



Mercury Retrograde for 2017

Mercury Rules Sun Signs:

Gemini, Virgo and the number 5 in Numerology.

Mercury Retrograde Periods are- 3 to 4 times a year. For 2017 the element is earth. But this coming year of 2017 the first retrograde period will still be in an earth sign of Capricorn last part of 2016, before going into 2017. Once again Mercury will retrograde 4 times in 2017 in the earth sign finishing the year in Fire. Each year it will go retrograde through that year in one of the 4 elements: Air, Earth, Water and Fire.

<u>Begins Retrograde</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>D - Position Ends</u>
Dec. 19-2016	Capricorn - Earth	Jan. 8-2017
April 9-2017	Taurus - Earth	May 3-2017
August 12-2017	Virgo - Earth	Sept. 5-2017
Dec. 3 - 2017	Sagittarius - Fire sign	Dec. 22-2017

What is Mercury Retrogrades? About every three months, Mercury slows down in its orbit around the Sun and it appears to be moving backwards. Every 90 days is one year on the planet Mercury. Ancient Astrologers refer to the transit as "Mercury Retrograde". This phenomenon occurs 2, 3 or 4 times every year, but on the average only 3 times. During Mercury Retrograde Periods, all communications and transportation are negatively affected, i.e., Regrettable decisions, misunderstandings, arguments, delays, and accidents. Expect indecision, and change of plans. Mercury requires more caution to orderly thinking. And so Mercury is also known as the original, "**Trickster.**"

While Mercury is Retrograde, it is not the best time for major purchases such as new homes, autos, boats, computers, etc., (Why?) Because, these items are usually financed and/or requires signing a contract, signing a contract during Mercury Retro can bring regrets stemming from something said that is misunderstood or misrepresented on fine print. Avoid beginning new projects; expect disruptions, delays in business matters, especially communications or transportation. Companies, in retail, can expect sales on the slow side including personal items can be stolen. Relationships can go on the wrong side due to miss communication and frustrations. Even, lies and deception can come to light.

Because of the increased possibility of accidents, changes in schedules and lost luggage, ***it is best not to travel*** during Mercury Retrograde, not to mention the fact that you won't enjoy the trip. I've got years of experiencing of disappointments with this one.

Mercury Retrograde affects everyone in some way. However, the Sun Sign that experiences more difficulty than most is ***the sign that Mercury Rules, and the sign it retrogrades in during its retrograde period***. As well as ***Gemini, and Virgo***, or people with several planets, in the signs of ***Gemini, or Virgo in their charts***, because, Mercury is the natural ruler of these two Sun Signs, including anyone who life path in numerology is a (5), mercury rules the number (5).

Mercury is the planet of reasoning ability, the mind and communication, when in retrograde motion the thinking processes deepens and becomes more sensitive. When in retrograde it is the time for writing, than verbal communications.

With all planets, when they go retrograde there is a 10 day influence prior and after the exact station date. Prior Mercury retrograde it is best to recopy, back up all documents and files, service the car, and recheck on any schedules made, to make sure there are no mistakes.

Mercury retrograde periods represent the most common and, on some level the most aggravating of all that you may face, due to the fact it happens more often than the rest, especially those who are ruled by Mercury are more strongly affected, this has been going on since you were born. Three times each year, every 90 days for approximately three week at a time, life is thrown into a tizzy of daily confusion, even mayhem! All communications' and transportation are negatively affected, regrettable decisions, misunderstandings, arguments, delays and besides more auto accidents than any other time of the year. Actually, the whole world is affect by this retrograde, pay attention to the element that it retrograde in that year and the sign it retrogrades in will give you great insight on what to expect. It is a time to give more attention to accuracy, details and daily routine. Get all communications in writing and back up.

Mercury Rules:

Mercury was known as the Messenger of the Gods. Mercury represents the mind-the link between spirit and matter, between the soul and personality. Mercury is the power of communication and interpretation: intelligence, reasoning capacities, and the ability to perceive relationships and the gathering of facts. Mercurial positive qualities: adaptable, intellectual, attentive, perceptive, clever, versatile, debates, analyzes, memorizes, studies, writes, travels, sells and reflects expression through the hands as well as the tongue. The negative qualities: inconsistent, hypercritical, cynical, argumentative, sarcastic, nervous and prone to worry.

Mercury is of neither positive nor negative polarity, and is neither masculine nor feminine. It is associated with speaking and writing, educational capacities and manual skills. Mercury is

especially active in the versatile, talkative sign of Gemini. Mercury's nature is also strengthened in analytical Virgo.

What can you do?

One of the "casualties" of a Mercury retrograde period can be short-term memory. You **think** you will remember a date, an appointment, and interview. Double-check everything! And write it down too, if you leave anything to chance, you sure to regret it. **Think** you've got your bank balance in your head? **Don't chance it!** Got those phone numbers memorized? **Don't bet on it.** If you need to pass along information to someone, don't just rely on one method. Put it in writing and follow through with fax, e-mail, or even a personal phone chat. Think your computer information is **OK, don't chance it.** Back everything up 10 days before Mercury Station ® date.

Another thing to remember about Mercury retrograde cycles is to watch what you say. It is very easy to speak recklessly or hastily now, giving your words and implied meaning they don't really have. This is not a time to "**wing anything,**" let caution be your guide. Be sure to get enough sleep and rest, so you can be more alert, and be on guard to lower levels of handling extra stress. Another is so that you are not taken off guard, is mark your calendar of the time period of influence and the station date of (R) and the date of (D) of direct motion.

On the positive side:

You have a second chance to "take back" things you may have said or implied in the past. Make amends, correct impressions, recheck your facts. **Think of this as a cosmic "do over"!** I realize you cannot stop the world during this time, and life continues to go on, but this information can help, so that it is much easier time on you and to be more cautious and detailed, if you can put off a travel, or signing a contract it would wise to do so.

Solution:

The best action to take during a Mercury Retrograde period is to spend the time reviewing the past three months and staying positive to faith. It is not the time to go forward with new plans or goals. **It is the time to "re-view" what is happening in your life and make necessary course corrections to change.** A good rule to remember is...any word you can put "**re**" in front of, and have it make sense, then do it; examples: reevaluate, repair, rethink, rewrite, replace, reschedule, revise, review, and correct misunderstandings, etc. It is not a good time to start a new job, not all of the information is there, in the end it won't work out anyway, you can be miss-used, and let go after wards, when Mercury goes back direct.

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