February 2017 Vedic Astro Forecast

Welcome to a short but incredibly active month this year!

February contains these highlights:

- Lunar Eclipse in Cancer on Feb 10/11
- Solar Eclipse in Aquarius on Feb 25/26
- The ripe Venus in Pisces for its first month of four!
- Saturn just having moved into Sagittarius shifting the energy for everyone on the planet in some significant way.

Remember, February begins with the Sun in Capricorn and the New Moon in Capricorn just occurred with Lunar New Year on Jan 28, 2017!



Year of the Fire Rooster is powerful in many hidden ways.

This is a year where we will all be able to excel – if we act and integrate the strengths of the Rooster. This is also a year for making money and saving money in many new ways...if we act as a Rooster does.

As Theodora Lau mentions Roosters thrive with regular, scheduled routines, they are great administrators, they are relentless when given a task because they are dedicated to the project, friend, boss and cause for which they work. A Rooster is a great friend and ally to have.

Some people will be able to thrive by finding new forms of income or new ways of saving money when they employ the talents of what the Rooster has to share - which is meticulous record keeping, and administration and an ability to work like clockwork and be disciplined in how money is budgeted, saved and earned (auto deducted savings for instance that you do not touch grows at a great rate).

This isn't sexy stuff at first, but like compounded interest - it can add up to gorgeous, big bucks when applied correctly!

This is also a year where **first impressions** will really count, even if it does not reflect the deeper you. You can capitalize on this by trying to be impeccable or at the very least wear a single item which has flare when you go out. it might be a bright, favorite scarf or shawl, a hat or wild socks or something that shows you thought about what you put together; you will be glad you did.

You can make positive impressions by being clear in your intentions, thoughtful in your appearance and by following steadfast and proven paths to success. Those who emulate and mirror the qualities of the Fire Rooster's hard work, commitment and loyalty will go far this year.

Each Chinese Zodiac animal is actually reflective of where Jupiter `lives' as it traverses the heavens, one constellation per year.

A Rooster Year is when Jupiter is in Virgo bringing great talents with details, perseverance and a fortitude which comes from being able to be focused on the short-term tasks which bring long term success.

Lunar New Year lands on the New Moon every year (on the second New Moon after December/Winter Solstice).

It is the "Spring Festival" of the Chinese Luni-solar calendar. The Chinese calendar is both lunar and solar just like the Vedic Calendar.

Years of the Rooster are:

 Feb 8 1921 – Jan 27 1922

 Jan 26 1933 – Feb 13 1934

 Feb 13 1945 – Feb 1 1946

 Jan 31 1957 – Feb 17 1958

 Feb 17 1969 – Feb 5 1970

 Feb 5 1981 – Jan 24 1982

 Jan 23 1993 – Feb 9 1994

 Feb 9 2005 – Jan 28 2006

 Jan 28 2017 – Feb 15 2018

2017 Spring Eclipses

Lunar Eclipse – First Mega Red Day of 2017

The first eclipse of the year occurs for you either on Feb 10th or 11th.

The theme of this eclipse is complex because the full moon on the lunar eclipse takes place in the constellation of Cancer and the actual eclipse points called Rahu & Ketu are in Leo & Aquarius.

This eclipse is about finding the ease and flow of where you want to LEAD change in your life. Depending on which house the constellation Leo is for you determines how you access and apply the DRIVE for change in your life.

According **Rahu in the twelve houses you might be leading change** in one of these areas of your life:

- with your body, identity or health (1st house)
- with your pocket book and either budgeting and saving better or finding a new drive or inspiration to improve your income (2nd house)
- your free time and hobbies and interests or time with your siblings (3rd house)

- discovering what makes a home for you (actual home or the need to improve a sense of belonging) (4th house)
- applying new creative ideas that could seal a licensing or scalable product deal which might bring about a new wealth producing expansion in your life (5th and 11th houses)
- finding a new ferocity to make inroads on a chronic pattern or illness (6th house)
- possibly being open to some spontaneous fun in significant relationships (7th house)
- finding wild card connections in important research in your life (or trying to get a handle on expanding debt) (8TH house)
- throwing the doors to adventurous travel open and jumping into new and strange foreign opportunities (9th house)
- finding your natural leadership style or how you want your work life & career to be different (10th house)
- Discovering new ways to create wealth, invest (see 5th house entry), have money make money for you or be expanding your community, tribe or connections with friends and work colleagues. (11th house).
- Diving deep into a spiritual experience and going on a retreat, meditation training or discovering a wild new pathway to freedom.(12th house)

We all lead differently – and this eclipse pattern is all about you finding how you naturally guide change in yourself and others. You do not need to be an extrovert to be a leader! Some people find they help make things happen just by showing up and help set up or cook or be of service to where they volunteer or whatever cause they support. This can make a big difference over time.

It is all about how you find the drive, inspiration and natural leader that you are.

The eclipses also have to do with what and where you either want to revolutionize your life or where you long to apply and integrate BIG ideas into your life (which before now may have only been theoretical or just ideas not made real yet). More on making dreams real because the influence of Venus in Pisces simultaneously will light up great creativity during this time.

Now, remember what I am about to say may be true for what we are seeing in the world leadership right now in the EU and U.S., but the important thing to remember, is that no matter how much is

happening in the world 'out there' we are ultimately being asked what are WE going to DO in our individual life, and this month of eclipses will find our individual drive & yearning reflected in what we see in the world too.

For the greatest self-evolution and for building the BEST and most healthy family and romantic relationships - remember to point the finger right back at yourself and **ask yourself how you can be 'the best you' in relationships and in the face of great change or challenge.**

It is time. How can you both step up to being the unique leader that you are while maintaining important self-care/spiritual routines on a daily basis? This theme has been lighting up for a year now, and will continue as an overall theme through September 2017. It intensifies in February and August 2017 eclipse months.

Here's what is going on:

Rahu = Drive, impulse and desire of what we think we want in our lives and Rahu in Leo represents either the drive for success or finding new ways to step into being the leader that you are. This is not about being an extrovert, it is about finding innovative ways that you can achieve your goals and on a spiritual level not be thrown off track by an obsession for a certain result. This is Rahu's greatest issue is that it leads us to believe things will be different when "that" result is achieved. And voila, the deepest spiritual lesson is that no matter how much money or achievements you acquire, if there is nothing on the inside of your heart-mind that has helped you find peace along the way, achieving the goal will not bring the peace or happiness that you are led to believe it will.

Losing the weight, getting the raise, buying the house, bringing about a certain political result will not bring the happiness (it might impact generations to come) if we have not cultivated resilience along the way.

The Full moon occurs in Cancer gives us a boost in that it helps us find new ways of cultivating flow in our lives.

Here are the details of when and where the two eclipses occur in February

February 10 / February 11, 2017 \circ Penumbral Lunar Eclipse (takes place around a full moon)

The eclipse will be visible in these places: shadows western Asia, Africa, Europe, Greenland, South and North America, Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Ocean, Arctic, Antarctica

Time zones of the eclipses:

Eclipse in UTC begins February 10 at 22:29 UTC and ends February 11 at 2:55 UTC

Eclipse times in the U.S., Canada and the Americas:

Eclipse begins February 10 at 5:29 pm ET / 2:29 pm PT and

Eclipse ends Friday February 10 at 9:55 pm ET / 6:55 pm PT

To find what time the eclipse occurs where you are go here: <u>http://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/lunar/2017-february-11</u>

February 25 / 26, 2017 • Annular Solar Eclipse (always takes place on a New Moon)

Duration of Annularity 44 seconds (it's dark that long)

The eclipse will be visible in these places: = shadows south half of South America (Chile and Argentina) and cuts across the South Atlantic Ocean, not visible in North America. Visible = shadows in most of Antarctica and ends in the center of South Africa.

Eclipse in UTC begins February 26 at 12:10 UTC and ends February 26 at 17:39 UTC

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Eclipse begins February 26 at 7:10 am ET / 4:10 am PT and Eclipse ends February 26 at 12: 39 pm ET / 9:39 am PT

All times in the table below are in **Universal Time (UTC)** GE is Greatest Eclipse also called Maximum Eclipse or Peak eclipse window

I	BEGINS	GE	ENDS
FEB 10 / 11 \circ	22:29	00:44	2:55 on Feb 11
FEB 26 •	12:10	14:53	17:39

If you want to see what time the eclipse occurs where you live, go here: <u>http://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/solar/2017-february-26</u>

Wednesday Feb 1 mild Green Day Venus, Mars & Moon are opposite an incredible Jupiter

This day has some fixed energy to it, and since it is a mild Green Day work on simple, organizational tasks that will help you in the long term. It is a day for finding the sweetness in keeping things organized and cleaned up; it is one of the simple joys in life that helps settle the mind. Meditations today will be nice and steady. **Thursday Feb 2 mild Green Day** Another **Venus, Mars & Moon day** drawing sparks from that Jupiter energy. The Moon is in Revati which brings a special flow and blessing to the day.

This mild Green Day will have more movement to it, and is a great day for romance, learning, music, dance or theatre and creativity of all kinds.

What a great way to being February. Set up your day Wednesday night to have an extra special successful day on Thursday or initiate important emails, meetings, connections and calls on that day.

You CAN make a difference. The ripples from actions take on Green Days continue for longer periods of time and bring easier fruition.

Friday Feb 3 Mercury moves into Capricorn. Mercury may no longer be in a special exchange with Jupiter, but it functions in our lives better in an Earth sign of 'a friend' than in Sagittarius. So, now that Mercury can get aligned with the Year of the Rooster and help us to roll up our sleeves and get down to brass tax and find all those places we can save money in our life this year. Once you start banking those small savings – and not touching them as a good Rooster does, your 'rainy day fund' can start to grow.

Monday Feb 6 mild Green Day The Moon is considered exalted so that all things related to consciousness and manifesting are connected with a moon day here – and since we have building light, this is a gentle Green Day meant to just help leap day you over the fires of the eclipse.

Use today and Feb 9th to help set up and organize what you need, so that you can find more time for meditation on Feb 10th and 11th on the Lunar Eclipse!

Friday Feb 9 mild Green Day This would be more of a regular Green Day if we did not have the eclipses occurring in the next day! Use today to organize or write down your ideas that you will return to next week. There are two nice Green Days next week – including Valentine's Day.

Today is about flow and going with the flow while being mindful of getting errands and shopping finished today so that you have no need

to go out for anything extra beyond work, typical activities and easy dinners at home.

Friday Feb 10 MEGA Red Day & Penumbral Lunar Eclipse & Full Moon in Cancer peaks 7:32 PM EST / 4:32 pm PST

The Full moon in Cancer and specifically the region of that constellation that lights up is also called the Moon mansion or Nakshatra of Ashlesha – a wildly, transformative and powerful place in the sky which gives the gift of understanding the energy of the chakras and how kundalini energy and transformation is healing.

It is a time to find flow in new ways in our life. What do you do when you lose time? What creates challenge for you and gives you intense focus while calming you at the same time? These are the activities and hobbies or projects which nourish your soul. They are important to weave into your life on a weekly basis.

Even simple crafts like knitting and painting, or dancing and singing create great paths to cultivating calm, creativity and joy in our lives. Find what you want to add back into your life this month and use the time between the eclipses to do just that.

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Full Moon in Cancer Peaks FEBRUARY 11 at 12:32 AM UTC & GMT

Tuesday Feb 14 mild Green Day Valentine's Day Venus and Mars are in Pisces. Venus and Mars are all right tonight.

Wednesday Feb 15 Full Green Day Type I (Light and Swift) Classic Green day for new beginnings and moving things along with Grace. See your Green Day training

Saturday Feb 25 & Sunday Feb 26 are MEGA Red Days

New Moon occurs on FEB 26 at 2:58 PM UTC & GMT or 9:58 AM EST or 6:58 am PST.

Feb 26th is also an **Annual Solar Eclipse.**

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The time of Greatest Eclipse (GE) or Maximum Eclipse is 14:53 UTC or 9:53 am ET / 6:53 am PT.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO DURING THE ECLIPSE OR DAY OF THE ECLIPSE:

- Be safe and stay indoors if you can or be MINDFUL of drivers and pedestrians if you need to go out.
- Meditate or find a quiet out of the way place (or say mantra or pray)
- Stay inside and rest, fast or take a bath (being in water during solar eclipses is a good thing)
- Sometime during the four hours of the eclipse, name to yourself a pattern, an opinion, an outlook, an obstacle, private suffering

or a belief you no long want to have and offer to the image of fire in front of you.

Choose ONE habit you might want to reverse.
 Do you want to take a break from media or have a technology fast?

Do you want to reverse a food addiction or unhealthy habit?

ANY improvements you can make in reversing addictions or habits, whether it is technology, news, shopping, sugar, alcohol, smoking or swearing will solidify your healthy routines for the next six months.

Feel what it is like to no longer have this burden, emotion, or belief – see what you look like without thinking that this is holding you back, and just sit with it.

Release or burn your burdens, suffering or despair in the `fire' of the eclipse.

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