

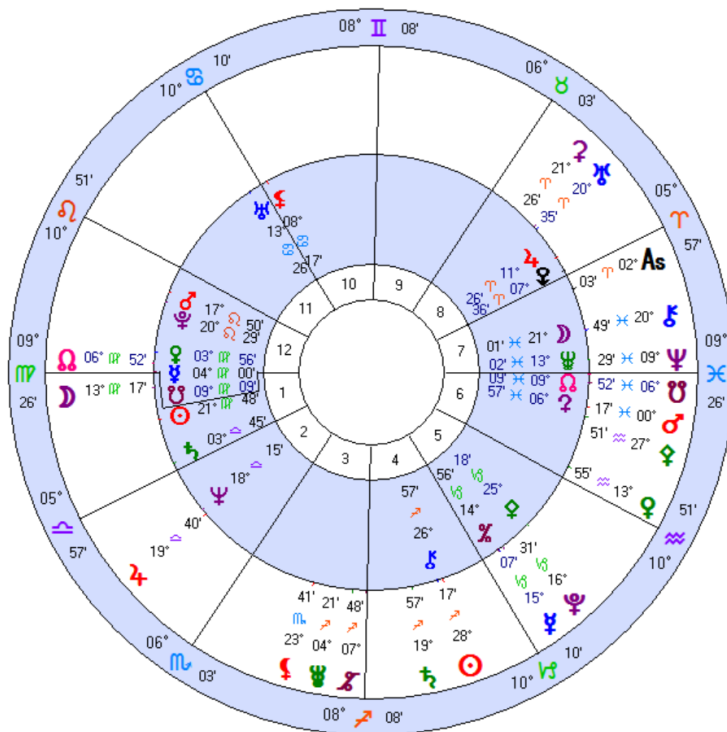


Astro Special Report

from the WiseWomantm Seer

Mercury Retrograde Impact

Your Basic Birth Chart



Your **Sun** is in Virgo
in the 1st House

Your **Moon** is in Pisces
in the 7th House

Your **Rising Sign** is
Virgo

Your **Mercury** is in Virgo
in the 12th House

During the Retrograde,
transiting Mercury will be
impacting your 5th and 4th
houses

The Good News

Because of the degrees of Capricorn and Sagittarius that this Mercury Retrograde will be affecting in your chart, I see little potential for major problems with children or family relations beyond what is normal in terms of miscommunications and changed plans. This Retrograde is mostly involved with Earth energy, and as such should not have too much serious impact for you on electronics or travel, although it's always wise to change passwords and upgrade systems prior to any Mercury retrograde. And this time of year even if Merc wasn't going retro, you'd be wise to limit short distance travel, due to the traffic congestion and craziness of holiday shoppers.

Areas for Caution

The retrograde does start with Mercury being conjunct your natal Uranus, inconjunct natal Mars, and square natal Neptune. As a result, you could be uncharacteristically prompted to speak before you think, due to feeling unnaturally scattered, confused, nervous, irritable or frustrated. You may feel flooded with ideas or perceptions that come so fast that you aren't able to fully process them. Postpone tasks that require a lot of mental discipline for a few days.

I'd recommend avoiding any serious decisions right now – always wise during any Mercury Retrograde, but especially with Mercury is squaring natal Neptune. You are likely to be more easily deceived right now, or persuaded by impractical idealism. Daydreaming is good right now, but make sure you have down to earth ways to check out realities before taking too big a leap into the unknown.

Put business negotiations on hold as much as possible during this retrograde, especially if they involve yielding your authority or allowing your boundaries to be breached.

Watch out for the impulse to be combative with friends, coworkers, and family, and be on the alert for others to want to start an argument with you. This is one transit that can really trigger the ego to exert itself in an aggressively narcissist way, so if you can isolate yourself and use the time productively in another form of self-expression, you'll come out the better for it.

Mercury, Sun & Moon During the Retrograde

Mercury During the Retrograde

During this time period, **Mercury** is traveling through your life realm houses of self-expression and family, prompting you to contemplate and possibly make some changes in how you communicate with those who are your relations. The karmic opportunity here is to take a deep look at how your ego is perceived when you try to express your creativity, knowledge, and authority.

The Sun During the Retrograde

The Sun is also currently traveling through your 4th house / life realm of home and family with issues centered on parents and parenting being in in the spotlight of your thoughts, feelings and experience. In fact when the retrograde starts, the Sun will be at the point in Sagittarius that Mercury will reach before turning around. With Sagittarius being the energy that deals with truth in various forms, you could find yourself confronted over the next three weeks with a kind of "tell the truth" dance as the Sun moves away from Sag but Mercury moves towards it.

As the **Sun moves into the sign of Capricorn next week**, with the event of the Winter Solstice, you could encounter some annoyance around feeling like your authority or higher level

of knowledge is being ignored or challenged in an aggressive way. This could lead to some hard feelings between yourself and family members during the holidays.

The Moon During the Retrograde

When the Retrograde starts, your natal Moon will be conjunct transiting Chiron, and inconjunct the transiting Moon / Jupiter pairing. This indicates an exaggerated increase in emotional sensitivities regarding old wounds from childhood inflicted by significant others that damaged your self-esteem. You could find your feelings flowing towards resurfacing hurts and wondering why those memories are coming back after all this time.

This could also give you some increased ability as an empath, which could help you understand how others are feeling, but will no doubt be confusing if you don't have good skill with being able to distinguish which emotions are yours and which ones belong to others you interact with. This could be a big help or a big hindrance if you work with people who are emotionally unstable.

What is Strengthened

Your resolve to achieve your ambitions and to use your knowledge to help you see and project the bigger picture are two main qualities that will be strengthened during this retrograde. This will be especially true if you use the potential for examining your own perceptions and assumptions to keep you grounded, rather than over-reacting to hurts and emotional assaults.

What is Challenged

You might intensely second guess yourself when it comes to your confidence in your own knowledge, sense of truth, or manner of self-expression. Second guessing is actually part of the Retrograde energy. Another way to view second guessing is to see it as giving something careful mental reconsideration to confirm your initial emotional or energetic experience of it. This is actually wisdom in action!

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