

The Observatory



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Sun in Aquarius: 13 February - 15 March 2025 (Dates for EST/EDST)

Welcome to the Sun in Aquarius edition of the Observatory. This season of the fixed air sign gives us the most “frozen” of opinions and actions, at the least appealing time of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the heat of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. Look for the exact conjunction by degree of the Sun with Saturn in Aquarius on March 12, but be aware that Saturn in its own sign will be limiting the Sun’s radiance all month. A positive is that some more enduring ideals may be identified.

Mars enters the month moving retrograde in Gemini, where it’s in the sign of its “own worst enemy” Mercury, amplifying irritability and power struggles. Mars stations and goes direct on February 24 but remains in Gemini through this month, continuing tendencies from the prior month. What we say or don’t say matters, so this is a good time to think and think again before reacting, speaking or writing.

Mercury in Aquarius makes an exact conjunction to Saturn on February 25. The two are planetary friends, and while Mercury’s critical function is amplified, that can be put to good use for those who write or work out details of laws and contracts. This is also a good time to commit to a rigorous program of study or discipline such as *Jyotish* study at ACVA.

On February 27, Mercury moves into Pisces, its sign of debility. Mercury sweeps past Rahu on March 1, and catches up to Venus for an exact conjunction on March 12. Venus in its exalted sign will improve Mercury’s chances of getting totally muddled in the next few months.

Venus spends the entire month in its exaltation sign of Pisces and also in a *Parivartana* yoga with its dispositor Jupiter in Taurus. These two benefics have the potential to support each other in artistic and prosperity-inducing ventures, as well as compassionate projects with concrete action. Mercury in Pisces can add creativity. Anytime the Moon is in an earth or water sign, there’ll be the potential for auspicious events to take place.

Venus, however, stations and begins its short and uncommon retrograde period March 12. This can be a positive event in some circumstances, but Rahu and Neptune combine with Venus and Mercury in Pisces March 1-4 and remain a quadruple combination in Pisces all month. There’s the potential for changes in value of money and for deception in the markets, but also a chance to re-examine relationships and make amends with loved ones.

The Full Moons on February 12 and March 14 take place in the last degrees of Capricorn and Aquarius, respectively, with Sun and Moon changing signs hours later. This circumstance presents some challenge in *muhurta* for events at the Full Moons this month.

The Almanac

February 2025

February 12, Full Moon at 29deg53 Cancer/*Ashlesha*

February 13, Sun enters Aquarius

February 14, Mercury enters *Shatabhishak* at 06deg40 Aquarius

February 16, Rahu moves from *Uttara Bhadrapada* to *Purva Bhadrapada* at 03deg20 Pisces

February 22, Sun enters *Shatabhishak* at 06deg40 Aquarius

February 22, Mercury enters *Purva Bhadrapada* at 20deg00 Aquarius

February 24, Mars ends retrograde and begins direct motion at 22deg48 Gemini/*Punarvasu*

February 25, Mercury exactly conjunct Saturn at 26deg05 Aquarius

February 27, Mercury enters Pisces

February 28, New Moon at 15deg27 Aquarius/*Shatabhishak*

March 2025

March 1, Mercury exactly conjunct Rahu at 03deg11 Pisces

March 1, Mercury enters *Uttara Bhadrapada* at 03deg20 Pisces

March 2, Venus begins retrograde motion at 16deg38 Pisces/*Uttara Bhadrapada*

March 3, Mercury exactly conjunct Neptune at 04deg44 Pisces

March 7, Sun enters *Purva Bhadrapada* at 20deg00 Aquarius

March 9, USA begins Daylight Savings Time at 02:00 am

March 12, Mercury exactly conjunct Venus at 14deg36 Pisces

March 12, Sun exactly conjunct Saturn at 27deg54 Aquarius

March 14, Full Moon at 29deg17Leo/*Uttara Phalguni*

March 15, Sun enters Pisces

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