

2015 Mercury Retrograde Periods

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What is Mercury Retrograde? Three times this year the planet Mercury will slow down in its orbit around the Sun, and *appear to be moving backwards*. Astrologers refer to this movement as, "Mercury Retrograde." During Mercury Retrograde Periods, *all communications and transportation will be affected in negative ways*, i.e., regrettable decisions, misunderstandings, arguments, delays, and transportation accidents.

While Mercury is Retrograde, it is *not the best time for major purchases of new items*, i.e., homes, autos, boats, computers, etc., because these items are usually financed and/or require signing a contract. Signing a contract during Mercury Retrograde can bring regrets stemming from something said or written that is *misunderstood* or *misrepresented*. It is the *best time to purchase* antiques, resale homes, and used items.

Because of the increased possibility of *accidents, changes in schedules, and lost luggage*, it is *best not to travel during Mercury Retrograde periods*, not to mention the fact that you will not enjoy the trip. For research purposes, I have years of experience traveling during Mercury Retrograde periods. The venture was *always* a disappointment!

Mercury Retrograde influences everyone in some way. However, the signs that experience *more* difficulty than most is *the sign that Mercury is moving through during its retrograde period*. Also, *Gemini and Virgo Sun Signs*, or people with *natal planets in Gemini or Virgo*, are usually more affected because Mercury rules these two signs.

The best action to take during a Mercury Retrograde Period is to spend time *reviewing the decisions* you made during the months *before* Mercury went retrograde. 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.... make necessary course corrections and changes.** 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, redecorate, review, etc.

Period of Influence: Planetary energy does not begin at one point in time and abruptly end at another. *There is a period of influence*. The retrograde influence can begin about 14 days prior and *does not end until the planet passes the degree at which it went retrograde*. Be careful, and observe Mercury Retrograde precautions during the *entire Period of Influence* listed below, and let's manifest that *you avoid the pitfalls* of Mercury Retrograde!

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Mercury Retrograde	Mercury Direct	Period of Influence
01/21/15 17 Aquarius 05	02/11/15 01 Aquarius 18	01/07/15 – 03/04/15
05/18/15 13 Gemini 09	06/11/15 04 Gemini 34	05/04/15 – 06/28/15
09/17/15 15 Libra 55	10/09/15 00 Libra 54	09/03/15 – 10/25/15

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