

Astrology Outlook – March 2017 : Sara Gilbert

The month began with no Fixed energy in the sky and the Sun and Mercury lending additional Pisces energy to the usual trio of South Node, Neptune and Chiron. It's been an ongoing saga of sensitivity, confusion and dreamy energy. On March 2 we had The Sun and Neptune in conjunction, leaving us somewhat depleted in energy, creative but tending to feel too compassionate to everyone else around us for our own good. Mars in Aries was moving to merge energy with Uranus and the Goddess of Discord Eris, making everyone keen to push hard for what was right for them at the expense of everything and everyone else. This energy was in place for the second big move in the ongoing T Square between Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto with the second exact opposition between Jupiter and Uranus. The first one on December 27 last year had Uranus retrograde and Jupiter in the driving seat. This time on March 3 the roles are reversed and Jupiter is retracing his steps whilst Uranus is more dominant, especially due to being backed up by Mars and Eris the Goddess of discord and strife.



The urge to become more true to your authentic self would not have been able to be ignored! On March 4 Venus Stationed Retrograde at 13 degrees and 8 minutes of Aries. During the next 6 weeks she will go back over the ground she has marked out since the end of January, returning to 26 degrees and 54 minutes of Pisces on April 15. When Venus is retrograde in Aries you have the opportunity to make sure you are valuing yourself enough in relationships, be self-centered, appreciate your achievements and what you are good at. You will be able to revisit what you have learned during February through the chaotic energy of the eclipses and either solidify the changes you have put in place, or fine tune them if you need to. The areas of your life most likely to be affected will be the houses and planets in your chart between the relevant degrees of Aries and Pisces. In the first week of March Saturn in Sagittarius will be right on the Galactic Centre around 27 degrees and 10 minutes of Sagittarius. This is the centre of the Milky Way believed to be an enormous black hole, an incredibly powerful energy source so deciding what the truth is around your belief systems will be empathized, it feels like we are on the threshold of something big and inevitable but what is it?. Mercury makes a superior conjunction with the Sun on March 6, enabling you to gain insights into your transformational journey in life you hadn't made before. On March 10 Mars changes sign to Taurus (the sign of Venus' rulership), whilst Venus remains in Aries (the sign of Mars' rulership), this sets up mutual reception between the two planets allowing them to understand each other better and bodes better for relationships to become more firmly grounded and long lasting.



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The Virgo Full Moon follows falling on 13 March, at 1.53 am (AEDT). The Moon will be at 22 degrees and 13 minutes, the 23rd degree of Virgo and the Sun opposite in Aries. The Sabian Symbol for the Moon, at 23 degrees of Virgo, is described as "A lion tamer displays his skill and character." This symbolizes the need to tame your vital energies in order to fulfill your destiny.. It speaks of **resoluteness** and **patience**. The Moon will be closely merging energy with the asteroid Astarte by just 1 minute. Astarte was the ancient Middle Eastern Goddess of Love and War who preceded, Innana, Ishtar, Asteria and Aphrodite. Astarte brings more power to the light of the Full Moon to reveal what still to be eradicated from your life, requiring all your talents and perseverance to achieve. For the Sun in the 23rd degrees of Pisces the Sabian Symbol is "A materializing medium giving a seance" this symbol represents the ability to give your own vital energy to substantiate your conscious ideals or unconscious desires. It points out the need for **substantiation** when providing gifts which are not readily able to be proven, the shadow of this, if the motives of the medium are suspect could also be **deception** in some people's eyes. The Pisces Sun will be conjunct the asteroid Pallas Athena and the centaur Chiron. It will take strategy and healing energy to know which of the knowings downloaded from the divine, are the ones you need to focus on and communicate out to others. The chart for the Aries Equinox on March 20 at 9.29 pm in Melbourne has the Sun beginning his journey around the Zodiac for 2017 on the cusp of the Sixth House. It is time to build on the imaginative creativity and imagination you received from the concentration of Piscean energy during the previous few months and integrate it into the way you live your life on a daily basis. Venus is revisiting her earlier steps through the house confirming what daily habits work for you and enable you to be who you desire to be, both in your body and in your soul. Mars the ruler of Aries ins also in the Sixth House in Taurus giving you the determination and persistence to stick to your new regime and reach for your goals. The time is right to launch a new you onto the world. The Moon and Saturn are closely conjunct in Sagittarius, close to the Galactic Centre squaring the Sun, you can feel the change coming, making you get serious about living your life the way it needs to be. There is much potential energy to give emphasis to the transformation you are making at this time, its important you have done the right work beforehand so you know what it is you want to emphasize. The New Moon on March 28, is at 1.57 pm in Melbourne (AEDT), at 7 degrees and 37 minutes of Aries, so in it's 8th degree. The Sabian symbol is "A large woman's hat with streamers blown by an east wind." It speaks of protection against the forces of nature for under developed mental processes, which could become an obsession. The east is traditionally the seat of spiritualizing and creative-transformation energy, the Sun rises here. The streamers enable response to the wind, so a probationary stage in the process of transformation is indicated. So the essence is **protective forms** and **sensitivity** to psychic energies. The Sun and Moon are unaspected in the chart, apart from a conjunction with Venus moving in Retrograde towards them from just over 4 degrees. So there is scope for the Aries energy to be manifested in more or less pure form whilst reflecting on what you really value and what is truly authentic for you, moving forward with courage and determination in whatever are of life is indicated from the position of the sign of the Ram in your chart.



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With the Sun and Moon in the sign of Aries, the energy focus is on:

- Starting new initiatives or projects, having new ideas
- Putting yourself first, only getting involved in activity which benefits you personally
- Taking the lead, guiding other people
- Being active, getting involved in competition or competitive sport as an individual
- Going with the flow, letting other people take the lead
- Taking risks and trying to exceed your personal best performances
- Being independent and decisive

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 and overleaf:

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

Finally on March 31, Jupiter in Libra retraces his steps to make an exact square with Pluto at 19 degrees and 17 minutes of Capricorn exact around the time we are waking up here in Melbourne. Their earlier square was on November 25 2016, when you may have become aware of an ambition to achieve great things but encountered some degree of opposition. Both planets were direct at the time, now with Jupiter retrograde, you have an opportunity to reflect on the rights and wrongs of what you were trying to achieve and see ways to better integrate the needs of others into your plans. Around August 3 they will form an exact square for the third time with Pluto Retrograde, providing the best timing to actually successfully implement the plans that you have been deliberating on for the last 8 months.



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