

## Questions & Answers by Marva Boehm Mason

### *What is Mercury Retrograde all about?*

We have just emerged from the second Mercury Retrograde period of 2005, spanning from July 24 through August 17, and from 20 Leo back to stationary direct 8 Leo, and will be in Mercury Retrograde “shadow” period until August 30. This happens about three times per year.

You have heard a lot of myths and suggestions for these retrograde periods during year, but I would like to expand on them. Its typically suggested that, during Mercury Retrograde, you don't sign legal papers, pour the slab on a new home, buy a car, start any new projects, or begin anything in your life that is “NEW”. This is all good, but you cannot stop your life and stand still under Mercury is moving in direct motion again. We all have lives to live and have to stay in motion. We can't crawl under the covers and stay there until August 30 when the coast is clear again. So, let's see how we can continue living, breathing, during this time.

Mercury Retrograde is a wonderful time to look at all the things you have done, assess what has worked and what has not worked. This is the time for marriage difficulties to surface, or difficulties in any type of relations – business, parent/child, personal. Whatever is not working..... the difficulties will rise to the surface so that when Mercury goes direct, after August 17, you then have the opportunity to fix what has not worked by whatever means is appropriate.

The retrograde period is good in business settings to go back through old client files, contact clients you haven't heard from in a long time, find out why you haven't heard from them, and have the opportunity to remedy whatever went wrong in the past. Let the client know that you are using new ways or are interested in implementing new techniques to solve their problems. Regain your client!

We can't all avoid buying a new car during a Mercury Retrograde period. How to get around this dilemma? Have your salesperson check the lot for cars which were not manufactured during the retrograde period. There is a date on the new car which shows when it rolled off the manufacturer's line and that's the date you want to check for.

As the current issue of Your Own Universe hits the streets, we will just be coming out of the shadow period. This is the time when you will be having realizations from the previous retrograde period and looking for ways to resolve whatever surfaced for you during that time and that you are seeing clearly that you need to find remedies to old situations which are no longer workable for you.

The retrogrades are wonderful to give us time to rehash, reassess, and truly examine our feelings, thoughts, emotions, and practical issues in our lives to see where we are out of sync.

