

Planetary Forecast for May 26th-June 1st, 2008

*In review...*the atmosphere for major changes/endings resulted in serious headlines this week as former-President Carter's Chief-of-Staff Hamilton Jordan died at 63, and Senator Ted Kennedy announced that he has a malignant brain tumor. In London, a Harry Potter actor, 18 year-old Rob Knox, was killed in a brawl, and in California a helicopter crash claimed three lives and injured the other three onboard. Former Prime Minister Tony Blair had better luck when his private jet was almost shot down while heading to a Middle East conference. Also the doubling of Fire energy comes when California fights renewed fires.

*This week...*Monday, May 26th and Memorial Day also brings us two planets going into retrograde (Mercury and Neptune). Not only will we be flustered and frustrated, we can expect our schedules and all things electronic to add to a challenging day, and even weeks. In addition, our perspective may be off due to those "rose-colored glasses" being cloudier than usual. The remedy is to avoid rushing to judgment. In fact all Mercury Retrogrades are in Air signs this year indicating now is a good time to reassess who is in our life and why we're making the choices we are. Pay attention to dreams, too, for clues as to what matters or is troubling us.

Activity-wise, we begin with the 11:48 a.m. EDT, Mercury (in Gemini) Retrograde followed at 12:14 p.m. EDT with Neptune (in Aquarius) Retrograde. At 1:10, Venus (also in Aquarius) squares with Saturn (in Virgo). See how we are itching for change or desperate for some relief from this environment? There hardly seems enough oxygen to breathe. At 4:55, Aquarius Moon conjuncts with Chiron (naturally also in Aquarius), which could up the momentum for strife. If we go in knowing how everyone may be on an edge, perhaps we can avoid conflict. At 5:39, Moon trines with Mercury. Keep alert for wind problems—new fires, or existing ones getting more out of control. At 10:49, we end with Moon in conjunction with Neptune. If we're not dreaming, we may be weaving a tall tale or three around the picnic table. Either that or one of our presidential candidates may need to apologize again. That would be the least injurious of potential outcomes.

Tuesday the 27th and Moon shifts over to calmer and (hopefully) wiser Pisces at 9:38 a.m. EDT. At 10:27, Pisces Moon sextiles with Pluto (in Capricorn) and that is an expected atmosphere as we celebrate the conclusion of things like graduations, retirements, etc. Sadly, there may be painful endings/losses as well. At 1:46 p.m. EDT, Moon opposes Saturn (in Virgo). Again that's unusual behavior for this moon, but remember with Neptune being no help, Moon would prefer to leave big decisions for another day. In this case that may end up being more wise than wishy-washy. The 4:16 square between Moon and Venus (in Gemini) suggests some may get downright cranky or even mean-spirited. Another hint that's the case is the 10:56 square of Moon with Gemini Sun. If we don't like what we're hearing, step back. Although annoying, postponing some serious decision/action is better than risking a familial crisis or international war.

Wednesday the 28th brings us only one aspect, another clue as to how progress comes at a painful slowness right now—or like blunt trauma. Thus the 4:25 a.m. EDT, Pisces Moon quincunx with Mars (in Leo) bringing a clash of Water and Fire energy. Where Low Pressure exists, watch for serious weather, and relationship trauma. Since this moon is better for creativity than progress, postpone business meetings and people in general. Solitude will pay dividends in personal projects and self-introspection.

Thursday the 28th will launch early with the 12:33 a.m. EDT, Pisces Moon square with Mercury (in Gemini). If you didn't avoid people as recommended, here come the results.

Or maybe you did and now they're speaking about you behind your back. Shrug off what you can; as for the rest, "to thy own self be true." The 1:23 sextile between Moon and Jupiter (in Capricorn) indicates a stroke of luck or benevolence for some good judgment. Within the hour Moon then conjuncts with Uranus (also in Pisces). Double Water energy promises significant precipitation where Low Pressure lingers, plus the need for caution for that "expect the unexpected" environment. If traveling, leave extra time for congestion and mechanical headaches. At 3:52 p.m. EDT, Moon shifts into Aries to heat/dry things up. But also be mindful of lightning and fire or other accidents/calamities due to the 4:32 follow-up of Aries Moon squaring with Pluto (in Capricorn). The 6:35 Mercury (in Gemini) trine with Chiron (in Aquarius) could also be a "strike" of another kind—watch for news of a premeditated attack. We end with the 7:53, Aries Moon quincunx against Saturn (in Virgo). Yes, weather may give us pause, but someone is rejecting order and law and is acting with serious and deadly intent.

Friday, the 30th brings improved aspects and better energy for regaining some lost ground business and productivity-wise as long as you don't get greedy or too ambitious. Starting with the 3:14 a.m. EDT, Aries Moon sextile with Venus (in Gemini), meetings and other dialogues should be fast and full of cooperation and harmony. Don't take advantage of goodwill, though. At 8:08, Moon then sextiles with Gemini Sun. A retrograde is never a good time to close a deal, but if it's necessary and your only opportunity, this would be the most advantageous period. At 11:30, Moon trines with Mars (in Leo) and that's lots of energy and enthusiasm—I hope for only good things.

Saturday, the 31st and at 3:08 a.m. EDT, we begin with Aries Moon in sextile with Mercury (in Gemini). By 3:45, Moon sextiles with Chiron (in Aquarius). Oh, dear...the 4:34 Moon square with Jupiter (in Capricorn) indicates missteps or those seeing/taking an opportunity to abuse the system or otherwise get in their licks. Considering the hour, this may be an incident/situation occurring on another continent, but the world has shrunk enough and international politics and economies intertwined to where we all feel the results. There's a sense of trying to put a pretty spin on what's happened/said when at 8:54, Moon sextiles with Neptune (in Aquarius). But Moon is weakening as it prepares to shift into Taurus; who knows if it's too little, too late? Moon enters Taurus at 6:15 p.m. EDT, and at 6:51, Moon trines with Pluto (in Capricorn) and that's a bow out/pink slip/funeral as the bottom line. Interestingly, we close with the 10:13, Taurus Moon trine with Saturn (in Virgo), which should give us a hint that those who badly breach the law and compromise the safety of others will be held accountable.

Sunday, June 1st brings only one aspect and that is the 2:39 p.m. EDT, Taurus Moon square with Mars (in Leo). With New Moon only 48 hours away to look forward to on top of everything else we're dealing with, take a breather if you can. Start nothing new yet. Review, finesse, and don't offer to do more than is healthy and practical for you.

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