MERCURY -THE LAW

The little planet Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun in the solar system. Because of its location Mercury can only be seen just after sunset and just before sunrise.



Mass relative to Earth: 5.5% (inverse 18.09)

Volume relative to Earth: 5.6% (inverse: 17.81)

Surface Area relative to Earth: 14.7% (inverse: 6.82)

<u>Distance</u> from Sun relative to Earth: 38.7% (inverse 2.58)

Orbit: 88 days (sidereal) **Rotation**: 58.65 days (sider.)

Axial Tilt: 0.027° **Inclination**: 7.005° (to ecliptic)

Eccentricity of Orbit: 1.52 (Aphelion / Perihelion)

Power of Gravity relative to Earth: 38.0% (inverse 2.63)

The size of the <u>Sun</u> as seen from Mercury must be awesome in brightness and heat. The spiritual meaning of the planet Mercury is "<u>2nd Witness of God: The Law</u>". Mercury is a witness of God because it is closest to the Sun, i.e. bathed in the light. The Sun means the "<u>1st Witness of God: The Holy Spirit</u>".

When we say '<u>The Law</u>' we mean 'The Law of Moses': the first five books of the Bible. Consider what the New Testament says about the Law:

- The nation of Israel came under the Covenant of the Law by the oath of God (Deut. 29:10-13)
- The Law has <u>authority</u> regarding the righteous standards of a holy God (Rom.3:31)
- The Law is truth about sin: it exists to show you that you are a sinner (Gal. 3:22-24 Rom. 5:20)
- The Law is truth that will never pass away until this earth and heavens are removed (Matt. 5:18)
- The Law was put into effect because of transgressions (Galatians 3:19)
- The Law was added because of the hardness of men's hearts (Matthew 19:8)
- The Law is a **heavy yoke** (Gal. 5:1) (Acts 5:10)
- Those who follow the Law are in slavery and **bondage** (Galatians 4:9 and 4:24).
- All who rely on observing the Law are under a <u>curse</u> (Galatians 3:10) of death (Rom.8:2)

¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercury_(planet)

- The Law cannot save you (Galatians 3:2 and 3:11)
- For believers, the Law ceased to be in effect when Christ died on the cross (Galatians 3:19)
- Believers now operate by a higher law, the law of love, as we are guided by the Spirit (Gal. 5:1)

Compare these truths from the Bible to the spiritual interpretation of the dimensions of Mercury:

- Number of Mercury surfaces that would cover the Earth: 7 which means "Oath" or "Fullness"
- Mercury planet orbital plane relative to ecliptic of the Sun: 7 which means "Oath" of "Fullness"
- Number of Mercury distances to Sun equal to the Earth distance to Sun: 3 which means "Truth"
- Multiple of Mercury gravitational forces equal to the Earth's gravity: 3 which means "Truth"
- Number of Mercury planets that would fit inside Earth: <u>18</u> which means "<u>Bondage</u>"
- Number of Mercury planets that would weigh as much as Earth: <u>18</u> which means "<u>Bondage</u>"
- Number of Earth days for Mercury to orbit the Sun: <u>88</u> which means "<u>Saints Afflicted</u>"
- Number of Earth days for Mercury to rotate 360° on its axis: <u>59</u> which means "<u>Oppressor</u>"
- Eccentricity of Mercury's orbit: <u>152</u> which means "<u>Authority of Scripture</u>"
- Mercury's axial tilt: **0** which implies perfect alignment with the truth expressed by the Sun

There is an amazing consistency in the message of the dimensions of Mercury that matches the spiritual nature of 'The Law'. Putting all the spiritual meaning of the numbers related to the measurements of Mercury together we get the following combined message:

- Fullness / Oath (7) of Truth (3) Authority of Scripture (152)
- Bondage (18) and Oppression (59) Afflicting the Saints (88)

Most of us would immediately see a connection between 'The Law' and the message: Fullness of Truth – Authority of Scripture. The second point: Bondage and Oppression, Afflicting the Saints, might not be so obvious. Yet, consider the deathly plagues and severe punishments that fell upon the Israelites for minor transgressions, such as grumbling about the lack of meat. The Law is a scourge, faithfully testifying to the sinfulness of men's hearts and bringing the judgment of God upon them.

The color of Mercury is black and white. Life has intense colors: greens, yellows, blues, and reds. But the Law cannot impart life, only death. The Law only renders a verdict: innocent or guilty, black or white. What a difference between a believer in Jesus who has eternal life and a carnal religious person (Jew, Moslem, or any other legalist) who is caged inside a system of laws! The Christian experiences love, joy, and peace. The legalist only experiences condemnation and affliction of their soul.