



Astrology Forecast for February 2014

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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 beneficent 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 educational interests. 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.

Planetary Highlights — February 2014— (ALL Times PST)

NOTE: The following planetary aspect delineations APPLY TO ALL SUN SIGNS. Only major aspects between the Sun and planets are included here. All lunar aspects (other than Full and New Moons) have been omitted, hence there is not an entry for every day. Aspect patterns frequently overlap; where there are several major aspects occurring on the same day, synthesize their combined characteristics to determine the overall trend, then act accordingly. But remember...YOU make the final call! An aspect's can last from a day or two, in the case of Mercury, Venus, or Mars, to several weeks and even months when the slower-moving 'outer' planets are involved. Times given are when aspects *peak*. In addition, planets periodically appear to slow down, stop, then change their orbital direction, turning Retrograde or Direct; these periods of apparent motionlessness are called *Stations* and for a week or two either side of them, all themes associated with the planet are greatly emphasized.

6 Mercury stations Retrograde 1:43pm, at 03°20' Pisces (till Feb 28)—Plans or arrangements of any importance should be implemented *prior* to this period...unless you like surprise endings. However, while Mercury *is* Retrograde, you may safely make revisions or otherwise go over previously covered territory for inconsistencies or errors.

11 Sun square Saturn 11:57am—Responsibilities may seem particularly tiresome; obstacles to progress could create frustration; contemplate something cheerful to lift your spirits.

12 Mercury retrograde enters Aquarius 7:30pm (till March 17)—Creative writing and progressive ideas get the green light; the study of metaphysics, science, or astrology can provide intellectual stimulation, as well as timely insights.

14 Full Moon 3:53pm, at 26°13' Leo—Share your progressive new ideas with friends and colleagues, they could provide the emotional and moral support you're seeking now; avoid hasty actions; watch out for emotional fireworks! **Sun trine Mars** 6:06pm—Expressing your unique creative abilities could open doors for you; the spirit of competition thrives; do work requiring heavy physical exertion...you'll breeze through it!

15 Sun conjunct Mercury retrograde 12:22pm, at 27°04' Aquarius—Act on your ideas now, particularly for furthering your ambitions or enhancing work practices, but only after careful thought; communicate thoughts and views, but let others get a word in, too; attend to back-logged paperwork, correspondence, and messages.

16 Mercury retrograde trine Mars 12:19am—Examine business contracts for accuracy but don't sign until Mercury resumes Direct motion, make travel plans; take a cruise; get some physical, and mental, exercise.

18 Sun enters Pisces 10:00am (till March 20)—Psychic faculties quicken; explore the power of prayer; tune-in to dreams and meditations for guidance or inspiration. Balance what you put "out there" in helping others with some quality quiet time spent on yourself. **Mercury retrograde square Saturn** 11:11pm—Deal with tasks requiring great concentration; banish fleeting worries or frustrations, just keep the mind focused

23 Sun conjunct Neptune 10:11am, at 05°03' 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.

24 Venus sextile Saturn 8:50pm—Seek financial support for personal projects; a reestablishment of past ties may have karmic implications; constructive artistic work is favored; if you're considering an investment, look into art, precious metals, or real estate.

25 Jupiter retrograde square Uranus 11:33pm—Impractical idealism and impulsiveness might encourage a tendency to go overboard; the urge to travel or to escape the *routine* may strike; avoid speculation; be sure you can follow through on promises made now.

28 Mercury stations Direct 6:00am, at 18°10' Aquarius—Mental processes begin to accelerate; 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 the tendency is towards impatience; communications are now getting back on track. **Sun trine Jupiter retrograde** 8:05pm—Visualize very clearly what you want...you just might get it! expand your intellectual and occupational horizons; advertising campaigns and PR activities are favored; journeys for business, foreign investments, and legal affairs are all supported now. Pursue business, educational, or creative goals with renewed fervor; seek favors from those in authority; plan or take a long-distance trip.

New Moon 11:59pm, at 10°39' Pisces—Begin a dream diary...note recurring scenarios or images, valuable insight and guidance may be gleaned from them; the quest for emotional and spiritual harmony could be a high priority now, particularly in regard to your career or ambitions.

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