

Planetary Forecast April 4-10, 2011

*In review...*with Aries Sun and several other planets in the first fire sign, along with Mercury in retrograde mode, the period of revolution continues, as we witnessed everywhere around us--in the Middle East, in U.S. politics as a budget war builds to next week's climax, in Japan where the earthquake damaged country reels further out of control from tsunami damage to nuclear plants. (As of Saturday, radioactive water is pouring into the Pacific bringing alive prophetic concerns for worldwide food and water safety. By Sunday two bodies were found and reports are that leakage could continue for months.) We're reminded that the last time the world saw such upheaval with these planetary formations was during the Revolutionary War period.

*This week..*there are two new, big changes to add to this continued momentum. First Neptune shifts from Aquarius into Pisces. The last time Neptune was back in its "home" sign was in the mid-1800's, which astrology experts describe as "the atmosphere for when we move from technology to compassion." They use the example of the end of slavery as one of them. Since I'm not a card-carrying glass-half full person, let's also point out that in the process, we fought a horrible civil war that just about annihilated the male population of the South. (The death toll total for both sides lies somewhere between 620K and 700K lives. World War II's total is said to be 405K for the U.S. at which point the population of the country had compounded significantly.) And while we're on the subject, note that in Europe, Germany was in unification mode of all its states, which served to empower it greatly. Russia was expanding, as well, under Tsar Alexander II, (who abolished serfdom, but emancipation still left peasants, well, peasants--a situation to be addressed sooner rather than later by their revolution). Japan ended up highly ticked off at Russia's power-grab. Similar land and power grabs were going on in France under Napoleon III--all while the French Industrialization period was underway--and so on. As you can see, it was a bold and wild time and by the turn of the century, things were heating up for World War I. All I'm saying is that the experts should point out that all of this "compassion" comes with a mighty cost, especially when ulterior motives are in play, as they now are. For example: the Obama administration's "concern for protester safety" was used to bomb Libya, where the protesters are likely radicals and where oil--especially expensive oil in a place that provides less than 7% of our usage--is the key motivation. This after shutting down U.S. drilling, yet assuring Brazil/Petrobras, whom we have made astronomical loans to, that we want to be their best customer.

Add to the mix the Great Transformer, Pluto (who currently resides in Capricorn), who will go into retrograde this week, a condition that lasts until September. Pluto plays a major role in this "compassion" business. Remember Pluto is there for us to think change, endings of things/patterns/behavior that no longer works or does us ill/harm, and death. In the best of all scenarios, we hope we make things better, when the truth or technicality is that we convert what is into something else. But what the Neptune in Pisces momentum brings to Pluto this time is that we focus on our grieving processes. This year, those with birthdays around February 20th and September 20th will be the most effected by this time. We do live in a world that is in such a hurry, too many have a "it's over, get on with it" type of mentality, which often, ultimately triggers a mental,

social, economic collapse down the road because we've failed to apply history/lessons to actions and events. Interestingly, Pluto is also tied to plutonium. Given the catastrophe in Japan, it's clear we will, indeed, be taking a new look at this powerful, deadly element--something we didn't do enough of after Chernobyl and Three Mile Island. Pluto would probably quip himself, "There are no accidents."

Monday, April 4th starts rather slowly with the 6:04 a.m. EDT conjunction between Aries Moon and Mercury (in Aries). After yesterday's warning to act with care under emotional Moon and determined Sun, this morning is about messaging yesterday's actions and future intentions. At 9:50, Neptune makes that highly anticipated shift into home sign, watery Pisces. Prepare to feel weepier than usual and sentimental. Also expect that psychic perception and ESP could well be on the upswing, and try and keep dreams in a journal as they could provide helpful insight down the road. It should also be noted that this should increase the precipitation momentum whenever Low Pressure advances. That's it until the 7:46 p.m. EDT, Moon shift into Taurus. This atmosphere should provide some stability as we retreat from radical change, take time to focus on property, family, and our finances. In one minute, Taurus Moon sextiles with Neptune (in Pisces), added confirmation that the universe is encouraging us to take a moment to regroup and reflect.

Tuesday, the 5th brings the frequent "cousin" of Neptune activity, the Taurus Moon sextile with Chiron (also in Pisces) at 2:56 a.m. EDT. Here Moon invites the hero side of the Centurion to the atmosphere, rather than the self-absorbed and self-pitying focus that is possible with Neptune-Chiron connections. Again, the chance for precipitation is increased. At 10:47, Moon then trines with Pluto (in Capricorn). After review, Moon agrees something is broken or even rotten and needs purging. For those with friends and family suffering serious health problems, that journey could be ending. At 7:02 p.m. EDT, Moon sextiles with Venus (also in Pisces) and this suggests that relationships and finances take a positive turn this evening. If planning dinners/events outdoors, check on weather conditions first. At 11:10, we end with the Moon quincunx with Saturn (in Libra). This earthy Moon does some forcing to gain stability of law and geographic boundaries. This could bring news of some stronger earthquakes--above the already pronounced momentum. But also do watch for some Middle Eastern news regarding Israel and Palestine, as well as U.S. budget issues.

Wednesday, the 6th has only one aspect, the 10:40 a.m. EDT, Aries Sun conjunction with Jupiter (in Aries). Arians should purchase a lottery ticket, or proceed with projects and plans with some security today. Luck is on your side. With this double fire energy many will be feeling energetic--perhaps too much so. Don't ignore the internal edit when interacting with others, and try to resist over-indulging in rich foods. Just resist burning where wind or drought creates danger.

Thursday, the 7th gets more active as Moon shifts into Gemini at 7:22 a.m. EDT increasing the atmosphere for communication. Just remember Mercury is in retrograde, so messages or the instruments used to gain that connection may suffer glitches. Otherwise, for the next two days watch who says what to whom world-wide. They may not get it right and the atmosphere for things to mushroom increase. On a personal basis, mail could hold important news--and that needn't be bad news. However, for

those with domestic conflict, relationships and finances could hit potholes. At 7:31, Gemini Moon squares with Neptune (in Pisces). The conversation doesn't start with a warm and fuzzy tone. At 10:09, Venus (also in Pisces) forms a quincunx with Saturn (in Libra). If that isn't behind-the-scene arm-twisting and promises for legal or political cooperation, then worry about someone wanting to borrow *your* money. The 10:19 Moon sextile with Uranus (in Aries) provides the surprise or change of approach to get things moving again. Now watch for the 2:38 p.m. EDT, Moon square with Chiron (in Pisces). Don't be surprised if there is some betrayal or back-stabbing going on in politics at this point, since Gemini's influence--when succumbing to baser instincts--is to play double agent. What is said/promised to one, is contradictory to what is being assured to another. It should then be no surprise when in twenty minutes, Moon then embraces/sextiles with Mars (in Aries). This is the green light to proceed, charge, or otherwise initiate the next step in a power play. As expected, we end with the 10:01 p.m. EDT, Moon quincunx with Pluto (in Capricorn) as activists/interested parties try to finish off some regime/policy. The casualty toll could be higher today and, as always with Pluto in this forced angle, be prepared for some celebrity deaths, and also news of losses due to accidents and crime.

Friday, the 8th begins later, which is common after Pluto's presence. At 9:40 a.m. EDT, Gemini Moon trines with Saturn (in Libra). These two air signs assure that the communication mode is fluid and the subject matter is stability and reassurance of commitment and alliances. At 12:21 p.m. EDT, Moon squares with Venus (in Pisces). This is an odd aspect considering the first one. Venus is about relationships of the heart and our wallets, so what has been vetoed or shut down/out? Despite the bad news, by 4:21, Moon sextiles with Jupiter (in Aries) and by 7:48, Moon sextiles with Aries Sun, too. So someone got left at the altar or left behind today, but Moon's schmoozing goes on with fire energy allies. With this being an "8" day in numerology, meaning "far to go before I sleep," it can't bode well for the middle-class pocketbook, but politicians and others with their hands out are probably doing just fine. We'll end with the 10:24, Moon sextile with Mercury (in Aries). Mercury is Gemini's planet, so it's natural that they will cooperate. But with Mercury in retrograde, let's hope that there's serious review and revamping before any real financial or military commitment is made somewhere.

Saturday, the 9th brings us the expected Pluto retrograde in earth sign Capricorn at 4:50 a.m. EDT. Again, for the next five months, we have the opportunity to deal with our deepest spiritual, as well as intellectual beliefs and feelings. At 3:36 p.m. EDT, Aries Sun conjuncts with Mercury (also in Aries). This picks up where yesterday left off--the "go" signal for something whether it's military, financial, or relationship related. With both planets being in fire signs, this increases the chances we'll hear about fires--grassfires where drought exists, arson-accident related, or fiery rhetoric. Moon shifts into sensitive water sign Cancer at 5:02. The momentum for rain increases where Low Pressure advances, and people may start buckling under this week's OD of communications. In fact in seventeen minutes, Cancer Moon trines with Neptune (in Pisces), which--along with heavy rains--indicates a zoning out of all things negative, and an insistence that we pay attention to the destructive results of all that has been going on. Remember the "compassion" momentum I mentioned early on. If things are not

going well with administration arguments du jour, expect the compassion card to be played. We close with the 8:06, Moon square against Uranus (in Aries). Along with the threat of some violent thunderstorms where Low Pressure advances, the talking points for the administration mouth pieces on Sunday talk shows will be, "How can we not help?"

Sunday, the 10th launches with an early 12:12 a.m. EDT, Cancer Moon trine with Chiron (in Pisces). The other side of the Centaur's persona is the victim, who sinks into the deep sea or cave to lick wounds and feel sorry for itself awaiting every opportunity to lash out for a cheap strike at whatever is available because it simply isn't well armored for more. This isn't a good day to test the temperament of thin-skinned people, and the 4:52, Moon square with Mars (in Aries) indicates, it's also a bad time for launching attacks of any kind. If things can go wrong today, they will. What's contradictory in Moon's behavior right now is that it doesn't want to end relationships/arrangements, either. It's simply annoyed that it hasn't gotten its way or hasn't received enough respect. So indicates the 7:01, Moon opposition with Pluto (in Capricorn). What to do? asks the universe. Moon continues to sulk and squares with Saturn at 5:45 p.m. EDT, indicating it's a long day of moodiness and rejection. This creates a stalemate atmosphere for the rest of the day and night. Monday will start with a big hangover and a messy agenda until Moon's shift into Leo.

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