

MERCURY RETROGRADE

August 12th through September 5th



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This Mercury retrograde continues to set the stage for the next nine-year cycle that begins with the evolution in 2017 and continues through 2025. The Mercury retrograde spans from 29 Leo to 12 Virgo, the shared location of the Solar Eclipse (29 Leo) on August 21st. The information that will prompt the changes and adjustments during the retrograde will reflect the new direction that opens up with the Solar Eclipse at 29 Leo. Use or mis-use of the Leo will power becomes the difference in the world with the Leo 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 nine-year cycle and journey through the remainder of Pluto in Capricorn (through March 2023) and transition into Pluto in Aquarius (March 2023). Pluto’s power of influence requires commitment to the inner realm of use (vs mis-use) and to humanity (vs self ego-centric advancement) through “right-action”. Mars in Leo during this Mercury retrograde (all phases) provides the snapshot of commitment to use or mis-use.

*** The eclipses in March and August focus on Leo leadership and humanitarian elements of Aquarius, which sets the underlying purpose of this next nine-year cycle to take us into Pluto in Aquarius – ruling leadership aligned to empower humanity. ***

Phase I – July 23 to Aug 12

Phase II – Aug 12 to Sept 5

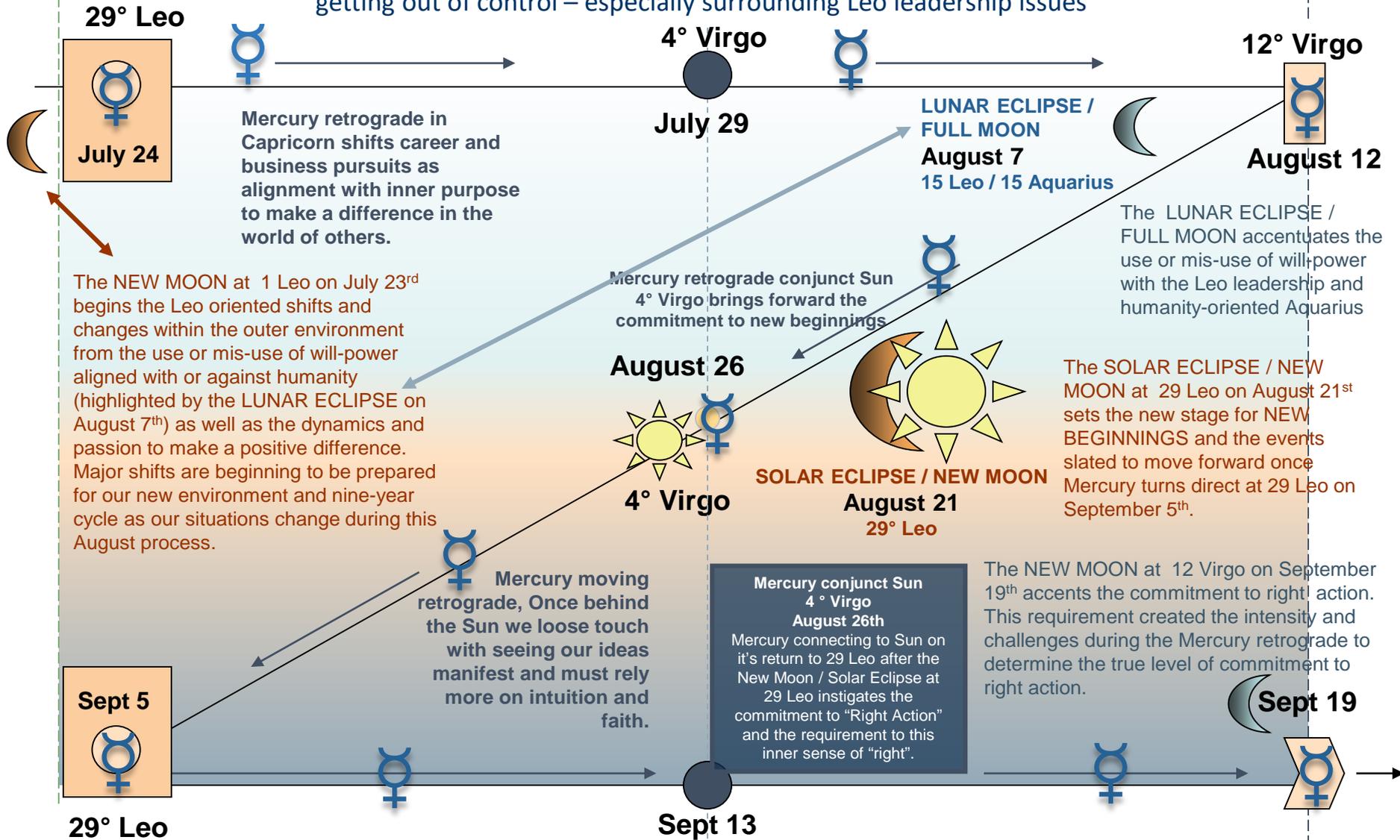
Phase III – Sept 5 to Sept 19

PHASE I: Mercury will collect the issues from July 23rd through August 12th as events culminate. Mercury reaches the furthest forward motion spanning as much as 28 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 corrected.

PHASE II: Mercury reaches 12 Virgo and turns retrograde from August 12th to bring forward the commitment to “right action” as the Leo 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 Leo leadership arena as aligned with commitment to “right action”.

PHASE III: Once Mercury turns direct, at 29 Leo on September 5th, 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 next nine-year cycle. This new direction integrates the elements of leadership and intention according to alignment with “right-action”. As Pluto continues to move through the second half of Capricorn, the authorities of the next phase are those with Leo leadership that is ready to walk the path forward toward Pluto in Aquarius. **

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

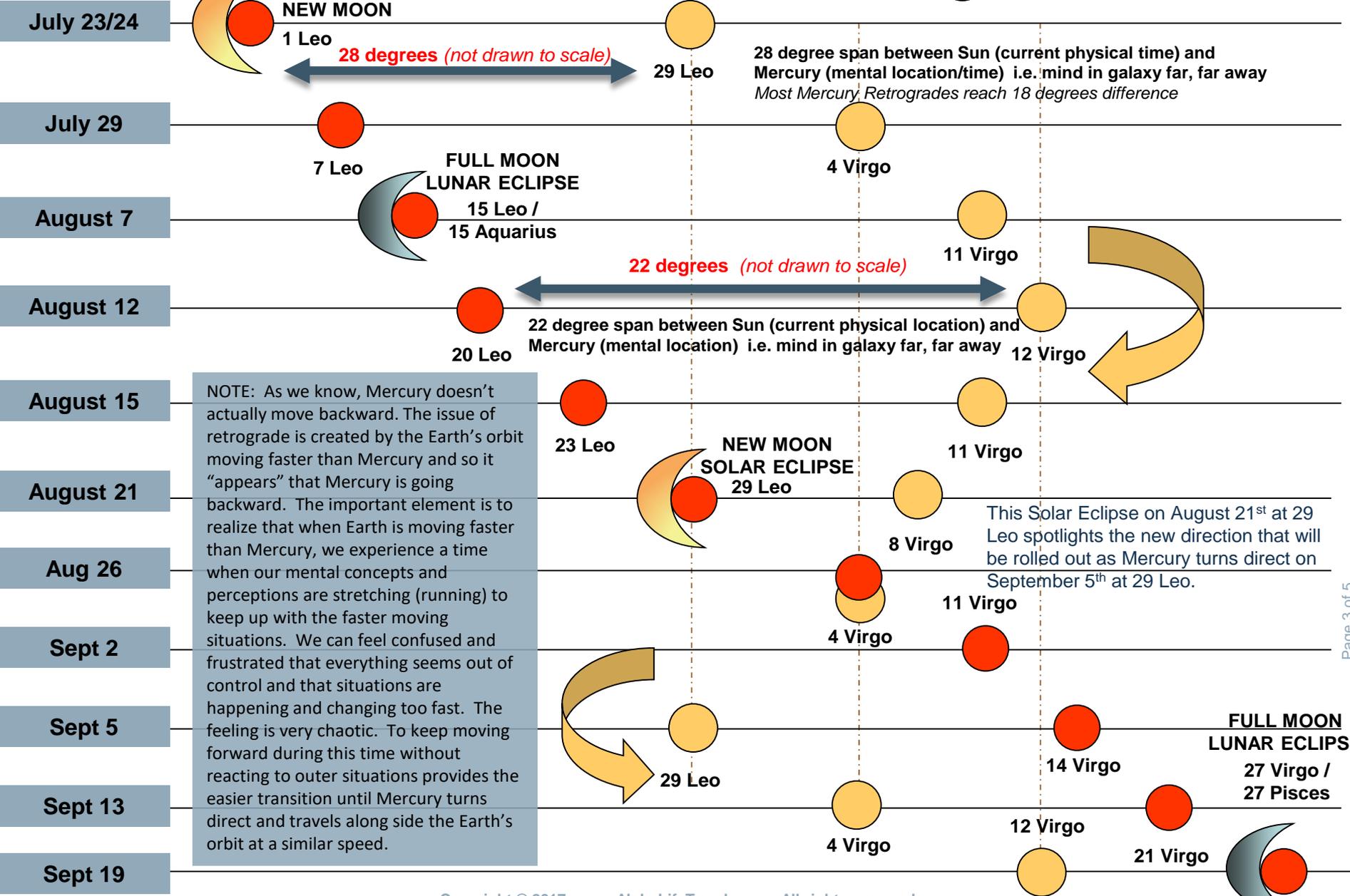


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Mercury Retrograde Phenomena

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

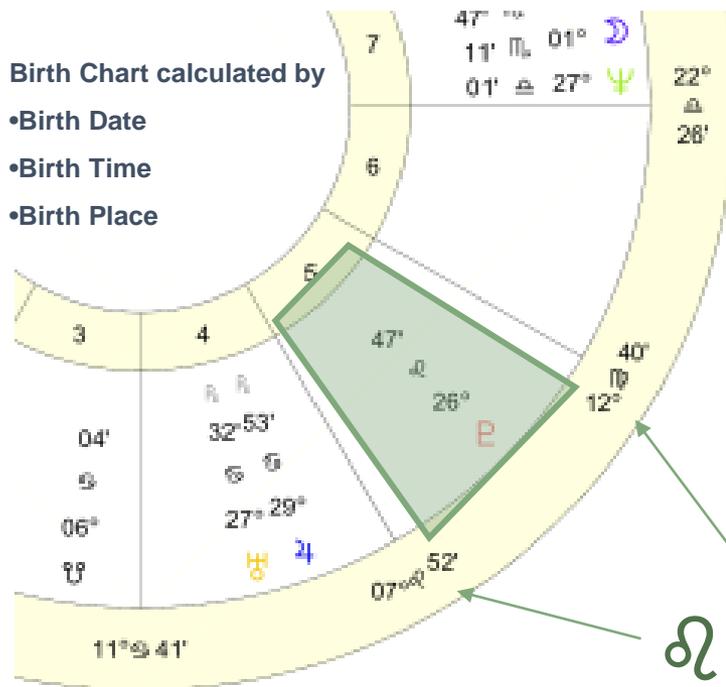


NOTE: As we know, Mercury doesn't actually move backward. The issue of retrograde is created by the Earth's orbit moving faster than Mercury and so it "appears" that Mercury is going backward. The important element is to realize that when Earth is moving faster than Mercury, we experience a time when 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.

28 degree span between Sun (current physical time) and Mercury (mental location/time) i.e. mind in galaxy far, far away
 Most Mercury Retrogrades reach 18 degrees difference

22 degree span between Sun (current physical location) and Mercury (mental location) i.e. mind in galaxy far, far away

This Solar Eclipse on August 21st at 29 Leo spotlights the new direction that will be rolled out as Mercury turns direct on September 5th at 29 Leo.



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Find the symbol for Leo (♌) and Virgo (♍) 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 Leo is one degree before Virgo (going counter clockwise) spanning to 12 Virgo.

♍ is the symbol for Virgo

♌ is the symbol for Leo

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

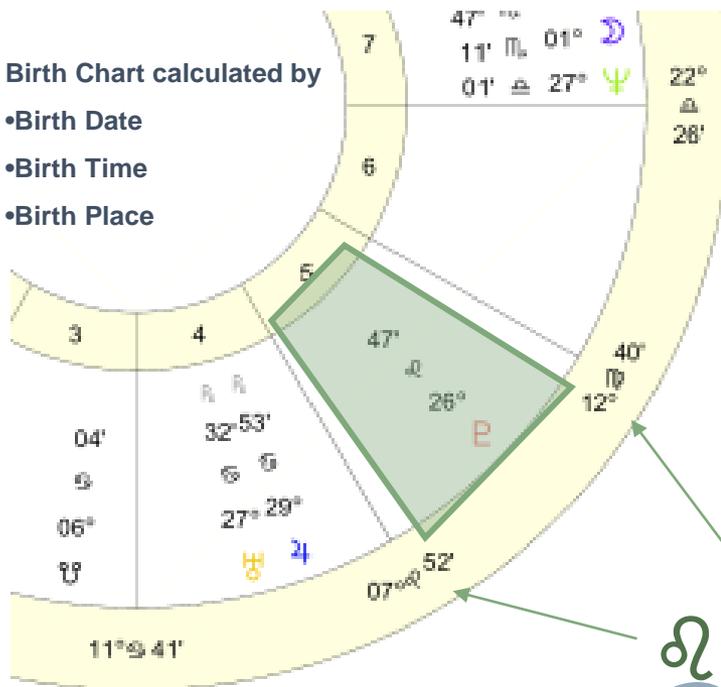
1. Find where Leo/Virgo is in your chart * (*complimentary chart available with purchase of Mercury Retrograde OnLine News*)
2. Determine the house location that covers 29 degrees Leo to 12 degrees Virgo
3. Determine the span of this Mercury retrograde which may be contained within in one house or span 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)
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Birth Chart calculated by

- Birth Date
- Birth Time
- Birth Place



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♍ is the symbol for Virgo (right action)

♌ is the symbol for Leo (will power)

The Power of Intention

MERCURY DYNAMICS

As Mercury flies through Phase 1 of the Retrograde Process; July 23 to August 12, 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 28 degrees, situations seem very disjointed and our thoughts are making decisions about future situations. Mercury is also in fiery Leo, while the Sun is in watery Cancer, creating a 28 degree span compared to the usual 18 degrees during Mercury retrograde. This disjointed feelings occur because the Cancer perspective is looking underwater and seeing distorted situations, while fiery Leo is dancing in the sunlight, symbolizing two very different realities. With the different realities, the Mercury retrograde in Phase 2 provides the adjustments and changes to align our new pathway.

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 Solar Eclipse at 29 Leo in the middle of Mercury retrograde, spotlights the new focus that will be rolled out once Mercury returns to that same location of 29 Leo on September 5th, at the end of Phase 2.

Phase 3 begins at 29 Leo, 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 29 Leo location in our chart. Aligning the Leo will-power and intentions with the requirement for right action sets our new path, direction and purpose to make a difference, becomes our new environment.