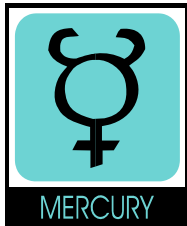


## MERCURY RETROGRADE IN ARIES

*“Isn't it strange? The same people who laugh at gypsy fortune tellers take economists seriously.” – a quote from the Cincinnati Enquirer*

Oh, my gosh, it's that squirrely time again when Mercury turns retrograde and the craziness begins that drives us totally nuts. The sprinkler system springs a leak, the hinge on the mailbox snaps off in your hand, the light bulb blows when you turn on the lamp, the computer won't work right, and the car has broken down. Misunderstandings are occurring. You want to sit on a beach in the sun, but all flights have been grounded due to unexpected weather conditions. Yes, it's retrograde Mercury. It slows, stops, reverses, and turns everything upside down and inside out. What a view, from here and there – inside, outside, everywhere. Dr. Seuss would have such fun with Mercury retrograde on the run!



In April, messenger Mercury is retrograding in fiery, fast paced Aries. As a result, some of us will feel a bit out-of-synch and a tad overwhelmed by what we think we see zooming by us. Taking time each day to quiet our minds and bodies can help keep us from losing our perspective and will help to infuse us with an optimistic outlook, lifting us above the chaos that appears to be happening around us at the speed of light.

*Global questions during this Mercury retrograde in Aries will be:*

1. Will we have a repeat of the type of “energy meltdown” similar to that which we saw in Japan on March 11<sup>th</sup>?
2. Will a blast from the Sun (also in Aries) cause blackout(s) in major cities?
3. Will the internet (mass communication) fail in some way?
4. Will the NYC stock exchange meet with a crippling blow as it did in the 911 crisis?
5. Will the bloodshed in the Middle East and Africa increase dramatically as their situations come to a head and demand immediate resolution?
6. Will this retrograde cycle herald a larger energy crisis, communication breakdown, and/or economic crash than we've ever experienced in our lifetime?
7. Will some of the leaders of the west be exposed as frauds and resort to dictatorial tactics to maintain control of their governments?

All of these possibilities relate to the position of Mercury, Uranus, and our Sun butting heads in Aries during this retrograde period. Any of the above events would affect us personally in one manner or another. The best preparation for us is to be in a clear state of mind and maintain a positive attitude. Now is a good time to sharpen our spiritual practice. Be conscious about where our minds are. Uncle Leftover always says, “Keep your mind in



your body!" If we're projecting our thoughts waaaaay out into the future then we're disconnecting from this present moment. Likewise, projecting back into the past will not be useful for a clear and present consciousness in the Now.

As we are invited to awaken and notice our place in the rippling waves of this quantum emanation we call the Cosmos, it's up to us to hold our light through dark passages, knowing there is always going to be a brighter light to greet us up ahead. When we collectively raise the torch of awareness and consciousness, then there can be a stimulation of true *conscience* that we may share with the world.

*We are the ones we've been waiting for ...*

### *A little background:*



Mercury was known as the Messenger of the Gods, and represents the mind, the link between spirit and matter, between soul and personality, ruling all communications, speaking and writing, education and manual skills. It represents the mathematics and mechanics in and of expression. Mercury is the "Messenger."

*Some characteristics of Mercury are:* communication, interpretation, intelligence, reasoning, perception, research, adaptability, intellectualism, attentiveness, cleverness, versatility, consistency, excitability, and impressionability. When Mercury turns retrograde any or all of these areas can be affected.



Mercury retrograde often brings indecision and changes in plans and, occasionally a mess to clean up. Retrograde periods for Mercury require particularly conscious, orderly thinking. It's a good time for research, planning, examination of resources, and completion of projects already begun. This is also a good time to reconsider projects from the past or return to old ideas or plans.

It's best to avoid beginning important new projects while Mercury is retrograde - try to postpone them until Mercury goes direct in motion (usually approximately three weeks time) because projects begun during Mercury retrograde often develop differently than expected. There could be delays in business matters, especially communications or transportation. Computers and machinery may act up or break down. While Mercury is retrograde it's important to give greater attention to accuracy, details and daily routine.

*Some characteristics of Mercury retrograde are:* miscommunication, misunderstanding, misrepresentation, criticalness, cynicism, argumentativeness, nervousness, worry, machinery malfunctions, computer glitches, interrupted sleep patterns, and a possible set-up for do-overs.

Not everyone is affected in the same way during these cycles since our personal natal astrology charts are each unique. Some people will experience only mild affects whereas

others may struggle a bit more so, depending on where Mercury is cycling through each personal chart. If you're having an easy time, good for you! If not, the good news is that it's temporary and things should improve by late April, early May.

Why should you have to go it alone when your astrology chart could help you map your way? While Mercury is retrograde it's a really good time for an astrology reading! So please do take advantage of our special:

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**A Special Note:**

*To all of our friends and loved ones who have lost a friend or loved one during this Mercury retrograde, please remember that they are not as gone as you might think. Separation is only an illusion - a persistent one, but still only an illusion - as we can still commune with each other regardless of which side of the curtain we stand. Try to keep an open heart and mind and carry their love and light ever onward ... Many Blessings.*

