



Phase I – Nov 14 to Dec 2
Phase II – Dec 2 to Dec 22
Phase III – Dec 22 to Jan 12

PHASE I: Mercury will collect the issues from November 14th through December 2nd as events culminate. Mercury reaches the furthest forward motion that it can, 29 Sagittarius, 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 29 Sagittarius and turns retrograde from December 2nd through December 22nd. 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 Saturn hands off to Mercury retrograde before shifting into Capricorn. Information continues to be integrated into the situations, but not all the puzzle pieces are available. The sense of uncertainty and the need for adjustments keep situations on edge as changes continue to occur.

PHASE III: Once Mercury turns direct, on December 22nd, the corrected version **Phase III** begins. Blending the new information discovered during Phase II into the information from Phase I, information comes in that provides the missing puzzle pieces that revise decisions and unfold the pathway forward. Providing a new and different picture and pathway, Mercury unfolds the new perspective with the puzzle pieces revealing information that is integral to the new phase. This Mercury phase brings us to our new pathway, with the changed information and perspective. Additionally with Saturn now joining Pluto in Capricorn the focus has changed the landscape and terrain. Situations unfold the revised environment and circumstances created from the alignment with our inner beliefs and outer actions.

This Mercury retrograde provides the bridge of adjustments that will shift and change the pathway into 2018 as we continue our nine-year cycle from 2017 to 2025. This Mercury retrograde spans from 13 Sagittarius to 29 Sagittarius. Additionally Saturn is moving through the last few degrees of Sagittarius and connects with Mercury to hand off the information gathered from Saturn's journey through Sagittarius, from December 2014 to December 2017. This information brings forward choices and decisions made and their alignment (or mis-alignment) with our philosophy and beliefs. The choices made with our actions provide the true reflection of our philosophy and inner beliefs as well as the motives and ethics that drive our actions. From Saturn's connection with Mercury (and Mercury retrograde) in Sagittarius, Saturn shifts into Capricorn joining Pluto already moving through that sector. Saturn brings our choices and decisions forward for alignment into the transitions that Pluto in Capricorn rules. Continuing to transform business, careers, corporate culture and rules of the game, together Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn will begin to address key issues of use or mis-use of power. The information brought forward by Mercury in Sagittarius and handed off in the connection with Saturn creates the shifts and changes for this Mercury retrograde. Sagittarius illuminates how we live our beliefs, which continues to reveal our philosophy, motives and intentions. With Jupiter as the ruling planet of Sagittarius, Jupiter's current placement in Scorpio brings the deeper and hidden side into transparency, revealing our motives, ethics and actions during this Mercury retrograde period. The planetary forces become the gatekeepers during the transitions from 2017 into 2018, to put us on our right path according to our inner beliefs and outer actions.

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

13° Sagittarius



Mercury retrograde in Sagittarius brings in information of our alignment with philosophy and beliefs. Mercury retrograde provides information that is integral to our journey thought this cycle (2017-2025), as Saturn hands off the facts, clarity and perspective used during Saturn's journey through Sagittarius (December 2014 – December 2017). The information brought forward will determine the pathway into 2018. Mercury in Sagittarius provides direct, to-the-point information that becomes indisputable as Sagittarius rules the higher laws of life expressed through philosophy and spiritual beliefs.

Mercury retrograde conjunct Venus on December 15th at 18 Sagittarius provides information to adjustments needed in Venus elements of love, money and well-being

The planet of Saturn (♄) rules responsibility, discipline and adherence to ethics. Saturn (♄) enters Capricorn (♑), on December 19th, joining Pluto already in that sector.



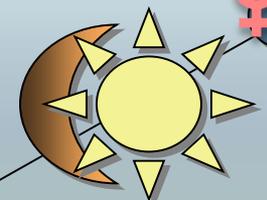
13° Sagittarius



Dec 25



Saturn conjunct Venus on December 25th at 0 Capricorn provides the adjustments needed in Venus elements of love, money and well-being as we move forward into 2018.



December 17
27° Sagittarius
NEW MOON
27° Sagittarius

The New Moon at 27 Sagittarius brings in new information from November 27th and December 6th that Saturn hands off to provide the points of our alignment of our philosophy and beliefs, with words and actions, spurred by our motives and ethics

December 31st to January 1st



FULL MOON – January 1
10 Capricorn / 10 Cancer

Once Mercury turns direct on December 22nd, the shifts and changes of our pathway will be the integration of our inner philosophy and the alignment with living our beliefs through choices of outer actions.

Mercury Retrograde – December 2nd through December 22nd

29° Sagittarius



December 2

November 27
Mercury conjunct Saturn 27 Sagittarius



December 6
Mercury retrograde conjunct Saturn 28 Sagittarius



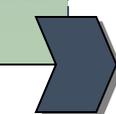
Mercury retrograde conjunct Saturn 28 Sagittarius

21° Sagittarius December 12

Mercury moving retrograde, once behind the Sun we lose touch with seeing information clearly and must rely more on intuition and faith.

The almost FULL MOON rising on December 31st crescendos as the exact FULL MOON rises on January 1st, accentuating the new pathway for 2018 as created by the changing situations during December's Mercury retrograde phase.

Jan 12



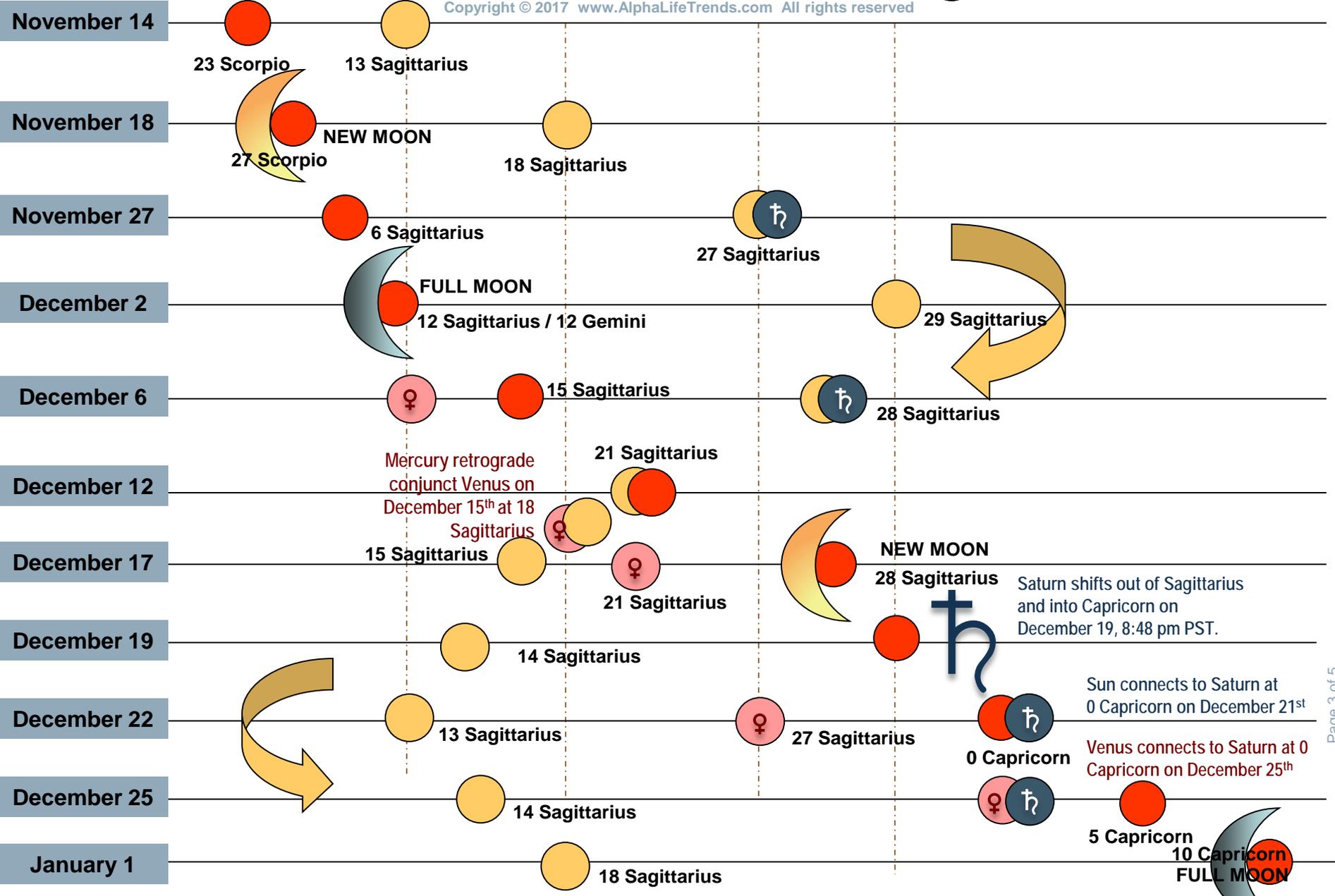
29° Sagittarius

Not drawn to scale, drawn to designate events

Mercury Retrograde Phenomena

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

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MERCURY RETROGRADE

December 2nd through December 22nd

Find the symbol for Sagittarius (♐) in your chart as the symbols on the outer chart go in order counter clock wise and have approx 30 degrees within each sign. 13 to 29 Sagittarius (goes counter clockwise) spanning the Sagittarius sector

♐ is the symbol for Sagittarius

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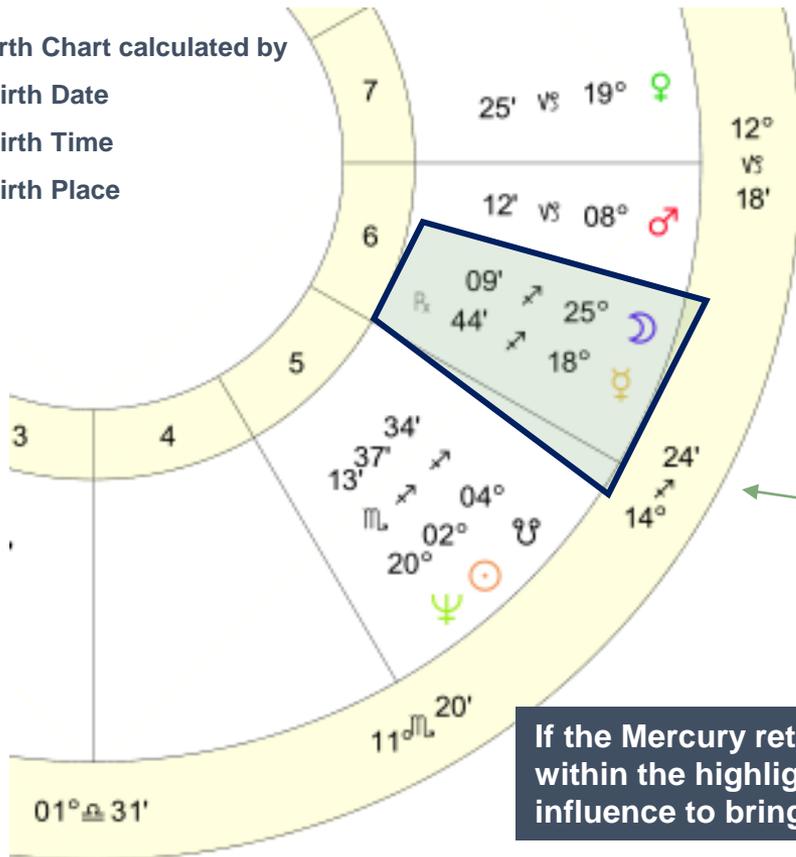
If the Mercury retrograde impacts planets within your chart, that are located within the highlighted area, then this Mercury retrograde will have a greater influence to bring changes to the area containing the planet(s).

Understanding Mercury Retrograde in YOUR Chart

1. Find where Sagittarius is in your chart * (*complimentary chart available with purchase of Mercury Retrograde OnLine News*)
2. Determine the house location that covers 13 to 29 degrees Sagittarius
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)
5. Visit Mercury Retrograde OnLine News to review purchase options – *Button on left side of Alpha Trends web site*

Birth Chart calculated by

- Birth Date
- Birth Time
- Birth Place



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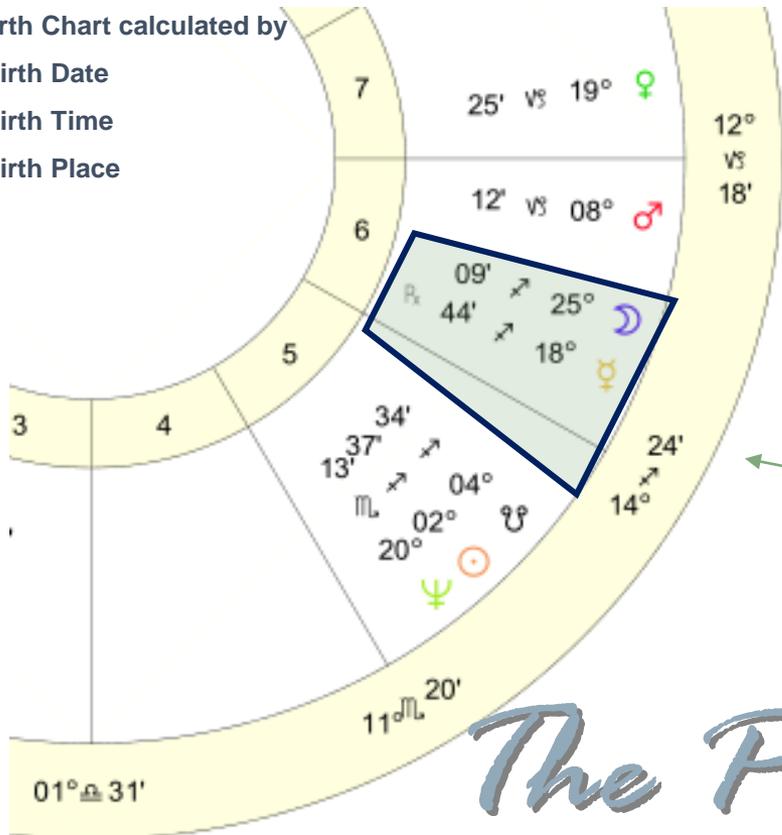
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The Power of Intention

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MERCURY DYNAMICS

As Mercury flies through Phase 1 of the Retrograde Process; November 14th through December 2nd, 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, with Mercury connecting to Saturn as a major force, bringing forward information from Saturn's journey through Sagittarius from December 2014 to December 2017.

Phase 2 is the beginning of eliminating the facades that exist and bringing information forward that aligns the inner philosophy with the outer actions and choices. New information comes into the picture, as Sagittarius, rules spiritual philosophy, beliefs and actions. Additionally Mercury retrograde connects with Saturn on December 6th, handing off the information from Saturn's journey. Mercury retrograde connects with Venus on December 15th, which creates adjustments in the Venus elements of love, money and well-being to align with the inner philosophy utilized. The New Moon on December 17th holds the new directions and pathways that provide adjustments. Saturn shifts into Capricorn on December 19th, with on the 21st Sun shines the light onto Saturn's journey and transition into Capricorn, ruling business, career and corporate culture. Mercury turns direct on December 22nd

Phase 3 is the unfolding of the adjustments created from the alignment of the inner philosophy and the choices of actions as we live our beliefs. Venus connects to Saturn on December 25th, bringing to alignment the alignment of our philosophy and Saturn's journey forward into the Capricorn elements of business, career and corporate culture as determining the rules of the game. Our choice of actions and living our beliefs point to the power of influence and intention. The adjustments moving out of 2017 and into 2018 provide the pathway forward for each of us as we have determined by our choices and use or mis-use of our power. Saturn joining Pluto in the Capricorn sector provides a new focus for the next three years as we walk our new pathway forward.