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## MERCURY RETROGRADE HITS THE WHITE HOUSE

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Many of us astrologers wondered what the impact would be of President Obama taking the oath of office under a Mercury Retrograde. Well, it didn't take long to find out. First off, Justice Roberts opted to recite the oath from rote, and consequently blew the exact wording of the oath. For safety sake, the oath was retaken the next day, in the Map Room of the White House, apparently at 7:35 pm.

But that was not the end of Mercury's impact on the new administration. As you may know, the Obama Team has been the most tech-savvy of any to make its way to the White House. Much to their dismay, when they arrived at the 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, they encountered down phone lines, outdated computers and software, not to mention an absence of assigned email addresses. Many were forced to have email forwarded to personal email addresses on Google, or have phone calls directed to their home phones until all the lines were back up and running. A BlackBerry Junkie, President Obama managed to cling to his hand held device after his security team armed it with iron clad protection. There was talk of him having to give it up altogether, but he managed to successfully lobby to keep it. He uses it not just for business, but also to keep in touch with close personal friends and his daughters.

On Monday, January 26th, the email lines were down at the White House virtually all day, forcing staff to use old fashioned methods of communication such as face to face meetings, announcements

printed on paper, cell phone conversations and those pink while you were out pads from yesteryear. From The Washington Post: "I haven't had a less stressful day in five years," (Robert) Gibbs (Press Secretary) joked, pointing at the BlackBerry on his desk and noting that it would make a good coaster. "The president can have my BlackBerry as far as I'm concerned."

Perhaps the White House could use a resident Astrologer to advise them of upcoming issues!

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Thursday, February 19, 2009  
7:30 pm



Demetra George



### TOPIC

Integrating Traditional and Modern  
Methods in Chart Consultations

Saturday, February 21, 2009  
12 to 4 pm

### WORKSHOP

The Authentic Self:  
Uncovering Life purpose in the Birth Chart

### LOCATION

2054 Harobi Drive, near Northlake Mall,  
just off Lavista, behind the DeKalb County Library,  
which is currently under renovation

## Letter from the President



Greetings MAAS Members,

Thanks to all who braved the freezing weather to attend Karen Branch's talk on what the planets will be up to in 2009. It's always nice to get an overview before diving in to the New Year.

We are tickled to welcome Demetra George to MAAS for our February meeting. I hope you'll turn out for her talk Thursday evening as well as her workshop on Saturday, February 21st. Being mindful of the unstable nature of the economy, we're doing our best to keep the fees reasonable.

I hope you all have successfully weathered the first Mercury Retrograde of the year. I guess we can be grateful that this one is out of the way. Only three more to go before the year's end!

Thanks for reading and I look forward to seeing you Thursday evening.

Sincerely,

Kathryn



## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Special thanks to Erika Sowell, Kathy Papoutsis, and Kathryn Silvertown for their contributions to this month's newsletter. Make sure they know you appreciate them. Also, please think about how you can contribute to MAAS and your newsletter.

Deadlines for submissions are the first of each month. Submit your entries to <herakles@comcast.net>.



### February 14

Mercury enters Aquarius at 10:39 a.m.

### February 18

Sun enters Pisces at 7:47 a.m.

### February 28

Moon Void of Course at 12:52 p.m.

### March 2

Moon Void of Course at 5:43 pm

### March 3

Moon Void of Course all day

### March 6

Venus Retrograde in Aries at 12:17 p.m.

### March 6

Moon Void of Course at 7:29 p.m.

### March 7

Moon Void of Course all day

### March 8

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m.

### March 8

Mercury enters Pisces at 2:55 p.m.



## LUNATIONS

### February 24

New Moon in Pisces at 8:35 p.m.

### March 10

Full Moon in Virgo at 10:38 p.m.

NOTE: Taken from Jim Maynard's Celestial Guide 2009 and Quicksilver Productions.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### February 19: Thursday Lecture

Demetra George

Integrating Traditional and Modern  
Methods in Chart Consultations

*Traditional criteria of planetary condition provide a clear assessment of to what extent each planet can bring about the matters it signifies in an effective and favorable manner. After explaining the primary criteria that determine a planet's capacity to bring about the matters it signifies, we will discuss how the modern astrologer can incorporate this information with the archetypal approach that aims for a healing of the psyche.*

### February 21: Saturday Workshop 12 Noon to 4 PM

Fee: \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members

The Authentic Self:  
Uncovering Life purpose in the Birth Chart

*In The Soul's Code, psychologist James Hillman writes that each person has a pattern that leads them toward a certain purpose and destiny, and that this pattern exists from the moment of birth. When a person recognizes and lives out this purpose, it not only gives reason to one's existence, but also enhances the well-being of others in the world. This seminar will present a clear and simple method specifically designed to uncover life purpose in the birth chart, pointing to how a person can best express the authentic self.*

Topics for discussion will include:

- The primary drive that motivates the soul to action
- The activities that steer a person to his or her destiny
- The soul's intention for this life
- The practical application of the soul intention into everyday matters



HAPPY RETURNS  
TO THIS MONTH'S  
MEMBERS!!!

### March 19: Thursday Lecture

Gary Caton

### April 16 & 18: Thursday Lecture/ Workshop

Carol Devine

### May 21 & 23: Thursday Lecture/ Workshop

Donna Van Toen

## Readings with Demetra George

Demetra George will be available for readings on Friday, February 20th. Her fee is \$165 for a one hour session and includes natal chart with asteroids and current timing. If you book your appointment prior to her arrival, she will prepare the large list of 600 asteroids.

To schedule your reading, please contact Demetra via email: <dgeorge@orednet.org> or <demetrageorge725@gmail.com> or call 541-345-5680.

### Demetra George's Website

[www.demetra-george.com](http://www.demetra-george.com)

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**Building for Rent:** With the exception of MAAS meeting nights and workshops, Sundays, Full Moons, Equinoxes and Solstices, our building is available for rent. The fee is a very reasonable \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. Please contact Kathryn (770-931-2577) or Kathy (770-933-1915) to reserve the building.