
The Planets in Astrology – Mercury

- “*Knowing others is intelligent; knowing yourself is true wisdom.*”
 - Tao Te Ching – Lao Tzu
 - ☿ **Mercury**
- Mercury is the planet closest to the Sun. Because of its proximity to the Sun, Mercury can only be observed for a brief period during morning and evening twilight
- It takes Mercury 88 days to orbit the Sun and make a complete cycle through the Zodiac. Because Mercury enters retrograde motion three times a year he spends anywhere from two to six weeks in each sign of the zodiac. He is never more than 28.3 degrees away from the Sun and can therefore only form the conjunction, parallel, and semi-sextile aspects to that luminary
- The earliest recorded observations date to the 14th century BC where in Assyrian cuneiform texts Mercury is referred to as “the jumping planet” no doubt due to his eccentric orbit. He was also called Nabu – the messenger of the gods
- Before the 4th century BC, the ancient Greeks regarded Mercury as two planets; seen at sunset Mercury was known as Hermes, and at sunrise was called Apollo
 - ☿ **Mercury - Mythology**
- To the Ancient Egyptians Mercury was known as Thoth the god of writing
- It was Mercury/Thoth who helped Isis work the ritual to bring Osiris back from the dead
- Mercury or Hermes was the son of the union of Zeus and Maia. In Greek mythology Hermes was the god of weights and measures, commerce and cunning, boundaries, travel and travelers, wit, literature, oratory, and poetry. Our words merchant, merchandise, and mercenary all have their origins in Mercury the Roman god of trade
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- As the Roman god of trade, Mercury lends his name to the words merchant, merchandise, mercurial, and mercenary
- Mercury’s winged hat was the symbol of his ability to freely fly between the realm of the mortals and immortals
- In astrology Mercury is often considered as a mediator or intermediary between parties. In Roman times it was the *caduceator* who negotiated peace treaties
- In Hindu astrology, Mercury or Budha is pictured holding a scimitar, club and shield
- Like his Western counterpart, Budha is the god of merchandise and merchants, mathematics and science
- The English Wednesday comes from “Woden’s day” in honor of the Old Norse god Odin
- *Dies Mercurii*, or “Mercury’s day” is the Latin name for Wednesday. In Spanish it is called *miercoles*, in Italian,

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mercoledì, and in French, *mercredi*, all originating from the word Mercury

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- *“Mercury is symbolized by the crescent of soul, surmounting the circle of spirit, and —this surmounting the cross of matter. This indicates that soul and spirit have triumphed over sensation. It conveys the thought that wisdom has been garnered in both physical and superphysical realms, and that this has resulted in an equilibrium between the practical and the ideal, that the aspirations have been realized through the union of inspiration and concrete experience.”*
 - *Ancient Masonry*– C. C. Zain
- Mercury affects our studies, mental interests, increases our writing and intellectual activity accuracy in calculations and memory, and attracts opportunities for communication and self-expression
- Thought-Cell: Intellectual
- House influence: Thought
- Metal: Quicksilver
- Gemstone: Cinnabar
- Color: Violet
- Musical tone: B
- Part of Body: Brain, nervous system, and tongue
- Positive Traits: Expression
- Negative Traits: Restlessness
- Neutral

- *“**MERCURY:** The electrical currents which carry messages over the nerves, and all cerebral processes, including perception and comparison, are ruled by Mercury; and all expression of thought in speech and writing are expressions of the thought-cells mapped by Mercury.”*
- *“These thought-cells which so powerfully influence the intellectual ability, the intellectual interests and the habitual methods of objective thinking, have been organized in lower forms of life through learning to remember and recognize enemies, palatable foods, and suitable localities for shelter. Because their chief expression relates to the intellectual life they are called **INTELLECTUAL** thought-cells. Aspects to Mercury affect the mental interests, the facility and accuracy of expression, and the type of cerebral activity. To the extent the thought-cells mapped by Mercury are active is the life influenced by thoughts about time, written or verbal expression, calculation, travel, the recognition of size, weight, form and color, or the solution of perplexities.”*
 - *Beginner’s Horoscope Maker and Reader* – Elbert Benjamine
- ☿ **Alchemical Mercury/ Intellectual Urges**
- Some plants are sensitive to their environments
- Insects must remember their way back to their hives and breeding grounds
- Birds must navigate their annual migrations

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- Animals must remember their feeding grounds and waterholes
- Animals must communicate the presence of danger
- *“Birds and mammals recognize the call of distress, the danger signal, the food-supply call, and the mating song or noise. This is language in elemental form. And along with perception of qualities, such expression aids in realizing various desires. In human life these Intellectual thought-elements that have thus been built into the astral body, and mapped by Mercury in the birth-chart, are the source of eventuality, language, calculation and the recognition of size, weight, form and color... Thinking which is studious or expression which is ill-considered is responsible for the fortune or misfortune that comes through intellectual cleverness or its lack. Writers, lawyers and teachers who are successful have these thought-elements prominent. Discordant thoughts of this type, in which there is grinding concentration on some problem, is chiefly responsible for nervousness, neuralgia, neuritis, sciatica, hay fever, asthma, and some bowel complaints. Together with thinking about domestic conditions, they lead to mental diseases....”*
 - *Mental Alchemy C. C. Zain*
- *“The Mercury person is an excellent agent. He is at his best where he can attain his ends by writing, talking or travel. His best quality is EXPRESSION. His worst quality is RESTLESSNESS. Clerical work of all kinds appeals to him, as does accountancy. He is decidedly clever, and*

learns a new task with great facility. He should learn, however, from the fable of the tortoise and the hare that the race is not always to the swift. Also that the highest form of expression of his mentality can only be attained through protracted concentration. The thoughts ruled by this planet are called the INTELLECTUAL thoughts.”

- *Delineating the Horoscope – C. C. Zain*
- *“Lean, nervous, sharp features, small eyes and ears, hair brown.”*
 - *Horary Astrology – C. C. Zain*
 - **Positive Mercury**
- Traits Agile, alert, articulate, astute, attentive, chatty, clever, coherent, communicative, conscientious, curious, erudite, expressive, focused, informative, ingenious, inquisitive, intelligent, judicious, knowledgeable, logical, lucid, mental, nimble, observant, perceptive, rational, reasonable, scholarly, shrewd, smart, talkative, thoughtful, verbal, vigilant, wise, witty
 - **Negative Mercury Traits**
- Anxious, apprehensive, calculating, canny, crafty, cunning, deceptive, devious, discontented, edgy, fanatical, fidgety, high-strung, interfering, intrusive, jumpy, long-winded, loquacious, meddlesome, nervous, nosey, overwrought, preoccupied, prying, rambling, restless, scheming, sly, snitch, snoop, stressed, tense, verbose, wily
 - **Mercury Occupations**
- Accountant, agent, analyst, announcer, bookkeeper, broadcast journalist, broker, chauffeur, columnist,

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commentator, courier, critic, diplomat, dispatcher, driver, file clerk, instructor, interpreter, librarian, linguist, mediator, messenger, negotiator, news anchor, postal worker, programmer, representative, secretary, stenographer, teacher, telephone operator, tutor, writer

- **Aspects**

- Aspects are the geometric angles which the planetary energies form with one another as they radiate towards earth.
- Aspects add energy (power) to any chart
- Aspects contribute conditioning energy (harmony or discord)

- **The Semi-Square \sphericalangle**

- The Semi-Square is a FRICTION Compound
- The Semi-Square is formed when two planets are 45 degrees, or one and a half signs apart
- This is a mildly discordant aspect which manifests as uncertainty and vacillation. Rather than cataclysmic disruptions, a progressed semi-square causes anxiety, hesitation, worry, criticism and many recurring abrasions. The discord it attracts is usually due to the cumulative effect of the little discords in the environment
- Under a semi-square aspect we must effort to maintain a positive attitude

- **Mercury-Signs**

- Mercury passes through the entire zodiac in 88 days spending approximately two to six weeks in each sign

- The “Mercury-Sign” or sign of the zodiac in which the Mercury falls in the birth-chart is considered to represent the Mentality of the individual

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- *When Mercury is prominent in the birth chart it denotes one who is mentally active, capable of taking an education, of functioning on the intellectual level, and of learning new tasks readily. He is at his best where he can attain his ends by writing, talking or travel.*

- *When prominent and afflicted, there is a tendency toward **RESTLESSNESS**. Therefore the individual with such a chart should as early as possible realize that the highest form of **EXPRESSION** can be attained only through protracted concentration.*

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- **Mercury in Aries**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Am attitude, the speech should be interesting and clever rather than impulsive and antagonistic.
 - **Mercury in Taurus**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Have attitude, the speech should be practical and refined rather than too determined and unyielding.
 - **Mercury in Gemini**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Think attitude, the speech should be based on valuable information rather than merely loquacious.
 - **Mercury in Cancer**—With the intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Feel attitude, the speech should be free and poetic rather than repressed through sensitiveness to the opinions of others.
 - **Mercury in Leo**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Will attitude, the speech should be idealistic and sympathetic rather than dominating.
 - **Mercury in Virgo**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Analyze attitude, the speech should be persuasive and constructive rather than sharp and critical.
 - **Mercury in Libra**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Balance attitude, the speech should be just and refined rather than merely agreeing with the views of present company.
 - **Mercury in Scorpio**—With the intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Desire attitude, the speech should be scientific and helpful rather than caustic and stinging.
 - **Mercury in Sagittarius**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I See attitude, the speech should be generous and loyal rather than impulsive and blunt.
 - **Mercury in Capricorn**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Use attitude, the speech should be tactful and diplomatic rather than self seeking and deceitful.
 - **Mercury in Aquarius**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Know attitude, the speech should be informative and educational rather than argumentative.
 - **Mercury in Pisces**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing from the I Believe attitude, the speech should be positive and good humored rather than timid or fretful.
 - *Beginner’s Horoscope Maker and Reader* – Elbert Benjamine
- **Planets in Houses**
 - The houses are divisions of the horoscope or birth-chart which correspond to different areas of thinking, activity, and interests
 - As a planet/s occupies a houses it brings its specific influences into that department of life
 - The planet closest to the house cusp is considered the “ruler” of that house, if there is more than one planet in the house the other planets become the “co-rulers”
 - When the house is unoccupied, we look to the planet/s ruling the sign on the cusp of the house

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☿ Mercury in the Houses

- The house in which the Mercury falls in the birth-chart is said to be subject to *Thought*
- The house position of the Mercury strongly indicates the area of life through which the individual finds intellectual expression and mental activity. Intense mental preoccupation and restless attitudes prevail in this house
- “Whatever house is occupied by Mercury becomes the subject of mental effort. The mind expresses itself readily where the things so denoted are concerned..... The department of life ruled by the house occupied by Mercury is subject to *Thought*.”
 - *Horary Astrology* – C. C. Zain
- **Mercury in First House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through the personality, there is ability for speech, writing and study. A calling should be followed that requires brains.
- **Mercury in Second House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through possessions, much thought about money is shown. Reliance also on a higher power should be cultivated.
- **Mercury in Third House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through education, writing and travel are shown. Ability to express in writing and talking should be cultivated.
- **Mercury in Fourth House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through the home, study in the home and at the end of life are shown. To make the home a place of comfort also should be cultivated.
- **Mercury in Fifth House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through pleasure, much thought about affectional matters is shown. Joviality should be cultivated as an aid to affectional relations.
- **Mercury in Sixth House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through work, thought about work and tendency to nerve disorders are shown. To work without much nervous tension should be cultivated.
- **Mercury in Seventh House**—With the Mercury thought-cells expressing through partnership, marriage to a person of intellectual interests is shown. Ability to speak and write should be cultivated.
- **Mercury in Eighth House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through inheritance, much thought about death and other's money is shown. Faith in a higher power to protect should be cultivated.
- **Mercury in Ninth House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through philosophy, ability to get ideas before the public is shown. This ability should be wed to get beneficial ideas before the public.
- **Mercury in Tenth House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through honor, a business requiring brains is shown. Faith also in a higher power to benefit should be cultivated.
- **Mercury in Eleventh House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing through friends, friends among literary people are shown. Faith in a higher power, as well as intelligence, should be cultivated in the effort to realize the hopes.
- **Mercury in Twelfth House**—With the Intellectual thought-cells expressing

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through disappointment, much thought about sorrow and hidden enemies is shown. Faith in a higher power to remove restrictions and prevent sorrow should be cultivated.

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Mercury in my chart falls in the sign of _____

Some of the best expressions of this sign are _____

Some of the worst expressions of this sign are _____

In my chart Mercury falls in the _____ house

The activities ruled by this house are _____

Some of the ways that I perceive my intellect, mental preoccupations, and communications associated with this house are _____

The relative power of my Mercury by astrodynes is: _____

The Percentage of power is _____

The relative harmony or discord of my Mercury is _____

The way I perceive this affecting me is _____

The positive qualities of Mercury that I express are _____

The negative qualities of Mercury that I express are _____
