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Messenger at Mercury

A view of the gibbous Mercury captured by *Messenger* on 2008 Jan 14 at a distance of 27,000km, 80 minutes after closest approach. A false-colour image with enhanced colour contrast made by combining images through red, infrared and ultraviolet filters. The bluest features are the youngest. The *Caloris* basin can be recognised in the lower left quadrant. South is uppermost. (This and all other *Messenger* images are provided by NASA/Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory/Carnegie Institution of Washington. See the website at <http://messenger.jhuapl.edu/index.php>).

(This image forms Figure 1 of Dr Richard McKim's article on the opposite page.)

