



Astrology Forecast for March 2014

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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 the 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 makes its grand entrance into 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 initiation, 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. Will-power gets a boost from this alignment...but don't get carried away! A "no fear" attitude could quickly get you into hot water. 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* views, 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.

Planetary Highlights — March 2014— (Times PST till March 9th, then PDT)

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 *peak* 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.

1 Mars stations Retrograde 8:24am, at 27°32' Libra (till May 19)—All “martial” themes are energized...desire, self-assertion, leadership abilities, and increased energy; the potential for conflict also exists.

2 Saturn stations Retrograde 8:19am, at 23°19' Scorpio (till July 20)—Review professional ambitions; if necessary, seek vocational guidance; issues from the past could re-surface for resolution; much personal growth can occur now from acknowledging, then releasing, what you once considered to be limitations or fears. **Venus square Mars retrograde** 12:04pm—Extreme emotional reactions could be triggered simply by a thoughtless remark; avoid financial extravagance...the urge to splurge could quickly drain precious resources; sensuality is

heightened; one's ability to cooperate with, or adapt to, the desires or wishes of another could be tested now.

3 Sun sextile Pluto 11:13am—Corporate enterprise and joint financial concerns are energized and supported; find creative ways to recycle discarded resources.

5 Venus enters Aquarius 1:03pm (till April 5)—Socialize, connect with friends; affection is more freely expressed; relationships can take an unconventional twist; seek financing for an innovative project.

6 Jupiter stations Direct 2:42am, at 10°26' Cancer—Jupiter's resumption of "forward" motion could bring growth opportunities that can quickly propel one way beyond one's preconceived limitations...providing that one is *aware* enough to recognize the potential inherent in opportunities that may present themselves.

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10 Mercury square Saturn retrograde 11:14pm—Deal with tasks requiring great concentration; banish fleeting worries or frustrations, just keep the mind focused on the job in hand.

13 Sun trine Saturn retrograde 2:16pm—Constructive progress can be made towards career goals; being both practical and creative achieves best results; advice from an elder or authority figure could prove helpful.

14 Mercury trine Mars retrograde 9:17am—Sign or renegotiate business contracts, make travel plans; take a trip; get some physical, and mental, exercise.

16 Full Moon 10:08am, at 26°02' Virgo—In Native American astrology, this is the *Big Wind Moon*, the last full moon of the natural cycle, which means it's time for spiritual spring cleaning...allow the winds of change to blow through your life, in preparation for the new cycle of growth which begins with the vernal equinox in four days time.

17 Mercury enters Pisces 3:24pm (till April 7)—Intuitive and telepathic abilities increase; discerning fact from fantasy could prove challenging; maintain contact with reality.

18 Venus sextile Uranus 12:00pm—An unexpected social or financial opportunity could occur; artistic inspiration abounds; a desire to "do something different" may arise; have fun with stimulating people!

20 Vernal Equinox, Sun enters Aries 9:57am (till April 19)—New beginnings, in one form or another, could be high on the agenda for many; a pioneering, risk-taking spirit is abroad; energetic activities appeal and are more readily pursued.

22 Mercury conjunct Neptune 1:16pm, at 06°03' Pisces—Practice creative imagery; it may not be easy to separate reality from illusion just now; begin a dream diary.

26 Mercury trine Jupiter 6:11am—Catch up on correspondence; reorganize your office, improve your filing system; travel can be rewarding; begin a study course, or journal.

27 Mercury sextile Pluto 10:30pm—Improve efficiency wherever possible; will-power gets a boost...but don't get carried away! A "no fear" attitude could quickly get you into hot water; favors constructive activity

29 Venus trine Mars retrograde 12:05pm— Thrills galore! Harmony between the sexes; a day tailor-made for romance; seek funding for a pet project; favorable for most forms of creative self-expression. **Venus square Saturn retrograde** 2:14pm—A more *serious* than social vibe pervades the ethers, inclining some to want to be alone; work on ways to secure your cash flow.

30 New Moon 11:45am, at 09°59' Aries—Communicate your thoughts and views, but be aware that others will have *their* views, too, so be prepared to listen as well. The vernal equinox theme

of initiation and new beginnings continues; prepare to launch new personal projects...but preferably after Mercury has completed its current retrograde phase on April 4th,

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