

MERCURY RETROGRADE

August 23rd through September 15th



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This Mercury retrograde continues to set the stage to make important adjustments from right-action to provide the correction of old situations. Bringing in right-action allows problems to be smoothed out and issues that will be replaced by transparency, ethics, and resolutions. The Mercury retrograde spans from 8 Virgo to 22 Virgo. The information that will prompt the changes and adjustments during the retrograde will reflect the new ethics and right-action choices needed to correct situations that occurred during Pluto in Capricorn with the “lie, cheat and steal to win” mentality that has to be replaced by the Pluto in Aquarius qualities associated with fairness, right-action, and respect. Use or mis-use of the Pluto issues of power becomes the difference in the world with the leadership issues and the impact on humanity-ruled Aquarius. This retrograde phase shifts and adjusts those into leadership that are aligned and committed to the Virgo element of “right-action”. Situations and circumstances set the stage for the next Pluto cycle and journey through the remaining last residue of Pluto retrograde in Capricorn (through October 11, 2023) and transition of Pluto moving forward through the end of 2023, and finally into Aquarius (January 2024). Pluto’s power of influence requires commitment to the inner realm of use (vs mis-use) and (through right-action vs self ego-centric /patriarchal controls) in our dealings with people. Sun in Virgo during this Mercury retrograde (all phases) provides the snapshot of commitment to use or mis-use the spiritual focus of right-action that spurs our revisions. Blending right-action with the creative power and passion to make a difference becomes the gold standard for the new era.

Phase I – Aug 4 to Aug 23

Phase II – Aug 23 to Sept 15

Phase III – Sept 15 to Sept 30

PHASE I: Mercury will collect the issues from August 4th through August 23rd as events culminate. Mercury reaches the furthest forward motion spanning as much as 24 degrees, stretching the limit between the Sun and Mercury. Mercury out in front is uncovering the issues that are subject to revision; rethinking, and reassessing. The issues and situations begin to feel out of control. It is during these events that you have **Phase I** of Mercury’s journey that will ultimately require additional information and adjustments before issues are revised and corrected.

PHASE II: Mercury reaches 22 Virgo and turns retrograde from August 23rd to bring forward the commitment to “right action” as the Virgo leadership element is adjusted. This Mercury retrograde is considered **Phase II** as there will be additional information, changed information or changed circumstances that will need to be integrated into the situations. These adjustments shift attitudes, circumstances, pursuits and avenues. Shifts and changes occur within the Virgo leadership arena as aligned with commitment to “right action”.

PHASE III: Once Mercury turns direct, at 8 Virgo on September 15th, the corrected version **Phase III** begins to be rolled out. Blending the new information from Phase II to the commitment of “right action” a new pathway becomes visible for the transition into the new era. This new direction integrates the elements of order and intention according to alignment with “right-action”. As Pluto continues to move through the last degree of Capricorn, the authorities of the next phase are those with humanitarian-oriented leadership that is ready to walk the path forward as Pluto moves into Aquarius and we transition into the new era.

With Mercury getting so far in front of Sun, many situations feel as though they are getting out of control – especially surrounding Leo leadership issues

8° Virgo

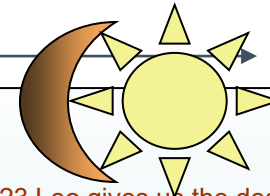


Mercury retrograde in Virgo shifts our commitment to right-action as we align our inner purpose to make a difference in the world of others.

Mercury retrograde conjunct Sun 14° Virgo brings forward the commitment to new beginnings

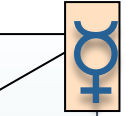
14° Virgo

August 10



The NEW MOON August 16th at 23 Leo gives us the desire and passion to make a positive difference. Major shifts are beginning to be prepared for our new environment and prepare us for the transitions out of the past to bring us into new situations with changes emerging during this August process.

22° Virgo



August 23



7° Virgo / 7° Pisces

Mercury moving retrograde, Once behind the Sun we lose touch with seeing our ideas manifest and must rely more on intuition and faith.

August 26



14° Virgo

Mercury conjunct Sun 14° Virgo August 26th
Mercury connecting to Sun on its backtracking journey accents the commitment to right action. This requirement creates the intensity and challenges during the Mercury retrograde to determine the true level of commitment to right action.

The FULL MOON at 7 Virgo/ 7 Pisces sets the new stage for NEW BEGINNINGS and the events slated to move forward once Mercury turns direct at 8 Virgo on September 15th.

August 30



The FULL MOON August 30th accentuates the right action choices that are integral to the spiritual requirements of the new humanity-oriented, Pluto in Aquarius era.

Sept 15



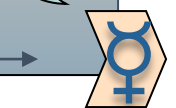
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Once Mercury turns direct on September 15th at 8 Virgo, the decisions made on August 26th with the Sun/Mercury conjunction define the shifts and changes that begin a new dynamic era aligned with right-action.

Sept 25



Sept 30

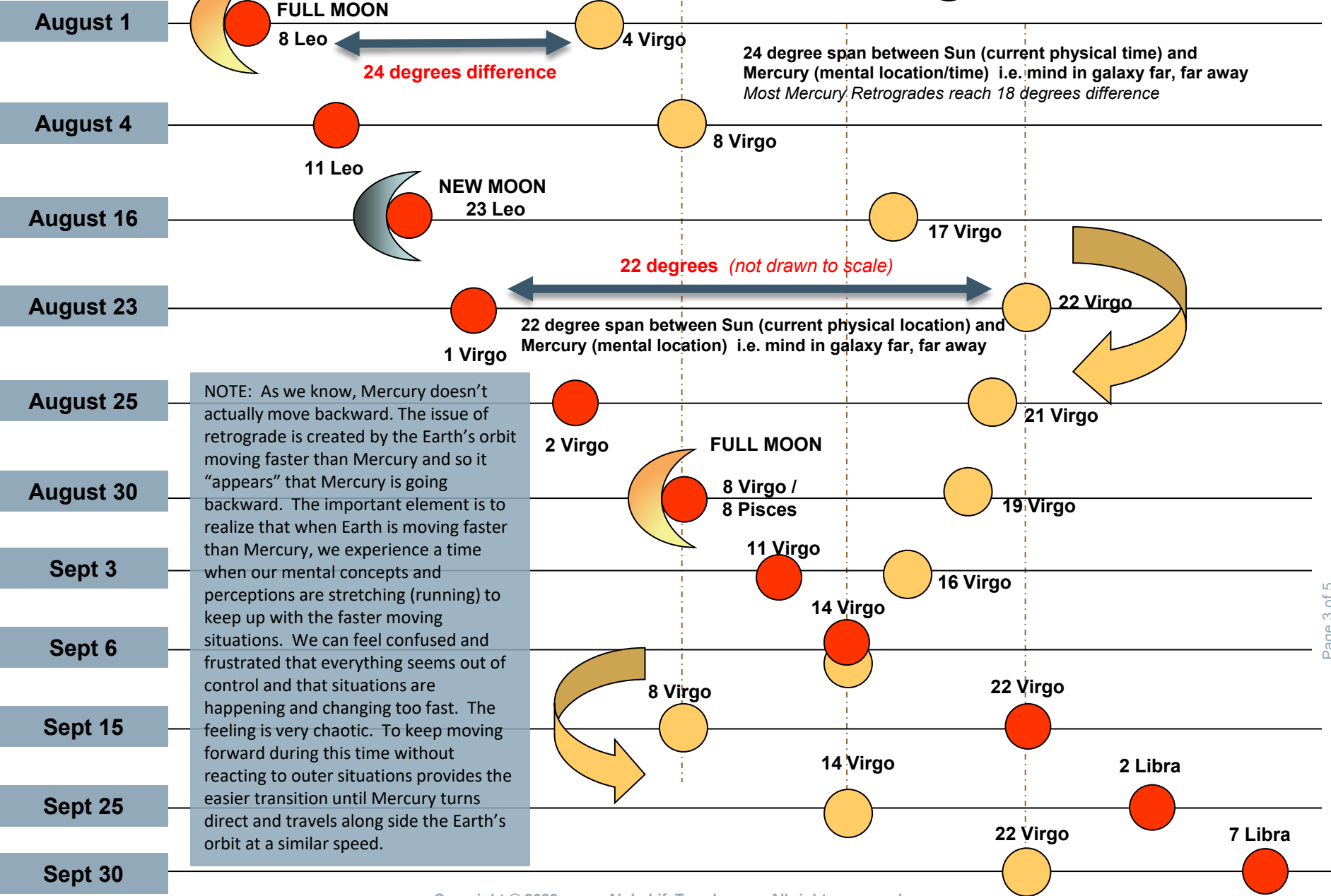


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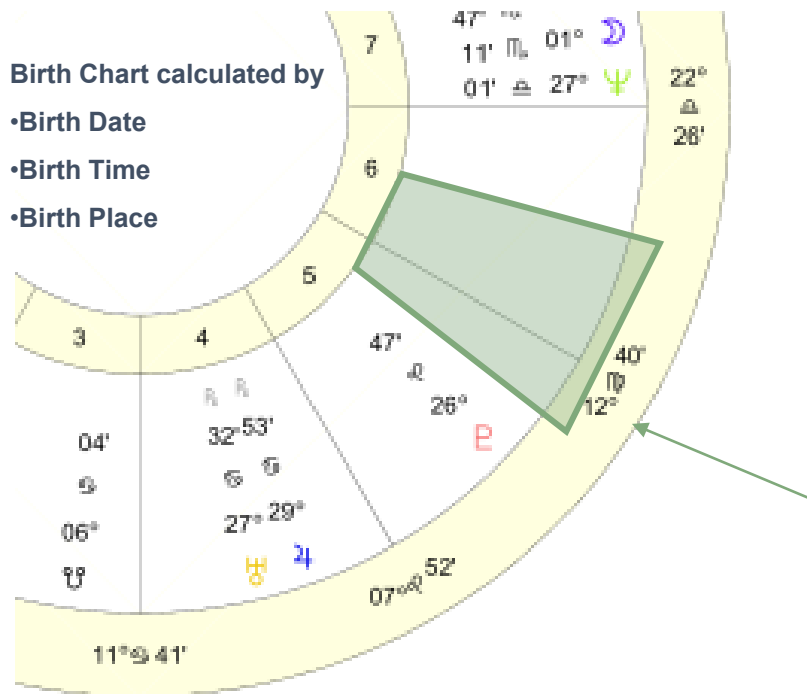
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Mercury Retrograde Phenomena

● Sun – Present Time & Purpose
● Mercury – Thoughts, Information and Communication



NOTE: As we know, Mercury doesn't actually move backward. The issue of retrograde is created by the Earth's orbit moving faster than Mercury and so it "appears" that Mercury is going backward. The important element is to realize that when Earth is moving faster than Mercury, we experience a time when our mental concepts and perceptions are stretching (running) to keep up with the faster moving situations. We can feel confused and frustrated that everything seems out of control and that situations are happening and changing too fast. The feeling is very chaotic. To keep moving forward during this time without reacting to outer situations provides the easier transition until Mercury turns direct and travels along side the Earth's orbit at a similar speed.



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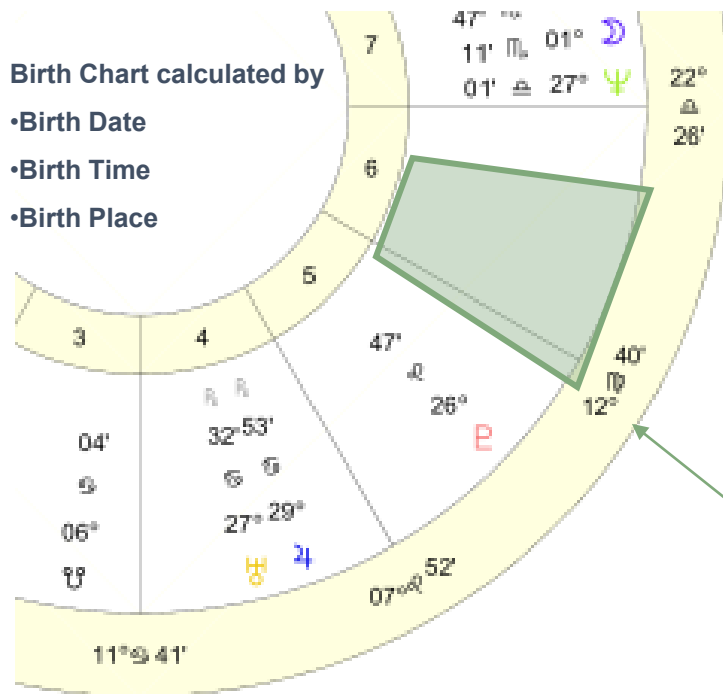
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♍ is the symbol for Virgo

If the Mercury retrograde impacts planets within your chart, that are located within the highlighted area, then this Mercury retrograde will have a greater influence to bring changes to the area containing the planet(s).

Understanding Mercury Retrograde in YOUR Chart

1. Find where Virgo is in your chart * (*complimentary chart available with purchase of Mercury Retrograde OnLine News*)
2. Determine the house location that covers 8 degrees Virgo to 22 degrees Virgo
3. Determine the span of this Mercury retrograde which may be contained within in one house or span two houses
4. More information; Read sections in Mercury Retrograde OnLine news that cover;
 - a. Impact of Mercury Retrograde according to your SUN SIGN
 - b. Impact of Mercury Retrograde according to the HOUSE PLACEMENT (as shown above)
 - c. Impact of Mercury Retrograde according to your PERSONAL YEAR (numerology)
5. Visit Mercury Retrograde OnLine News to review purchase options – *Tab on top of Alpha Trends web site*



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The Power of Intention

Mercury Dynamics

As Mercury flies through Phase 1 of the Retrograde Process; August 4th to August 23rd many situations will surface that will become the powerhouse of changes during Phase 2 of the Retrograde. With Mercury flying through Phase 1, increasing the distance between the Sun and Mercury by more than 24 degrees, situations seem very disjointed and our thoughts are making decisions about future situations. Mercury is in earthy Virgo, creating a 24 degree span compared to the usual 18 degrees during Mercury retrograde. This disjointed feeling occurs because the Virgo perspective is looking to express right-action and seeing distorted situations provides two very different realities. With the different realities, the Mercury retrograde in Phase 2 provides the adjustments and changes to align our new pathway with right-action choices.

Phase 2 is Mercury in retrograde motion. The Sun and Mercury begin to come closer together bringing in new information that will shift and change the situations around us. Sun symbolizes the X in the “you are here map” while Mercury symbolizes the information and changes happening around us. Many situations change and shift as Mercury continues to create changes. Ultimately the Full Moon in the middle of Mercury retrograde, spotlights the issues that need to be brought together by September 14th, the New Moon right before Mercury turns direct. Our new focus will be rolled out once Mercury moves forward on September 15th, at the end of Phase 2.

Phase 3 begins at 8 Virgo, bringing forward the information to align with our outer environment, presenting the roll out of our new environment, direction and pathway. Our new purpose is symbolic to the 8 Virgo location in our chart, as well as the 21 degrees Virgo of the New Moon. Aligning the Virgo intentions with the requirement for right action sets our new path, direction and purpose to make a difference, becomes our new environment.