



February Newsletter

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Important February Dates

(All times are CST)

January 21, 9:54 am until February 11, 9:57 am - Mercury Retrograde

The traditional advice for Mercury Retrograde is "Don't travel. Don't sign contracts. Don't marry. Don't touch electrics!" But the whole Mercury retrograde cycle actually lasts eight weeks and happens three times, sometimes even four times in a year! That's a long time to hide under the duvet and a real waste of a truly magical time. Mercury generally zips between two worlds, or rather, the two hemispheres of our brain. So during the retrograde period, it feels like Mercury has gone down into the Underworld. In this realm closer to spirit, we become more right-brain orientated. It is dark, so other senses are heightened. We will feel extra sensitive here, psychic even. Everything will seem hyper-real... you will notice things you had overlooked before. This will prompt you to re-evaluate, renovate, re-form, and re-invent. It's true you might have to redo things, because Mercury will hit the same degree three times, but what this transit won't let you do is to go into autopilot.

There are danger spots though. When Mercury is stationing retrograde we are at its wobbly stage where we are likely to slip-up, make mistakes, and misread another's communications. But once we are over the threshold and into the Underworld, we can safely go about our business knowing we are in another realm. The same goes for when Mercury is stationing direct, just make sure you give your brain a few days to adjust back to solar thinking. The house in your natal chart where Mercury retrogrades, will be your Underworld zone. There you will question everything. It will make you jittery about

signing contracts because you will be constantly thinking, "Is this what I really want?" Before the retrograde is a good time to finish those Solar left-brain projects and gather information to bring down into your cave at its retrograde point. Then, you can slow things down, let yourself be taken into other dimensions, try on different filters, experiment, shine a light on your demons, then recharge and reboot.

February 2 - Imbolc/Candlemas/Groundhog Day (Crossquarter - February 4)

Imbolc

Animals/Mythical Creatures – firebird, dragon, groundhog, deer, burrowing animals, ewes, robin, sheep, lamb, other creatures waking from hibernation
Gemstones – amethyst, garnet, onyx, turquoise
Incense/Oil – jasmine, rosemary, frankincense, cinnamon, neroli, musk, olive, sweet pea, basil, myrrh, and wisteria, apricot, carnation
Colors/Candles – brown, pink, red, orange, white, lavender, pale yellow, silver
Tools/Symbols/Decorations – white flowers, marigolds, plum blossoms, daffodils, Brigid wheel, Brigid's cross, candles, grain/seed for blessing, red candle in a cauldron full of earth, doll, Bride's Bed; the Bride, broom, milk, birchwood, snowflakes, snow in a crystal container, evergreens, homemade besom of dried broom, orange candle anointed in oil (see above) can be used to symbolize the renewing energy of the Sun's rebirth.
Goddesses – Virgin Goddess, Venus, Diana, Februa, Maiden, Child Goddess, Aradia, Athena, Inanna, Vesta, Gaia, Brigid, Selene (Greek), Branwen (Manx-Welsh)
Gods – young Sun Gods, Pan, Cupid/Eros (Greco-Roman), Dumuzi (Sumerian)
Essence – conception, initiation, insight, inspiration, creativity, mirth, renewal, dedication, breath of life, life-path, wise counsel, plan, prepare
Dynamics/Meaning – first stirring of Mother Earth, lambing, growth of the Sun God, the middle of winter
Purpose – honoring the Virgin Goddess, festival of the Maiden/Light
Rituals/Magick – cleansing; purification, renewal, creative inspiration, purification, initiation, candle work, house & temple blessings, welcoming Brigid, feast of milk & bread
Customs – lighting candles, seeking omens of Spring, storytelling, cleaning house, bonfires, indoor planting, stone collecting, candle kept burning dusk till dawn; hearth re-lighting
Foods – dairy, spicy foods, raisins, pumpkin, sesame & sunflower seeds, poppyseed bread/cake, honey cake, pancakes, waffles, herbal tea
Herbs – angelica, basil, bay, benzoin, celandine, clover, heather, myrrh, all yellow flowers, willow
Element/Gender – earth/female
Threshold – midnight

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February 3, 5:09 pm - Full Moon

Magha Purnima (India)

Magha Purnima, the Full Moon day for this Hindu month, is a water festival. Hindus believe bathing in the Ganges on this day is a great purifying act (as is bathing in the sea or in any holy stream, river or even a pool or pond). People walk for miles to partake in bathing festivals held at spots along the banks of the Yamuna, Sarayu, Narmad and other holy rivers. A large tank that is considered holy at Kumbhkonam, near Madras, is a popular destination since Hindus believe that on this day, the Ganges flows into the tank. Libations are offered to dead ancestors, while donations of food, clothes and money are given to the poor.

If you can't go to a river or the sea, take a ritual bath at home. Light candles in the bathroom and incense if you like. Run a warm bath and add scented oils or herbs, preferably to match the incense. Play relaxing music or natural sounds if you can. Immerse yourself in the tub, and relax completely. Empty your mind of negative thoughts and concentrate on the feel of the water, the scents, the sounds, the candlelight. When you are done, pull the plug and visualize all negative influences going down the drain.

~ Magenta Griffith in Llewellyn's 2015 Witches' Datebook -

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February 14 - St. Valentine's Day

All I Have

If I could, I would give you the sky
but all I have, is my breath, to bring new heights

If I could, I would give you the ocean
but all I have, is my heart, and the depths of my love

If I could, I would give you the sun
but all I have, is my body, and its warm embrace

If I could, I would give you the moon
but all I have, is my soul, to light the dark

If I could, I would give you the stars
but all I have, are these dreams, that we'll reach them one day

If I could, I would give you all of the beauty that's found in this world
but all I have, are these hands, to paint your picture

If I could, I would give you the heavens
but all I have to give:

Is the intent of you, with every breath that I take
Every beat of my heart, only for your sake
The warmth of my body, your sheltering place
The light of my soul, the darkness will fade
The space in my mind, in dreams and awake
And my hand, reaching out, a future we'll make
So take my hand, and together, our heaven we'll create...

I give all that I am, to my one true soulmate

~ Caleb K. Loo

February 17 - Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday

Mardi Gras

Oh; young eyes of New Orleans and far
halt your dreams and see them come so true
for your days of want are near to come
and shall go merry, happy and gay
the dormer blows no zephyr, but see of beautiful sight.

Mom sew no seam or milk a Friesian in
but toss pan cakes with orange and brandy for we
Rita rears no pain and shall be with stains
Matthew prays no moon, but the scotching light

the times are not to be same again
The sun will shine with its rays so wide
Hear the streets cry for joy
the days for us to roam and toil
from hamlet to chimneys we go
and sing a song the pirates sung
today is Mardi Gras
we shall lay our bars
and eat pancake and brandy
and say what fortune we've made

~ Paul Gerhardt Fleischer

February 18, 8:47 pm - New Moon

This new moon is in Aquarius. Aquarius is the sign of the visionary inventor....the humanitarian and the agent of change, intent on fostering a better future for all. Aquarius rules the power of ideals and technology, and the exponential effect that group consciousness has on the shifting the course of humanity! And, at 0 degrees, this signifies a new beginning for us all!

February 19 - Chinese New Year, the Year of the Green Sheep

A Sheep is a farmland animal. Sheep are herbivores and like to eat grass. Therefore, the Sheep contains Earth and Wood in the Chinese Five Element theory. The Sheep hour of Chinese Horoscopes is from 1 pm to 3 pm because the ground has absorbed a lot of heat at noon. July is connected to the Sheep and July is still summer. Therefore, the Sheep also contains Fire. Some Chinese eat lamb during the winter in order to keep warm.

The Sheep is one of the Chinese lucky animals. The Sheep doesn't have to do the farm work. Instead, all of the farmland jobs go to the Ox. Therefore, the Ox doesn't like the Sheep. Sheep have the freedom to look for any kind of grass they like. They never worry about running out of grass. They have mild personalities and are friendly to humans. Chinese treat the Sheep as an auspicious animal.

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Making Magickal Incense eBook - Regular Price - \$4.99, Sale Price - \$3.99
Jasmine Spearmint Herbal Tea - Regular Price - \$5.99, Sale Price - \$4.99
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New Items at Witch SuperCenter

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Magickal Herbs Kit, Fertility Herbs -

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Magickal Herbs Kit, Healing Herbs -

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Magickal Herbs Kit, Love Herbs -

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Magickal Herbs Kit, Money Herbs -

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Magickal Herbs Kit, Protection Herbs -

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Herb of the Month

Jasmine - Earth/Jupiter; Gender - Feminine; Parts Used - Flowers; Magickal Properties - Spiritual Love and Dream Sleep; Uses - Used in dream pillows and sachets for sweet dreams during troubled times; fresh flowers and oils are used for attracting and maintaining a spiritual love; very powerful - a little will do!

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Stone of the Month

Amethyst - Cool and relaxing, amethyst is a stone of psychic power. Wearing it helps promote meditation, peace, tranquility and oneness with your spiritual goals. It enhances and strengthens the powers of the bearer and helps attune with the higher self, dispelling fears, heightening intuition and helping to embrace your own intuitive wisdom. Amethyst enhances mental and emotional stability. It relieves depression and can help conquer unwanted habits and addictions, particularly alcoholism. It relieves stress and diseases associated with overindulgence such as gout. Amethyst is associated with the Crown and Third Eye chakras, and the astrological sign Pisces. Amethyst is a powerful protective stone and it guards against psychic attack

Rune of the Month



Mannaz (M: Man, mankind.) – The Self; the individual or the human race; Your attitude toward others and their attitudes towards you; Friends and enemies, social order; Intelligence, forethought, creativity, skill, ability; Divine structure, intelligence, awareness; Expect to receive some sort of aid or cooperation now. Mannaz Reversed or Merkstave: Depression, mortality, blindness, self-delusion; Cunning, slyness, manipulation, craftiness, calculation; Expect no help now.

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Tarot Card of the Month

Judgment - The Judgment card calls for a period of reflection and self-evaluation. Through meditation or quiet reflection, you may come to a point of deep understanding about the common themes throughout your life and what you can do or change to avoid these situations in the future. Judgment tells you that you are close to reaching a significant stage in your own journey.

The Judgment card suggests that you have had a recent epiphany or an awakening where you have come to a realization that you need to live your life in a different way and you need to be true to yourself and your needs. You have opened yourself up to a new possibility – to lead a fulfilling life that serves your higher needs and that offers inspiration and hope to others. You feel as though you have had a calling in life, and you are getting much closer to the point where you need to take action. Something that was lying dormant within you, some unconscious knowledge or truth is finally being awakened and brought into the light.

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Correspondence of the Month

Planetary Influences

Sun – power magick, health, prosperity, exorcism

Moon – intuition, dreams, psychic ability, female fertility

Mars – courage, energy, breaking negativity, physical strength

Mercury – divination, communications, knowledge, wisdom

Jupiter – happiness, luck, wealth, healing, male fertility, legal matters

Venus – love, sexual matters, marriage, friendship

Saturn – psychic ability, meditation, defense, communicating with spirits

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Spell of the Month

Casting a Circle

A circle is cast at the beginning of a ritual or ceremony, creating sacred space. When we do this, we create energy and the circle is built to harness that energy, to keep it inside the circle until the participants are ready to release it into the universe to do its work. A circle protects the participants from harm and keeps prying eyes away. The casting of a circle is also the formal beginning of the ceremony.

To cast a circle, all participants must stand inside the area at their appointed posts (North, East, South, West). The practitioner uses a wand, athame or a sword to draw the lines of the circle. Drawing the circle usually begins in the North and is drawn three times in a doesil or clockwise manner while repeating an incantation such as the following:

"Welcome to this sacred space. We are joined here to call upon the spirits. As above" (Practitioner salutes the sky with the athame or wand) "So below" (Practitioner points to the ground). "We call upon the Goddess and the God (or any specific deities with whom you are working). Be with us now to guide and protect us and to aid in our magickal purpose. Hail and welcome."

Begin invoking the elements by facing the EAST. Burning incense and a bowl of sea salt mixed with water are in place on the altar. The practitioner raises her athame or wand and says:

"Hail Guardians of the watchtowers of the EAST,
Powers of AIR!
We invoke you and call you,
Golden Eagle of the Dawn,
Star-seeker, whirlwind,
Rising Sun, come!
By the AIR that is her breath,
Send forth your light.
BE HERE NOW!"

After saying the invocation for each direction, the practitioner traces an invoking pentagram in the air with the athame or wand and sprinkles the salt water three times while saying: "With salt and water I purify the EAST." The practitioners then draws a pentagram with the incense and says three times: "With fire and air, I charge the EAST."

Continue by facing each direction, going deosil (clockwise) and repeating the above actions (replacing EAST with the direction of the element you are calling) with the following invocations

"Hail Guardians of the watchtowers of the SOUTH,
Powers of FIRE!
We invoke you and call you,
Red lion of the noon heat,
Flaming one, Summer's heat and warmth,
Spark of light, come!
By the FIRE that is her spirit,
Send forth your flame.
BE HERE NOW!"

"Hail Guardians of the watchtowers of the WEST,
Powers of WATER!
We invoke you and call you,
Serpent of the watery abyss,
Rain maker, gray-robed twilight,
Evening star, come!
By the WATERS of her living womb,
Send forth your flow.
BE HERE NOW!"

"Hail Guardians of the watchtowers of the NORTH,
Powers of EARTH!
Cornerstone of all power,
We invoke you and call you,
Lady of the outer darkness,
Black bull of midnight, North star,
Center of the stone, mountain, fertile field, come!
By the EARTH that is her body,
Send forth your strength.
BE HERE NOW!"

Standing at the North altar, the practitioner says:

"The Circle is Cast. We are between the worlds, beyond the boundaries of time, where night and day, birth and death, joy and sorrow, meet as one. The fire is lit, THE RITUAL IS BEGUN."

Everyone turns to one another and says "Merry Meet." Kissing each other on the cheek, say: "I join this circle in Perfect Love and in Perfect Trust."

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