

Musings on Starlight

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." *

The Sun is now in the sign of Aquarius and will remain in the sign of the Water Bearer until Feb 19 EST. Aquarius is the sign of innovation. Often the mavericks born under this sign have a rebellious streak and are concerned about improving the conditions of the world in order to move towards a more progressive future.

February gets off to a nebulous start with Mercury retrograde conjunct Neptune. This combination can create confusion with communications. Situations may arise when there's a need to re clarify and redo. Mercury will station and resume direct motion at 9:57 pm February 18.

There are two eclipses this month -the first one a Solar Eclipse on February 6 at 17 degrees of Aquarius. Eclipses are evolutionary in nature and are regarded as doorways into the future. At the time of the eclipse the Sun and Moon are conjunct Mercury, Chiron, Neptune and the North Node widely. This is an idealistic configuration and encourages us to view the world as one and to see our lives and aspirations as intricately connected with the well being of others and the evolution of the planet. It is also a time to identify and release old wounds which keep us from moving forward. Forgiveness of self and others is a powerful tool at this time. Libra is rising on the eclipse chart as a reminder that the best way to accomplish things now is through networking and bridge building with other like minded souls.

One influence of this eclipse is that we may feel as if our movement into the future is escalated. There's an electric intensity to Uranus and Aquarius - it's a good time to nourish the nervous system.

Mars is direct now and moving up to an opposition to Pluto which will be exact in March. Mars in Gemini is good for connecting with others for projects and socializing. With Mars in Gemini energy can be scattered so do set priorities. There may be a lot to do but it's best accomplished incrementally now. Acknowledging progress however small is also favorable .

Venus is in Capricorn now. Capricorn's pragmatism provides help with business and financial planning. Jupiter in Capricorn supports this also. When Jupiter was in Sagittarius for the last year or so expansion of plans and dreams was on the table. Now with the help of Saturn in Virgo it's time to do the step by step planning to make those plans real.

Venus will enter Aquarius on 2/17 and Mercury will turn direct at 9:57 pm on 2/18.

The Sun enters the sign of Pisces on 2/18.

The Lunar Eclipse on Feb 20 is at 1 degree of Virgo. The effect of Saturn is strong at

the time of this eclipse and draws a pragmatic contrast between our aspirations and the reality of attaining them. It's a good time to evaluate the influence of fear and bitterness in our lives and just how much of that we are willing to carry forward. The Aquarian perspective is egalitarian and comradely and functions best when evolving in an unfettered way.

"When the moon is in the Seventh House
And Jupiter aligns with Mars
Then peace will guide our planet
And love will steer the stars

This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius
The age of Aquarius
Aquarius!
Aquarius!

Harmony and understanding
Sympathy and trust abounding
No more falsehoods or derisions
Golding living dreams of visions
Mystic crystal revelations
And the mind's true liberation
Aquarius!!"***

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*Buckminster Fuller, Critical Path

* lyrics from the musical Hair