

JYOTISH TRENDS February 2018

(Times are for Arizona. Pacific time is one hour earlier than Arizona, Mountain time is same as AZ, Central time is 1 hour later and Eastern time is 2 hours later).

Lunar high points (affects emotions positively):

Moon in own sign of Cancer: Feb. 26 from 12:01 PM until February 28 at 1:14 PM. In this position Moon is conjunct Rahu. This ushers in a tendency for more need for emotional freedom.

Moon will be exalted position in Taurus in February 22 from 6:53 AM until February 24 at 10:13 AM— although it will be aspected by Mars and Ketu which lends an inward intense energy to Moon and emotions).

Lunar low points (emotions are more sensitive):

New Moon in Capricorn: February 14 from 12:16 PM until February 15 at 2:04 PM.

Moon aspects its own sign from this position strengthening people with Cancer rising signs (or Sun/ Moon in this sign).

Moon is in its debilitation/ subdued position in Scorpio constellation : February 7 from 7:14 PM until February 10 at 7:22 AM. In this position the Moon is at its ebb and is conjunct Mars as well as aspected by Rahu. Rahu aspecting all these planets is lending a tendency of restless intensity wanting to investigate deeper knowledge and secrets, and can be associated with transformative experience. People with Taurus or Scorpio rising signs (or Moon / Sun here) may feel this more.

Moon in Sagittarius from February 10 at 7:22 AM until February 12 at 8:18 PM: The Saturn conjunction with it brings a vata or nervous influence to the emotions.

Moon in the sign of Aquarius on February 15 from 8:09 AM until February 17 at 5:59 PM. In this position it is aspected by both Saturn and Mars, lending a Vata-pitta or restless-intense tendency to the mind and emotions.

Moon in Pisces will be at February 17 from 5:59 PM until February 20 at 1:32 AM. This brings spiritual energy but at the same time some intensity in one's emotions for greater freedom because of Rahu's full aspect.

I. DAYS OF SHIVA --- for Transcendental experience of Deep Meditation & Prayer:

February 13 from 10:04 AM until February 14 at 12:16 PM

February 27th from 11:15 PM through February 29

II. DAYS OF SKANDA (ARCHANGEL MICHAEL)—for Victory and energy to overcome negativity:

February 20 from 4:15 PM until February 21 at 3:19 PM

III. DAYS OF GANESH—for removing obstacles and success in action:

February 18 from 4:46 PM until February 19 at 4:44 PM

IV. DAYS OF VISHNU—for harmony, balance, dharma and good relationships:

February 10 from 2:13 AM until February 11 at 4:54 AM

February 25th from 7:39 AM until February 26 at 4:58 AM

V. DAYS OF DURGA (Mother Divine)—for removing difficulties and overcoming fear:

February 7 from 9:42 PM until February 8 at 11:45 PM

February 23 from 12:12 PM until February 24 at 10:05 AM

PLANETARY Sankranti -- Points of Transcendence when planets switch constellations

Sun moves into the constellation Aquarius on February 12 at 2:15 PM. This shifts the National and individual focus to scientific and humanitarian programs for betterment of humanity. It brings in a more universal equality of spirit to awareness. This will especially affect people with Aquarius and Leo rising signs (or Sun/Moon in these signs).

Mars is in the Scorpio constellation where it will stay all month. For Taurus, Aries, and Scorpio rising signs (or Sun / Moon in these signs) it could create more intensity in relationships. Mars in Scorpio adds added energy fo inner transformation and self-healing, as well as to more drive to know inner knowledge of Self. The added Mars intensity in Scorpio also adds more powerful energy to the US as a nation for dynamic action and expression.

Mercury moves Into Aquarius on February 14 at 2:55 PM. Mercury in Aquarius brings the intellect to bear on solving problems in an independent scientific way. This position of Mercury in Feb. particularly affects people with Aquarius, Gemini and Virgo rising signs (or Sun/ Moon in these constellations).

Mercury moves into Pisces its position of least power on March 2 at 6:25 PM and will stay there till May 9 at 5 AM. During such time intellect functions more intuitively, however miscommunications may arise. Therefore it is suggested to write things down in communications, so as to be unambiguous. This position will affect those with Pisces, Gemini, and Virgo rising signs more (or Sun/Moon in such signs).

Venus moves into the sign of Aquarius on February 5 at 11:30 PM. This means relationships will tend to be more independent and freer of attachments. Artistic endeavors may focus more on broad humanitarian and technical topics. This position of Venus will have more of an influence on people who are Libra, Taurus, Aquarius and Leo rising (or Sun/Moon) in those signs.

Preview: Venus moves into Pisces its sign of exaltation on March 1 at 11:10 PM and will stay there till March 26 at 3:15 AM. This will help boost positively relationships, comforts and enjoyments, as well as artistic endeavors. This means relationships will tend to be more idealistic and harmonious. This position of Venus will have more of an influence on people who are Libra, Taurus, Pisces and Virgo rising (or Sun/Moon in those signs).

Rahu is in the constellation Cancer and stays there until March 6, 2019 at 9:02 PM. This may bring in some tendency for requiring more emotional freedom and space. On a National level it could bring in some need for independence, even from countries which we regard as our allies. This position of Rahu may affect more people who are Cancer, Capricorn, and Sagittarius rising (or Sun /Moon in these signs). For Capricorn and Sagittarius rising signs it brings in some need for separation or independence in relationships.

Ketu is in the constellation Capricorn and stays there till March 6, 2019 at 9:02 PM. This position brings a spiritual inwardness to the sign Capricorn which most represents self-sufficiency and practicality. It also brings tendency for nonattachment and letting go in the area of relationships for people who are Cancer rising. This position of Ketu may be felt more by Capricorn, Cancer and Gemini rising signs (or Moon or Sun in such position).

OTHER PLANETARY POSITIONS

Jupiter stays in Libra constellation. This position brings tendency to want to use knowledge and finances (Jupiter represents banking industry) for improving inter-personal relations. This position will affect people with Sagittarius and Pisces rising signs (or Sun/Moon in these signs). It could bring greater Divine wisdom blessings for people with Libra rising (or Sun/Moon in these signs), and new relations with teachers or men particularly for Aries rising (or Sun/Moon in these signs)

The position of Jupiter in Libra may for the USA bring in some Divine support of knowledge or dharma to financial and internal affairs. It also emphasizes issues of law for the country.

Saturn has moved into the Sagittarius constellation and will stay there the next two years. In Sagittarius Saturn represents purification of dharma or higher purpose. This position will affect more profoundly people with Sagittarius, Gemini, Capricorn and Aquarius rising signs (or Sun/Moon in these signs). For Sagittarius and Gemini rising signs (or Sun/ Moon in these signs it may be bringing more focus on personal needs as well as attention on relationship/ marriage. For the USA it represents purification of national expression of action as well as focus on stabilizing one's homeland.

SPECIAL VEDIC HOLIDAYS (as per Arizona /Pacific time -- times in January may differ in India as they there is a time zone difference. Please note also Vedic Holidays were based on Lunar days, not Solar days):

LORD SHIVA HOLIDAYS:

February 6 from 8:14 PM until February 7 at 9:42 PM as well as February 22 from 1:58 PM until February 23 at 12:12 PM is Kala Bahairava Day (8th Lunar day each month), which celebrates the appearance of Kala Bhairava, a special aspect of Lord Shiva who appeared and cut off the fifth head of the Creator Brahma, leaving 4 heads facing different directions.

The real symbolism of this is that Creation has four directions but the fifth direction is the Transcendental Pure Consciousness which belongs to Shiva (Almighty God as Supreme Silence). On this day it is traditional for Shiva devotees to stay up all night in vigil and make offerings to Bhairava and Parvati (The Divine Feminine aspect of Almighty God) and also offer libations and oblations to their departed ancestors. Dogs are also offered treats as offerings.

Shani Pradosh falls on the thirteenth lunar day in both the bright half and dark half of the Lunar cycle. This month Shani Pradosha is celebrated February 12 from 7:34 AM until February 13 at 10:04 AM as well as February 27 from 2:08 AM until 11:15 PM same day.

Fasting and worship of Shiva on Shani Pradosh brings freedom from restrictions, removal of obstacles and troubles, and moksha or Enlightenment. Traditionally in the Vedic Tradition one takes a vow (vrata) to do 11 or 26 such Shani Pradosh worships.

Night of Feb. 13 is Maha Shiva Ratri (Night of Shiva) during which time one honors Shiva (Almighty God). This is the Night of Shiva when it is customary to stay up all Night adoring the Supreme Being as Shiva, God as the Absolute Supreme Silent Self. It is said that on this Night the Absolute (Shiva) accepts the Creation as His own Nature--giving rise to the full awakening of Enlightenment as the Unity of Absolute and Relative. Of all the monthly Shiva Ratri, this is the holiest and yields most benefit.

The real meaning of staying up all night on Shiva Ratri evening is being awake perpetually in the state of Enlightenment/ God Realization. Also during this time, it is traditional to pour milk, honey, sugar ghee and other offerings over a Shiva Lingam while reciting the Yajur Veda hymns known as Rudra Pathe. It is also traditional to read excerpts from Holy Scriptures about Shiva. (See Shiva times above).

LORD VISHNU HOLIDAYS:

Feb. 10 is known as Vijaya Ekadashi day of Victory of Ekadashi. It is traditional to fast on such day, and it is part of the commemoration of the day during the Mahabharata war when Bhishma gave out the 1000 names of Vishnu Hymn, in the presence of Krishna and the Pandavas.

Bhishma is best known as having fought in the Mahabharata war. He was beloved by both sides of the conflict and was teacher of and related to the Pandava warriors. By unfortunate destiny he was forced to fight against Krishna and Arjuna and his brothers, though he loved them.

When Bhishma was younger he had taken a vow of celibacy out of love for his father, so that his father's other children (the Pandava brothers were the children of Pandu, one of his father's children) could ascend the throne he would have inherited. Because of this he was given the Grace of choosing his own time of death.

It was only through Krishna's advice and help that Bhishma could be subdued. In the Mahabharata war Arjuna shot Bhishma full of arrows so he was lying on a bed of them immobilized. Krishna asked everyone on both sides to go to Bhishma and hear his discourse on dharma--because he was last custodian of it. In addition to giving his discourse Bhishma sang the 1000 names of Vishnu as he lay dying. Bhishma was blessed by Krishna and much eulogized by everyone.

In general, Ekadashis commemorates the day Lord Vishnu (God as Omnipresent Love) destroyed the demon Mura (Hence Vishnu is known as Murari). It was the female power or Shakti of Lord Vishnu that appeared to destroy the demon. Because the Shakti emerged on the 11th Lunar day She was called Ekadashi. The Shakti in the narration of the story asked Lord Vishnu to grant the boon that whosoever worships Vishnu (and his Shakti) on the 11th Lunar day, be granted freedom from sin.

Feb. 25 is known as Amalaki Ekadashi. It is a day holy to Lord Vishnu (God as omnipresent Love). It is traditional to fast on such day and worship the Amla fruit and tree. It is said this will bestow great prosperity. (See Vishnu times).

Wishing everyone a Wonderful New Year through Growth, Success and Fulfillment! May February 2018 bring you the fulfillment of your cherished desires! And the Year of 2018 bring perfection in your goals!

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Dr. Herzberger also has a team of some of the finest pundits of India (a number of whom are professors emeritus of yagya and Jyotish at Varanasi, India) that have chosen to work with him as per very specific yagya instructions. Upon request he also has done yagyas in synergy with his team.

Monica, Dr. Herzberger's sister, is also available to do intuitive readings. Monica has helped people with her direct clarity of spiritual insight. She is skilled in pinpointing the nature of specific times. You might enjoy reading her Lunar Calendar for the month on her and Dr. Herzberger's website.

Dr. Herzberger's website

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