

## Planetary Forecast for April 24-30, 2006

*In review...* last week had to have been one of the busiest of the year thus far. My weekly journal couldn't hold all of the "happenings" going on globally. Monday's harsh squares between Sagittarius Moon and Venus and Uranus took its toll on nerves as the news channels reported a young Nova Scotia man killing two American sex offenders before committing suicide. In Oklahoma a ten-year-old child was brutally murdered, then sexually assaulted—and that wasn't all her killer had planned for her. Also 53 tourists lost their lives when their bus went off a road in Veracruz, Mexico. As anticipated by Neptune's strong presence, weather did make the news—flooding was reported in Ohio, Europe and our pacific coast. Tuesday planetary activity accelerated. There was another Amber alert in Texas, numerous fires and wrecks from Dade County, Florida to Phoenix, Arizona. Power failure in New York caused the East River tram to shut down and 70 people endured hours of hanging at least 56 feet in the air before being rescued. A fascinating Pluto/destiny example was the WWII Japanese soldier who had been reported missing for 58 years—and was in fact living in the Ukraine—finally returning home. I used the words "inane and futile" for that day, and they seemed to perfectly reflect the final act in the latest rapper war as Keith Bender succumbed to his wounds from the gun battle that earlier cost Proof his life. For some reason, Dr. Phil's, "What were you thinking?" line seems appropriate. On the bright side, Mercury communication, lessons well-learned, and Jupiter in a sextile with leadership-focused Capricorn Moon was all present when the fire broke out in an American Eagle cockpit on a flight in N. Carolina. All passengers and crew got off safely.

*This week...* on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>, we'll still be under Pisces Moon and at 2:03 a.m. EDT begin a trine with Jupiter. This is followed in the mid-morning by a conjunction with Venus suggesting the atmosphere is ripe for spiritual insights, gentle and nurturing encounters, and some good fortune. However, by evening the tone changes when Moon squares with Pluto at 8:35 p.m., followed by a Taurus Sun-Saturn square an hour later. Who went down the wrong path, or made an unwise decision? The results could be costly, and in some cases fatal.

*Tuesday* the 25<sup>th</sup>, Moon enters can-do Aries at 2:12 a.m. and eagerly trines with Saturn at 9:57 a.m. Remember Saturn is also in one-and-a-half glasses full Leo, which should help us review where we went wrong earlier, then push up our shirt sleeves to start repairs or recovery. It won't be all smoothness and harmony due to Moon squaring with Aries' planet Mars at 1:18 p.m. And Mars is in emotional Cancer to add to the mix. Solution? Maybe hold off on final decisions until after the New Moon on Thursday. If that's impossible, smile, count to twenty as often as is necessary, and definitely avoid provoking anyone.

*Wednesday* the 26<sup>th</sup> the formations suggest that on occasion we have to make our own luck. Communication will be the key to that. At 1:19 a.m. we'll start with a Moon conjunction with Mercury. Both are in ambitious and energetic Aries, so dialogues will be fast-paced and full of animation and big ideas. Negotiations will get the help of a Moon quincunx with lucky Jupiter at 2:50. By 10:22 a.m. a sextile with Neptune may have us either seeing things all rosy and delightful—or resolving some water issue. (Hopefully someone is getting rain where it's needed.) At 2:14 p.m. Mercury also forms a quincunx with Jupiter indicating that if dialogues got hung up on some technicality, they could be resolved with a little more urging. Moon trines with Pluto by 9:44 and this could be the hour we succeed. If, on the other hand, things end in disappointment or failure, remember that Pluto teaches us that one door has to close before another will open.

*Thursday*, the 27<sup>th</sup>, Moon joins Sun in Taurus at 3:27 a.m. EDT bringing us to a period where focus is on home and family, and our financial wellbeing. At 11:25 a.m. Moon's first act is to square with Saturn reminding us that in this house Moon doesn't have Aries'

youthful optimism and believes success comes from patient planning and dutiful attendance. The New Moon occurs at 3:44 p.m. and accordingly at 4:47 the sextile with Mars declares that *now* is the time to initiate new projects and make those investments.

*Friday* the 28<sup>th</sup>, Moon forms a sextile with Uranus at 2:12 a.m. EDT then opposes Jupiter almost two hours later. Since most of us should be sleeping on this side of the planet, we may wake to hear that someone's impulsive decision/action proved unfortunate. The good news is that an opposition isn't as fatal as a square. Speaking of squares, at 12:18 p.m. Moon forms one with Neptune. Again, the Taurean influence is to avoid daydreaming and stick to our workmanlike approach. Interestingly, Moon sextiles with Venus at 9:31 p.m. then forms a quincunx with Pluto just before midnight. Luxury-loving Taurus has a lot in common with sensual Venus, and a date tonight could bring considerable sexual energy...unless Taurus inadvertently puts his hoof in his mouth.

*Saturday* the 29<sup>th</sup> finds us still in the first quarter Moon and the momentum for starting new projects continues. More energy comes with the sextile between Taurus Moon and Mars at 5:32 a.m. EDT. By 5:58 Moon shifts into Gemini and the mutable air sign also brings energy and restlessness into our environment. Expect to be eager for conversation and resolving puzzles—which can also mean gossips may stick their noses where it doesn't belong. One problem with the Gemini influence is the impulse to look for shortcuts, which is fine if you're late for an appointment, but less desirable if you're working on a thesis or the recipe for something explosive. Adding to the slightly scattered atmosphere, Mercury will sextile with Neptune at 9:56 bringing, for many, the impulse to snuggle and coo with the object of our affection. Good feelings, stability and confidence continue through the day supported by Moon's sextile with Saturn at 2:27 p.m. We're making progress.

*Sunday*, the 30<sup>th</sup>, we prepare to say goodbye to April and may even say good riddance when Venus squares bitterly with Pluto at 3:47 a.m. EDT. Who said what or pulled what to hurt Venus' feelings? Since this is followed at 5:59 by a Gemini Moon square with Mr. Impulsive Uranus, it's likely that the result is a heated conversation and a slamming door. The Moon-Jupiter quincunx at 7:20 suggests it will take some fast-talking and serious promises to salvage the situation or relationship. At 4:54 p.m., Moon trines with Neptune, which is helpful if the wounded party enjoys turning a blind eye. By 9:05 Moon sextiles with Mercury, Gemini's favorite planet, so the compliments and accolades continue to flow thickly. Fine...just be aware that on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, our morning begins with a Pluto-Moon opposition and a hard square with Venus. This may be in reference to an entirely different matter of the heart, but it's a good warning not to have played fast and loose with the truth or someone's feelings over the weekend.

Good luck!

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