

## Planetary Forecast for August 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

*In review...*the momentum for “strained relationships” was sadly brought to painful fruition for too many families this week. Newlyweds from the UK honeymooning in Antigua were the victims of a robbery where the bride was shot and killed, and the groom seriously wounded. Another honeymooning couple from NYC also experienced tragedy when the bride drowned in Bermuda. Three children were shot in the back seat of their mother’s Mercedes, an aide to Senator Jim Webb was found shot to death, a preacher was arrested at church after a body was found in his freezer (determined to be his wife), and four are dead near the Wisconsin-Michigan border—another shooting incident. The week was full of this Full Moon quality of behavior, perhaps the most bizarre being a thrown cocktail glass killing a New Jersey man. The concern for earthquakes mentioned Wednesday came 24 hours late for those in the Los Angeles region where a 5.4 quake was felt as far as Las Vegas. Fortunately, no loss of life was reported. The Air-Fire energy continuing for weeks now was illustrated by several smaller craft crashes including a corporate jet approaching landing in Minnesota, and two dead in the Washington mountains when their plane went down. While the world didn’t end during the eclipse, we had future-changing revelations: it’s now clear there is still moisture on Mars, and an aging astronaut dares NASA to deny we’ve been “visited” by extraterrestrials. Now let’s see if meteorologists and astrology students are right about a wet opening for Beijing’s Olympics?

*This week...*Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> will begin with the 2:17 a.m. EDT, Virgo Moon quincunx with Chiron (in Aquarius). Three hours later, Moon then conjuncts with Mars (also in Virgo). Earth energy is busy (bolstered by Leo Sun enthusiasm and daring), but doing what? If chores are mounting, tackle them now even if help is needed, or a helper is cranky. This is a good time for detail stuff and getting the backlog out of the way. Unfortunately, watch for new grass/range fire reports, too. The progressive heat/drying in the Plains States makes the “where” easier to find—where a High Pressure System is locked in. At 8:02, Moon then opposes Uranus (in Pisces) suggesting little luck for showers when we need it, but hopefully also a rejection of erratic behavior. The 9:56, Moon quincunx with Neptune (in Aquarius) may help some verbalize what drives them nuts about cockeyed optimists without causing mortal pain. The 11:05, Mercury (in Leo) opposition with Chiron (also in Aquarius) suggests that’s possible, but not for everyone. The 8:15 p.m. EDT, Virgo Moon square with Pluto (in Sagittarius). Inevitably, someone gets shut out or shut off. Watch for a resignation or no confidence vote more than an act of violence. Moon enters Libra at 10:28.

*Tuesday*, the 5<sup>th</sup> brings only one aspect, the 12:53 a.m. EDT, Venus (in Leo) trine with Pluto (in Sagittarius). This is a significant moment in time, double Fire energy and relationship matters on the front burner. This could bode well for relationships where proposals are expected or marriages launched. The reality check afterward is “Now what?” Without a solid base and good planning—plus fiscal discipline—whatever is going on here could fizzle and disenchant.

*Wednesday*, the 6<sup>th</sup> then goes wild with activity—as often occurs after a visit with Pluto. We have ten aspects and a shift. First at 12:20 a.m. EDT, Venus moves into Virgo in many cases sacrificing passion for professionalism and proficiency. So much for yesterday’s fantasies about a honeymoon. At 12:49, Libra Moon then sextiles with Leo Sun. This is terrific for wedding planners dealing with clients with thick wallets; otherwise the 1:00 Moon square with Jupiter (in Capricorn) will tell you all you need to know: the fountain of frivolity has run dry. That won’t keep everyone from trying. At 1:46 Mercury (in Leo) will quincunx with Uranus (in Pisces). At 2:56, Leo Sun also does a quincunx with Jupiter

suggesting Sun thinks it can achieve what Moon couldn't? Don't count on it—or if it happens, there could be hard feelings or pain at the cashier at some point. On the world's stage, watch for new twists and turns on the political front, but also in personal inner circles. Almost seven hours pass until Libra Moon trines with Chiron (in Aquarius). If someone feels slighted, watch for backstabbing/vengeance. Moving into the afternoon...at 2:37 p.m. EDT, Mars (in Virgo) will oppose Uranus (in Pisces). In three minutes Mercury (in Leo) then opposes Neptune (in Aquarius). Such close activity indicates a tweaking of an issue or concept. The more tweaking, the less homework someone did. Beware of signing anything that binds you with this kind of individual. It's 3:58 when Libra Moon then tries to quincunx Uranus. That strikes me as a lost cause. At 6:00 Moon then opts to put a good spin on things with the trine with Neptune. We will close at 6:37 with Moon's sextile with Mercury (in Leo) where press releases for time-share condos sound like major lottery wins. Nice, for some, but not exactly what was touted. Once again, it's clear things are going on under the surface that should leave many uneasy and choose to remain uncommitted. That works for politics, economics, and our private lives.

*Thursday* the 7<sup>th</sup> chisels us down to the things that matter again. First, Libra Moon sextiles with Pluto (in Sagittarius) at 5:01 a.m. EDT, then at 7:26 a.m., Moon dives into the Water relief of Scorpio. At 10:54, Scorpio Moon sextiles with Venus (in Virgo). Relationships should warm several degrees, but this period is about getting problems resolved and dilemmas unraveled.

*Friday*, the August 8<sup>th</sup> focuses on order and law with the 12:19 a.m. EDT, Scorpio Moon sextile with Saturn (in Virgo). This Water-Earth harmony washes away what muddies the viewpoint, and stabilizes things for new construction, but often with a cost. Will China have to reinvent the opening ceremonies in case of a flood? At 5:27, Mars (also in Virgo) then forms a quincunx with Neptune (in Aquarius). This is like a military drill instructor kicking a recruit in the backside and "suggesting" he "snap out" of his lethargy to do what must be done and save the day. Possible? It depends on the size of the front and its exact location. As previously mentioned, the weather experts suggest the fireworks display is in serious jeopardy. At 11:01, Moon sextiles with Jupiter (in Capricorn) and that's an indication something will work out. At 4:20 p.m. EDT, Moon squares with Leo Sun. At 8:21, Moon squares with Chiron (Aquarius). There's no room in this environment for the grand gesture at the expense of many/much. If you feel considerable push-pull energy, it's real and decisions don't need to be written in stone today.

*Saturday*, the 9<sup>th</sup> and at 2:58 a.m. EDT, Scorpio Moon trines with Uranus (in Pisces). That's double Water energy and an attempt to listen to our deepest wavelengths for truth and balance. Just don't panic and gulp at the wrong moment. At 5:06 a.m., Moon squares with Neptune (in Aquarius), which is a rejection of lofty ideas that feel simply too "out there" at least for right now unless there's a well-designed blue-print to go with things. At 6:28, Moon sextiles with Mars (in Virgo) and that could mean an impromptu work session for tweaking/convincing or... At 2:17 p.m. EDT, Mercury (in Mercury) trines with Pluto (in Sagittarius), but at 5:02, Moon squares with Mercury (in Leo). We may pull back from something/someone and that could lead to painful exchanges. Try to avoid the lowest realm of that scenario because at 7:10, Moon shifts into Sagittarius and much ground can be lost through gossip and betrayal.

*Sunday*, the 10<sup>th</sup> and at 5:39 a.m. EDT, Sagittarius Moon squares with Venus (in Virgo). What did I tell you? Be careful of what you say to whom and why. At 8:51, Mercury enters Virgo) to help with getting facts and language specific. At 1:06 p.m. EDT, Sagittarius Moon squares with Saturn (in Virgo) a willful sabotage of what Moon finds suffocating—and no fun! At 4:06, Leo Sun opposes Chiron (in Aquarius) and that is only a temporary request to delay all out war for something we've put a good deal of work into. Try to keep cool and

**logical. The northern hemisphere is roasting and every corner of the world now effects everyone else's stability. It takes time to take in such a reality--and longer to figure out the best way to deal with those changes.**

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