

MERCURY RETROGRADE

October 31st through November 20th

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This Mercury retrograde provides the power of transparency, as Mercury retrograde in Scorpio is also joined by key aspects and events that set up the transition from 2019 into 2020. Scorpio is the sign that brings in transparency as the engine compartment of situations becomes visible during this Mercury retrograde. At opposite sides of the spectrum, we have a focus to exert our control and power over issues through divisive means for a specific gain, yet the power driving the efforts reveals motives, ethics and values. Transparency into the engine compartment is on the other side of the spectrum, which also provides a viewpoint of our drive with the intention to make a difference with a sense of purpose and passion. During the month of October Mercury will fly through the sign as many puzzle pieces become visible and many pieces of information are tossed into the picture. Once Sun shifts into Scorpio, joining Mercury, the spotlight will be switched on, which will bring many things to light not previously seen. As Mercury turns retrograde and we move into the FIVE universal month of November, many situations will begin to be revealed that were presented in October that will not be as originally presented, with transparency revealing many cracks in the situations not visible previously. The FIVE month of November brings about major shifts and changes that give us a transparent view into ourselves and situations to better understand the issues of power, control and values. Mid November brings Sun connecting with Mercury retrograde, emphasizing a commitment to bring about change once Mercury turns direct on November 20th. The emphasis of this process will be aided by Mars entering Scorpio a day before Mercury turns direct to activate these important decisions. As Mercury flows through the remaining degrees of Scorpio, and Mars activates the decisions, we move into December, revealing a new stage as Jupiter shifts into Capricorn, where it was in 2008 and when Pluto (ruling use and mis-use of power) first entered Capricorn. Many of the key shifts and changes will stem from events of that time and bring into visibility the transitions since 2008.

Phase I – Oct 11 to Oct 31
Phase II – Oct 31 to Nov 20
Phase III – Nov 20 to Dec 8

PHASE I: Mercury will collect the issues from October 11th through October 31st as events culminate. Mercury reaches the furthest forward motion that it can, 28 Scorpio, 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 as more issues and information comes forward. It is during these events that **Phase I** events occur that will ultimately require additional information and adjustments before situations are complete.

PHASE II: Mercury reaches 28 Scorpio and turns retrograde from October 31st through November 20th. This is termed Mercury retrograde and is considered **Phase II** as additional information surfaces, changing previous information or changing circumstances that provide a different picture than before. We continue to have information stream in that keeps situations shifting as the right puzzle pieces continue to be missing, as Sun and Mercury retrograde connect at 19 Scorpio in mid November along with the Full Moon rising. Information along with transparency continues to emerge as major puzzle pieces become available. The sense of uncertainty and the need for adjustments keep situations on edge as changes continue to evolve. Mars shifts into Scorpio on November 19th activating another uncovering process.

PHASE III: Once Mercury turns direct, on November 20th, the corrected version **Phase III** begins, with Mars providing the chindropping views of key events. Blending the new information discovered during Phase II into the information from Phase I, information comes in that provides the critical puzzle pieces that revise decisions and unfold the pathway forward. Providing a new and different picture and pathway, Mercury unfolds the new perspective as the puzzle pieces revealing information set up a new phase. This Mercury phase brings us to our new pathway, with Mars activating the showstopping perspectives. As Mercury and Mars continue the process Jupiter shifts into Capricorn, coming full circle to where it was in 2008 along with Pluto entering Capricorn in 2008. Many situations and solutions stem back to that critical time, prompting major revisions.

In October, Mercury streams ahead of the Sun, reaching more than 24 degrees ahead by the time Sun shifts into Scorpio, causing many situations and issues to feel they are getting even further out of control.

11° Scorpio



Mercury retrograde in Scorpio brings in information of our alignment with motives, ethics and intentions. Mercury retrograde provides information that is integral to our journey through transparency of motives and values, as Venus follows behind Mercury to bring forward solutions during October's rush of information. Sun joins Scorpio in late October to shine the spotlight onto the information that will be scrutinized by Mercury's backtracking journey. Mercury retrograde in Scorpio always beckons transparency during the backtracking process, giving us additional views into the motives, ethics and values along the way, and showing another side to situations.

The planet of **Mars** (♂) rules actions and activates the Scorpio elements of transparency to reveal another layer of motives, ethics and values by showing alignment with actions, as actions speak. Mars enters Scorpio on November 19th, one day before Mercury turns direct.



November 19



Sun enters Sagittarius ruling honesty, straight forward communication and with transparency setting the pace of the spotlight, indisputable evidence gets the new spotlight - November 22

November 22

11° Scorpio

Once Mercury turns direct on November 20th, the shifts and changes of our pathway will have Mars in Scorpio to activate issues of transparency as Sun in Sagittarius presents information in a straight-forward manner as the spotlight provides revealing truth and indisputable evidence found during this Mercury retrograde. through choices of outer actions.



Sun enters Scorpio

Mercury 24 degrees ahead of the Sun

28° Scorpio

October 23rd Sun Shifts into Scorpio bringing forward the spotlight to view the information rush in October

Oct 31

November 7

Mercury retrograde brings in transparency of the information rush in October that shows a different perspective

Mercury moving retrograde, connects with the Sun on November 11th to bring forward commitments to implement once Mercury turns direct and Mars is activated into the process

19° Scorpio
November 11

The FULL MOON at 20 Scorpio / 20 Taurus brings in high tide of events and information that wash up a lot of critical elements from the October rush of information that once transparency comes in to view situations closer reveals a different perspective as well as motives, ethics and true values.

November 12
20° Scorpio / 20° Taurus
FULL MOON

NEW MOON
4 Sagittarius
November 26th

December 2nd, Jupiter enters Capricorn, where it was in 2008, as Pluto entered Capricorn as well. Jupiter will expand the Capricorn events since that time, especially as Saturn and Pluto also in Capricorn become subject to Jupiter's expansion process, to reveal where we have been in order to move beyond the past.

December 2nd



Dec 8

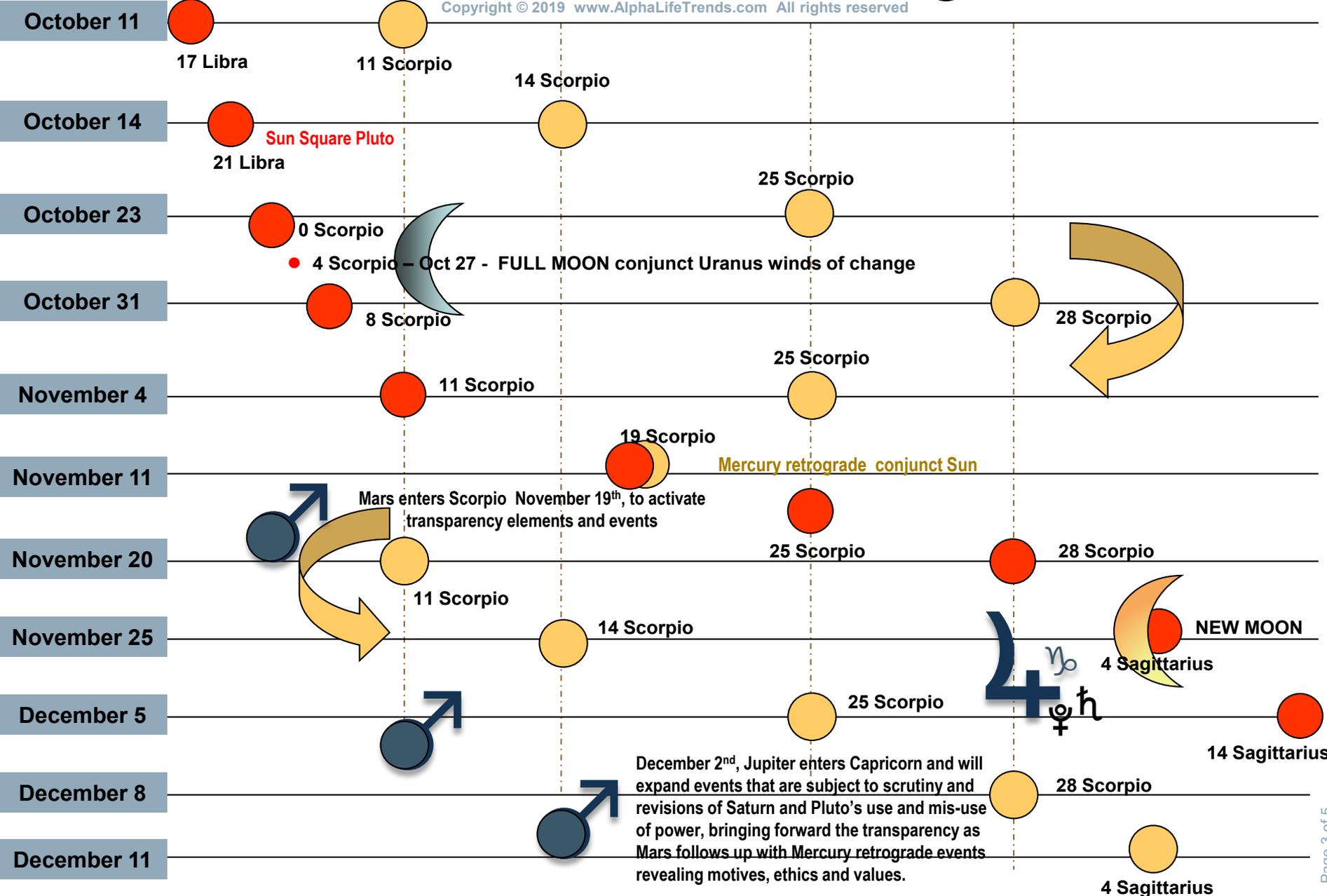
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Mercury Retrograde Phenomena

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

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December 2nd, Jupiter enters Capricorn and will expand events that are subject to scrutiny and revisions of Saturn and Pluto's use and mis-use of power, bringing forward the transparency as Mars follows up with Mercury retrograde events revealing motives, ethics and values.

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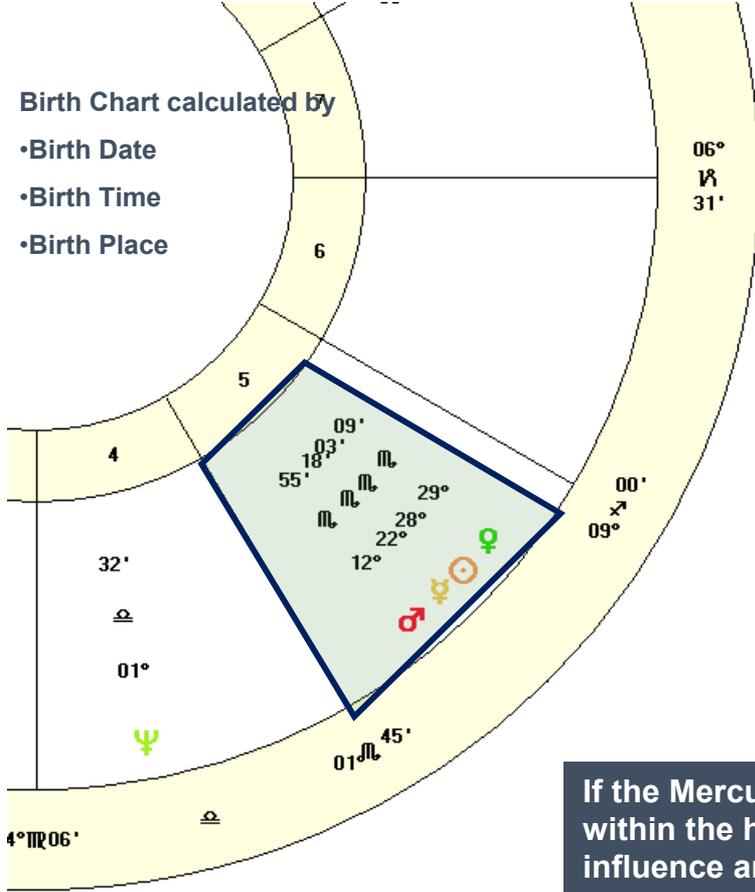
♏ is the symbol for Scorpio

This person has key planets in Scorpio within the span of 11 to 28 Scorpio, which creates situations that will hold major adjustments and transparency occurring in these areas.

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 and impact, bringing changes to the area containing the planet(s).

Understanding Mercury Retrograde in YOUR Chart

1. Find where Scorpio is in your chart * (*complimentary chart available with purchase of Mercury Retrograde OnLine News*)
2. Determine the house location that covers 11 to 28 degrees Scorpio
3. Determine the span of this Mercury retrograde which may be contained within spanning one or two houses (degrees go counter clockwise)
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) of November's events
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The Power of Transparency

MERCURY RETROGRADE DYNAMICS

As Mercury flies through Phase 1 of the Retrograde Process; October 11th through October 31st, many situations will surface that will become scrutinized during the transparency revealing changes during Phase 2 of the Retrograde. With Mercury rushing communication through Phase 1, beginning in October, Mercury increases the distance between the Sun and Mercury, expanding the ability to see how all things will be impacted. By the time Sun ventures into Scorpio on October 23rd, Mercury is already 24 degrees ahead of the Sun, with communication way ahead of events. This sets up events for this Mercury retrograde to go back over the information rush since October 1st to scrutinize the Scorpio elements of motives, ethics and intentions.

Phase 2 from October 31st through November 20th begins efforts to dig deeper into information presented, pulling back the curtain of time through transparency, revealing the facades, ethics, displaced motives and mis-use of power that exists. Major efforts to bringing information forward that has previously or purposely hidden will begin to come forward to be seen in a different light. As new information comes into the picture, Mercury retrograde continues to transition back to issues from Phase 1 that were presented from October 11th. From the beginning rush of presentation, additional information begins to be visible in the cracks of situations. This revealing gets an additional spotlight as Sun connects with Mercury retrograde on November 11th, about the time that the almost Full Moon rises on November 12th to reveal the happenings in the darkness of the shadows. This Full Moon shines the light on the midnight events that spur transparency.

Phase 3 from November 20th through December 9th launches adjustments into action as Mars enters Scorpio and provides the revealing transparency and accountability process. Mars in Scorpio becomes the activation of ethical accountability through major transparency events. Additionally, Jupiter shifts into Capricorn which begins an expansion process of other planets in Capricorn, namely Saturn and Pluto. As this Mercury retrograde brings transparency forward, Mars in Scorpio launches a new level of accountability with ethics, and Jupiter in Capricorn brings in the requirement of responsibility of ethics, motives and intentions, which will turn the gears of major business and ethics overhaul in 2020.