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## BORN UNDER MERCURY RETROGRADE

*Kathryn Silverton*

Mercury goes retrograde approximately every three and half months for a period of about 23 days. Therefore, there is about a 25% chance that someone will be born under a Mercury Retrograde, if you assume that births are equally distributed throughout the year. What impact does that have on the person under such circumstances?

Mercury, being the planet of communication, suggests that issues associated with speech will be impacted. It is not unusual for such an individual to find that they don't start speaking at the "average" age of most children. Parents may wonder what is up, but they ought not fret. It may very well be that the child is perfectly intelligent and is hearing everything that is going on around them, but for some reason or another chooses not to talk. Once they do start talking, they may shock their parents with the extent of their vocabulary. It's as though they've been storing up information in their brains and are waiting for the right moment to unleash their thoughts. Once they do start talking, they often make up for lost time. In rare instances the opposite is true. I have heard of some folks born under a retrograde Mercury who actually start talking much earlier than the average bear. Even in those instances, it appears that they are more chatty and much more cerebral. No matter which is the case, there is a tendency to be reflective, sometimes overly analytical. They may have a more difficult time getting out of their head and have difficulty figuring out how their emotions fit in to their life process.

I've seen instances in which people born under this sign are assumed to be lacking in intelligence because they don't necessarily blossom along with the rest of their age group. This is often times a most inaccurate assumption. The reality is that these are simply people who may need more time to figure out what they want to do with their lives. Once that decision is

made, there is no stopping them. It's as if the spigot has been turned on and there is no off switch.

Folks born under this influence may find that they need more time to process information before making a decision. They may be avid note takers who then go back and reread the information they have gathered. It is unwise to push this sort of person to make decisions prematurely. They need time to think things through very thoroughly. In the process they may come to significant revelations.

When Mercury is retrograde by transit, the individual born under Mercury Retrograde finds this to be a most productive time to gather up information for consideration. In most instances, the decision as to what to do with that information comes as Mercury makes its station to go direct.

It is insightful to observe what Mercury does by progression during the retrograde cycle. Depending upon how early into the retrograde cycle a person is born, they could be experiencing a progressed Mercury retrograde anywhere from just after birth to as late as age 23 or so. Pay attention to the age at

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### THIS MONTH'S EVENT

Thursday, September 17, 2009  
7:30 pm

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
Anyes Moscrip

**TOPIC**  
Saturn in Libra

**LOCATION**  
2054 Harobi Drive, near Northlake Mall,  
just off Lavista, behind the DeKalb County Library

## Letter from the President

Greetings MAAS Friends,

A big thanks goes out to Julian Venables for this insightful talk on the Saturn Uranus opposition throughout history. We appreciate all the time and effort he took to prepare and present his talk.

Remember that September is Membership Renewal month, so be sure to bring your check book and renew early and often. Mary Trapp, our membership chair is not shy about asking for your contributions, so be prepared for her to put her Virgo moon to work and get the detailed list in order.

We are already taking calendar orders for 2010 so sign up as soon as humanly possible. You don't need to pay until the goods arrive. We just want to get a jump on submitting our order so we aren't left out.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 17th and hearing what Anyes has in store for us.

Take care and happy almost fall!

Sincerely,

Kathryn



## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Special thanks to Mary Trapp, Kathy Papoutsis, Anyes Moscrip, and Kathryn Silverton for their contributions to this month's newsletter. Also thanks to Kathy and Kathryn for the delicious food at the last two meetings. Thanks to Pat Lantz for last month's newsletter article. 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 <spahno.ce84@gtalumni.org>.



### September 17

Mercury enters Virgo By Retrograde at 11:26 pm

### September 20

Venus enters Virgo at 9:32 am

### September 22

Sun enters Libra at 5:19 pm

### September 29

Mercury Stationary Direct 9:13 am

### October 9

Mercury enters Libra at 11:46 pm



## LUNATIONS

### September 18

New Moon in Virgo at 2:44 pm

### October 4

Full Moon in Aries at 2:10 am

NOTE: From Solar Fire Gold.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Thursday, September 17**  
*Anyes Moscrip*

In a few weeks, Saturn will be moving into Libra where it will square Pluto. What can we expect on a personal and mundane level. We will be looking at the Fall Equinox chart for current events as well as personal events. We will also look and summarize the previous Summer Solstice chart to see how it has manifested. Make a list of this summer's events and bring to the meeting for some feedback on what has been going on and how it shows up in the ingress chart.

**Thursday, October 15**  
*Bil Tierney*

**Thursday, November 19**  
*Steffan Vanel*

**Thursday, December 17**  
*Christmas Party*

### MERCURY RETROGRADE

*(From the Front Page)*

which Mercury moves over other natal planets and particular attention to the age at which Mercury moves forward. In most instances that I've observed, something significant happens at this time. It might be a major move to a different part of the globe, or the Aha! As to what they want to be when they grow up. They may come out of their shell, of sorts, and now have a clearly defined sense of self and one's chosen path in life. I've also seen situations in which the native does not relocate, but significant people in their lives relocate instead, essentially leaving the native to their own devices.

Authors of major tomes often have Mercury retrograde at birth or experience a Mercury retrograde by progression. For example, Herman Melville, born with Mercury in Virgo, experienced a progressed Mercury Retrograde when he was 24 years old. He wrote Moby Dick when he was 32 years old yet it did not receive critical acclaim until after his death. The English publisher, Peter Bentley, omitted the epilogue, causing critics of the time to pan the book. He also wrote one of the longest pieces

of poetry ever written, a 16,000 line epic, which took years to write. His uncle paid for the publication of the poem, but it did not sell well. Melville couldn't afford to buy the copies at cost, hence they were burned.

See what you come up with as you observe these sorts of charts.

Happy Research!

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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

**THE POSSIBLE END OF CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT!** Yes, it's hard to believe but we may in fact have enough people for a beginning Astrology Class starting in October. Spread the word. We're taking names in preparation for this momentous event:) Contact Kathryn for details. 770-931-257

### TIME TO ORDER CALENDARS!

Celestial Guide 2010  
\$11.95 Retail, \$7.20 Our price

Pocket Astrologer Guide 2009  
\$6.95 Retail, \$4.20 Our price

Wall Calendar 2009  
\$12.95 Retail, \$7.80 Our price

Llewelyn:

Pocket Planner 2009  
\$8.99 Retail, \$5.40 Our price

Wall Calendar 2009  
\$13.99 Retail, \$8.40 Our price

Daily Planetary Guide 2009  
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