



Mercury Retrograde for 2018

Mercury Rules Sun Signs: Gemini, and Virgo, and if you have these anywhere in your charts. The number 5 in Numerology. But it also effects the Sun Sign it goes retrograde in.

Mercury Retrograde Periods are 2-3 to 4 times a year. For 2018 the element is fire and it will only retrograde 3 times this year in 2018. Each year it will go retrograde through that year in one of the 4 elements: Air, Water, Earth, and Fire Signs. By knowing the knowledge below you can turn Mercury around to be a benefit instead of its negative affects.

<u>Begins Retrograde Date</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>D - Position Ends</u>
March 22, 2018	Aries - Fire	April 15, 2018
July 25, 2018	Leo - Fire	August 18, 2018
Nov. 16, 2018	Sagittarius - Fire	Dec. 06, 2018

At the end of this report also see the dates that are listed above for added information on affect due to the sign that Mercury goes retrograde, added to the normal affects of Mercury.

Mercury In General Affects:

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, under mis-under standings, 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.**"

What can I do:

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). Check with your astrologist to see where these areas may hit in your Natal and Progression charts and the houses they may fall in.

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. And the negative come more up front during Mercury retrograde.

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.

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 handing 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.

Mercury Added Affects under the Signs it Retrogrades in to.

March, 22 to April 15, in Sign Aries – When Mercury turns Retrograde in the house of Aries Sun Sign it would be fiery in nature like the nature of the sign itself. There would be confusion, contentions and antagonistic approaches to all issues. Some sort of exaggeration would be involved in all matters. Mercury in Aries indicates clever thoughts but mental discipline is a must. The mind goes into an oscillation mode and there would be a tendency to jump into conclusions without any forewarning or forethoughts. There would be temper tantrums and nervous disorders. Massages and meditation could do well and it can give some relief.

July 25 in to August 18, in Sign Leo – When Mercury is retrograde in the house of Leo, people's high aspirations and ideas would be put to great test. There would be confusion of sorts over the same. People would be found to lose their tempers more often than when Mercury is retrograde. Those in power and authority are likely to make major blunders resulting in utter chaos in the country. Love issues are likely to hot in this period. Also make sure that children and elders are not given way for over – indulgence in anything. Speculative deals of sorts are to be put off for this period. Disorders related to the heart are

likely to creep in during this time, hence maintain a tight vigil over your food and other habits.

Nov. 16, to Dec. 06, in Sign Sagittarius – With Mercury being retrograde in the house of Sagittarius there would be some troubles and hindrances in the field of education and higher studies. Traveling would be delayed and hindered and there would be a clash of different cultures. International rifts between countries and dignitaries are also expected. Communications are likely to break down when most needed. Generally politics seems to be disrupted much as also the field of arts. Trade deals seem to fall apart but patience shall bring it across once Mercury turns direct.

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. Blessings everyone!

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