative, and may also go some way towards healing some emotional wounds you may have sustained from past experiences. It would be helpful to your quest to align with innovative individuals and groups who share your vision and objectives.



CANCER (June 21—July 22)

You may be wondering what you have to do in order to generate more income in February, but with patience, and sustained effort, you'll come up with a plan. Opportunity may also come knocking, and what may appear like a lucky break may actually be a result of your persistence and perseverance with what was beginning to seem like a lost cause. While Jupiter remains in your sign and solar first house (till July 16), acting like a golden parachute, lady luck will continue to ensure that you will always have, at the very least, what you need to get by, with the possibility of a significant windfall during the spring, if not before. Seek to broaden your horizons, and to use your knowledge, wisdom, and even your personality in new and innovative ways.



LEO (July 22—August 23)

This is likely to be a particularly active period, in which communications with associates and significant others will be especially brisk and frequent. Indeed, partnerships in general are in the spotlight during February, when a new alliance or co-creative relationship could begin, or an existing association may evolve to a new level. This would also be an appropriate juncture at which to address any issues of an emotional nature that may be holding you back in life, or which inhibit your ability to move beyond preconceived limitations to truly be all that you can be. Your mind is sharp now, and ideas and novel notions can flow free and fast, so be sure to note all the good ones for future reference.



VIRGO (August 23—September 23)

This appears to be an especially active time where work is involved, with the possibility of a new venture for ambitious Virgo natives to pursue. While your prospects where employment matters are concerned are generally good, there may yet be some details to be ironed out so that expectations are clear. There is also the possibility that a partnership or alliance may be formalized, which could favorably impact your prospects for the future. Indeed, you may be inspired to set new goals as a result of recent developments. It would also be beneficial to align yourself with progressive individuals or groups who share your objectives.



LIBRA (September 23—October 23)

You're feeling energized, even feisty, and keen to get involved with a creative project that inspires you to improve your lot in life. While your energy levels are high, be sure to get plenty of physical exercise to help keep yourself in shape. It might also behoove you to resolve any health issues

that may be slowing you down. Now that your ruling planet, Venus, has resumed direct motion, after a rare six-week retrograde phase, you should be feeling much better about yourself, and more confident in your abilities. A new relationship could begin that seems almost to have an element of destiny about it, as though at this point in your life you are ready for both the adventures and challenges that it may bring.



SCORPIO (October 23—November 22)

A new cycle of growth, development and understanding in family matters is underway, from which your own sense of emotional security can benefit. From the thoughts, ideas and notions that develop as a result of recent experiences you may be able to move beyond certain limiting beliefs. You might also become aware of other aptitudes you possess, which could have an impact on the kind of work you feel called to do. During March you feel inspired to feather your nest, and to make improvements in, or to redecorate, your domestic environment, so that you feel more emotionally nurtured within it. Pay attention to your health and nutrition, and make whatever improvements to your regimen you deem necessary.



SAGITTARIUS (November 21—December 21)

You're full of creative new ideas for getting more enjoyment out of life, and may be actively planning future exploits. You could spend hours on the phone speaking with friends, catching up on gossip and sharing your own plans. You may be considering a substantial upgrade to or remodeling your home, while some may even contemplate a move. Alternatively, there may be significant changes taking place deep within you, which inspire a new outlook on life. You may be assessing the resources at your disposal, or perhaps consider ways of adding to them, so that you might make one of your fondest dreams a reality. However, avoid unwise speculation, or taking unwarranted risks with your nest egg.



CAPRICORN (December 21—January 19)

Financial constraints may have forced you to be more creative with your resources, which you seek to augment in innovative ways. It seems that a partner or significant other may have some ideas about this matter, and indeed may provide the key to solving your dilemma. Remain open to the suggestions of family members, as they really have your best interests at heart. However, your own novel notions may yet save the day. You are keen to make progress towards your worldly ambitions, though may need to be patient meanwhile, as there may be factors involved beyond your control which

will eventually work to your advantage in due course. You are in the midst of a period of deep transformation from which you will emerge, like the mythical phoenix, with a new lease on life.



AQUARIUS (January 19—February 18)

With the Aquarius new moon billowing your sails you seek to chart a course for new horizons and may have several ideas as to the direction you'll take. There might be one personal goal in particular that you're keen to attain but have lacked the funds or the resources to make it happen. However, that may change during this forecast period as the money you need could, almost magically, materialize. Such are your powers of manifestation at this time, that if you can clearly visualize what you want, you can make it so. You could be just plain lucky where work is concerned, so be the epitome of confidence in your professional environment, as you never know who might be impressed by your credentials.



PISCES (February 18—March 20)

Pay attention to your dreams during February, as helpful insights into ways to augment your income may be gleaned from them. Your creative enterprise could unlock new doors to personal and professional fulfillment now, and throughout this forecast period, if you can remain focused on your goals, and not allow yourself to become too distracted by financial matters. Indeed, it would be helpful to clarify your primary objectives, then chart the most direct course towards them. By keeping your eyes on the prize, you will be better able to maintain your bearing, should any squalls spring up along the way to distract you. You are in the process of consolidating a new worldview that will help guide you to a greater sense of accomplishment.



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