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writes:

>>From: victor@inqmind.bison.mb.ca (Victor Laking)

>>Subject: Vulcan? (No, not the guy with the ears!)

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>>Does anyone have any info on the apparent sightings of Vulcan?

>>All that I know is that there were apparently two sightings at

>>drastically different times of a small planet that was inside Mercury's

>>orbit. Beyond that, I have no other info.

>>Does anyone know anything more specific?

As I heard the story, before Albert came up the the theory

o'relativity and warped space, nobody could account for

Mercury's orbit. It ran a little fast (I think) for simple

Newtonian physics. With the success in finding Neptune to

explain the odd movments of Uranus, it was postulated that there

might be another inner planet to explain Mercury's orbit.

It's unlikely anything bigger than an asteroid is closer to the

sun than Mercury. I'm sure we would have spotted it by now.

Perhaps some professionals can confirm that.

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| Heaven, n.: |

| A place where the wicked cease from troubling you with talk |

| of their own personal affairs, and the good listen with |

| attention while you expound your own. |

| Ambrose Bierce, "The Devil's Dictionary" |