

Our Side of Town *Da Vinci Isn't The Only Code -- Numerology Uncovers a Code in All of Us*

By Rona Edwards



Normally I write about our side of town and highlight good places to eat and drink. But with *The Da Vinci Code* fever hitting us once again, I thought it would be a good idea to visit Silverlake's own professional numerologist and code breaker to enlighten me and kickstart my summer into gear.

Michel Kassett (pronounced *Michael Kasit*) has been a professional numerologist for 26 years. Originally from Flint, Michigan, he came here as an actor but very quickly began a love affair with numbers. He lives, breathes, and dreams numbers. When first meeting Michel, it is easy to understand why he is the numerologist to so many celebrities (the Sinatras, Halle Berry, Dolly Parton, John Larroquette and countless more who prefer to remain anonymous). He is energized by numbers; mesmerized by them and what they can do to help an individual reach his or her potential. His enthusiasm is infectious making a listener want to hear more about how numbers (based upon the 10 numbers of your birth date and your birth certificate name) can affect one's life so deeply and profoundly.

It began in 1972 when a girlfriend introduced him to the world-famous Helen Davis, William Randolph Hearst's personal numerologist; a woman Hearst wouldn't do anything without consulting her. Quite old at the time, Davis had a room at the Roosevelt Hotel where she would give readings all day long. In Michel's chart, she pinpointed relationships, giving clarity and perspective to his life. He was so intrigued, he read every book he could find on the subject. He was on fire! Numbers excited him and

connected with him in a way he never thought possible – so after working through all the dogma of past notions of numerology, he created his own tools for the technology and by 1980 was a professional numerologist. Since then, he has done over 30,000 individual charts – probably making him the most widely used numerologist on the planet.

"I believe I've taken the subject to a whole different level of application – a quantum leap," explains Michel. "It's not a parlor game or about predicting futures – it's a way to identify, change, and activate the human level and the spiritual level – as if everyone has some kind of radio to turn on – a way to connect to their greatest levels of 'being'."

In today's troubled times, people wish more than ever to find love and acknowledgement. They just have no idea they have it all inside of

ing under the surface – when people understand the concept of the idea, they're much more able to deal with most parts of their life," declares Michel.

A numerologist like Michel is like a "spiritual chiropractor." He helps identify the areas in your life that need alignment through your own personally coded numbers. And through those numbers, he is able to

power, personality, life challenges and opportunities. After you've had a chance to absorb the tape, there's a 20-30 minute follow up conversation, in case you have any questions. And you will have questions. It's a lot to absorb. Sometimes it can be darn right overwhelming. But reaching an understanding of what each number means and how it affects you, your decisions, and the obstacles

you need to overcome is what numerology is all about. That's why within six months, people tend to have another reading in order to go deeper into the chart. Some even get it done weekly while others call on Michel several times a year. "The Year Chart is a way of keeping yourself tuned in on a daily basis – establishing that contact – that internal connection to your guidance system – so you stay on your own game – on your own purpose," adds Michel. Granted, Michel's

clearly have meaning," exclaims Michel. "Pythagoras, the greatest scientist that ever lived, knew that by simply looking at an individual's birthday, he could have real understanding of what that person was doing with their life and their personal objectives.

The chart is just a way of establishing a critical connection, a direct contact with "mission control" – every life has a mission – a purpose and a reason," enthuses Michel. Unfortunately, as we know too well, a great majority of people have a tremendous tendency to get lost, winding up far afield from where they originally intended. Numerology offers a chance to get back on track by identifying what is important in your life and what your mission and intentions are in this lifetime. As the great philosopher, Mike Tyson once said, "Everyone has a plan, until they get hit!" After such a hit, life often shifts to self-protection. Choices are made out of fear instead of creativity. A numerology reading with Michel is an attempt to reconnect that internal lifeline, to plug the wires back in. "Our civilization is really dedicated to separating us from the greater reality or from our greater self where our nourishment comes from. You become compulsive, obsessive. You need vast amounts of approval from other people if you don't have that connection. The culture we live in tries to enforce this compulsive identity, aggravating the insecurity. There's a natural insecurity in life. You have to stay on your toes – you can get hurt in this reality, you can lose, you can die – but if you know you're connected to your higher self, it's worth it. You want to play the game. If you're not connected, it's a *dog eat dog reality*."

Michel pauses reflectively, "If the world was motivated by love instead of ego, what an incredible world this would be."

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Numerologist Michel Kassett finds excitement in numbers as he muses over a Life Orientation Chart.

Photos by Rona Edwards



them. Numerology is a way for people to access that connection. It's different from fortune telling and forecasting which Michel believes does a serious disservice to the individual because it removes them from actual responsibility for future events and thus deprives them of the power of life. "[Numerology] gives you a hint at what the weather conditions are like and what significant ideas are in play – it presents what's operat-

actuate the greater potentials inside people. He emphasizes, "So, the purpose of numerology is for clarity and to create the most perfect alignment."

Michel starts with a life orientation chart based upon your birth date and birth name. He then discusses the numbers derived from that, representing the different facets of your inner life, on a 90-minute cassette including your life lesson,

dealt with a lot of skeptical people but there's a vast amount who are now converted. He has a theory for this. Numbers are the universal common denominator of reality. When numbers pertain to the physical universe, it's mathematics. When it pertains to the inner universe, it's numerology. "The number is the lynch pin of reality. Nothing can exist without numbers and numbers very

Lake Hollywood Update

The east and west sides of the Lower Hollywood Reservoir still remain closed due to landslides. Site evaluation is still on-going with the LADWP engineering, geotechnical staff, and consultants working to determine the full scope, design alternatives, and duration of the remediation work. The latest estimate for re-opening the entire perimeter of the Lower Hollywood Reservoir for public daylight access is now by sometime between March and April of 2007.

Council Member Tom LaBonge, his staff, and the LADWP are continuing to work with Senator Feinstein and her staff to acquire sponsorship from the Federal Government to help fund the project.

In the meantime, the following portions of the Hol-

lywood Reservoir Complex continue to be open for public daylight access:

The perimeter roadway around the Upper Hollywood Reservoir including the upper dam. This can be accessed from either Lake Hollywood Drive in the Hollywood Knolls or Tahoe Drive in Lake Hollywood Estates.

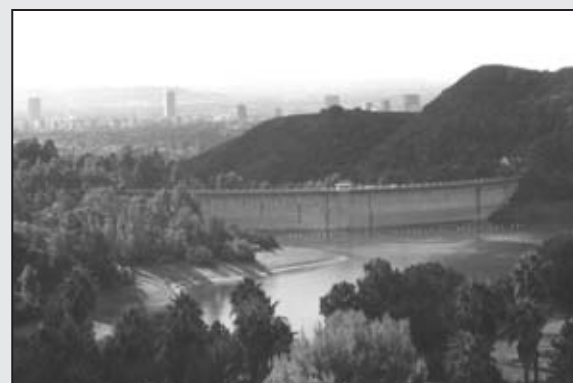
The Mulholland Dam at the south end of Lower Hollywood Reservoir accessed from Weidlake Drive.

For information about daily access please call the following number: (323) 463-0830.

We again thank the community and residents for their patience and cooperation.

—Jim Yannotta, Assistant Director
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The LADWP is working to mitigate landslide risk along the east and west sides of Lower Hollywood Reservoir.

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