

We start the month with Mercury stationing on 1 April to go retrograde from 3 April in Aries. Mercury is the planet associated with the rational mind, intellect, divine intelligence, communication, and travel.

Aries is the first sign of the zodiac and has a pioneering, initiating energy about it. Aries is not afraid to get out there and try things.

When Aries is combined with Mercury you have an opportunity for fresh new ideas, taking the lead, guiding other people, being active, taking risks, thinking independently, and being decisive. This is actually quite a productive combination.

When Mercury is retrograde, the energy has more of an inward focus, so whilst Aries wants to get out there and conquer the world, there is a need to pull back and think before acting, to reflect more than usual, and tune inwards, maybe even connect with spirit or your intuition to help guide you.



The next ingress for the month is Venus moving into Aries. Venus is associated with love, relationships, beauty, what we like, and our values. When Venus is in fire sign Aries, we get a passionate, courageous, impulsive energy. This could present in many ways such as impulse buying something you really like, going on adventures with a loved one, friends or family, or the beginning of a new relationship.

One of the more significant events for the month then occurs on the 9<sup>th</sup> April (Melbourne Time), this is the Solar Eclipse – also in Aries. Chiron (the wounded healer) is conjunct this eclipse, so Chiron will have a strong role to play here. This is an opportunity for new information to come to light that may help you overcome past hurts and start anew, or set you on a new path. This is a very exciting energy and is well supported with other planets also in Aries (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Sun, Chiron).

As mentioned earlier, Aries being the first sign of the zodiac is an initiating, pioneering energy ready to delve headfirst into life. The great thing about Aries is it brings with it loads of energy, courage and self-determination. This is a really good time to believe in yourself, and your own capabilities and know that you are strong, capable, and self-sufficient. This eclipse energy is allowing us to address past fears and take action.

The Sun will then move into Taurus which will bring a more grounded energy that will call us to act deliberately and methodically to assist us on our path before we have the next major astrological event of the month being the Jupiter and Uranus conjunction. These two planets don't meet too often (hence why this is significant\_. This combination is there to serve justice, change things, expand in new directions, and take you out of your comfort zone.

Following this we have the Full Moon in Scorpio. This will be a high-energy time to tap into your emotional resources and continue taking action toward your goals.

Mercury will then go direct again this is your time to integrate anything you've learned or observed over the past few weeks and take that self-belief forward with you.

Finally, we round out the month with Venus moving into Taurus. This combination is great for appreciating life's pleasures, the present moment and this placement can also indicate a strong sense of determination and persistence in matters of the heart, as well as a grounded and practical approach to love and relationships.

Enjoy!