

Astro Spell



☉ Best Spellcasting Days

Overview of February

The “good cop/bad cop” shtick re-plays through the month. Saturn in Leo is “bad”: imposing mandatory discipline, burdens, and frustrations. Pallas takes the opposite role: her influence results in bright ideas and expanding connections through global networking.

Imbolc coincides with a Full Moon in Leo and Sun-Pallas in Aquarius. The strong Leo Moon gives the courage to face fears. Visualize fears as a tall snowman and channel the Sun’s increasing light to melt it into a puddle over the next several weeks. The power thus reclaimed can be channeled into growth when Ostara arrives.

Throughout February, the **second Saturn opposition Neptune forms** (the first was in August). This annoying aspect stirs up a vicious accountability cycle, so work at the periphery of the system or transcend structures. Jupiter in Sagittarius supplies power as long as you are gutsy enough to face risks.

Mercury swims through shark-infested waters just as Valentine’s Day arrives. **Desire fulfillment is stymied by the Mercury retrograde in Pisces on the 14th.** Divisive conditions bog down relationships; patience and sympathy are temporary remedies.

The **New Moon in Aquarius on February 17th ushers in the Year of the Fire Boar.** Success depends on persistent, effective action. **The Sun enters Pisces on the 19th,** easing the pain of Mercury’s emotional swamp monsters, but Jupiter slams into a speed bump on the 21st and **elements of chance and synchronicity in-**

crease sharply. Jupiter’s tangled tango juxtaposes divine ecstasy, gregarious optimism, and hen-pecking criticism. The collective river overflows its banks as **Venus enters Aries,** adding the possibility of catastrophes and political turning points. **Mercury kicks this Saturn-Neptune opposition in the shins** as their aspect becomes exact on the 28th.

February Highlights

☉ **Feb. 1: Sun conjunct Pallas. Request divine assistance; Full Moon in Leo** (9:45 pm PST.)
 ☉ **Feb. 2: Imbolc.** Mercury enters Pisces. **Draw on the Moon’s power of courage to banish self-destructive behaviors, fears, or failed projects.** Group workings favored — reinforce spiritual network, sources of mutual aid, and shared strengths.

☉ **Feb. 3: Sun sextile Jupiter.** This royal pair offers opportunities to improve status. Consecrate a belt for luck; put cedar or amber in a hip pocket, or rub heart and hips with amber oil to attract luck.

☉ **Feb. 8: Sun conjunct Neptune:** Excellent for divination, attracting totems.

Feb. 10: Sun opposition Saturn: Destroy old/broken ritual tools and tarot decks, and dispose (bury or cremate).

Feb. 14: Mercury retrograde in Pisces; Venus-Mars-Saturn Yod (Finger of God) configuration. Confusion; efforts frustrated by bad timing; relationships strained. Be patient, don’t sign contracts (or plan your wedding!) ‘til Mercury goes direct.

Feb. 17: New Moon in Aquarius/ Year of the Fire Boar. Pallas conjuncts Neptune for several days. **Gather inspiration for the coming year;** write a list of goals for 2007. Seek divine guidance, through meditation or divination. Consult the I-Ching.

☉ **Feb. 19: Sun enters Pisces.** Do a magical foot bath.

Feb. 21: Venus enters Aries; Jupiter square Nodes. Big cosmic speed bump; the Wheel of Fortune spins wildly, with extreme results. A good attitude and positive outlook is best protection. **Smudge house with cedar incense and wear purple to attract blessings and avert troubles.**

Feb. 26: Mars enters Aquarius
Feb. 27: Mercury retrogrades into Aquarius.

Feb 28: Saturn-Neptune opposition (#2).

March Overview

The fickle finger of Fate spins as March begins with a Total Lunar Eclipse in Virgo aligned with the cosmic joker, Uranus. This planet, sometimes associated with the Fool card, is an amoral and immensely potent sky god. Virgo’s efficiency and precision can be spoiled and misdirected. **Early March will be chock full of interruptions and interceptions, cosmic wedgies and daemonic swirlies.** The release of Microsoft’s new operating system could be the source of much disruption. (No surprise here!)

Venus takes charge by the 8th, spreading the love around as she elicits fiery sparks by creating the first of several **Grand Trines with Jupi-**

ter and Saturn. This powerhouse pair forms their first trine in their 20-year dance on March 16th, combining the powers of growth and optimism with longevity and determination.

Mercury direct stations on the 8th, ending its retrograde in Aquarius. Venus, Mercury, and Pluto merge their energies midmonth, infusing social pizzazz and spicy dialog into the **Jupiter-Saturn growth-boosting trine.**

The Solar Eclipse in Pisces on March 18th evokes a somber note of release and endings through its contact with Pluto. This is offset by the clarion call of future longings as **Uranus tangles with the Dragon's Head (North Node) on the 20th.** The ruthless nature of Uranus combined with the ferociously future-oriented Node may incline some to make frantic efforts to abandon the past. Although Pisces is the sign of compassion, neither Uranus nor Pluto really gives a damn about what's left behind. Avoid unnecessary cruelty, because the Dragon's Head creates new karma, and obliviousness may create karmic dingleberries harder to shed than a bad tattoo.

Primo magic-making aspects arrive with Ostara/Spring Equinox on March 20th. The Sabbat is perfect for performing initiations and launching projects. Mars, ruler of the equinoctial Sun in Aries, performs a "translation of light" from Saturn to Jupiter to Neptune from March 22nd to the 25th. Mars' potency binds form-manifesting power to cosmic growth hormones to mystic impulse. Nudged by a waxing Moon, this planetary four-pack adds a wallop to **spells for success.**

March Highlights

March 3: Total Lunar Eclipse (Full Moon) in Virgo opposite Uranus. Appropriate for shifting perceptions or breaking free of ruts.

March 8: Mercury direct station in Aquarius.

☉ **March 8-9: Venus forms a Grand Trine/Kite with Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune.** Perform spells for manifesting true desires on a long-term basis, or to remove obstacles to desires. Be extremely clear-headed about asking for *exactly* what you desire, as you are likely to get it!

☉ **March 16: Jupiter trine Saturn (first of three) paired with a Venus-Mercury-Pluto cluster.** Super for out-

reach, including spells for recognition, or to expand your social network.

March 17: Venus enters Taurus.

March 18: Solar Eclipse (New Moon) in Pisces, square Pluto; Mercury enters Pisces. Release, banish, cleanse, heal, transform.

☉ **March 20: Ostara/Spring Equinox.** Sun enters Aries with Moon in Aries. Uranus conjunct North Node. **Perform initiations or dedications, begin important ventures.** The sliver of the 1st quarter crescent Moon will be visible at sundown with Venus. **Start 5- or 7-day spells for long-term success, fertility, or potency.**

☉ **March 22-25: Mars "translates light" from Saturn to Jupiter to Neptune. A significant aspect combination that is excellent for lengthy, intense spell or mantra work.** Change vibrations through focus and visualization; spells for fertility, success, fame or personal development. Excellent for success in educational endeavors and writing/publishing efforts.

April Overview

A **Full Moon in Libra** opens the door of April, the Mother Goddess's reminder to keep checks and balances in place as **Jupiter and Saturn go into overdrive.** It will be easy to overdo, over-book, and overspend in April, because **Jupiter in Sagittarius** reaches a power peak as he retrogrades on the 6th at the same time **the Sun arrives in Aries, forming a Grand Trine with Jupiter and Saturn.** This spectacular and highly fortunate configuration will not be repeated for many, many decades. **This is the *crème de la crème* of spell-casting and potion-making configurations: use it or lose it. No kidding on this one: this could be the best spellcasting day of the decade — or even a lifetime!**

After the **Aries New Moon on the 17th,** the **Sun enters Taurus on April 20th.** Mercury careens at full speed through Aries, and steps up to the plate for form his **Grand Trine with Jupiter and Saturn on April 21st.** Venus and Mars clash on the 23rd while Mars tangles with the Dragon's Head. Slow down, rely on your powers of observation, and stay mellow to prevent "foot-in-mouth disease."

Human relations continue to be tricky as April ends. Mars leaves the

Dragon's Head only to encounter Uranus on the 28th. As Venus and Jupiter are overseeing this machismo fest, deviations from normality will not be tolerated. Keep your head and stay cool!

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

☉ **April 2: Full Moon in Libra.** Spells and meditations to balance independence with interdependence, or ideals with reality.

April 6: Mars enters Pisces; Jupiter retrogrades in Sagittarius.

☉☉☉ **April 8 – 9th: Sun in exaltation in Aries forms a Grand Trine with Jupiter/Moon in Sagittarius and Saturn in Leo. Extremely potent weekend for spell casting,** alchemy, potion mixing and talisman-making, or other magical manufacturing. Focus on vitality, success, wealth, and longevity. **Once-in-a-lifetime configuration: don't miss it.**

April 10: Mercury enters Aries

April 12: Venus enters Gemini

April 17: New Moon in Aries. Excellent for kicking off diet and exercise programs and rising above past hurts.

April 19: Saturn retrograde in Leo

April 20: Sun enters Taurus

☉ **April 21: Mercury repeats Grand Trine configuration with Jupiter and Saturn.** Make, dedicate, or consecrate wands. Include the Magician card on altar, and yellow candles.

April 27: Mercury enters Taurus

April 28: Mars-Uranus T-square configuration with Venus and Jupiter. Make decisive breaks from unhealthy habits or relationships. Strengthen resolve to change personal patterns or exit bad situations, but **do not hex as it will bounce back — hard.** ☾

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