

Planetary Forecast for January 5-11, 2008

*In review...*we have to acknowledge the weather/earth conditions forewarned and the challenges to law and boundaries. First, there were no less than a dozen people killed in avalanches last week with over twice as many injured. Interestingly approximately 300 earthquakes rattled the Yellowstone area especially during the Capricorn Moon period (Earth Energy). Watch for scientists now on site to report of either a larger fault or perhaps a volcano to replace Old Faithful. Maybe not tomorrow, but change is a given. As far as international challenges as Saturn forces us to review, Israel first bombed targets in Gaza and by week's end began a land invasion to crush Hamas in retaliation for the constant rocket attacks during a so-called "peace treaty." Remember the effects of Saturn retrograde mentioned last week? Now India responds to Pakistan's troop buildup along their border. Rules and anger atmosphere also showed itself in two key national incidents. In California a divorcee drove to his in-laws' house on Christmas Day and killed nine people, then committed suicide, while in Aspen, Colorado a man seeking to create "mass death" left four bombs in banks before committing suicide. Luckily authorities retrieved the explosives before he was successful.

*This week...*Monday, January 5th, 2009 launches with Jupiter entering Aquarius at 10:41 a.m. EST. After a twelve year absence, Aquarians benefit from the giant planet of benevolence and luck. Now just remember that this is also the sign of bucking the system and breaking/testing rules and law just because they exist, so can we assume that some of those rebellious activities will succeed? Bet on it. In five minutes, Moon does her own shift into Taurus. This Earth Energy sign does not like change without solid reason, which explains why in two more minutes, Taurus Moon squares with Jupiter (in Aquarius). The idea is, "Let's not give away the country or continent just because someone demands it." At 1:14 p.m. EST, Moon trines with Pluto (in Capricorn). Something is ended/severed. This can be a mixture of "better to cut off the hand than lose the body, or it could be the Palestinians refusing to take any calls from Secretary of State Rice. The next phase comes with the 3:05, Moon-sextile with Venus (in Pisces). While on the surface, this aspect doesn't seem to fit present conditions, when Venus is in Pisces, it can be passionate about concern for humanity, yet march forward with iron will to achieve the final desired goal. Drama is at its high point here and about to go higher for at 7:28, Moon squares with Mercury (in Aquarius), then at 11:34 Moon then trines with Aries (in Capricorn). This is akin to a Charge of the Light Brigade or Little Big Horn. Expect strong assaults today on the front(s). For those of us not born under this weighty and complicated environment (but Dickens was and wrote about it relentlessly on its results on society) we will be thinking about the next several years and where we (and our loved ones) best fit/survive in The Big Picture.

Tuesday, the 6th and at 9:52 a.m. EST (a late start again suggesting quite a bit of activity overnight) Taurus Moon trines with Jupiter (in Virgo). At 3:08 p.m. EST, Moon trines with Capricorn Sun. This is West Point style strategy and diplomacy at work hand-in-hand. I suspect there is a window being allowed internationally for this Gaza invasion to occur and it will be shut down in time for the U.S. inauguration. But there are always kinks in strategy because no one considers ALL aspects enough. Thus, at 6:37, Moon squares with Chiron (in Aquarius) followed at 7:46 when Moon sextiles with Uranus (in Pisces). If something goes badly wrong due to overconfidence, perhaps the 11:36 p.m. EST, Moon trine with Saturn (in Virgo) will salvage the worst of it. If not, there will be egg and (more) blood on faces and hands.

Wednesday the 7th returns to the early activity when at 1:05 a.m. EST, Taurus Moon squares with Neptune (in Aquarius). What follows is a twelve hour lull as Moon weakens as it

leaves staunch Taurus and enters Gemini at 1:12 p.m. EST. Then at 2:00, Gemini Moon trines with Jupiter (in Aquarius). There's a ominous 3:39, Moon quincunx with Pluto (in Capricorn) followed by the final 9:09, Moon square with Venus (in Pisces). Modern astrologers don't call Mercury the "trickster" without cause. The cat-and-mouse game on an international stage will look exhausting and nauseating. Otherwise, those in domestic relationships who have questions of trust with their partners should be on high alert.

Thursday the 8th and Gemini Moon wastes no time getting to work with the midnight trine with Mercury (in Aquarius). Now understand today Mercury enters its storm period--slowing before seeming to go retrograde. So what follows is a bravado announcement or something gambled upon. There's quite a break before the 3:55, Moon quincunx with Mars (in Capricorn), akin to the "you must be kidding?" reaction. Again a long wait and then the 11:07 Moon-Ceres (in Virgo) square. Then at 7:35, Moon trines with Chiron (in Aquarius). This is an embrace of the ages old trauma (Israel-Palestine, India Pakistan, Iraq-Iran, Kurds Turks...) If you heard the reports of families willingly acting as human shields in Palestinian targeted buildings, you will understand this scenario. For those elsewhere, there's a good deal of turmoil in office momentum, reports, data requested and received. Also in families in crises. People are not "there" where they need to be mentally and emotionally. Fight not to hit the purge and attack buttons. In a minute (7:36) Gemini Moon forms a quincunx with Capricorn Sun. That is an undermining of leadership. At 8:34, we close with the Gemini Moon-Uranus (in Pisces) square. The odds are against a cease-fire on ANY front yet. A Full Moon advances and this one is emotional increasing the threat of hazard and bite-off-the-nose-in-spice behavior.

Friday, the 9th and we begin with the 12:05 a.m. EST, Gemini Moon square with Saturn (in Virgo). The rehashing of what law/boundary exists continues. Doesn't make it any easier to resolve, but that's the gist of things. At 1:40, Moon trines with Neptune (in Aquarius). This could be a day when some deserve a punch in the face for saying one thing and meaning another--or making us want to yell, "Will the last person with a working brain please flush the great planetary commode?" In eight hours (10:28) Capricorn Sun sextiles with Uranus (in Pisces), but with Moon weak and Mercury in retrograde, everyone's heads remain scrambled--and let's not forget communications glitches can cause severe problems/catastrophes now. Argue and FIGHT for postponing anything critical. Moon moves into Cancer at 1:14 p.m. EST. At 2:43 p.m. EST, Cancer Moon sextiles Ceres (in Aquarius). At 3:43, Moon opposes Pluto (in Capricorn). This is an accident-prone time particularly for those born under that sign; added to the Mercury Retrograde, misunderstandings are also a high threat. Rely on stable friends for support and guidance. Better yet, if at all possible, start the weekend early.

Saturday, the 10th and Full Moon Day. First, however, at 12:31 a.m. EST, Cancer Moon trines with Venus (in Pisces) followed by the 1:10 quincunx between Moon and Mercury (Retrograde/in Aquarius). First, expect weather conditions to become highly precipitous and ground effects also hampered by wind. Sound like a blizzard somewhere? Could be. Also expect some wooing for some lucky souls. I've been remiss in pointing out this opportunity, guilty of looking at the larger picture. It's 6:04 when Moon then opposes Mars (in Capricorn). This is not the rejection of violence that it seems to be on first glance because at 10:41 Moon sextile with Ceres (in Virgo). Rather this could be a mourning period, a cease fire allowing negotiations to occur, but there's something waiting on the launch pad. At 7:13 p.m. EST, Moon forms a quincunx with our old warrior Chiron (in Aquarius) suggesting there's still plenty of fight left in old enemies. At 8:06, Moon then trines with Uranus (in Pisces). The blizzard or drenching will be at its height where Low Pressure Systems prevail. Stock up on candles and chicken soup. Elsewhere expect the unexpected. At 10:27, we experience the Cancer Moon opposition to Capricorn Sun--Full Moon. Leadership will take the reins and battle for ground, but not without a PR struggle.

**We close with the 11:27, Moon-Saturn (in Virgo) sextile. Who has announced, "It is done?"
At least for the moment.**

***Sunday, the 11th* and at 1:10 a.m. EST, Cancer Moon forms a quincunx with Neptune (in Aquarius). There is no patience for putting pink icing or flattering adjectives on a bad situation. At 8:06, Ceres now goes retrograde, too. Three planets in the last week or so-- we may be dizzy from the jerk on our psyches and emotions, so if possible take the day off. At 11:43, Mercury now goes fully retrograde as well. In the next hour, Moon yields to Leo--probably in a manner that reminds some of Pontius Pilate. It's 1:02 p.m. EST, when Capricorn Sun trines with Saturn (in Virgo). That would sound hopeful at least for the Sunday talk shows, but at 2:59, Moon opposes Jupiter (in Aquarius). At 3:18, Moon forms a quincunx with Pluto (in Capricorn). Well, there may be no cease fire yet and the world in general is showing physical and intellectual trauma, but remember the benefit of Retrogrades is to revisit old issues and get them right once and for all.**

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