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Demetra George

“Mythic Signatures in the Birth Chart”

Thursday Meeting & Lecture

February 15, 2007

7 - 10 p.m.

\$15 for SFAA members, \$20 for non-members

“The Astrologer as Oracle and Healer”

Saturday Workshop, February 17

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(lunch on your own, 12 - 1:30 p.m.)

\$40 for SFAA members, \$50 for non-members

Both events will take place at the
Wyndham Fort Lauderdale Airport, 1870 Griffin Road
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brenda Brush

Dear Friends,

Anyone interested in astrology, whether an advanced or new student, is very familiar with the workings of the planet Mercury. Mercury is in charge of so many things. Mercury rules our thinking and all forms of communication. In our bodies, it rules our hands, arms, lungs and nervous system. Well, you get the idea; there is much more.

So, our day-to-day life would come to a screeching halt if Mercury wasn't doing its job. Our ability to connect to the outside world is dependent upon Mercury. Mercury goes retrograde every 115 days for three weeks, and something gets our attention. The car breaks down, we lose our keys, the computer has a glitch, the information we need isn't there, and a variety of things happen that can delay our rush forward.

Mercury goes retrograde for a reason. Everything that the planets do have reasons. Or should I say, "To everything there is a season"? Timing is everything. It is just us and our desires that sometimes

do not coincide with what the planets are supporting at that moment. That moment, when we want what we want, the Universe is not cooperating.

Mercury entered its shadow, preparing to go retrograde, on January 30th and actually goes retrograde on February 13th at 11:38 pm EST in 10 degrees Pisces 14 minutes, just short of making a conjunction with Uranus. Oh, that could have been so much fun, but it is delayed until April Fools' Day.

Mercury gives us a chance to fix things when it is retrograde. It gives us a chance to do research. We find out where we missed something that we didn't catch previously, and sometimes we find things that have been lost for a while. We regroup and reorganize ourselves, we do maintenance, and we don't push. Be careful of miscommunication. When someone is giving you directions, make sure you ask them twice. Double-check everything that is important.

Mercury retrogrades until March 7th, when it finds itself back at 25 degrees Aquarius. That is opposing the station point of Saturn, where it went retrograde December 5th at 25 degrees Leo. This must mean something.

This Mercury retrograde is carrying a message from Saturn. We get solid, concrete information about something that is important to our future at this point. It is a step in the right direction. Well, I guess you need to put up with this Mercury retrograde, because it is connecting you with useful, solid information, that which you need to have, when Mercury joins Uranus on April Fools' Day.

Mercury starts a new cycle with the Sun about halfway through the retrograde. This is an important point, because you start getting answers. This day will be February 22nd at 4 degrees Pisces 11 minutes. Make your wishes that day, because the results of those intentions will be realized on the full phase on May 3rd, around 13 degrees Taurus.

So, let's get back to February 22nd, the middle of the Mercury retrograde. It begins a new cycle, but it has 13 more days to be retrograde. We still have the caution flag up, but things begin to clear. Then, when Mercury goes direct on March 7th, every delay has proved worth it and things move forward. You can then sign papers, make decisions and find your keys.

This Mercury goes retrograde in a water sign, Pisces, and ends up back in Aquarius, an air sign. What you get in touch with emotionally during the first part of February requires the objectivity of the air sign, Aquarius, to bring the solutions. Check to see what house Mercury is retrograde in your chart. It will be that part of your life where a correction is required. Mercury will transit from 25 degrees of Aquarius to 10 degrees Pisces three times from January 30th, when it enters its shadow, until March 28th, when it comes out.

This could be a very important Mercury retrograde for you, as it will put you in touch with all the right people to further your goals. It will also expose all the wrong people. You will find your group.

Peace Be With You.

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LECTURE

Thursday, Feb. 15

7 p.m., registration
& socializing

7:30 – 10 p.m., program

“MYTHIC

SIGNATURES IN THE BIRTH CHART”

The roots of divination from the stars reside in the mythic archetypes of the planetary deities. When planets are prominent in the sky at the time of birth, the god or goddess who has given its name to the planet functions as a mythic signature that guides and shapes the life. In the ancient world, it was the oracle speaker of various gods at sacred sites whom people consulted in order to obtain advice about their immediate concerns, and especially about matters of health.

Join Demetra for a discussion exploring the role and methods of oracles and healers in the ancient world and looking at the myths associated with some of the asteroids that point to the various oracular and healing traditions.

WORKSHOP

Saturday, Feb. 17

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

“THE ASTROLOGER AS ORACLE AND HEALER”

Demetra will go deeper into the teachings about oracles and healing, illuminating the profound imaginal mythic substructure that underlies the natal chart. Participants will have the opportunity to place asteroids named after oracle speakers and healers – such as Pythia, Sibylla, Cassandra, Asclepius, Hygeia, Panacea and others – in their own charts and discover which historical lineages they are drawing upon as they offer guidance from the astral gods to their clients and friends.

The charts of the participants can be used as examples to illustrate how to delineate the asteroid archetypes, and there will be the opportunity to discuss your findings with the group.

For those who register for the workshop before February 12th, Demetra will prepare a complimentary printout of more than 500 asteroids for their natal chart.

To pre-register, please give your birth data to Alice Kashuba at 954-894-8685 or at alice@kashuba.com.



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



Demetra George, BA Philosophy and MA Classics, received the UAC 2002 Regulus Award for Theory and Understanding. A practitioner of astrology for over 30 years specializing in asteroids and archetypal mythology, she is the author of *Astrology for Yourself*, *Asteroid Goddesses*, *Mysteries of the Dark Moon* and *Finding Our Way Through the Dark*.

Demetra lectures internationally and leads pilgrimages to the sacred sites in the Mediterranean. Currently she is translating Greek Hermetic astrological texts and is on the faculty of Kepler College, where she

teaches the history of ancient and medieval astrology as well as the techniques of Hellenistic astrology.

CONSULTATIONS

Demetra will be available for consultations on Friday, February 16th, and possibly on the 15th. The cost is \$175 for a one-hour session that integrates mythic asteroids and traditional techniques, along with current timing.

To schedule an appointment, Demetra can be reached at dgeorge@orednet.org.

SFAA SPEAKERS

March 15 & 17
Education &
Chart Reading

April 19 & 21
Michael Lutin

May 17 & 19
Robert Hand



CERES IN PISCES

Ceres, the Goddess of Agriculture, occupies 12 to 21 degrees of Pisces during the month. As the mother of Persephone, Ceres saw her daughter carried off by Pluto to the underworld. She was so angry that she withheld her blessings from the land, and mankind was without crops for a year.

With the help of Zeus (Jupiter) and Hermes (Mercury), a deal was struck with Pluto allowing Persephone to be with her

mother part of the year and with Pluto the other half. Mankind was again blessed with good harvests.

Ceres represents the nurturing principle of Mother Earth and the principle of smothering a relationship by control. Aspects to Ceres represent separation from a relationship. If the relationship is based on love and mutual support of each person's unique self, then separation comes with a bitter sweetness – sorrow at the loss but joy at the freedom of each individual. If the relationship is based on power control, then anger and related emotions overshadow the separation, which then becomes self-destructive.

In 2006 Ceres was classified as a dwarf planet along with Pluto, putting them on equal terms. There

has been much discussion on the demoting of Pluto and the raising of Ceres. My take on the equalization of the two planets is that Pluto still retains his powerful influence and Ceres is awakening us to understanding the nurturing influence of “Mother Earth.” This coincides with the growing influence of feminine energy in the world and in the human psyche.

Uranus and Ceres conjoin at 13 degrees 00 minutes Pisces on Feb. 3rd @ 6:30 a.m. The Fairchild symbol¹ is *A backyard filled with tiger lilies*. The vision of these varied-colored flowers reminds us of the beauty that the Earth bestows. But they are ‘tiger’ lilies – bringing up an image of a fierce and powerful animal. Uranus in Pisces is awakening us to the

spiritual and creative energies that abound in the Universe. Ceres is the one who will show us how to nurture our new awareness with compassion. Where does 13 Pisces fall in your chart?

Ref: George, D. and Block, D. *Asteroid Goddesses*.

¹ The Fairchild Symbols are a modern version of the Sabian Symbols and were created by Alice Kashuba and an anonymous clairvoyant. For information, visit Alice's website, www.astroviews.com.



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