

# The Traveler's Well Newsletter

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## Mercury Retrograde - New Ideas and Kindred Spirits

Dear Friends, we hope that the new year finds you happy, healthy, inspired and prepared to be busy! Why busy?

Well, 2015 is shaping up to be filled with the astrological energy of fire, which means inspiration and action. Uranus, Jupiter and Saturn will spend a lot of time in fire signs this year and we will be writing about these topics in upcoming newsletters.

But, for now, this year's astrological calendar begins with Mercury Retrograde. Mercury is always busy exploring and gathering ideas and this Mercury Retrograde period is a perfect time to focus your ideas and thoughts so that your communications help you to connect with your kindred spirits! The full article is below.

May you be inspired to strap on the wings of Mercury and have some fun!

Blessings and peace,  
Scott and Sappho Wolfram  
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## Mercury Retrograde

January 21, 2015 to February 11, 2015

Mercury will turn retrograde on January 21, 2015 at 17 degrees of Aquarius and will remain retrograde for 20 days turning direct again on February 11, 2015 at 1 degree of Aquarius. So, Mercury will spend this entire retrograde period in the sign of Aquarius. This is the first of three Mercury Retrograde periods in 2015.

Mercury is a playful god, a trickster god and he is particularly so when he turns retrograde. In myth, when Mercury teaches Apollo's cattle to walk backwards so he can steal them, he is at heart being playful. He is trying different ideas to solve life's problems. In a sense, during Mercury Retrograde, we are like Apollo discovering his cattle are missing with Mercury playing all sorts of games with us.



However, not everyone experiences the mischievous side of Mercury Retrograde to the same degree. If you are greatly impacted by Mercury Retrograde, then take note of the usual cautions about communication, technology, contracts and travel between January 21 and February 10, 2015 (Mercury turns direct on February 11).

For everyone, even if you are not greatly effected by Mercury Retrograde, like Sappho and I, there is another side of Mercury Retrograde, one that has greater importance for the Journey of the Soul.

### **Mercury Retrograde in Aquarius**

Retrograde periods for all planets are about the "Re" words, like re-experience, re-visit, re-visit, re-vision, which we do in order to discover new possibilities that can re-solve old karma challenges allowing us to achieve greater success and fulfillment in the future.

Mercury and the sign of Aquarius share the quality of air. Aquarius is an air sign and Mercury rules the sign of Gemini, which is also an air sign. The final air sign is Libra.

The three air signs are concerned with or focused on gathering, organizing and sharing ideas:

- Gemini is concerned with gathering and organizing ideas, many ideas. Gemini simply wants to learn, share and solve problems in a practical, logical and fun way.
- Libra is concerned with sharing ideas, but also with understanding how the thoughts and ideas of others relate to us. Libra is associated with the seventh house and relationships so Libra wants to find the ideas and language that builds relationships and maintains harmony in your relationships and interactions.
- Aquarius wants to understand the world from a more comprehensive perspective. You might think of Aquarius as an advanced form of thinking (versus Gemini's constant busy nature searching for bits and pieces of information).

Aquarius wants our thoughts to reflect the reality of the greater world we live in and wants us to see the world with greater objectivity and complexity. Only this way can we have the elevated perspective that provides the catalyst to find creative responses to life's opportunities.

Aquarius also wants us to understand the world from our own personal perspective. Unlike Libra's desire to create harmony, Aquarius does not care what other people or even what

"most people" think. So, in a sense, Aquarius acts like a filter through which we can sift Mercury's many thoughts and ideas.

*Mercury in Aquarius wants you to discover your unique perspective and the Kindred Spirits who see the world through the same lens as you.*

### **More Information Please**

With Mercury Retrograde in Aquarius, we all experience a 20 day period of where we are meant to re-visit our manner of learning, gathering information, thinking and speaking.

Mercury and Gemini gather information and explore ideas simply to enjoy the process of gathering information and exploring ideas. Mercury is intelligent, clever and tactical. Mercury and Gemini do not really care if the ideas are true or not or if they are connected to anything greater that has meaning in our life. In other words, Gemini is not very discriminating.



When this function of Gemini is influenced by Aquarius, which is creative, inventive and genius, we are asked to sift through all of the information we gather and to recognize what represents our own unique perspective.

In this regard, it is a good time to ask how well the sources of information we seek on a daily basis (via newspapers, blogs, social media, internet sites, books, movies) serve and support our unique perspective.

It is a good time to let go of what "most people" think and to see the world through our own unique perspective.

Finally, we all 'waste' time, but it is a good time to ask if we waste too much time searching information from places or sources that do not serve us well.

When we re-visit and clarify our own perspective, we can more easily and clearly recognize the people who are truly like us, those "like-minded" Kindred Spirits we all want to find and to grow with on our journey.

### **Mercury oppose Jupiter - first 5 days**

When Mercury turns retrograde, he will oppose Jupiter at 19 degrees of Leo until January 26. A key to Jupiter and Mercury is that they represent alternative perspectives that will come into full awareness (opposition) at the start of this Mercury Retrograde period.

*Jupiter represents the "Big Picture" and philosophy of life, while Mercury represents the details, words and tactics that are required to communicate and bring the vision into reality.*

With Mercury oppose Jupiter, Mercury has a clearer glimpse of the "Big Picture". We could say this Mercury Retrograde begins with Mercury being uniquely aware of Jupiter's vision and philosophy. So, we can use this time to our benefit.

This opposition of Mercury to Jupiter is like the analogy I often use in consultations related to puzzle pieces and puzzle images on the box covers. Mercury's function is like having 5,000 puzzle pieces to 5 different puzzles. Often, this is more information that we actually need and because there is so much of it, we have trouble sifting through it and making any sense of it.

Jupiter represents the image on the box of the one puzzle that most defines our philosophy of life. So, this 5 day period is a good time to clarify our language, sift through our puzzle pieces and connect more closely with our kindred spirits.

Great things to work on during this Mercury Retrograde period (especially early on with the Jupiter opposition):

- If you have a web-site or marketing materials, revisit the text to assure it reflects who you are, your philosophy of life. Review overly generalized text that is meant to reach everyone and make sure it clearly reflects your philosophy. Ask yourself if your message reaches your clients.
- Review and rewrite your biography, on your web-site or on FaceBook or professional sites
- Review your resume and professional objective statements
- Reconsider the message you send on any social networking or dating sites
- Reconsider the language you use to describe yourself and your life
- Reaffirm who your kindred spirits are and those you are meant to share your gifts with

Completing the picture with Mercury Retrograde in Aquarius oppose Jupiter, we have an opportunity to re-visit our philosophy of life and the words we use when we speak, the words we describe ourselves with, the words that attract us to our Kindred Spirits.

Like Mercury, be playful with your thoughts and words. See if your words represent who you truly are, or if other words might let others understand you more clearly than ever. Explore ideas with your Kindred Spirits and see if together you can find new perspectives and recognize why your Kindred Spirits play a key role in life.

Above all, have fun!

