

## Astrology of February 2026

### Overview of February 2026



The more I looked into February, the more powerful I realised that it is and forms not just a pivotal moment in this year but also in time and very importantly, in our ascension process. As it begins, we have just Jupiter and Uranus retrograde but Uranus is already slowing before changing direction on 4<sup>th</sup> leaving just Jupiter up until 26<sup>th</sup> when Mercury also goes retrograde.

After a major reshuffling of the personal planets last month, the Sun is now between Mars at the rear and Venus in front of it (Venus and Mars were the other way around before) with Mercury ahead of Venus, so all these are ahead of Pluto and all in Aquarius until they one by one move into Pisces.

This month's most significant change is a Valentine's present very early on 14<sup>th</sup> (GMT) as Saturn re-enters Aries whilst one of the most potent days of the month is on 20<sup>th</sup> as Saturn finally catches up with Neptune and they meet at 0° Aries, the very beginning of the zodiac, representing a personal and collective rebirth. You can read more on this in my latest video <https://youtu.be/dWYnms5D4pc>. One description I have heard and liked, was that we are currently in cocoons, waiting to emerge from

our chrysalis and Saturn's change puts the final piece of this phase into place with the Eclipse (17<sup>th</sup>) beginning the birth process (see below).

Astrological Imbolc occurs on 3<sup>rd</sup> as the Sun reaches the midway point between the Winter Solstice and the upcoming Spring Equinox on 20<sup>th</sup> March and offers an opportunity to take stock of where we are and to see if we need to adjust our sails for the second half of this quarter.

The Full Moon occurs on 1<sup>st</sup>, starting the month and takes us into two final weeks of major karmic clearing as Saturn reaches the end of Pisces. The cluster of Aquarian planets could take us too much into the head whilst we are being encouraged to do some final releasing and to reignite our heart spark, so that we can begin to shine it brighter, as we begin our rebirth.

That rebirth begins at the first eclipse of the year at the New Moon on 17<sup>th</sup> and is activated the day before by a key square between newly direct Uranus to the Sun. The Sun and Moon are together, between Mars and Venus and Saturn and Neptune are both at zero degrees of Aries, the very beginning of the zodiac and are three days away from meeting. Significantly, and adding to the energies, the Solar Eclipse will be ringed, where it is visible (not in the UK). 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> are incredibly important days to be noted, and to be aware of and the combination of unique and unfamiliar happenings and energies could make us feel disorientated, unsure and maybe a little dazed as we emerge from our cocoons and start feeling our way around, metaphorically in our new bodies.

The Sun enters Pisces on 18<sup>th</sup>, the day after the Eclipse, marking another new phase and then makes niggly connections to Saturn and Neptune on 19<sup>th</sup> before they meet on 20<sup>th</sup>.

In the midst of these major changes, we almost miss Mercury entering its shadow on 12<sup>th</sup> and turning retrograde on 26<sup>th</sup> and instead of being a major influence of the month, it is almost a secondary, background influence, but nonetheless important. Very interestingly, I noticed that it has very few connections in its shadow and during the retrograde, making these even more significant. More on that next month, but it is worth noting that it passes back over Venus on the last day of February.

In the last year we have been weaving dreams of the future, imagining, trying on for size, ideas of what our ideal life, what our vocation and what

being of highest service and stepping into what we intended to do, will look like.

February, after Saturn's ingress into Aries, is when we begin to step into those dreams, to begin to make those dreams into reality. Our inner knowing will be stronger than ever before and we must trust it!

### Daily astrology of February 2026



This potent month of February begins with its Full Moon at 22:00 on 1st. The Sun is in Aquarius and between Mars and Venus. Behind Mars is Pluto and ahead of Venus strides Mercury, so there are five planets in Aquarius with the Sun in the middle. In the next sign, Pisces, we have the North Node and almost at the end of Pisces lies Saturn, often called the Lord of karma. Just ahead, within sight, lies its future destination, Aries, with Neptune only just having entered this fiery sign that indicates birth and rebirth, the beginning of our Soul mission and a brand new cycle for us all. (For more details on Saturn and Neptune in Aries this year and their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup>, see my latest You Tube video, 2026 Part Two).

Saturn's journey in the next two weeks, traversing the last two degree of the zodiac brings old energies to the surface, reacquainting us with karma that does not belong in our future. These last degrees of Pisces, the end of the zodiac, the end of the cycle, offer the chance to step off of the karmic wheel.

Forming the Full Moon, the Moon is opposite the Sun in the sign of Leo, behind it is retrograde Jupiter and the South Node leads this trio. Uranus is the only other retrograde and is already slowing, preparing to go direct on 4<sup>th</sup> and is another indicator of the changing energies and potential that lies ahead.

Despite the Moon representing old energies and the Sun representing Soul intentions, the chart has a heaviness and more intensity with the tighter cluster of planets including the Sun which contrast with the three opposite which feel more spacious and less crowded. The cluster feels weighty, heavy, the lines on the chart indicating the oppositions feel like kite strings. We are trying to fly, but there is too much weight, it is holding us down, stopping us from taking off.

This Full Moon axis always shows us contrast between the head (Aquarius, Air) and the heart (Leo, Fire) and can reveal where the spark of the heart has been dimmed or hidden and is not shining our light into the world. In just two weeks at the Solar Eclipse we will begin emerging from our cocoons, a rebirth and a reawakening, an initiation; uncertain of the newness of our bodies but with an inner knowing that we have new superpowers, yet to be discovered and harnessed. We will be ready to take off and fly.

The mind resists, it wants to debate, to discuss and reason, to understand, to know, but true understanding and knowing reside in the heart. Rather than a constantly moving, seeking energy, it is steady, still, certain, knowing.

Over the next two weeks, can we witness what the mind stresses on, what it is holding onto and what doesn't align with our rebirth and the pending new version of ourselves?

Can we allow the past and anything that is holding us back and dimming our light, to go, to allow it to dissolve without resistance, to surrender instead to peace and love within our heart?

When your mind is busy, place your right hand over your heart, connecting to its natural rhythm, feeling its beat beneath your palm and gently follow your cycle of breath, in and out. Sense the spark of fire, a candle just lit, its small flicker echoing the golden rays of the growing Sun. And see it gradually begin to burn brighter and stronger.

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3rd February is the astrological point of Imbolc as the Sun reaches the midway point between the Winter Solstice and the upcoming Spring Equinox on 20<sup>th</sup> March and offers an opportunity to take stock of where we are and to see if we need to adjust our sails for the second half of this quarter. Energetically and emotionally, it increases hope as we begin to sense Spring and the re-emergence of plants and flowers as the Sun strengthens. This year it coincides with Uranus slowing and turning direct the next day so might feel a little as if we are suspended, waiting to start moving forwards again, and often those energies can seep into the unconscious and bring an air of excitement. Saturn also reaches 29° Pisces, the last degree of the zodiac and over the next 10 days, it will have one last go at showing us major, unhealed karma especially fears, issues around authority and where we perceive lack and limitation.

Mercury and Chiron, which represents karmic wounding, add to the karmic undertones early on 3<sup>rd</sup> and another dimension comes from the Nodes making niggly connections to Mars. Then on 4<sup>th</sup>, Venus makes the same connection to Chiron that Mercury made, further evolving that first contact.

Watch what the mind is up to, is it getting stuck in a rut of old thinking, are we trying too hard to rationalise and work things out, bypassing the emotions and the power of the heart? That is the only place where we can ascertain the truth and know who, or what to trust.

Other karmic themes that could surface relate to loneliness, feeling unsupported, alienated or feeling wounded for being 'different' in some way.

The time is drawing near, when we can step onto our unique path, courageously and with an inner knowing that we are 'doing the right thing'. Others' opinions of us will not matter, we can stand strongly in our centre and just be us. Let go of the need for validation, respect or acceptance from outside. Love and accept yourself for your uniqueness.

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Jupiter and the Sun could blow things a bit out of proportion on 5<sup>th</sup> although Jupiter is retrograde and will internalise what it, and the Sun don't agree on. It could be difficult to practise much-needed self-care as other things take precedence or people pull our attention and need our care and the other connection of the day, a challenging square between Mercury and Uranus fuels frustration, defensiveness and impulsiveness.

We will also need to watch our thoughts and communication as the other two contacts involve Mercury who interacts with Uranus which will be barely moving but also encouraging us, through its rebellious nature, to look at what isn't authentic to us and where we need to make changes. Rather than getting angry or doing battle with ourselves or others, this needs to be more positively channelled. Physical action, walking, jogging, running, star jumps on the spot if you can't get outside, something physical that expends energy pretty quickly, will help to channel the energies more positively. Don't let this build or become stagnant, and instead find an outlet and also, take note of the source of the annoyance so that you can find what isn't working. It probably needs to go!

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After a challenging square with Uranus on 5<sup>th</sup>, Mercury moves to the last degree of Aquarius on 6<sup>th</sup> where it makes a niggly connection to Saturn which is at the last degree of Pisces and of the zodiac. From here, Saturn is having one last push at alerting us to old karma that is ripe for clearing and Mercury's position in Aquarius suggests that we will be shown old, outdated thought patterns or where we are getting stuck in our heads and not trusting our emotions and our heart. Not everything can be thought through and a resolution found through the mind and the Full Moon on 1<sup>st</sup> drew our attention to the heart/mind contrast and where it was out of balance.

Drop down into your heart and try to feel, not think! There is also a rebelliousness to this energy, whilst positively, it can help us to think outside of the box and find innovative solutions, whilst Saturn, in contrast, is going to want structure and to limit us.

Mercury then moves into Pisces where it will have its first retrograde of the year later in the month. In this watery sign, idealism can creep in, focus can become difficult and old suffering, guilt, nostalgia and despair can surface when things aren't going well. Positively, our thinking can

align with our intuition and our imagination will be heightened, although this too, needs to be deployed positively and can be expressed through the arts and creative pursuits. The more nebulous side of this position will be shown to us quite quickly as, within hours of changing sign, Mercury makes a niggly connection to Neptune which rules Pisces. This would usually greatly enhance the nebulous nature, however Neptune is now in Aries, at zero degrees, the first sign of the zodiac, from where it is sowing the seeds of a spiritual rebirth.

Spot the old and then let it go and reach for the new, the innovative, the future you that you want to be and become.

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Venus is following Mercury at the moment and is therefore repeating the same connections Mercury makes, a few days later. On 8<sup>th</sup>, it repeats Mercury's challenging square to Uranus (5<sup>th</sup>) which is now picking up more speed, helping this second contact to flow more easily and to bring about more of a positive outcome. Uranus can pick us up and put us down where we need to be, it brings revolutionary and much needed change, but that can feel disruptive initially as it is usually unexpected.

Venus' themes involve close connections, finances, self-worth and values and any of these areas could receive a challenge and a shake-up. Don't resist, trust that whatever occurs is what is needed, even though the change might challenge our sense of safety and security but that will be needed to break us out of a comfort zone. Let the dust settle and then we will be able to see that, although initially uncomfortable, this was exactly what was needed!

Leading into the early hours of 9<sup>th</sup>, Mercury niggles with Pluto adding a power dynamic, and could show us where we give our power away, even if that is just to our thoughts! Are we caught in suffering, guilt, victimhood or despair? It will be difficult to acknowledge and understand those feelings as they will be heightened by the waxing half Moon later in the day in deep Scorpio, which Pluto rules.

It's time to release old hurts that we too regularly get lost in or equally, have buried, it's time to take our power back, to empower ourselves, and to find a healthier mind/emotional balance going forwards.

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Venus is active on 10<sup>th</sup>, firstly as she reaches the end of Aquarius where she makes a niggly connection to Saturn before changing signs, entering Pisces where she then makes the same connection to Neptune. The importance to note here is that Saturn and Neptune are very close and meet exactly, on 20<sup>th</sup> but, right now, they are in different signs. So the first connection to Saturn triggers that last degree of the zodiac, the end of the karmic wheel whilst that to Neptune represents the new energies that we want to step into, a rebirth at zero degrees of Aries, the beginning of the zodiac.

These two connections are about 16 hours apart with the sign change in the middle so there are close but hopefully, discernible steps that help us to spot the old pattern and the new.

What do we want to leave behind, what do we want to take forwards with us?

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On 11<sup>th</sup>, there is just one connection between the Sun and Chiron and is the type that we need to tap into, at first showing us the difficulties, their difference, how these two don't get on, and then we can begin to find their common ground, to work out their strengths and how those can be blended in mutual cooperation.

Chiron represents karmic wounds so should be easily spottable here and if you are unsure, look for the feeling of a deep hurt opening up, maybe a simple occurrence that to others might be a minor source of upset or annoyance but act to you, as a major trigger re-opening an old scar that you recognise. When Chiron shows us a wound, we can be surprised at how deeply we react.

In contrast to Chiron's intense emotions, the Sun is in non-emotional Aquarius, so our first reaction might not be felt but occurs in the mind, as a thought. although no thought bothers us unless there is a strong emotion connected to it! Maybe the wound is that we are stuck in an old thought, are reactionally rebellious or that we are trying to engage the mind whilst ignoring our feelings and there will be karmic undertones brewing from Mercury's later connection to the Nodes, see tomorrow's astrology.

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Mercury enters its shadow on 12<sup>th</sup>, meaning that the point in the zodiac it is then at, around 8° Pisces, is the furthest point it will retrograde back to and then go direct. The territory it covers over the coming 25 days is the part that it will retrograde back over and themes that occur from the connections made from now until it turns retro on 26<sup>th</sup> will be re-worked during the retrograde.

Following on from the previous day's astrology, Mercury's first contact in its shadow period occurs very shortly into it, when it passes over the North Node, therefore opposing the South Node. This follows on from yesterday's astrology and although the karmic association of these might make us go, *Oh no, not more karma*, the good news here is that the North Node represents what we are working towards, what we want to embrace and therefore will make it much easier to spot and embrace that, rather than falling back into the old, default pattern. Remember that we are days away from a new beginning, a rebirth, and no effort will be wasted at releasing the old and the past and stepping towards the future. And Saturn is in its last days in Pisces, yippee! Hang in there!

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Saturn is right at the end of Pisces, in its very last karmic throes at the end of the zodiac, poised to re-enter Aries not long after midnight on 14<sup>th</sup>, so 13<sup>th</sup> in some time zones. What a lovely Valentine's day present! On 13<sup>th</sup>, as it is hours away from this massive change, Venus and Mars, the feminine and masculine archetypes of the chart both have niggly connections so will undoubtedly be showing us old, unbalanced masculine and feminine energies, either externally or internally.

Venus's connection is with Pluto the planet of power and control but in the collective sign of Aquarius where it is encouraging and empowering us, individually and as a collective to reclaim our power.

Mars, the warrior planet, in contrast to peace-loving Venus, niggles with the only retrograde in the chart, Jupiter, which can blow things up and make them unmissable, although its retrograde can soften that energy. This time, it offers more of a chance to review and change a very old pattern, possibly one deeply embedded in the collective consciousness about how we have given our power away and how powers beyond us, have fuelled and engineered wars. The move towards peace in the collective is growing and 'our' voice is growing with it. Grab any

(peaceful) opportunity you can, to take your power back and become a positive empowering force for peace.

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And so it begins.....

Very early on 14<sup>th</sup> February, Saturn re-enters Aries. It dipped its toes into this initiating first sign of the zodiac last year, before retrograding back into Pisces where it has been giving us the opportunity to clear old karma and step off of the karmic wheel, together with Neptune who has already re-entered this sign of rebirth. They will meet on 20<sup>th</sup> whilst both still at zero degrees but beforehand, there is a powerful New Moon and Solar Eclipse on 17<sup>th</sup>, which is when we can begin to emerge from our cocoons, to be reborn and to step fully onto our ascension path and into our Soul purpose.

The light of a new dawn is peeping over the horizon, deep reds and oranges glow after the dark of the night. It's not fully dawn yet, but we sense its promise, we sense hope and know deep within us, that soon the growing, golden rays of the Sun will warm our bodies and our hearts as they reach us.

*Not quite, my love, not just yet. Rest a while longer, soon it will be time.*

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In the dark of the Moon on 16<sup>th</sup>, the Sun and Uranus, which brings revolutionary change, meet for the first time since Uranus went direct. This can be a challenging square but can also activate, and feels like it is igniting the fire of change and positive rebellion beneath us. Uranus wants us to throw off what no longer fits, what was inherited or put on as a defensive or protective layer at some point. It reaches into those areas where we might not be comfortable and want change but lack the courage, self-belief, trust or drive to step out of the old. To do this, it can act like a thorn in our bed, irritating, making us increasingly fed up until the discomfort peaks and fuels us to get up and do something about it! If we resist, it can find a way to tip us out when we least expect it. Because this energy can build like a pressure cooker, it can peak in advance so be aware of brewing tension on 15<sup>th</sup> that might suddenly erupt in some way.

Mercury and the only retrograde in the chart, Jupiter, have a very beneficial connection and this will help to overcome the shadow emotions that can usually occur at this Moon phase. We could gain insight into how we have been neglecting ourselves and realise the benefits of self-care. There is a glowing ember of – *now it's time for me* – and that will grow over the coming days.

The first eclipse of the year is on 17<sup>th</sup> and the time before can feel a bit weird, like we are in a no-man's-land or waiting for something to happen, and that is particularly apt for this eclipse, see tomorrow's astrology!

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The Sun and Uranus squared yesterday whilst Mercury had a lovely trine to Jupiter, although it is retrograde and today, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026, we experience the first eclipse of the year.

But this is not just an 'ordinary' eclipse, this is a pivotal moment in both the year and in our lifetimes. With Saturn and Neptune now both in Aries, at zero degrees, we begin to emerge from our cocoons, to rise from the ashes, to step into our Soul mission. It's not an overnight process and will gradually build. I remember when I went to a butterfly farm, seeing those newly emerged hanging on a piece of wood and apparently they do this for several hours, allowing the wings to dry out before they fly.

The following day, 18<sup>th</sup>, the Sun will enter Pisces and early on 19<sup>th</sup> at zero degrees it makes niggly, activating connections to Saturn and Neptune. On 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturn and Neptune meet and this will be a major activation point.

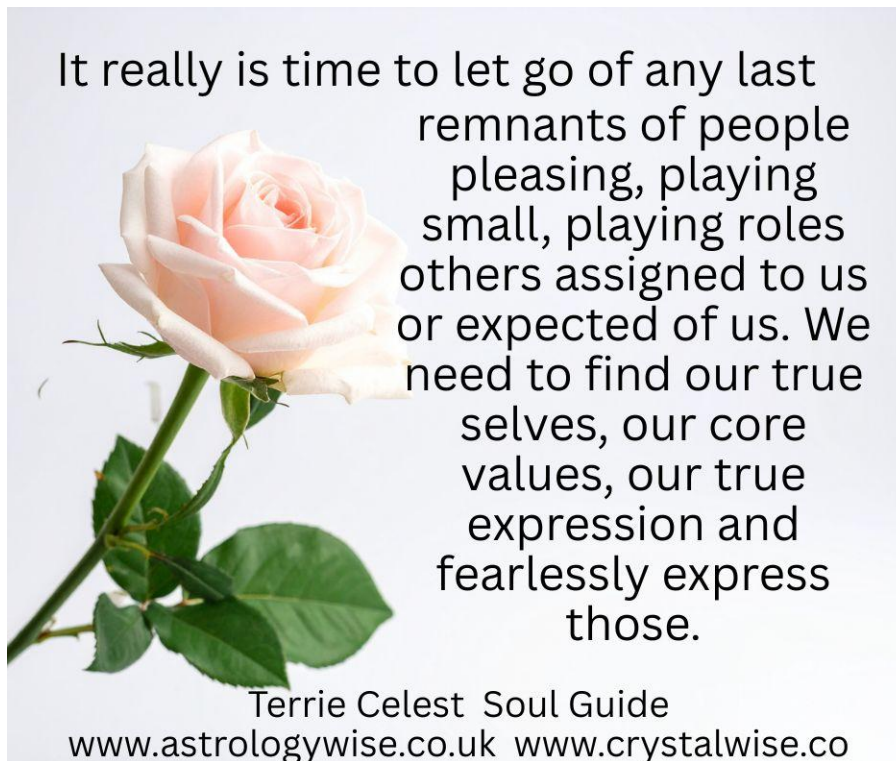
All eclipses can feel odd, like the air is still or there's something going on in the background but we don't know what and this will be no different in that sense but will be increased due to the ascension aspect of this momentous moment. Emerging from our cocoons, we are going to feel rather strange, a bit lost, unsure, as if we have woken up in a strange body, in a strange place. What is going on? What happens now? What do I do? All valid questions and understandable, in the circumstances.

However, as much as we can, it is important that we get out of our heads as that is the old energy! We need to trust that, as much as we have no idea what is going on or how the future will unfold, that we are finally on the right track, we are stepping forwards on our future timeline.

Part of this change is due to the ending of the old 'system' of karma and the upgrade in our akashic records and will enable us to access higher information from new timelines. Jeni Powell is hosting a series of three short, weekly webinars starting on 17<sup>th</sup>, alongside her guide Guiseppe and with the Council of 12 that will help us to navigate his eclipse period and assist us with this major change. You can find out more and book here:-

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Although already mentioned in the New Moon and Solar Eclipse astrology, as the days following are really a continuation, I will repeat them separately due to their importance. The word I am now getting is 'sequence' which demonstrates that they are all contributing to a greater whole, so to speak.

On 18<sup>th</sup> firstly, the Sun reaches 29° Aquarius, ramping up the expressions of that futuristic sign. Rebelliousness, stubbornness of old thinking patterns could surface whilst one of the key expressions and encouragements that it brings is to be our true, authentic selves and not try to fit into other people's boxes. It really is time to let go of any last remnants of people pleasing, playing small, playing roles others assigned to us or expected of us. We need to find our true selves, our core values, our true expression and fearlessly express those.

The Sun stepping into Pisces at this stage is interesting and some might think confusing or taking a step 'backwards' as we have just made a large collective exhale of relief that Saturn and Neptune have finally left this sign! We've just stepped out of all that karma clearing, we don't want more! So it is important to remember the role of the Sun as our core, Soul expression and it is through this prime luminary that we get to embody and express ourselves. And we are always endeavouring to express the higher vibrations of a sign, what can be called the 'positive' traits. Fear not, this is not taking us back into the depths of the karmic

pits again, although we might see echoes over the coming month, finer layers that can more easily float away and also we will see little tests of old energies that we will realise no longer trigger or affect us as deeply.

Having cleared the karma from this sign, it now enables us to more readily tap into its positive expressions and it is here that we can find a truer spiritual connection and our Higher purpose, being of Higher service. Now we can embody and express kindness and compassion at a much deeper level than ever before.

So this is like the test; we've learnt the theory, can we begin to put it into practise?

Pisces is the third and last sign in this quarter and takes us up to the Spring Equinox on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Saturn and Neptune are newly in Aries, both at zero degrees, marking an initiation, a rebirth, new beginnings and are almost exactly together, meeting precisely on 20<sup>th</sup> at 16:54 GMT. Yesterday (18<sup>th</sup>) the Sun entered Pisces, the sign that they left and where they had together been bringing old karma to the surface and helping us step off of the karmic wheel. Our Akashic records are being upgraded, we are stepping onto our highest timelines and we are being reborn and with the Sun entering Pisces yesterday, at zero degrees early on 19<sup>th</sup> it makes niggly contacts in turn to Saturn and Neptune. This is partly stirring up old Piscean energies that have yet to evaporate and partly testing the new, emphasising and bringing to our attention the contrast between the two.

Old patterns, default, unconscious or even conscious but no longer welcome, can be difficult to shift and we are deeply programmed to fear change and the new. All this talk of rebirths, new cycles and unknown territory is going to be a big trigger to the part of us that holds that fear and wants to know what is going to happen and wants to keep us safe.

But this IS part of the old energy, fear, needing to know, being too much in our heads and not in our hearts where we can learn to truly trust. So if you feel the butterflies creeping in, a mind wobble that doubts any part of this happening or your abilities to step onto your highest timeline just acknowledge it, thank it for showing up, acknowledge that it is on the old timeline and mentally see the new timeline to your right and step very consciously, deliberately and determinedly onto it.



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**20th February 2026**  
**Saturn meets Neptune**  
**at zero degrees of Aries**

**Rebirth**  
**initiation**  
**Our Highest Spiritual calling**  
**Our Highest Timeline**  
**Phoenix rising from the ashes**

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Saturn and Neptune meet on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006, at zero degrees Aries. I've written copiously on this and been mentioning it for ages and you might be expecting a clap of thunder and a bolt of lightning to come down from the sky due to the enormity that myself, and other astrologers are putting on this one connection. And whilst this is true, I also say,



please don't expect anything major! That might seem like a contradiction, let me explain.

I offer three reasons. Firstly the planets are conjunct, meaning that they meet at the same degree and can merge their energies although we might first see their differences but then the most helpful blend of their strengths can be found as they work together, for the greater good of both.

Secondly, we are in an eclipse window which can be a very odd time that feels quite stagnant and as the Sun was eclipsed, hidden, we generally have no idea what happened and it unravels over weeks, if not months.

Third, we are emerging from our cocoons, yet to fully realise what the bleep is happening as so much will feel new and strange. It's a quiet time of both integration and finding our way gently forwards.

So don't be disappointed if you don't get a clap of thunder or if you wonder what all the fuss is about after the moment, it doesn't mean that nothing has 'happened'. These two, in very simple terms, represent the spiritual and mundane and therefore when blended, help us to live a more spiritual life, every day.

I included quite a bit on this in my Part Two of the Astrology of 2026 <https://youtu.be/dWYnms5D4pc> especially the blending of their individual and joint energies with those of Aries to form the major themes of this year –

Inner Truth

Inner knowing

Self-Authority

Self-Mastery

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22nd has a mix of three different types of connection and six planets involved. The most niggly comes between the Sun and Pluto, the planet of power and control, Mars and Chiron have the type that needs to be tapped into whilst Venus and retrograde Jupiter have the most helpful. With Mars and Venus involved, they do represent the masculine and feminine archetypes of the chart suggesting a rebalance, they also represent war and peace and Venus's association with finances indicates that they are also the subject of a rebirth. Venus met with the

North Node, therefore opposing the South Node at the NM and Eclipse (17<sup>th</sup>), indicating that old karma around finances is being rewritten. As with ourselves, this won't change overnight and will gradually emerge but there is a quiet, evolving change occurring in the background that will lead to more transparency and fairness in the future.

Personally on this day, we can look out for issues around power and control and where we might have given it away in the past; see if you can spot any old wounds around masculine expression and lean more into the feminine to counterbalance that now, and in the future. We don't always need to respond, to do battle.

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The waxing half Moon is early on 24<sup>th</sup>, marking the mid-way point between the New and Full Moons and in this case, between eclipses. This is a natural testing point for anything new that we initiated or wanted to begin at the New Moon and helps with communication whilst we could be a bit stuck in the mind or scattered. With the Moon in Gemini, watch your nervous energy and that you are not trying to do too much and Mercury, its ruler, is slowing, preparing to start its retrograde in two days' time, so we need to make sure we aren't getting stuck in our heads. This second week after the eclipse will feel more energised with the sense of increased momentum, restoring belief and hope but there is still a lot going on in the background and evolving.

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26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> need to be considered together with Mercury going retrograde early on 26<sup>th</sup>, barely moving on 27<sup>th</sup> as Mars has a challenging square with Uranus and the Sun crosses over the North Node. Then on 28<sup>th</sup>, Mercury makes its first connection of its retrograde as it crosses back over Venus. Mercury, Venus and the Sun are all in Pisces whilst Mars is coming towards the end of Aquarius and will join them on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

One of the themes of the year and perhaps the most important as it could be seen as an umbrella theme, is self-mastery and this combination of contacts over these three days provide both challenges and opportunities to change the old and embrace the new. Nostalgia could draw us back to the old whilst kindness, empathy and compassion can be employed rather than arguing, defending or attacking.

Our thoughts become our reality, maybe if we review past difficulties, we can now see how this has happened and begin to make a change to more positive, forward thinking, open-hearted thoughts and communication that will then become mirrored in our world.

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