

## George Michael Gives Up Touring in Seek of a Quieter Life

George Michael (born June 25, 1963 at 6:00 AM in Finchley, UK; Asc 17 Cancer 13) will end his "25 Live Tour" on August 25, 2008, a two-year world tour that began on September 27, 2006. Prior to his "25 Live Tour" (to celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> year in show business) he hadn't toured in 15 years.

According to the BBC, "Pop singer George Michael has said his age is a factor in his decision to give up touring, saying that he is seeking "a quieter life" out of the public eye. "Mainly the reason is because I'm 45 and I think pop music should be about youth culture," he told the BBC. "It shouldn't be an endurance test." But he denied he was retiring, saying he was merely seeking a life out of the limelight. "If I can just live further from the spotlight I think that'll be better for all really," he said. In a veiled reference to his recent personal problems, the singer said he wanted to "stay away from my own idiocy" and "try and behave". Last year he admitted he was trying to limit his recreational drug use following his 2006 caution for possession of cannabis.

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In studying Michael's horoscope, the Lunation Cycle (SP Moon in relation to the SP Sun) is very revealing. Currently now in 2008, he is ending the Full Moon phase, the time of harvest and reaping rewards, and entering the Disseminating Phase (SP Moon sesquiquadrate SP Sun), a time to examine the crop and reevaluate, to think about his current position and extract the most from what has recently been harvested. It is no surprise that the album "Twenty Five" was released in April 2008 as well as a companion DVD of 40 videos.

When his tour began in September 2006, tr. Saturn was conjunct his Moon (ruler of his Ascendant) suggesting a time of advancement in terms of ambitious, and opposed Saturn (ruler of the public 7<sup>th</sup>). Throughout his tour in 2007, tr. Uranus was conjunct his MC. Now upon his decision to give up touring, we note tr. Neptune conjunct Saturn (1<sup>st</sup> hit March '08) suggesting the loss of focus on ambition. In 2007-08, tr. Neptune was opposed his Leo Moon perhaps dissolving his need for center stage. We see as well exact in May 2008, tr. Saturn conjunct Uranus for the final hit, perhaps the tension between the new and the old. Tr. Saturn is approaching opposition to his MC (exact October 2008) suggesting a new start and important structural change in George Michael's life. As he said in the BBC interview, "there are lots of other things I want to do outside of music."

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