

Planetary Forecast for January 28-February 3, 2008

In review... Water and Air energy and Low Pressure Systems did create weather havoc, not only on Monday, but all week. Precipitation in California has already surpassed 2007 levels and flooding, mudslides, and avalanche momentum increase. Also a United L.A. to Chicago flight had to divert to Denver due to air turbulence incurring ten injuries. (Eight passengers and two flight attendants.) Tuesday's difficult pull of energy (Pluto's presence and Venus embattled) brought all kinds of startling news including the death of actor Heath Ledger. The increase of Earth energy could be seen in the economic dry-up (aka as recession fears) brought serious "sell" orders nationally and internationally. By midweek, the administration and congress stumble to offering Band Aids as a cure. This is being highly criticized as being too little too late. Isn't that perfect since they all waited until we're on the door of another Mercury retrograde and projects, plans, schedules, etc. will be on the fritz until mid-February?

Monday, January 28th and we begin at 1:37 a.m. EST with the Libra Moon quincunx with Uranus (in Pisces) and Air-Water energy means feelings and emotions get forced. At 11:02, Moon trines with Neptune (in Aquarius) increasing the Air energy, so along with concerns for dust storms and fires where drying is a concern, watch for "blowhards" and those that are selling an idea that's not entirely based in reality. At 3:31 p.m., Mercury (in Aquarius) goes into retrograde until February 18th and this is a compounded warning to not sign on the dotted line, exchange no monies, and simply step back before making any commitment because all that is relevant isn't necessarily on paper. At 4:20, Moon trines with Mercury; again, take care to inch through contracts with extra care. We end in a half hour with Moon's trine with Mars (in Gemini). Someone either doesn't listen and gets ultra pushy, or is so excited/determined about a matter that the "how" something is gained is a small matter. This pure willfulness could be costly. Although Mars is going direct, it doesn't mean every move will be wise, but for those with means, determination and good planning is to be commended.

Tuesday the 29th starts with the 4:35 a.m. EST, Moon shift into Scorpio and that's a better time for analysis and mining deeper. In twelve minutes, Scorpio Moon sextiles with Pluto (in Capricorn), which could free you from some tediously long involvement or short-cut a business transaction. At 5:32 p.m. EST, Moon sextiles with Venus (in Capricorn) building on relationships, particularly the deeply nurturing and ethical ones. At 6:50, Moon sextiles with Saturn (in Virgo) indicating we're trying better at keeping to budgets, schedules, and fair contracts; as you can see, though, with this retrograde, what should have taken an hour will have taken many more. At 9:19, Venus (in Capricorn) trines with Saturn, which is a rejection of the superficial, illegal, and emotionally costly. At 11:45, Moon sextiles Jupiter (in Capricorn). Rewards for holding the line? One can hope.

Wednesday the 30th begins with the 12:03 a.m. EST, Scorpio Moon square with Aquarius Sun bringing a good deal of censure against the flighty and unsanctioned. At 11:35, Moon squares with Chiron (in Aquarius) suggesting that this is familiar territory to Moon and there's no interest in experiencing that territory again. Is this relative to yesterday/days' past situations or something newer or on another burner? At 1:59 p.m. EST, Moon trines with Uranus (in Pisces). This double Water energy will up the precipitation chances from strong to heavy where Low Pressure Systems prevail. Otherwise, when pushed into a corner, someone will figure out a way to retaliate, escape or "release" pent-up feelings. At 5:33, Mars (in Gemini) goes direct and will stutter and stumble a few days before he's his old frank, energetic, and youthfully naive self. Since he's in Gemini, that means we'll "see" what evolves via words or deeds quickly. At 11:34, we end with Scorpio Moon squaring with Neptune (in Aquarius). That's a "No, nyet, nuthin' doin'" to illusions and nonsense. It's time for the pragmatic to clean house and get some order to the world

before we're all on medication.

Thursday the 31st looks like regardless of our good intentions--or perhaps because of them--Wednesday's stirring of the slush will reap reactions beginning with the 3:34 a.m. EST square between Scorpio Moon and Mercury (in Aquarius). At 5:10, Moon forms a quincunx with Mars (in Gemini) shutting down the muscle-arming. At 5:08 p.m. EST, Moon enters Sagittarius easing that OK Corral stand-off and accepting the more fair and conscionable decision. Understand that there will be some muttering and gossip regardless.

Friday, February 1st and Mercury, who has been in the storm (first phase of its retrograde) picks up speed, which eases the mucky-muck re communications somewhat, but don't let your guard down. Continue to progress with all plans and communications with care. With Moon in sometimes flighty Sagittarius, and Sun in try-anything-once Aquarius, expect communication to hit speed bumps anyway--and there are those who will expect you to clean up the mess. Otherwise, at 6:33 a.m. EST, Venus (in Capricorn) conjuncts with Jupiter (in Capricorn). That's lots of Earth energy and a desire for roots and nurturing, so don't be surprised if you have the sudden urge to cook for a dozen only there's just you and the dog at dinner. At 7:03, Sagittarius Moon squares with Chiron (in Virgo) and that's a clash between Air and Fire energies. While this should prompt many to dive into projects and brainstorming that appeals, keep an eye and ear open for those who don't have your best interest at heart. At 6:11 p.m. EST, Moon sextiles with Aquarius Sun opening the door to new ideas and dreams. As long as you tread carefully and peruse thoroughly, this should be a great opportunity.

Saturday the 2nd and Groundhog Day and if we accept this isn't a day for 24-hour life-changing decisions, yet long-term ones, then we could navigate the aspects well enough. Starting at 12:23 a.m. EST, Sagittarius Moon sextiles with Chiron (in Aquarius). That's Fire and Air again, and followed at 2:37 by a Moon square with Uranus (in Pisces). Aside from a weather system and environmental concerns, expect changes to come fast re decision making. At 11:57, Moon sextiles with Mercury (in Aquarius). At 5:21 p.m. EST Moon opposes Mars (in Gemini). At 7:55 Mercury conjuncts with Neptune (also in Aquarius). There's a push-pull momentum here, a desire to yield to get things over with. There can be reasons to accept that less is more, just be honest about them and don't try to put a pretty spin on things. It's no one's business but yours.

Sunday the 3rd brings another shift--Moon into Capricorn at 4:52 a.m. EST. At 5:21 Capricorn Moon conjuncts with Pluto (also in Capricorn). At 5:59 p.m. EST, Moon conjuncts with Jupiter (also in Capricorn). With all of this Earth energy, we'll be focusing on deals, the future, stability, and our place in that mix. Don't discount the atmospheric momentum, which could bring extra hard volcanic or seismic activity. A solar eclipse looms, too, on Ash Wednesday, no less. Effects can take awhile to realize, but those with Aquarius in their charts should really see changes. More on that next week.

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