

Planetary Forecast for August 25th-31st , 2008

Note...the “review“ section will return next week. Thanks for your understanding!

This week...Monday, August 25th and we're reminded that Moon is still residing in Gemini. After last week's temperamental environment, be on the watch for Mercury Retrograde-like activity: miscommunication, gossip, insensitivity and outright slander due to conflict with Gemini's own planet Mercury and also with Venus who are both residing in Virgo and have thinner skins than usual due to that and what an edgier than usual Gemini wants to dish out. Overloaded with stimuli, a time-out is what's needed for today. Take a vacation or sick day if that's possible. But we begin with the 5:52 a.m. EDT, Gemini Moon square with Uranus (in Pisces) followed by the 7:50, Moon trine with Neptune (in Aquarius). Want to live by illusion? That's your choice. Want *everyone* to live by your plan? Guess again. By 9:58, Moon then squares with Venus (in Virgo) followed by a 12:03 p.m. EDT, Moon square with Mercury (also in Virgo). There's no wonder that a Moon opposition with Pluto (in Sagittarius) closes our day's aspects at 5:52. Enough is enough. We will be more than ready for a shift in planets after listening to this day's nonsense going on. At 8:18, Moon dives into the Waterworld of Cancer and the expected scramble to scurry deep to nurse our wounds, egos, heart, and other bruised parts. If you did nothing to encourage any of what has been heaped at you, have a glass of wine, a lovely dinner, and turn in early for some well-deserved rest. However, if you participated, try to avoid continuing the cycle with long diatribes to friends and family about how victimized you are. The truth is everyone is fed up and worn out. Put your favorite happy or romantic DVD movie in the machine and strive to be a better soul tomorrow.

Tuesday, the 26th launches early with the 1:58 a.m. EDT, Cancer Moon sextile with Virgo Sun. Alas, some will definitely be out for bits of flesh—not deathly blows, mind you, because Cancer's not that bold, but death by a hundred snips has its value, and Virgo is also capable of helping to snip and scavenge on the edges and pretend that is revenge. All that leads to is headaches and messes, so use this energy to embrace what is good and working in your life and the people who make that so. For those who don't listen, Moon squares with Mars (in Libra) at 3:43. Hopefully, that's mostly kvetching and no physical damage or assaults. The good news is that it's 2:36 p.m. EDT before Moon then sextiles with Saturn (in Capricorn) and this is a good sign that Water and Earth energy are joining to replenish resources and stop the destructive momentum. In nine minutes, Moon then forms a quincunx with Pluto (in Sagittarius), followed by Mercury squaring with Pluto at 9:37. Okay, so some didn't get the hint? Aside from the continued atmosphere for rain and some storms, there are those who will choose (and even need) to sever relationships after all. In this atmosphere, I'd also like to caution those who are highly emotional to be very careful in domestic relationships where safety is an issue. Moon enters Leo at 10:51 increasing the Fire angle and level of drama—not that Cancer doesn't have drama, it does, but it smothers and works in a saboteur way, while Leo's energy seeks an active outlet and consumes its target.

Wednesday, the 27th begins with the 2:05 a.m. EDT, Cancer Moon quincunx with Chiron (in Aquarius). No one remembers slights and offenses (however minimal) like Cancer and talks them up into major offenses when they embrace their lowest selves. Thus the 8:11, Moon trine with Uranus (in Pisces) looks like at least a text message of revenge for whatever injustice Moon decides was perpetrated. At 10:12, Moon forms a quincunx with

Neptune (in Aquarius) prompting another version of this situation. At 5:10 p.m. EDT, Moon then sextiles with Venus (in Virgo) and in three minutes dittos that with Mercury (also in Virgo). See the pattern? If not, at least recognize that it's not mature or healthy. Here comes Pluto (in Sagittarius) at 8:22 receiving Moon's quincunx. Do you really want to push a situation that's not life and death to this extreme? Pluto plays for keeps, remember? But at 9:37, Mercury squares with Pluto echoing Moon's declaration. I guess it's time to chisel on some headstones, "Be careful of what you wish for..."

Thursday the 28th...brings only three aspects, which again tells us how badly we are in need of a break from this manic or at least neurotic momentum. At 8:44 a.m. (slow start to the day) Leo Moon sextiles with Mars (in Libra)—not a great bit of news again. That's like taking adolescents high on Halloween candy to DQ for hot fudge sundaes. What are you left with? At 8:27 p.m. EDT, Moon forms a quincunx with Jupiter (in Capricorn) and that's exactly expected—no luck because someone somewhere should have known better. Fire energy will challenge Earth energy and only gain scorched earth. How smart was that especially when Earth can use Fire's residue to spur growth and strength. Be smart and don't burn yourself out.

Friday, the 29th starts with the 4:52 a.m. EDT, Leo Moon opposition with Chiron (in Aquarius). Reactionary behavior ensues within the hour when Venus (in Virgo) squares with Pluto (in Sagittarius). Sadly, some won't listen to yesterday's warning. It's 11:08 when Leo Moon forms a quincunx with Uranus (in Pisces). At 1:14 p.m. EDT, Moon then opposes Neptune (in Aquarius). We close with the 11:44, Moon trine with Pluto. If that strikes you as people not thinking clearly, you're right. Many are torn in different directions as they try to attain or at least keep as much territory-possession-power as they can. The temptation to cut all lines of communication/connection is strong. Choose wisely.

Saturday, the 30th and New Moon time—like we need the reminder NOT to start any new contracts or partnerships until later. At 2:18 a.m. EDT, Moon enters Virgo. If there was nitpicking before, there's a magnifying glass and fine-web strainer now. But peace is desired as Venus enters Libra—if Mars will let her be to regroup and nurture what's salvageable or something beneficial on the horizon. It's 3:58 p.m. EDT, when Virgo Moon conjuncts with Virgo Sun. The evolved ones will present us with a concise report on all that is wrong with our current behavior and suggest a timeline for adjustments. It's also New Moon time, another clue to focus on launching something constructive and let go of the past toxins and hurt? We close with the 10:21 p.m. EDT, Moon conjunction with Saturn (in Virgo). Boundaries now delineated need to be respected.

Sunday, the 31st we close August with the 12:30 a.m. EDT, Virgo Moon trine with Jupiter (in Capricorn). Earth harmony is showing after the abundant rainfall, plus steadying national and international markets if only for the present. Otherwise, at 9:10, Moon forms a quincunx with Chiron (in Aquarius), then opposes Uranus (in Pisces). There is no patience left for tirades and pretend victims—which is not to say some won't try. As the 5:58 p.m. EDT, Moon quincunx with Neptune (in Aquarius) declares, it is time for forthrightness and honesty at each and every negotiations table.

Stay healthy and strong.
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