

Planetary Forecast for December 17-23, 2007

In review... it was another riveting and challenging week where weather and human behavior brought the best and worst to news headlines. The receding influence of Sagittarius Sun and looming Pluto came as news that the next space shuttle launch would need to be postponed until January due to fuel sensor trouble (Fire energy). Capricorn Moon influences for leadership, entrepreneurship, and watching the bottom line showed good sense there as well--consider the Mitchell Report on steroid abuse in baseball. (I warned by Friday of career ruination.) But even after Olympic Marion Jones is stripped of all her medals and track records, watch how the Mitchell Report plays out in the future as Saturn prepares to go into retrograde. Big business (e.g. huge contracts, endorsements) and the overriding preference by the public for entertainment before justice, moral code, and the idea of "doing the right thing" may well make this mess into a pitiful and embarrassing version of *Much Ado About Nothing*. As Water momentum increased, so did the size and magnitude of the back-to-back Winter storms that crossed the country. Over a half-million people were without power in the Plains alone, and more than thirty people have lost their lives, mostly in traffic accidents.

This week... Monday, December the 17th we launch a week of far more planetary activity. What with last minute holiday shopping, travel, and increasing stress on all levels, this will make us feel the aspects as powerfully as an approaching Low Pressure system triggers chronic aches. First, at 5:03 a.m. EST, Pisces Moon squares with Mercury (in Sagittarius) and that's a stalemate between Water and Fire energy aka The introverted and Lonely Castaway throwing cold water on The Foreign Correspondent, who wants to be on the go getting the big story and bringing it into worldwide view. Not likely today. That's followed at 5:17 as Moon squares with Sagittarius Sun (meaning Moon completes it's Second Quarter/is half full) and that's more of the same energy; Moon wants to keep thinking it's still the weekend. At 10:26, Sun conjuncts with Pluto (also in Sagittarius) bringing double Fire energy, meaning that all of the storm activity should be winding down, while energy levels and creativity should be on the upswing. And this also shows that if Sagittarius can't get it's way one way, they'll do it another, even if it requires veering from the truth or betraying relationships. To The Explorer, it's about discovering new territory, not how you get there. At 11:27, Moon squares with Pluto, indicating that not everyone is in love with that behavior, so look for news of resignations, firings, assaults, etc. At 1:27 p.m. EST, Moon squares with Jupiter (also in Sagittarius) slamming the door on goodwill and luck. At 1:52, Moon shifts into other Fire sign Aries, which will increase Sagittarius Sun's momentum and success. At 10:56, though, we close with Aries Moon squaring with Mars (in Cancer); while this is Aries' planet, right now Mars resides in emotional Water sign Cancer. Progress can be made, but know when to call it a day and try not to take every word or situation as a life or death assault against you.

Tuesday, the 18th at 1:43 a.m. EST, Venus (in Scorpio) trines with Uranus (in Pisces) bringing double Water energy into the picture--and while that's mostly relationship related--be careful not to put yourself in an environment where you can be taken by surprise--this could also be a time when a surprise bonus or other capital gain lands in your lap. This usually isn't about gifts but rewards earned. At 4:39, Aries Moon forms a quincunx with Saturn (in Virgo) another sign that people are in a mood to get things done, or get their way, even at the cost of breaking the law. That could bring out Virgo's crankiness. At 3:11 p.m. EST, Jupiter shifts into Capricorn, which should make the CEO of the Zodiac very happy indeed. Those with Capricorn Sun, or otherwise prevalent in their natal charts, should see projects and ideas previously put on hold for lack of support to begin receiving the green light to proceed. Just be careful not to let status consciousness get to your head; recognize that the dry spell you're been experiencing was to teach invaluable lessons and build good karma. At 4:54, Aries Moon forms a quincunx with

Venus (in Scorpio) and that's a clash between Fire and Water--again energy versus emotions and domestic stability. Strive to listen to other ideas and compromise where possible, but avoid anyone who wants you to play Russian Roulette with them. Where travel is required, this energy can make us a little reckless or preoccupied, so stay focused when handling anything with a plug or engine, and also watch out for the other guy. At 11:50 Moon, sextiles with Neptune (in Aquarius), a clear indication that Aries Moon will not listen, instead being convinced of being invincible by dreamy and idolizing Neptune. That's longhand for "stupid" and "ouch." If you're alive to pay a hefty repair bill on Wednesday, count your blessings.

Wednesday the 19th, we begin with the 9:09 a.m. EST shift of Saturn into Retrograde status meaning that it may be somewhat challenging now to preserve justice and to get people to respect the law. As with any retrograde, progress is not impossible, but recognizing where the hurdles and trap doors are can minimize delays or the necessity to readdress some things later. At 12:22 p.m. EST, Aries Moon trine with Sagittarius Sun and that's double Fire energy and lots of momentum for brainstorming, getting projects finished and drying up areas inundated with precipitation. At 1:50, Mercury (in Sagittarius) conjuncts with Pluto (also in Sagittarius) and that's an atmosphere for completions, as well, although not all of them good. At 2:28, Moon trines with Pluto. This back-to-back energy could bring new ideas/opportunities out of disappointments, but do be careful of overzealous attitudes and take threats seriously. At 4:38 p.m., Moon enters Taurus slowing things somewhat and bringing a calming influence. At 5:02, Taurus Moon trines with Jupiter (in Capricorn) creating double Earth energy, a great atmosphere for stability to hone business and all long-term projects. At 11:56, Moon sextiles with Mars (in Cancer) and that Earth-Water brings determined cooperation and harmony for agreed-upon projects. Again, keep in mind what the project is and who your partners are; a suicide bomber succeeds because someone wired him properly.

Thursday, the 20th at 6:40 a.m. EST, Taurus Moon trines with Saturn (in Virgo) embracing boundaries and stability followed by another planetary shift at 9:43 as Mercury moves into Capricorn. Business plans/reports heretofore vague or intentionally under detailed should now become clearer. This should liven up the political arena, as well, as candidates start the necessary clarifications and announcements to set themselves apart from others, and detail policy plans. At 4:53 p.m., Mercury (in Capricorn) conjuncts with Jupiter (also in Capricorn). This double Earth energy--with Moon also in earthy Taurus--brings a sense of new alliances for stability, but also watch for some environmental issues, perhaps stronger earthquakes, bridge or building problems, even dam compromises or mudslides since we have the 5:14, Taurus Moon sextile with Uranus (in Pisces), too. At 7:17, Sagittarius Sun conjuncts with Pluto (also in Sagittarius) and that is double Fire energy and perhaps fiery endings followed by domestic headaches or heartache, since at 10:41, we finish with the Taurus Moon opposition with Venus (in Scorpio), which is a sign our relationships or wallets will be taxed. Now an opposition isn't as bad as a square, but it's still unwelcome news.

Friday the 21st and we have Sun's last day in Sagittarius. But first we begin with the 1:06 a.m. EST, Taurus Moon square with Neptune (in Aquarius) indicating that Earth and Air energy collide creating conflict in how we are receiving information from some source--probably for good reason. It can also echo yesterday's concern about structure safety, or air travel. That's it until the 3:15 p.m. EST, Moon quincunx with Pluto (in Sagittarius) and that is expected after the previous aspect. You don't tell Aquarius "no" or put limitations on it without witnessing a retaliation or spiteful response, even if it's only verbal. At 4:40, Moon then forms a quincunx with Sagittarius Sun and that may be an anxious attempt to salvage a situation or perform a rescue. At 5:14, Moon shifts into Gemini upping the tension as we try to get all of the facts and data on issues. At 6:23, Gemini Moon forms a quincunx into Jupiter (in Capricorn) meaning Air is all but yelling at Earth literally and

figuratively. Atmospherically, look for high winds where pressure systems are changing, and for some people to demand financing or refunds for what they deem as work not paid for. More congressional grousing re budgets and bills? Probably. At 8:58, Moon forms a quincunx into Mercury (also in Capricorn) and that's more of the same, but more vocalized. Remember with the Christmas break looming, people are getting cranky and worried about getting home.

Saturday the 22nd will bring the 1:08 a.m. EST, Sun shift into Capricorn. As previously stated earlier when Jupiter moved into Capricorn, the focus will be on fiscal well-being, cutting debt and improving solvency. Also promoting one's status. We're thinking about the future--natural since 2008 is barely more than a week away--and those who have been treated like a stepchild for the last few years, should begin receiving more respect. Otherwise, at 5:21, Venus (in Scorpio) squares with Neptune (in Aquarius) and that is actually understandable and in keeping with what Capricorn Sun is trying to establish: enough with the nonsense and wild ideas; this is the only life we have, so if we're wasting it--or allowing others to feed off of our energy--we have to put a stop to that. At 6:55, Gemini Moon squares with Saturn (in Virgo) bringing a noisy clash between Air and Earth energies. In other words, not everyone is happy with our financial and karmic housecleaning. Since this is communication related, there could be some sort of "statement" against a group or society and I'm afraid I wouldn't discount an attack on property in retaliation. At 1:29 p.m. EST, Mercury (in Capricorn) then opposes Mars (in Cancer) bringing an attempt to silence protests. Finally, at 5:24 Moon then squares with Uranus (in Pisces), again a sign that protests are falling on deaf ears. Some could be pretty vocal in their frustrations, so do avoid angry people and overlook a driving insult to keep from becoming a road rage incident.

Sunday, the 23rd and Full Moon time. First, however, we have the 12:56 a.m. EST, Capricorn Sun conjunction with Jupiter (also in Capricorn) That's lots of Earth energy and good momentum to get finishing touches on projects. Then at 1:13, Gemini Moon trines with Neptune (in Aquarius) bringing double Air energy and lots of hot air being issued by some, although not all of it makes impressive sense. There's a good reason to watch those holiday libations. At 2:54, Moon forms a quincunx with Venus (in Scorpio). See what I mean? Not everyone will have imbibed with equal abandon, or is otherwise in the same "Me-Me-Me" frame of mind. If someone suggests you phone for a cab and call it a night, heed that wise advice. At 3:25 p.m. EST, Moon opposes Pluto (in Sagittarius) indicating that not everyone will and the results could be costly. At 5:18, Moon shifts into Cancer bringing out our nurturing and sympathetic side--but also our territorial-possessive qualities. At 7:13, Cancer Moon opposes Jupiter (in Capricorn) and at first glance that seems surprising, but remember *if* Moon is now feeling territorial, perhaps Earthy Capricorn has decided to keep a little too much of the bounty (recognition as much as rewards) for himself. At 8:15, Cancer Moon opposes Capricorn Sun (aka Full Cancer Moon). That's more of the same; don't expect Moon to be silent about what she feels is an injustice. We close the day with the 9:59, Moon conjunction with Mars (also in Cancer), which is double Water energy, so aside from tearful recriminations (that may breach the point of hysteria) do watch for serious precipitation problems where Low Pressure systems develop. This sounds like big Pacific winds, turning into a huge snow-rain headache for holiday travelers.

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