

## Astrology Outlook – February 2017 : Sara Gilbert

As January draws to a close some relief is in sight from that intuitive illusive energy which keeps bringing up endless possibilities which never seem to materialize into things happening. Mars conjunction with Pluto on January 30 (AEDT), has us thinking deeply but with much more clarity around what needs to transform for the future. We put out our affirmations for the year ahead with the Aquarius New Moon on January 28 and now its time to get the rubber to the road. Mars and Venus have not been in their favorite signs for getting the sparks to fly, but late on January 28, soon after the New Moon, Mars moved into his ruling sign of Aries! Venus chases after him on February 4, so finally some fire and passion should be on the cards! These two can go a bit of a wild ride together in Aries, with no fear of risks or consequences. So there can be a bit of falling in and out of love at the drop of a hat going on! On February Jupiter Stations retrograde ready to move back to a second exact opposition to Uranus on March 3. Some astrologers made much of a period of from January 8 to February 4 with all the planets were in direct motion. I guess there was a bit happening on the political mundane front, but on a personal level it seemed to be swamped by the Pisces party going on at the time! Mercury changes sign to Aquarius on February 7 making it a little easier to detach from your emotions and see new ways of thinking about things before the big event of the month, the start of the eclipse season with a Penumbral Lunar Eclipse and Leo Full Moon on February 11 at 11-34 am (AEDT). Obviously it



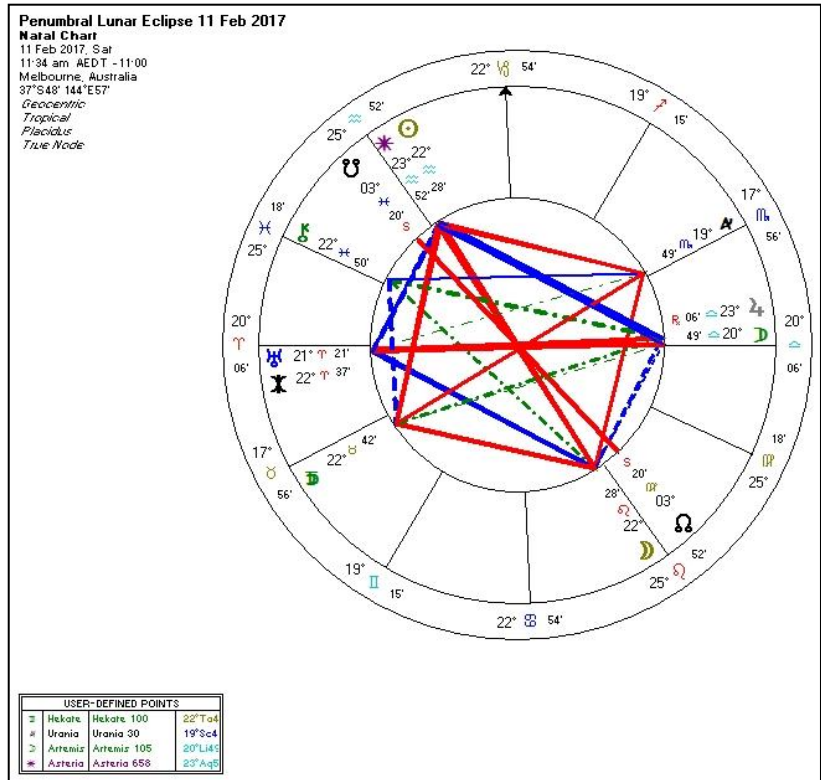
will not be visible here in Australia, but the US will see it at Moon rise, most of the Asian region at Moon set and Europe will be able to see it all. This eclipse is 19 South in Bernadette Brady's Saros Series system and has a lovely positive energy for once: "A family of eclipses that bring the element of pleasant surprise. Sudden happiness, a joyful event, the lucky break, the lucky win. The events that occur can be believed and can positively change a person's life." The Moon will be in Leo at 22 degrees and 28 minutes, so the 23<sup>rd</sup> degree, the Sabian Symbol is "In a circus the bareback rider displays her dangerous skill". This symbol talks about the audacity and perseverance required to control and play with the powerful energies of the vital realms in human existence. Great showmanship with a flair for the dramatic, but with a purpose, stirring the imagination of the consciousness, **virtuosity!** The Sun at 22 minutes and 28 minutes of Aquarius is symbolized by "A big bear sitting down and waving all its paws". This signifies the self-discipline which results from an intelligent development of individual faculties under proper training, **discipleship**. Powerful life energies can be trained adequately leading to the realization of the value and power of self-discipline. We are constantly faced with situations which whether we are aware of it or not are to train us to deal with life, our soul is the trainer, so much depends on the attitude or mind-set we apply to the situation, albeit it seems challenging at the time.



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The astrology of this Leo Full Moon is pretty full on! I have removed the planets or points which are not involved in the main aspect patterns so they can be seen more clearly. The Sun and Moon form a “mystical rectangle with the Jupiter Uranus opposition, exact within one degree of arc so very powerful and less common between 4 planets rather than including nodes and angles. Robert Hand says this aspect pattern is a “particularly elegant combination of hard and soft aspects which gives us the ability to achieve great results”. We can also see that the Sun is conjunct the asteroid Asteria, Goddess of the



Stars and Astrology, whilst Hekate Goddess of Transformation and Urania Muse of Astology and Astronomy form a Grand Cross or Square to the Luminaries, all in Fixed energy. This could suggest the energy of the Full Moon and eclipse can be an important portent for transformation using astrology in a persistent and self-disciplined manner. Fitting very nicely with the Sabian Symbols as discussed previously. Finally Chiron forms the apex point to a tight Yod or “Finger of God” aspect through tight quincunx aspects to the Moon and Jupiter. Jupiter is conjunct Artemis archetype of the Maiden, Crescent phase of the Moon and Love of Nature and Animals. This suggests healing to the wound we all feel to our belief in a benevolent creator, (due to the state of the world at the moment, amongst other personal considerations!), could be healed through making adjustments to our emotional, feeling nature and focusing on living our own personal beliefs around the world we can control around us. Valuing our self-worth and not letting fears around rejection get in the way of our transformative journey. A week later on February 18 the Sun changes sign to Pisces and we have a few days to reflect on what all this positive energy means in our lives, before we are jarred back into action by a square from Mars to Pluto on February 22. Our ambitions will be aroused and we can creatively transform the world around us under this energy. However our ruthless determination could involve us in conflict with those around us who may be impacted by the change we are trying to implement. The movement of the Moon and Mercury into Pisces on February 26 gives us four days with no planets in Fixed until the Moon moves into Taurus on March 2, energy, with six planets in Pisces until the end of an event filled month!!!



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The Annular Solar Eclipse and New Moon in Pisces falls during this fluid period at 1.59 am (AEDT) on February 27 at 8 degrees and 12 minutes of Pisces, it's 9<sup>th</sup> degree. This eclipse will not be visible except for a narrow band through South America and the Southern Regions of Africa. The Sabian Symbol is "A jockey spurs his horse, intent on outdistancing his rivals". This speaks of intense mobilization of energy and skill in the drive for succession any social performance affected by the competitive spirit. We are addicted to success in the Western World but this is truly a time of **self-quickening** where we need to spur our total being towards the speedy attainment of our goals, letting nothing which is unrelated stand in our way! This is very relevant to the astrology of the eclipse with a stellium of three other planets and the South Node surrounding the luminaries and opposing the North Node, our purpose in life! We can take advantage of the flexible Mutable energy with no Fixed considerations to stand in our way. Its all about initiation and adaption, to meet our transformative path through life.

With the Sun and Moon in the sign of Pisces, the energy focus that balances this is on:

- Being compassionate and sensitive to the feelings and needs of others
- Using your imagination to develop different ways to be creative
- Helping animals and people who have fallen on hard times
- Spending time on your own to refocus
- Going with the flow, letting other people take the lead
- Following spiritual pursuits and connecting to spirit

The area most aligned with the position of the New Moon can be best gleaned from your natal horoscope chart, however if you only know your Sun Sign, then affirmations around the areas indicated on the next page are likely to be the most powerful, but some adjustment may be required to the life areas below:

Sun in	House	Life Area	Sun in	House	Life Area
Pisces	1	Self Development & Appearance	Virgo	7	Relationships
Aquarius	2	Self-Esteem, Money, Possessions	Leo	8	Shared Resources, Transformation
Capricorn	3	Education, Siblings & Communication	Cancer	9	Travel, Higher Education, Belief Systems
Sagittarius	4	Home, Emotional Security	Gemini	10	Career, Public Status
Scorpio	5	Creative Pursuits, Children & Pleasure	Taurus	11	Groups, Associations & Goals
Libra	6	Health, Work & Daily Routines	Aries	12	Spiritual Enlightenment, Loose Ends, Body Repair



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