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# MERCURY RETROGRADE

*December 19<sup>th</sup> through January 8<sup>th</sup>*

This Mercury retrograde sets the pace for the next nine-year cycle that begins in 2017 and continues through 2026. The Mercury retrograde spans from 29 Sagittarius to 15 Capricorn, which was the exact span of Pluto during the nine-year cycle. The information that will prompt the changes and adjustments during the retrograde will reflect the inner alignment with Pluto's use or mis-use of power. Pluto's power of influence is geared to make a difference in the world of others and to provide a positive impact to help others succeed and to empower the spirit within. Mercury passes information to Pluto as Mercury turns retrograde to go back to tap into the Sagittarius energy of spiritual beliefs, perspective and setting goals to make a difference. This retrograde phase shifts and adjusts the situations and circumstances as the stage is set for the next nine-year cycle and journey.

**Phase I – Dec 1 to Dec 19**

**Phase II – Dec 19 to Jan 8**

**Phase III – Jan 8 to 28**

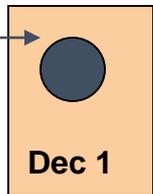
**PHASE I:** Mercury will collect the issues from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup> as events culminate. Mercury reaches the furthest forward motion that it can, stretching the link between the Sun and Mercury that has a limit. Mercury out in front is uncovering the issues that are subject to revision; rethinking, and reassessing many issues, situations and decisions. It is during these events that you have **Phase I** events that will ultimately require additional information and adjustments before issues are complete.

**PHASE II:** Mercury reaches 15 Capricorn and turns retrograde from December 19<sup>th</sup> through January 8<sup>th</sup>. This is termed Mercury retrograde and 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. Musical chairs in the business arena occur.

**PHASE III:** Once Mercury turns direct, on January 8<sup>th</sup>, the corrected version **Phase III** begins. Blending the new information discovered during Phase II into the first pass of information in Phase I, the revised decisions unfold and evolve the pathway, setting a new pace and beginning for the next nine-year cycle. This new direction integrates the elements of Pluto's journey through the nine-year cycle from 2008-2016. Situations unfold the revised environment and circumstances in alignment with your inner essence, inner status and inner spiritual purpose aligned with integrity and purpose.

With Mercury getting so far in front of Sun, many situations and issues feel as though they are getting out of control

29° Sagittarius



Mercury retrograde in Capricorn shifts career and business pursuits as alignment with inner purpose to make a difference in the world of others.

December 8

FULL MOON – Dec 13  
22 Sagittarius / 22 Gemini

15° Capricorn

December 19

Mercury retrograde conjunct Sun  
7° Capricorn brings forward the  
commitment to new beginnings

The Full Moon brings in new information that aligns philosophy and beliefs with words and actions, purpose and passion

The NEW MOON at 7 Capricorn on December 28<sup>th</sup>, accentuates the new shifts and changes within the career and business pursuits as well as the dynamics and passion to make a difference. Major shifts in career and in the business arena push the focus to align with purpose and passion.

7° Capricorn



December 28

NEW MOON  
7° Capricorn

**Mercury conjunct Sun  
7° Capricorn  
December 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mercury connecting to Sun on the same day as the New Moon brings a new commitment to career and business pursuits that will unfold new options as Mercury turns direct on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

The NEW MOON at 7 Capricorn on January 27 opens the curtains for the Chinese New Year Celebration on January 28<sup>th</sup>, accentuating the stage set for the new nine-year cycle

FULL MOON – Jan 12  
22 Capricorn / 22 Cancer

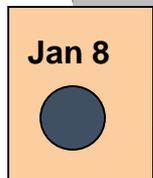
January 21

Chinese New Year  
January 28

Jan 28

15°  
Capricorn

Jan 8



29° Sagittarius

Once Mercury turns direct on January 8<sup>th</sup>, the shifts and changes with career and business pursuits will engage a new dynamic aligned with mission, purpose and goals.

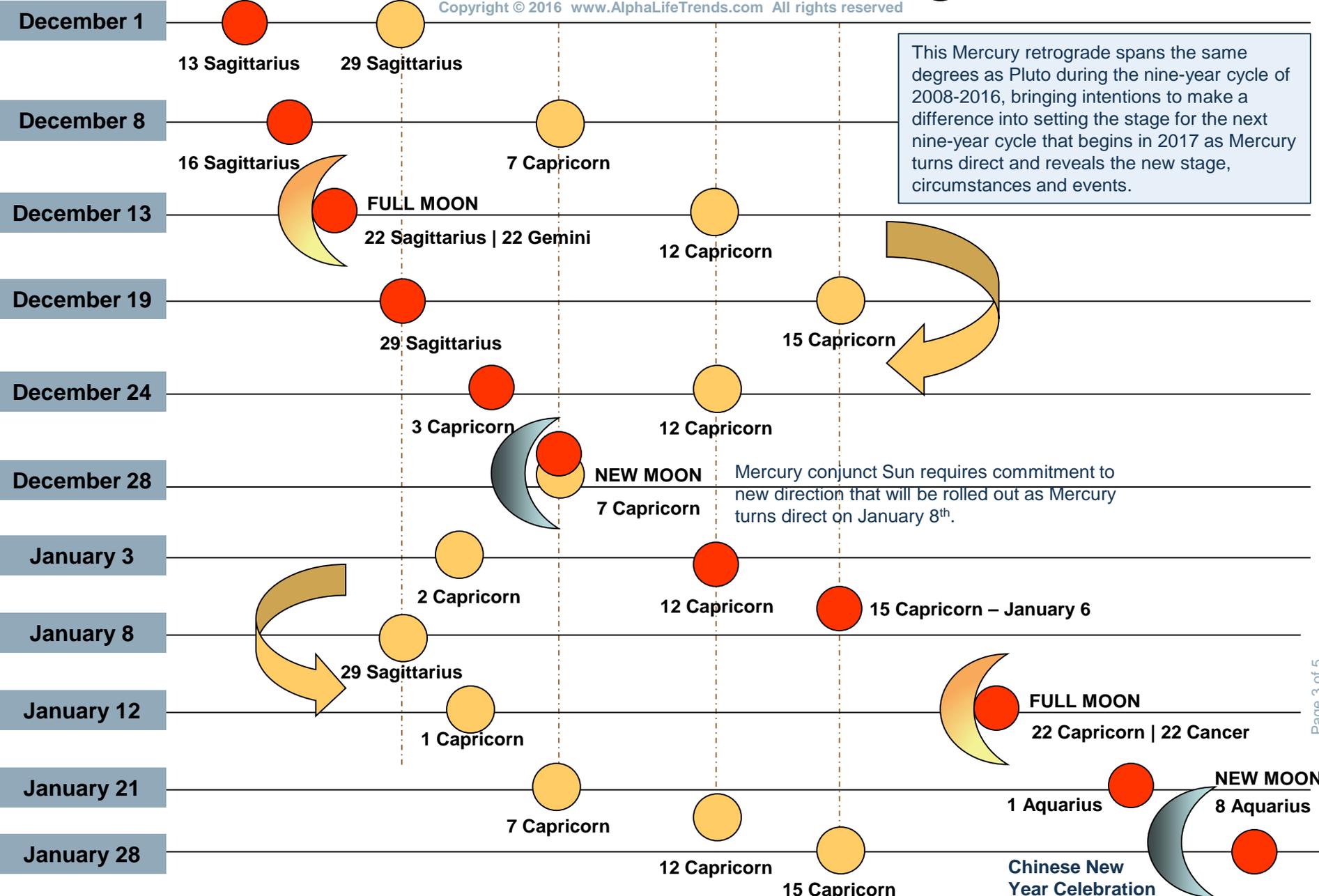
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# Mercury Retrograde Phenomena

-  Sun – Present Time & Purpose
-  Mercury – Thoughts, Information and communication

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This Mercury retrograde spans the same degrees as Pluto during the nine-year cycle of 2008-2016, bringing intentions to make a difference into setting the stage for the next nine-year cycle that begins in 2017 as Mercury turns direct and reveals the new stage, circumstances and events.





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Find the symbol for Capricorn (♑) in your chart as the symbols on the outer chart go in order counter clock wise and have approx 30 degrees within each sign. 29 Sagittarius is one degree before Capricorn (going counter clockwise) spanning to 15 Capricorn

♐ is the symbol for Sagittarius  
♑ is the symbol for Capricorn

## The Power of Influence

### MERCURY DYNAMICS

**As Mercury flies through Phase 1** of the Retrograde Process; December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup>, many situations will surface that will become the powerhouse of changes during Phase 2 of the Retrograde. With Mercury flying through Phase 1, Mercury will increase the distance between the Sun and Mercury, expanding the ability to see how all things will be impacted, similar to walking through a house to try to envision all of the changes and renovations that will be happening in Phase 2.

**Phase 2** is the beginning of knocking down the walls, new information coming into the picture, creating unanticipated changes, and the pin ball of activities begin to ping many situations on its way through the process. With Mercury retrograding through Capricorn, the changes created within the career and business arenas begin to change the dynamics, focus and mission of each person. The draw for like-minded philosophy to come together begins to occur and happen by the shifts and changes inherent with the Mercury Retrograde Process that touches back to Sagittarius, ruling spiritual philosophy, beliefs and actions.

**Phase 3** is the rebuilding, renovation portion to finish, paint, tile and create a new image and space from the changes that occurred as walls were knocked down. The final touches are put onto the changes, creating a new focus, mission and launch pad for a new sense of purpose. The corrected version is rolled out and bugs worked out as the rolling continues forward. Completing the revisions as the New Moon/Chinese New Year celebrations begin on January 28<sup>th</sup> bring a new path, direction and purpose to make a difference as the new nine-year cycle begins.

Birth Chart calculated by  
•Birth Date  
•Birth Time  
•Birth Place

