

Earth's Energies – Fall 2006

The prelude to Mercury's Retrograde and Guide for time-management

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I have been approached by my more sensitive clients suggesting there could already be a **Mercury Retrograde** phenomena interfering with the smooth organisation of things. In the spirit of "preventative" or pro-active astrology, I have written this to explain the electro-magnetic influences of this time and prepare you for the retrograde of Mercury this October-November.

Mercury experiences a retrograde period up to three times a year. What happens when Mercury retrogrades? Amongst other things, you miss appointments, your computer or other equipment crashes, cheques get lost in the mail, you purchase a lemon for a car, you hate your haircut, whatever you buy breaks, the gifts you buy don't seem right and everything seems to frustrate. There can be numerous delays, cancellations and postponements--but they are meant to benefit you unless you fight them--then your frustration level and feeling of restlessness will make it hard to cope. The mind is somewhat withdrawn, personalised, independent and innovative. Creative people are more in tune with the universal mind. Other people find the challenge is in translating what they are internally into a language others can understand. We seek to become less isolated and odd but the retrograde can manifest some unusual neurological wiring such as dyslexia as well as hesitating, pondering and misunderstanding.



All machinery and things with moving parts--such as computers, VCRs, camera equipment, garbage disposals, telephones, answering machines, security systems, fax machine etc. can break down now if they are weak. So it is advisable that you back up your data system and be more careful and vigilant than ever where it counts. Projects will demand more time and money than anticipated, you can expect heavy traffic, delays, and traffic light malfunctions.



In relationship matters, if you break up or someone says something hurtful, take a wait-and-see attitude. When travelling, get prepared ahead of time, leave early and allow extra travel time. Everything should be double checked and double-taped closed, count your belongings, double-check addresses and reconfirm appointments. Things will get lost when Mercury messes us up so it is wise to take nothing for granted. Conversations are more difficult, signals cross, meanings are unclear and confuse what would normally be understood. Siblings, speaking, writing, online communications can be challenging. People who work in communication, commerce and transportations, writers, orators, commentators, critics, gossips, spin doctors, tricksters and thieves are all from the mercurial realm therefore will experience an enhanced occurrence. Gemini and Virgo are the signs ruled by Mercury, so they will be complaining especially loudly. Industries such as sales, writing, public relations, advertising, publishing, air freight, the post office or express mail, and any transportation from airlines to Amtrak will be especially vulnerable

To move forward it is sometimes necessary to backtrack and reconfigure our paths in life. It is important to reconsider, re-do, refresh, resolve, reorganise, repair, reflect, re-contact and reconnect.

Mercury forces us to slow down and fix what's broken, and in so doing, rethink things. It also gives us time to get to projects we have put on the shelf. You can bump into old friends, adopted children can find their birth parents, or people locate long lost siblings. This is a good time to take a break or redo your business plan. It is an excellent time for research.



Prosecutors could use this time to find clues to crimes that had previously remained unsolved for years. But police can also bungle evidence Mail that was detoured or things that were lost time to heal old wounds, clean up relationships Some people have great breakthroughs in dreams. For salespeople, entrepreneurs, and backtrack over previous contacts rather than



during a Mercury retrograde period. can sometimes show up. It is a good or simply resolve your differences. psychotherapy, meditation or in agents it is a positive time to call on new ones.

Schedule yourself to work on projects that you haven't been able to do; bring your resume, portfolio or other administrative work up to date, and clean out your cupboards, closets, drawers, attic, shed, basement or garage. Get some of those chores caught up, make mechanical repairs, get systems in order and tie up loose ends. In other words, clear the decks. It is recommended that you try not to start new things. If you have to start something during the retrograde, the nature of the job or whatever you have started is likely to change over time. Someone will leave, your supervisor will change, and things will not turn out as you expect, or your responsibilities will be different from what you thought they would be.

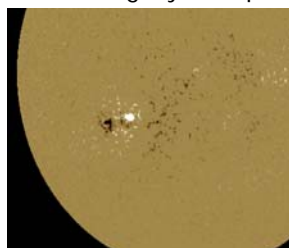
Finally, what about people born with Mercury retrograde? Mercury rules thinking, therefore an individual born with this aspect tends to reflect deeply over events and issues throughout their lifetime. This is a mind that is quite full of accumulated information so having this aspect is a bonus! Your astrologer was born with Mercury retrograde--so relax!

Prior to a retrograde period of Mercury, there is a signal that suggests you will be gathering your process in preparation for the next retrograde period. This occurred on August 31st, 2006 and the theme of the up-coming October retrograde is originality. So during the month of September you may find that wherever things are not to your liking you will desire to do them over. We are only in the "reacting" stage during the prelude



to Mercury's retrograde. In this stage we are uncompromising, individualistic and focused on originality but what surfaces is usually the reflection of deep emotionally charged tragic overtones. There is a sense of defiance and challenge implied as we seek to discover the basis of our true reliability.

So why are we feeling so strained, finding organisation slightly disrupted and mistakes are interfering with job satisfaction? On August 30th the question is, was it backwards? Perhaps it beginning of a new magnetic cycle on our coming out of a solar minimum, a period of solar maximum was in 2001. It is at periods as solar maximum that sunspots appear. The



Sunspot 905 appeared, is a key marker for the Sun. We are currently lowest activity. The last of highest activity, known sunspots result from the

strong local magnetic fields in the solar surface that exclude the light-emitting solar plasma and appear as darkened spots.

The solar cycle is usually but not strictly an 11 year {Schwabe-Wolf} cycle or a 22 year {Babcock} cycle; but it has been as short as 9 and as long as 14 years in record. To keep some balance, let us discuss the most popular theory of every 11 years. What happens is our Sun goes through a magnetic cycle, at the end of which its overall orientation is reversed. This has been observed for hundreds of years. As of March 10th this year, solar minimum had arrived. Sunspots had all but vanished and solar flares were nonexistent. The sun was utterly quiet; the proverbial quiet before a storm.

An indicator that the sun's magnetic field is reversing is the appearance of sunspots with the reverse magnetic polarity than normal. The one small reverse sunspot candidate of a few weeks ago faded quickly. But now, however, a larger sunspot with negative polarity is being tracked. Recently, sunspot 905 has actually begun to break apart and might also become the source of coronal mass ejections and explosive solar flares. Solar astronomers predict that the coming **Solar Maximum** will be unusually active. Forecasts have predicted that solar maximum will be reached by **2012** but at least one researcher believes it will arrive, in 2010 or 2011. This researcher predicted that the first sunspots of the next cycle would appear in late 2006 or 2007 which has just occurred. You will already begin to notice the sunspot affects now as it starts a long progression toward the most active time, in about 5.5 years.

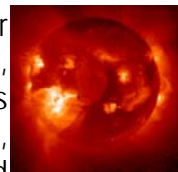


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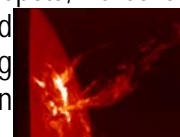
During the **solar maximum of 1958** we did not have the reception bars on our cell phones to let us know that there was interference to radio waves. People knew something big was happening when Northern Lights were sighted three times *in Mexico*. They say the up-coming storm will be the most intense solar maximum in fifty years. But we will be able to notice it by its effect on cell phones, GPS, weather satellites, the stock market and many other modern technologies.



More generally, however, the earth is under the influence of solar wind and solar storms. This happens when the magnetic field of the spot at the equator weakens, allowing an influx of coronal plasma increasing the internal pressure of the Sun. This forms a magnetic bubble which may burst and produce an ejection of coronal mass, leaving a **Coronal Hole**. Such coronal mass ejections are a source of the high-speed **solar wind**.



When energetic particles are emitted from the Sun they strike the Earth, when this happens then satellite communications might be affected and auroras might also develop. Foul weather on the sun can produce radio blackouts, these are rated R1, 2, 3, and an R3 will be the one that knocks out telecommunications over large parts of the sunlit side of the Earth. When sunspots, flares and **Geomagnetic storms** crop up on the surface of the sun they cause scattered problems with electric power systems, radio communications and global positioning equipment. **Solar flares** are so fast and furious they can cause communication black-outs on Earth within 30 minutes of a flare erupting on the Sun's surface.



While the Sun's emissions are only just building we did just recently have a **Lunar and Solar Eclipse**



back to back. Now this is not abnormal either. There is usually an accompanying lunar eclipse to the solar eclipse which happens at the full and new moons respectively. The **Full Moon** is the culmination of the Moon's cycle, and the beginning of the waning phase. During the two weeks following the Full Moon, the Moon decreases in light. This is a good period for working on ourselves, finalising things, processing information, wrapping up, and letting go of the things we don't need anymore. This is a time for progress in

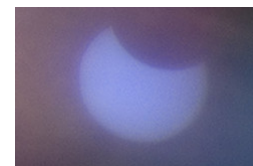
the inner, rather than outer, realm. Farmers often use this time to plant root crops, which grow under the surface of the earth. A **Lunar eclipse** is a very special Full Moon. Decisions we make, things we let go of, and things we finish during this waning cycle have significance in the future. It is an excellent time to give up an old habit, for example, smoking. **Full Moons** in general, and **Lunar eclipses** in particular, are times of high emotion, and they bring awareness. The Sun and the Moon, our animus and our emotions, are on opposite sides of the sky, as if the other were a mirror. This is a time of mirroring; we can see ourselves in others if we are willing to look which many are not.

The Lunar Eclipse of **September 7th** has much to do with confrontation, conflict and deep-seated struggle. Representative of the Moon, we are haunted by the ghosts of our unfulfilled past, the life yet to be lived or our unresolved karma; so rashness cannot be tolerated unless well-conceived. There are sacrifices to be made requiring the right use of will. Our spirit is seeking peace and tuning into rhythmic inevitability or duelling with repetitive tests. It is necessary to free yourself from emotional and group tensions so that you can act serenely and at peace along the circular pathways.



The **New Moon** is the beginning of the waxing phase of the lunar cycle, or the two weeks when the Moon increases in light. We can use the energy of the increasing light of the Moon to literally and figuratively plant seeds. We start new projects, buy new things, and make new contacts. Things we start in the world outside during this time tend to grow. Farmers use this time to plant above-ground crops. A **Solar eclipse** is a very special New Moon. Things that are begun between the eclipse and the next Full Moon (about 2 weeks), seeds we plant, projects we undertake, contacts we make, and intentions we set, take on added significance 6 months down the road.

The Solar Eclipse of **September 22nd** recommends total concentration. Avoid the detours as this is a decisive force that suggests what must be done intentionally and with no outer voices penetrating the still point of the mind and soul. The right step must be taken now; one must conquer their illusions and ignore the shadow of hesitation, close the outer doors of perception and thought and avoid being distracted by the voice from the past that glamorises old memories.



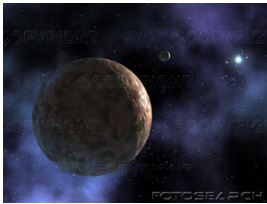
The **Equinox** can be a time of recharge but the heavy planetary energy together with all the galactic emanations aspect a new minor planet Sedna. **Sedna** represents the farthest outreach of consciousness, of known dimensions, the theoretical edge of our solar system. Occurring now is more than a simple person can process, the form of new information, discovery, input, pressures, desires and "multitudinal" full spectrum of stimulation therefore we have frequency of choice. We need to put life into



continuum of stimulation coming in the propaganda, media, all levels of selection. Life is super charged with a to tune our schematics into the priority sequence.

Take your physical well being into consideration first, feed yourself and treat yourself well, when these needs are met then turn to your spiritual needs {I always do 'this' backwards so this is a good reminder to self}; then next in priority should be your emotional needs. Emotions are ruled by the Moon, and the moon's light can be tricky. Putting emotions first is a mistake; consider that moonlight steals the colour from whatever it touches. When emotional you cannot focus, cannot see clearly and everything turns grey. Moonlight won't let you read, it not only blurs your vision, and it also causes a blind spot on the retina.

The new consciousness emerging from Sedna is to put us into a frame of being in which we make good decisions. When we put our inner house into order, nurture ourselves and get good exercise and rest, our brain and physicality work better. This is the time to make cognisant choices in matters of career, money, materialism, value, talent, giftedness and self worth. This Double-Taurus believes that a human has a right to both; a comfortable materialism and a soul-full reality as long as we can obtain what we need without hurting anyone or the earth. Just like your physical body needs to be healthy to succeed, your soul needs to be comfortable in this reality {no abstention but no greed – aha!}. We have to work hard and follow our visions with unquestionable passion, trust your instincts and bend with the galactic winds.

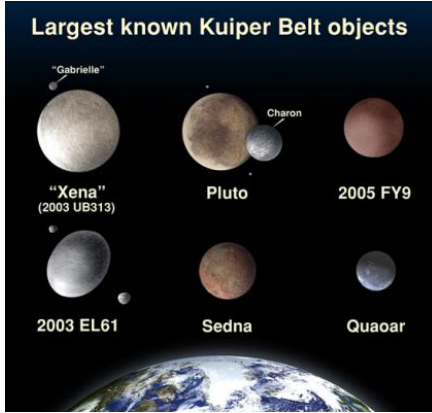


Everyone is aware of the redesignated planets. This was not affected by astrologers, rather astronomers tuning into the needs of this time in space. As symbols of our expanding consciousness, the IAU's redefinition of a planet bring a number of new orbiting bodies into our focused attention. I write this as Mars, Sun and Venus are lining up on a transit of the **Sombrero Galaxy** (13 Libra 45), outside our galaxy where the black hole is driving our galactic expansion. It is time to get a bigger picture and place more importance on 'multidimensionalism'; in our ability to assess, strategise, decide and take innovative action. It is time to throw out the old policy manual, revise the precedents and upgrade systems of management and negotiation. In plain language, consider your options; they are outside the blinders of your known reality and beyond the curtain of your illusion! Keep dancing!

If you feel overwhelmed, you are not alone; in the world of astrologers these **new dwarf planets** and the redefinition of the solar system present the challenge of a new integration into an already vast body of knowledge. New planetary designations represent new archetypes for humans as solutions to the modern complications of earthly incarnation. Take for instance **Eris**, {aka **UB 313**} responsible for sparking a fight between goddesses that started the Trojan War. Eris' moon shall be called **Dysnomia** {aka



Gabrielle}, the daughter of Eris, representing the spirit of lawlessness. In orbit, Eris was at its' farthest point from the Sun {our centre of consciousness} in the spring of 1951. Those of us born around that time have been working toward this integration all of our lives.



Pluto's companion Charon and Kuiper Belt Orcus are included in Pluto's resurrection, reformation and creation collective but not everyone is open to transformation. Orcus was involved in the recent death of Steve Irwin, croc hunter, killed during a Venus to Orcus conjunction, which was on his natal Uranus ruling accidents. 55565 says in an alchemical combining process we can make something out of these gathering elements Use your obstacles, just use the flow of what is to get over the hump of what isn't and get creatively swept along on the wavelength of the present currents. You can go back and refine, shift, rethink and tweak what you achieve in the flow and you can save whatever works for you

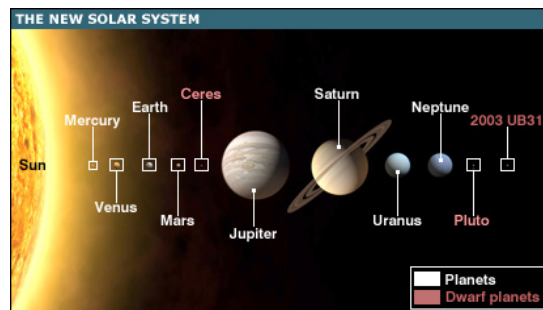
out of the old archetypes but get in the stream of consciousness flowing now. Be inspired with the new insights coming your way and make progress on whatever dimension available. We have more tools of transformation at our disposal now to help us hone our pathway on our evolutionary track.

"Be blessed, obstacles, through you we grow."
Nicholas Roerich (1874-1947), Altai-Himalaya

With regard to these new designations; "Philip Sedgewick" has trademarked the phrase "Evolutionary Intensified Objects or EIO's" in his classification and these promise gifts of new consciousness, emotional clearing and psychic unfoldment. "The next step after transformation and personal evolution after an underworld centaur bodies, Chariklo is considered used Chiron as she is notably larger. extreme ranges, many more the ecliptic shall be transited. As it is now, more than the ecliptic. The classical planets include passages in Canis Minor, Crater, Hydra, Scutum and Serpens. Pluto in total, transits 41 constellations including the zodiac twelve." Pluto's current transit of the Galactic Center could be its' own catalyst of change and integration, so astrologer's relax and grow



journey – all aboard!" Even in the more important than the popularly "Since Kuiper Belt objects have more constellations outside the plane of the Moon can pass six constellations



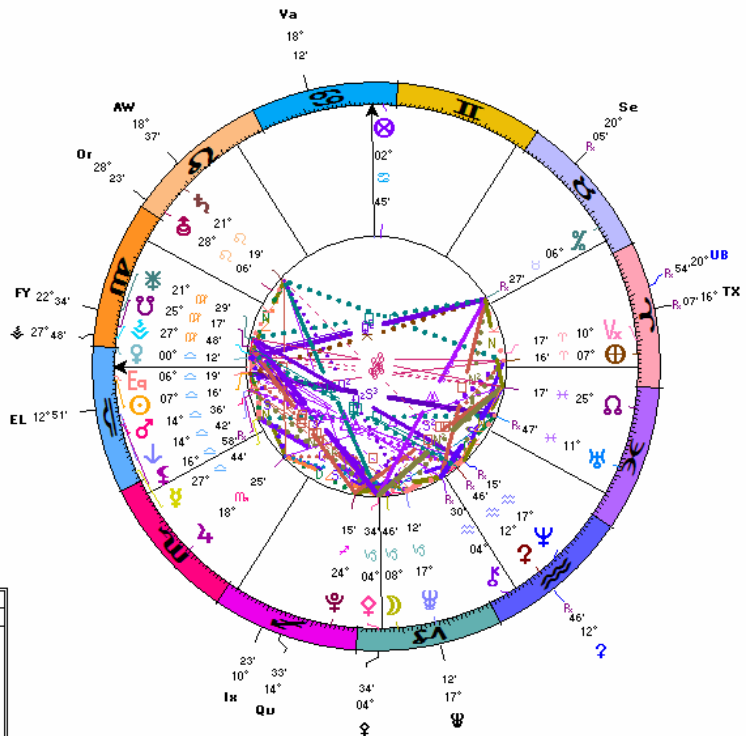
So finally to **Mercury's retrograde**. On Friday **October 28th** Mercury will actually stand stationery and begin to move backwards. The last retrograde of the year will focus on tuning in, adjusting swiftly and refining the ability to function efficiently. Identifying yourself with the great rhythms of the biosphere you will function at peace with what you produce. We lose faith in life if we want to dominate and enslave life to our own ends. We need to peacefully adapt to nature. This retrograde is all about adaptation. The mid-point of the retrograde phase occurs on **November 8th** when Mercury eclipses the Sun. We are asked to attend to transpersonal or faith based spiritual matters {with or without religion}. We must, from our innermost centre, surrender our ego to the potency of our soul and the transcendent force. Seek to discover your hidden potentialities and mutate.

In due course Mercury will turn direct on **November 17th** and its' message brings us back to our ego cravings, the community and social practices. By employing the teeth of our soul we need to tear down, digest and assimilate social and cultural patterns so that unwholesome denatured habits cannot decay our civilization. Life perverts, repairs, destroys and rebuilds in a truly vicious cycle. We need to focus on repairing the damage we have caused with social inventiveness. While Mercury is direct, it will not recover its' retrograde territory until **December 4th**, but when it does all the pomp and ceremony of our aggressive, tense, domineering Western civilization will contrast sharply to our new soul focus if we have achieved it. The collective swarms with pride, excitement, and forceful noisy excellence therefore look for the true group you belong to; look for unity as you begin to move toward new horizons. Your natal chart is your individual blueprint or map, it shows you how to steer your ship. All good sailors chart their course and all successful people have a plan; it is always helpful to know where the obstacles are.

The Chart for the New Planets

Transits 30 Sep 2006

Event Chart (3)
 30 Sep 2006
 07:00 PDT +7:00
 Victoria, CAN
 48°N25G 123°W22'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
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 True Node



Extra Ring: newplan pte				
Pt	Name	Hs	Long	Decl
TX	2002 TX300 55636	7	16° 07' R	+25°45'
UB	2003 UB313 999001	7	20° 54' R	-05°14'
Se	Sedna 90377	8	20° 05' R	+06°11'
Va	Varuna 20000	10	18° 12'	+25°05'
AW	2002 AW197 55565	11	18° 53'	+06°55'
Or	Orcus 90482	11	28° 52'	-04°27'
FY	2005 FY9 999003	12	22° 07'	+28°50'
♁	Vesta 4	12	27° 07'	+05°10'
EL	2003 EL61 999002	1	12° 51'	+19°10'
Ix	Ixion 28978	3	10° 23'	-22°10'
Qu	Quaoar 50000	3	14° 33'	-15°18'
♁	Pallas 2	3	04° 34'	+08°29'
♃	Hygeia 10	4	17° 51'	-20°38'
♅	Ceres 1	5	12° 46' R	-29°14'

Proposed Planets
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Hs	Long	Hs	Long
1	04° 15'	7	04° 15'
2	03° 11'	8	03° 11'
3	02° 14'	9	02° 14'
4	05° 20'	10	05° 20'
5	06° 24'	11	06° 24'
6	05° 15'	12	05° 07' 15'