## Astrology of February 2025

### Overview of February 2025



We start February 2025 with the Sun in Aquarius, having just had a powerful New Moon of rebirth and regeneration on 29<sup>th</sup> January with Uranus stationary as it turned direct on 30<sup>th</sup>, leaving just Mars and Jupiter retrograde. Jupiter is already slowing, going direct on 4<sup>th</sup> whilst Mars remains retrograde until 24<sup>th</sup> leading us into just five days when all planets are direct (Venus goes retrograde on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and is already in its shadow).

Astrological Imbolc is on 3<sup>rd</sup>, marking the midway point between the Winter Solstice and the upcoming Spring Equinox, already we are halfway through this season! Other significant days are - 4<sup>th</sup> when not only have we got Jupiter going direct but also Venus is the first planet in 2025 to enter Aries, the key sign to be aware of this year, 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> when five planets activate the 18° and 19° mark, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> leading up to the Full Moon, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> as Mars slows then goes direct and 27<sup>th</sup> with the dark of the Moon and a very niggly connection between Saturn and Chiron.

The Full Moon on 12<sup>th</sup> has a testing connection between Uranus, the Sun and Moon and Mercury and follows on from the New Moon in

Aquarius on 29<sup>th</sup> January when Uranus was stationary. This time it is active and encouraging us to let go of our comfort blanket and step forward, to be more authentic and to make the change we want to see in the world.

The New Moon, very early on 28<sup>th</sup> is heavily Piscean and urging us to step into being of higher service whilst bringing old cycles to an end. Old energies of guilt, shame, idealism, escapism and victimhood need to be released and transformed whilst this is a time when the seed of germination of our Soul potential begins.

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Once the Sun enters Pisces on 18<sup>th</sup>, the energies become less steady than at the beginning of the month, and whilst flexibility is a good characteristic to have, especially if change is needed, we need to be careful that we set firm boundaries and stay true to our values, as the tides could drift us off course very easily.

#### Daily astrology of February 2025

As February begins we have Venus, Neptune and the North Node close together in Pisces and Venus, as the fastest moving of the trio, passes over the other two and turns our attention to abundance. What does that word conjure up for you, how abundant do you feel your life is?

If you feel it is lacking in some area, how does that now make you feel? It is easy to slip into victim energies, feeling that we have been overlooked, unlucky, not been given the breaks that others have and if we catch ourselves doing that, it likely comes from an old pattern of 'lack of', poverty consciousness, maybe a few lifetimes of hardship so that we unconsciously feel that we don't deserve or will never achieve abundance. This is old patterning, karmic imprints that we can break out of and that begins when we stop feeling sorry for ourselves or turning the blame outwards and decide that we are going to create our own future. Connecting to Divine abundance we need to fully embrace that we came to thrive, not just to survive and we can be supreme manifestors. There is an infinite well of abundance available to us, we have to believe that and start tapping into it!

Abundance isn't just financial; living abundantly means having abundance, feeling abundant in all areas of our life. We can wish for abundance in love, in health, in time, in fulfilment, in patience, in grace, in joy, in friendships and all close connections as well as in money.

How abundant does your personal garden feel now? What seeds have you already planted, which are growing, which need nurturing and most importantly now, which seeds do you want to sow in which areas of your life to harvest later in the year, or even into next year and beyond?

Astrological Imbolc is on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, marking the midway point between the Winter Solstice (21<sup>st</sup> Dec) and the upcoming Spring Equinox on March 20<sup>th</sup> and is a time to assess where we are. Did we set goals, aims, wishes at the Solstice and if so, where are we in relation to those? Do we feel as if we are on track or do we need to make some adjustments? Sometimes, we can realise that we sowed our seeds in rocky ground and there was never a realistic chance of them growing. Noticing what drove that idea, we can learn to make sure the soil is better prepared and more fertile next time. As the midpoint of Aquarius we can also note our engagement with groups and our community and whether we want to improve or increase those.

Venus reaches the last degree of Pisces, a potent point at the end of the zodiac that Neptune, Pisces' ruler, reached last year before going retrograde. Marking a threshold, as we end a cycle and begin a new one, this point will be activated several times in the coming months as Neptune and Saturn will both enter Aries and later turn retrograde, travelling over that threshold three times. Also on this day, Mercury makes a very helpful connection with Jupiter which is stationary before turning direct the next day.

The mind is the key factor to be aware of here and for us to be in control of our thoughts, not the other way around. It will be far too easy for us to get stuck in trains of thought and to overthink whilst, if we tap into the positive help, we can find alternative viewpoints, innovative solutions and brilliant new ideas. Find a balance between thinking and the imagination, between logic and idealism. These energies are subtle but potent and could bring up despair, hopelessness and helplessness. Jupiter going direct and Venus changing signs the next day will bring much more empowering energies and a renewed battle spirit.

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After yesterday's (3<sup>rd</sup>) feelings of hopelessness or despair we have Venus, the feminine archetype entering Mars', the masculine archetype's home sign of Aries. Welcome, the female warrior! Mars is currently the only retrograde in the chart, helping us to review and change masculine expression and makes an interesting square to Chiron, which is also in Aries and represents a karmic wound. So there will undoubtedly be old karma making itself known and the combination of Mars and Venus turns our attention fully to rebalancing of masculine and feminine.

And Jupiter turns direct, although it will take a few days for it to regain its momentum and its expansive qualities add to a sense of the ignition of an inner flame, a reignited glow and fire in the belly to take action, to do something, to move forwards, maybe even to do battle, but this won't be in the old, masculine gung-ho competitive, angry, very direct way, as this is about feminine empowerment!

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The Waxing (growing) half Moon is early on 5<sup>th</sup>, marking the mid-way point between the previous New Moon (29<sup>th</sup> Jan) and the upcoming Full Moon on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. Look out for stubborn, entrenched viewpoints and we need to make sure that we are not being obstinate or deliberately rebellious. What are we resisting or are we staying in our comfort zone, putting too much value in the material world or indulging ourselves in some way?

The upcoming Full Moon will build tension and frustration at what isn't working and where change needs to happen. If we continue to resist, we might find that the Universe intervenes, so we can lessen the need for strong forces to shift us if we let go of our resistance and entrenched views, loosen up, allow things to flow and embrace change.

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From 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, several planets come into alignment, connecting with each other as they reach 18° and 19°. Mercury is close behind the Sun as part of its retrograde pattern and will cross over it on 9<sup>th</sup> and retrograde Mars and Saturn join them at 18°. As Mercury and the Sun move on they then connect with Chiron at 19° and Mars and Saturn then have a very helpful connection on 9<sup>th</sup> as Mercury crosses over the Sun, giving us what feels like a positive ending after the earlier connections which were all a bit agitated.

The first four connections are all niggly, activators stirring the pot, bringing unrest, mental irritation, annoyance and making us too much in our heads whilst the last four bring some hope and resolution, but we do need to tap into it and take control of our thoughts. Fear is something we need to look out for and survival instincts could be triggered and invoke it. We need to make sure we are not buying into fear, to practise selfcare, to self-nurture, not just physical but mental, being kind to ourselves and using whatever methods we have in our toolbox to calm the mind and find inner peace.

With Neptune and the North Node also crossing on 7<sup>th</sup> (therefore Neptune is opposing the South Node), and with Chiron involved, there will be karmic themes arising amongst what we are feeling.

If you have you own chart I would suggest checking to see if you have any planets at 18° or 19° as they are going to be activated in some way. Tensions rise as we come close to the Full Moon on 12<sup>th</sup>. The key feature of that is undoubtedly a testing T-square with Uranus squaring the opposing Sun and Moon which form the Full Moon, with Mercury having passed over the Sun and therefore just ahead of it, both being in Aquarius. Uranus is the kick-ass planet, that of revolutionary change that is always encouraging us to become our authentic selves and it has extra impact here as it rules Aquarius and is challenging the Sun/Moon balance that we would naturally be seeking here.

This Full Moon on the Leo (Moon)/Aquarius (Sun) axis often brings up the duality of the heart and mind which we ultimately want to work well together. The Leo Moon can also bring up old rulership issues, arrogance, thinking that they know best and what is right for others and it is where, in the chart, we would find ego. Many of us in the past might have been in some type of rulership role, but not everyone rules in the same way. There are those who look down on their 'subjects' and there are also those who rule from the heart (Leo) and display instead, the generous nature of that sign; they are benefactors and use their 'power' wisely.

Mercury will square Uranus first on 10<sup>th</sup> and then the Sun copies on 11<sup>th</sup> with the Full Moon on 12<sup>th</sup>. Look out for these tensions rising, focus and direct the power of the mind in positive ways, connect it to the heart to use it for positive rebellion, reform and to shake things up where needed.

Read my astrology for the Full Moon for more thoughts on how this might play out.

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Lots of sayings came into my head for this Full Moon, with Uranus making a prominent activation of the Sun and Moon which naturally oppose each other to make a Full Moon. The first saying was –

You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs,

and the second was -

All great changes are preceded by chaos.

The third was –

We must be the change we want to see in the world

And finally -

If we don't change things, things won't change.

I could probably leave my musings there, but let's look a little deeper, expand a little more. Uranus is the kick ass planet and now direct, is doing just that. It doesn't disrupt things for no reason and although its chaos can be unsettling and when in full flow, act like a bolt of lightning, its purpose is to bring much needed change. It is revolutionary, rather than Pluto's slow evolutionary change. If you want help to become more authentic, call on Uranus.

On a personal level, if we are resisting much needed change, staying in our comfort zone and ignoring the offers of the Universe to shift, Uranus will pick us up and put us down where we need to be, and then we have to sort out the mess created afterwards. So, the stronger its shock and unexpected impact, the more stuck we are and the greater force was needed to shift us out of that stuck place. Liken it to the amount of dynamite needed to blow something out of a hole; the deeper and more entrenched it is, the more dynamite will be needed!

This type of energy can feel like the underlying tension of a storm brewing. Whilst it will build for a couple of days before the Full Moon, we won't necessarily get a lightning strike but the energies will definitely show us what we are uncomfortable with, what is annoying us, what we have outgrown; in other words, where change is needed.

So look for the tension, what old pattern are you wanting to break out of, what pressures and strain are you feeling? If you feel that it is something that is out of your control, maybe that futility or helplessness is the old pattern that needs changing. We can't change outside influences but CAN change our responses and what we do. What comfort zone have we been stuck in and afraid to come out of? Are we afraid to stand up and be seen or counted? Are we afraid to really step into our authentic power?

If we think our voice is insignificant, too small, won't make a difference, another saying comes to mind –

# If you think you are too small to make a difference, spend the night with a mosquito!

The energies of Aquarius support group activities, coming together to make a tribe, finding a common cause to make a difference and we are being encouraged to step out of our comfort zone and do what we can to make the world a better place. It doesn't have to be big, grand or public, positive energies spread like ripples. What would happen if we smiled to someone today and they passed that on?

What can I do, I'm just one person.....said several million people.

Let your comfort blanket go and step forwards, you Soul and the world needs you.

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Mercury is active from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive, forging ahead of the Sun and initiating connections, with the Sun following not far behind. Mercury niggles with the Nodes and Neptune on 13<sup>th</sup> before entering Pisces on 14<sup>th</sup> and contacting Pluto on 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be hard to differentiate fact from fiction or our minds could have difficulty processing some far out fantasies of others. This all comes down to beliefs and of course, we all have different ones. What is essential now and in the coming months is for us to calm and centre the mind, to shut out the outside noise, and find inner calm and peace from which we can find the only truth – our truth. Connect your mind with your heart for complete inner knowing and to find the calm within a storm.

Mercury in Pisces can bring creativity, imagination, connection to Spirit and the arts but can also amp up idealism, escapism, old wounds of suffering and shroud our thoughts with a misty veil that can make it almost impossible to discern the truth. So we need our wits about us and to be alert to the fact that things might not be as they are portrayed, or as we perceive them. In fact, 'perception' is a very good word for this placement – what is our perception? That is not the same as the truth.

Moving quite quickly now, Mercury is only in Pisces until 3<sup>rd</sup> March when it enters Aries but it will retrograde back into the last 4 degrees of Pisces at the end of March and beginning of April and if clarity is needed, it might not come until 3<sup>rd</sup> onwards.

Revealing truth is one of the gifts of the Silver Violet Flame and if you are interested in learning about this, being initiated into it and becoming acquainted with its custodian, Lady Ascended Master Portia, patroness of 2025, I am running a course in March in which you can do this. More details here - <u>https://calendly.com/crystalsandastrology/apprenticeship-to-lady-portia-3-week-course?back=1&month=2025-03</u>

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16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> sees the Sun following on from Mercury (see above), making niggly connections to the Nodes and Neptune then reaching the last degree of Aquarius before entering Pisces on 18<sup>th</sup>, when Mercury will connect with Venus, who is slowing before beginning her retrograde on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Mars, Venus' masculine counterpart is also slowing, but preparing to go direct, currently being the only retrograde in the chart. So we can get a sense that there will be a sea change in the balance of masculine and feminine energy next month.

For now, we need to positively deploy the Aquarian characteristics of thinking outside of the box, being authentic, breaking the rules (what rules?) and being a positive rebel, rather than a destructive one. We could get too in the head or stuck in old trains of thought and that can become entrenched viewpoints.

As the Sun enters Pisces, stuckness should dissipate with a much more fluid energy that can also bring idealism and feelings of hopelessness, helplessness, persecution or suffering. Pisces has my longest list of key words and I seem to keep adding to it! Positively it can help us to be compassionate, increase our psychic connections, increase the imagination and artistic abilities and is the last sign of the zodiac, so where we can step off of the karmic wheel.

Notice what arises on 19<sup>th</sup> with that Mercury/Venus connection. Is it relationships, values, finance, self-worth? How healthy or positive are our thoughts or are we struggling with something mentally? Themes arising now could be part of what we will be reworking during Venus's retrograde and the point in the chart that Venus occupies from 20<sup>th</sup> for 2-3 weeks, is also the point at which Mercury goes retrograde and the New Moon and Solar Eclipse occur on 29<sup>th</sup> March! More on that soon!

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The Waxing half Moon on 20th coincides with a testing square between Mercury and Jupiter and a growing niggly connection between Pluto and the Sun, following on from Mercury's same connection on 15<sup>th</sup>. With the combination of Pluto's power and control energies, a lack of cohesion between the mind and the intuition and an aversion to looking at the detail or what is really going on, the serenity prayer came to my mind;-

Please grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change, courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

And it is that last part, concerning the wisdom that seems key here. Wise use of power is important, knowing when to use it and when to let things be. The mind is going to want to win its battle with the intuition, in fact it could be pretty adamant, but nothing should override our instincts – trust them!

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On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> we will feel Mars slowing but as it will be turning direct on 24<sup>th</sup>, not retrograde, this usually feels less potent. However, whenever the planet of action has its energy slowed or curbed, it can be like a caged lion so there is always the potential for frustration to build and for anger to erupt. Either we can descend into couch potatoes, completely lacking in motivation or energy or we can be high-wired and not knowing what to do what that stored energy. As Mars is currently in the watery sign of Cancer, one of its least favourite places to visit, with the water dampening its natural fire, we could feel an increase in sensitivity, find nostalgia creeping up on us and unresolved emotions from the past could dominate our thoughts.

Take note of the scenarios and what about them causes you to feel upset. Review them with the wisdom of who you are now and think about how you would do things differently now, or in the future. Don't get stuck in the hurt or the past or let anger consume you, it can be used positively to motivate you to make positive change. Mars makes a helpful connection with Mercury, the planet of the mind and communication, when it is virtually at a standstill, so we can utilise this support and trust our intuition to guide us.

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Mars turns direct very early on 24<sup>th</sup> February and we then have all planets direct, but only for five days as Venus goes retrograde on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Mars will be getting up to speed as Venus begins to slow so we won't experience the sense of freewheeling downhill that we can get when all planets are direct for a period of time.

However we will soon begin to feel Mars's flame of motivation flickering inside us, encouraging us to pick up the threads of unfinished projects, discard those we have decided no longer are runners and to sow the seeds of new ones that we have been planning over the last couple of months. Its flame will grow in strength and soon we can feel our physical energy returning. Before we get those running shoes on, we need to have a clear idea of who and what we want to put our energies into from now on and Mercury passing over Saturn on 25<sup>th</sup>, also making a niggly connection to Chiron, helps us to blend our imagination with practicality, heal old wounds of suffering, guilt, shame, feeling ineffective and unable to challenge or take action when things are challenging.

Saturn and Chiron will make their own connection on 27<sup>th</sup> and this has been brewing and in the background for most of the month, underlying the percolation and festering of some old karmic wounds. This is also the dark of the Moon and will add to despondency, gloom, disappointment and feelings of suffering. These are old energies that need to be faced and released. Allow them to surface, turn the light on and face them. Help comes in the form of Uranus who makes a potentially helpful connection to Mercury also on 27<sup>th</sup>, but this does need to be tapped into.

You could also call on Lady Portia and her Silver Violet Flame as she brings powerful feminine energies of justice, truth and deep transformation, especially of shadow energies

Below is a prayer to her, courtesy of Edwin Courtenay.

# LADY PORTIA PRAYER

OH GREAT LADY OF SILVER, PORTIA OF THE 9TH RAY

WE CALL UPON YOUR LOVE AND YOUR GOOD GRACES

SHE WHO IS KNOWN BY MANY NAMES - TASHIA, MARTHA, MORGAN, CORA,

GUARD AND GUIDE US IN OUR SUFFERING THAT WE MIGHT UNDERSTAND,

BLESSED BY YOUR WISDOM AND CHAMPIONED BY YOUR HAND,

TRANSFORMED BY YOUR SILVER VIOLET FLAME AND DELIVERED FREE AND SOVEREIGN FROM ALL ANXIETY AND SORROW

IN LOVE WE ASK THIS AND IN LIGHT AND IN THE GODDESSES NAME

SO MOTE IT BE AMEN

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The New Moon in Pisces is at 00:45 on 28<sup>th</sup> February so many will experience it late on 27<sup>th</sup>.

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As the year continues, energies of rebirth and renewal spring boldly forth, green shoots push through the soil to meet the warmth and growth of the Sun. This is the beginning of a completely new cycle. In my Goodbye 24, Welcome 25 workshop I described one of this year's main themes as:-

Entering a new chapter both globally, collectively and personally, new beginnings

Before a new chapter can begin, we have to end the old one and that means releasing old energies, ending old patterns, saying goodbye to the old versions of ourselves and making space for the new to emerge. Driven by our Soul intentions, instincts and inner knowing and wisdom, we have to make a conscious choice to step forward on our Higher path. Deep in our hearts we sense it, we feel it, we know it.

Trust that inner knowing, feel it, trust it, embrace it, hold on to it.

Feel its spark within your heart grow and flicker into a flame, feel the flame grow, and grow and grow until it encompasses your whole body, your energy field, uniting mind, body and Soul.

Be courageous, be you, be true to your Soul and Spirit. TRUST them, and they will guide you onwards.

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