

Planetary Forecast for August 24-30, 2009

In review... increased stress and “difficulty in telling truth from fiction” led the week’s forecast confirmations. In Russia a still rare suicide bomber killed 21 at a police station, and then a dam at a hydro0-electric plant explodes killing twelve outright and leaving over eighty missing; the Taiwan typhoon toll has risen to over 600 dead or missing. As for the truth-or-fiction challenge any of multiple stories could have been the plot spin for crime fiction or a movie thriller. The bikini model found dead in a suitcase was missing her teeth and fingers. The hunt is on for her reality-show-contestant husband, who forgot, or didn’t know that her breast implant numbers could ID her. Scotland’s Supreme Court voted to release the chief Lockerbie-747 mastermind in “mercy” since he has only months to live. He instantly became a hero in Libya. An ex-French spy escapes Dubai after “massive fraud” charges via a rubber raft and dressed in Saudi women’s robes, and after a week of hedging and denial—including the Obama “wee-weeing“ quote, which deserves to be a play on Broadway as much as the Nixon-Frost interviews—the White House admits it used taxpayer dollars to hire a private company to spam e-mail accounts heretofore unknown to the White House. If ACORN is even remotely connected to this company, this deserves resignations from the cabinet on down. Finally there was Pluto and, yes, we lost some powerhouses—journalist Robert Novak, the creator of *60 Minutes*, Don Hewitt, and South Korea’s former president, Kim Dae-Jung.

This week... on Monday, August 24th remember that we have several planets changing signs this week—all of the fast-moving ones. Prepare for immediate, “Huh—I feel different” perceptions, just as nature is delaying sunrise and easing temperatures to hint that fall is coming. We begin with the 3:17 a.m. EDT, Libra Moon trine with Chiron (in Aquarius). We’re now twelve-plus hours since the Pluto factor on Sunday. What ended besides that attempted covert White House spamming idea? We’ll hear more of “it wasn’t my idea” as “victim” Chiron suggests, and then pretty spins via the 6:09 a.m. trine as the morning talk shows (ABC, NBC, MSNBC, PBS) get their speaking-points memos. There’s an interesting 7:20, Libra Moon quincunx with Uranus (in Pisces) that suggests it doesn’t all go smoothly as planned. What was underestimated? The 10:54, Moon square with Venus (in Cancer) should tell us. A wallet and/or heart is shut. Libra Moon is exhausted and ready to relinquish to Scorpio; of course, things will heat up again. At 2:10 p.m. EDT, Libra Moon’s last act is a brave trine with Mars (in Gemini). Call this the Scarlett fist to the sky declaration, “I will never be hungry again!” Of course, the Union army is snickering in the background thinking, “Go make yourself a dress out of those drapes.” Again, this is a communication issue and whether it’s North and South Korea sitting across a table, another version of Obamacare hitting the airwaves or Teddy Kennedy trying to prepare to speak from beyond the grave re his successor, it should make entertaining TV/radio. At 3:16, Moon then shifts into Scorpio, and there’s little wait before the 4:36, Scorpio Moon sextile with Pluto (in Capricorn). Someone does have to fall on their sword. The conduct of these past weeks demands it. By 6:41, we end with the Moon sextile with Virgo Sun. This is not the chant, “All we are saying is give peace a chance,” rather, “Will the last person in touch with the constitution and cognizant of fiscal responsibility please turn the lights out in the building so it can self implode.”

Tuesday, the 25th we’ll start the excitement with the 1:15 p.m. EDT, Mars shift into Cancer. We may not feel comfortable in our skin for awhile, particularly those with this Mars in Fourth aspect in their natal charts. It’s not easy being polite when you’re housing so much strength and sense of purpose. We might look to Eastern philosophies to find the grace, or shrewdness, in how best to manage our feelings. Then at 4:18, Mercury enters Libra.

Mercury is going from a too-little-feeling environment to one a bit overeager to get approval. Since sincerity is key right now, lip service would be ill advised—especially if one's mind is made up in the first place. We are in Scorpio Moon, after all, and intuition and perception is probably better than some would like it to be. You'll win by being fair. The 11:57, Mercury (in Libra) square with Mars (in Cancer) suggests that's the attempt...however, who is to say the right people are listening, or ready to listen? Stay calm and do nothing rash. Otherwise with Scorpio and Cancer in the picture, Water energy rises so precipitation will be on the increase. Watch those tropical disturbances.

Wednesday, the 26th will be a highly active day for workaholic Scorpio Moon with five of the seven aspects involving her, plus two planet shifts. We'll begin with the 5:14 a.m. EDT, Scorpio Moon square with Jupiter (in Aquarius). Someone is not feeling huggy-feely or ready to sign on to an expensive project. Since this is followed by an 8:25, Moon sextile with Saturn (in Virgo) the reasons could be cost or legal offenses/abuse. The 10:10, Moon square with Chiron (in Aquarius) indicates the argument *for* passage is restitution/victimization, and that just doesn't fly in these economic times or any other. Here comes the 12:09 p.m. EDT, Mercury (in Libra) square with Pluto (in Capricorn). Is that the cry, "Healthcare reform is not dead?" Unless someone changes their tune quickly, few care. It would be a good idea to work solo today and/or work under the radar. We're likely to lose another "media" person or one highly visible before the cameras. In three minutes, Venus shifts into Leo. We will probably see President Obama go stately and charismatic again, but with an inner coldness due to focus on intended goals. "All the world's a stage," eh? Some will be in the mood to spend more and lavish more attention on *their* personal needs. Complicating things is the 1:21, Scorpio Moon square with Neptune (in Aquarius). The message is, "There is work to do, what are you doing lounging around in silk pj's? Then comes the 2:35, Moon trine with Uranus (in Pisces) that could be troubling for travelers as Water energy intensifies. Tropical Storm Bill should be in Ireland by now. Those under the gun due to other Low Pressure Systems should also take care. At 4:35, Mars (in Cancer) then opposes Pluto (in Capricorn) bringing a unique Water-Fire–Earth confrontation into the mix. While this isn't as bad as a square, accidents, travel problems, and environmental issues could take center state. Otherwise, watch for impassioned speeches/actions also triggering repercussions. We end with the 11:16, Moon shift into Sagittarius, which does dry things out, but also creates some chaos—intended or otherwise.

Thursday the 27th can't ease up much due to Moon embracing Fire energy. We'll launch with the 12:27 a.m. EDT, Sagittarius Moon trine with Venus (in Leo). This is quintessential ego time with double Fire energy creating lots of photo ops for the White House on vacation and probably a few bizarre statements or sightings that suggests the Obama camp is taking continued "unusual" advice from strange bedfellows. At 1:06, Moon then forms a quincunx with Mars (in Cancer). This is a definite push for an idea, so considering the hour, look for news from overseas re the Taliban, etc., especially since a new Pakistani Taliban leader has been named. In less than thirty minutes, Moon also sextiles with Mercury (in Libra), than at 2:43, Venus forms a quincunx in Pluto (in Capricorn). This one is troubling. With the Taliban not on the front page as much of late, it could mean bad news for those being held captive. This is the right atmosphere for the rebel and the mischief-maker. At 7:42, Moon then squares with Virgo Sun again issuing a challenge to discipline and a respect for order and details. That's it until the 6:50 p.m. EDT, Moon sextile with Ceres (in Libra). Considering the length of time between aspects, the fact that Pluto is in the house, and tomorrow's continuation to rebel against Saturn, the sage of lessons, law, and borders, it could be a difficult night for many families with loved ones in harm's way.

Friday, the 28th and we'll look at only four aspects--the 9:26 a.m. EDT, Mercury (in Libra) sextile with Venus (in Leo). The 3:10 p.m. EDT, Sagittarius Moon sextile with Jupiter (in Aquarius), the 7:44, Moon square with Saturn (in Virgo), and the 8:44, Moon sextile with Chiron (in Aquarius). Moon will enjoy success, but is it healthy or kind? This hard square against Saturn is troubling and speaks to extremist issues/behavior. Do watch Mercury as it prepares to slow down (enter Storm phase) before next month's Retrograde. Finish up projects as well and quickly as you can. You have about a week before you need to worry about do-overs.

Saturday, August 29th and the 12:12 a.m. EDT sextile between Sagittarius Moon and Neptune (in Aquarius) is pure justification and has little to do with reality. The "glass half full" mentality is going to be a big stretch today. At 1:26, Moon then squares with Uranus (in Pisces). See what I mean? Nothing said was meant. At 10:44, Moon shifts into Capricorn, which brings the comptrollers and other bean counters into the picture. At 12:10 p.m. EDT, Capricorn Moon then conjuncts with Pluto (also in Capricorn). This is double Earth energy and nothing is moving quickly, unless it is a fault line. At 4:00, Moon then opposes Mars (in Cancer). Now is not the time to lose your cool, since a 5:12 square with Mercury (in Libra) follows. Accept that it's time to be circumspect, frugal, and patient. We close with the 6:37, Moon quincunx with Venus (in Leo). Again, do not spend what you don't have to or on a larger scale, insult taxpayer sensibilities.

Sunday the 30th will bring only two moves, the 12:51 a.m. EDT, Capricorn Moon trine with Virgo Sun, a double Earth atmosphere for somber tones and serious work, then the 9:20, Moon square with Ceres (in Libra). Someone, possibly the family/public will be thrown under the bus to save dollars. Is that the White House conceding defeat of the healthcare "public option?" We also need to look at our relationships again and what is helping and what is hurting. The last retrograde of the year is pending. As usual, what doesn't kill us makes us stronger.

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