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True inner self sets the coordinates for this 2018 journey

Mercury retrograde in Aries brings forward the True Self, setting the pace and the corresponding changes for our 2018 journey. The Aries aspect highlights the Self that is aligned with the inner core essence. The transparency between the inner and outer is becoming a natural expression allowing view to the inner self. With this Mercury retrograde in Aries, the core essence of our being is empowered to provide clarity and true expression, the inner and outer perspective is being brought into focus through changes and shifts to situations that provide a clear view of the True Self. Throughout this ELEVEN/TWO year, the view to see the True Self and for the expression of the True Self brings the transparency of the inner and outer alignment, which is the foundation of this nine-year cycle. Aries represents the core essence, the seed from which all is presented into the outer world. This inner and outer essence is the core of our being, holding the spiritual essence, awareness and understanding. The separation between the inner and outer is becoming thinner to allow the True Self to become visible. The Mercury retrogrades of this year will play an important part in this process.

Phase I – March 8 to March 22
Phase II – March 22 to April 15
Phase III – April 15 to May 4

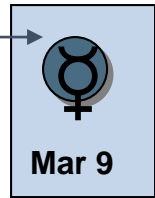
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With Mercury getting so far in front of Sun, many situations and issues feel as though they are getting out of control

4° Aries



Mar 9

17° Aries



March 22

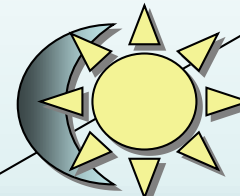
March 19

Mercury conjunct Venus 16 Aries



When Mercury goes behind the Sun, we lose site of our mental process, which creates a chaotic state of mind, from April 1 to April 15. This becomes the "typical" Mercury retrograde experience.

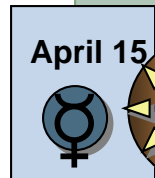
Sun conjunct Mercury retrograde at 12 Aries



March 31
BLUE MOON

FULL MOON
11° Aries / 11° Libra

SUN
conjunct
MOON
April 15



4° Aries

NEW MOON
27° Aries



April 20

Sun enters Taurus
Mercury retrograde at 5 Aries
25 degrees behind the Sun

Mercury continues to be 25 degrees behind the Sun from April 20th through May 4th. Very slow to catch up. This creates a feeling of not being able to run fast enough to keep up with events

May 4





17° Aries

Once Mercury turns direct on April 15th, the alignment with our earthly orbit and Mercury are once again in sync, however Mercury continues to lag behind and is very slow to catch up, keeping more than 25 degrees behind the Sun. We slowly regain our thought process and move our actions forward, but aligning our thoughts and actions lags behind due to the True Self finally becoming visible and has to adjust to the new environment

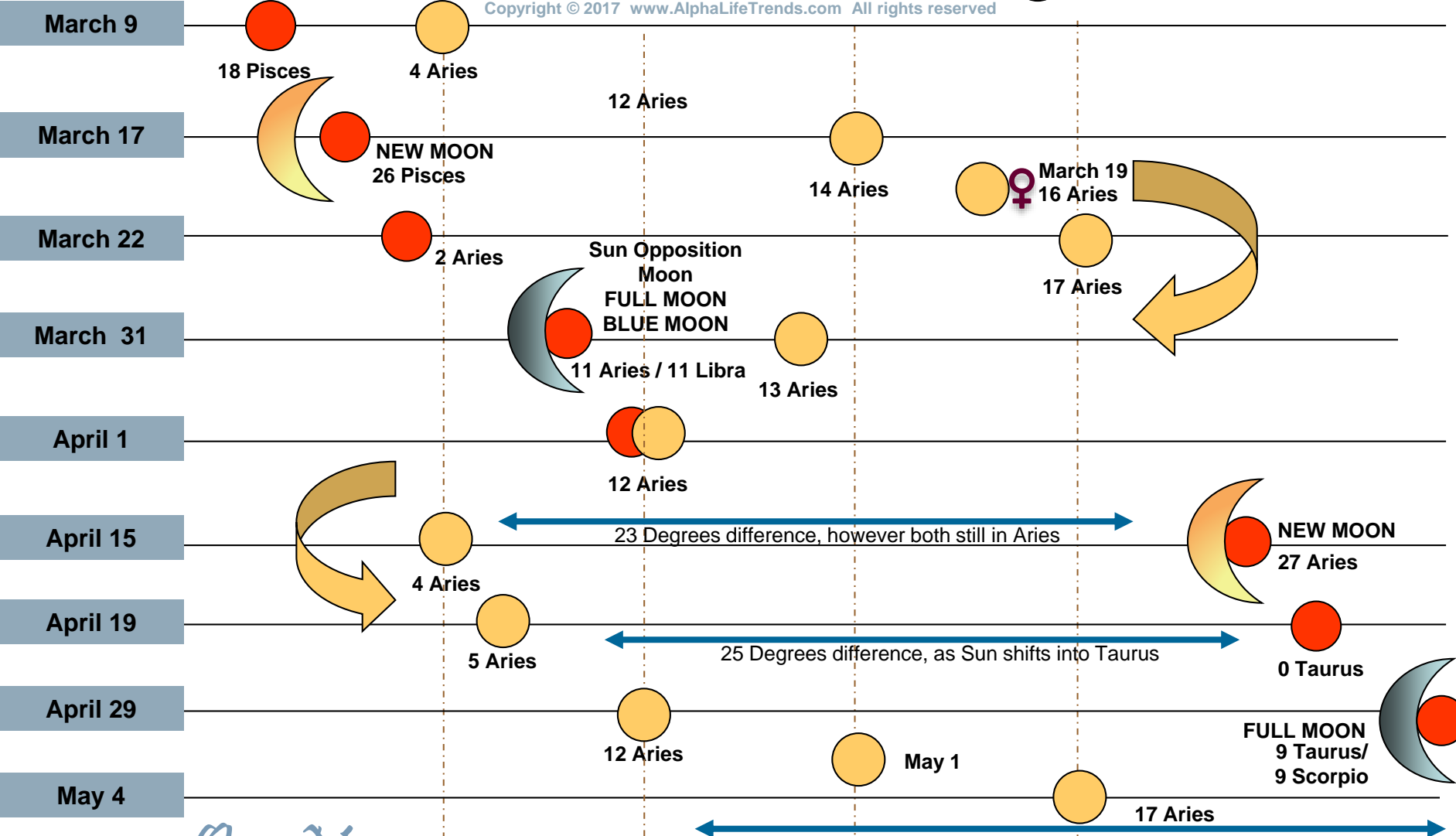
Mercury Retrograde – March 22nd through April 15th

Mercury Retrograde Phenomena

 Sun – Present Time & Purpose

 Mercury – Thoughts, Information and communication

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Our New Dynamic Era

Even though Mercury is direct there is 27 Degrees difference between Mercury and the Sun on May 4th, as Sun has reached 14 Taurus. Mercury exits Aries and enters Taurus on May 13th preparing to usher in another dynamic phenomena, Uranus moves out of Aries and into Taurus on May 15th, preparing for the manifestation of the True Self evolving into the Taurus sector. Mercury shifting into Taurus on May 13th, has two days to transfer the information to Uranus, as the winds of change blow in another dynamic era.

MERCURY RETROGRADE

March 22nd through April 15th

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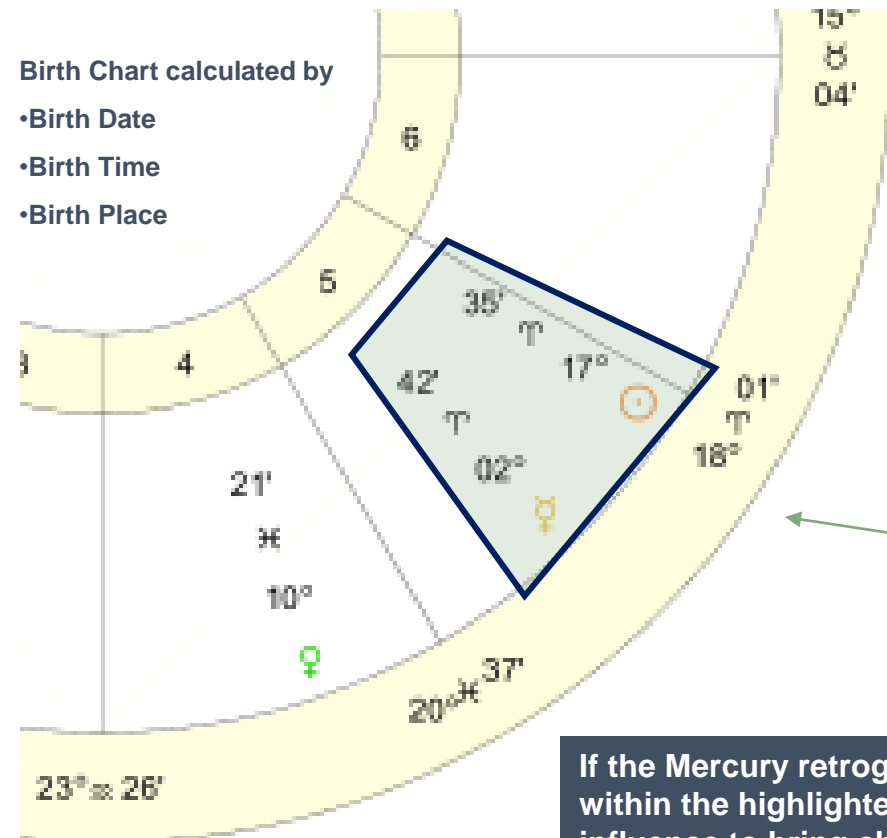
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If the Mercury retrograde impacts planets within your chart, that are located within the highlighted area, then this Mercury retrograde will have a greater influence to bring changes to the area containing the planet(s).

Understanding Mercury Retrograde in YOUR Chart

1. Find where Aries is in your chart * (*complimentary chart available with purchase of Mercury Retrograde OnLine News*)
2. Determine the house location that covers 4 to 17 degrees Aries
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
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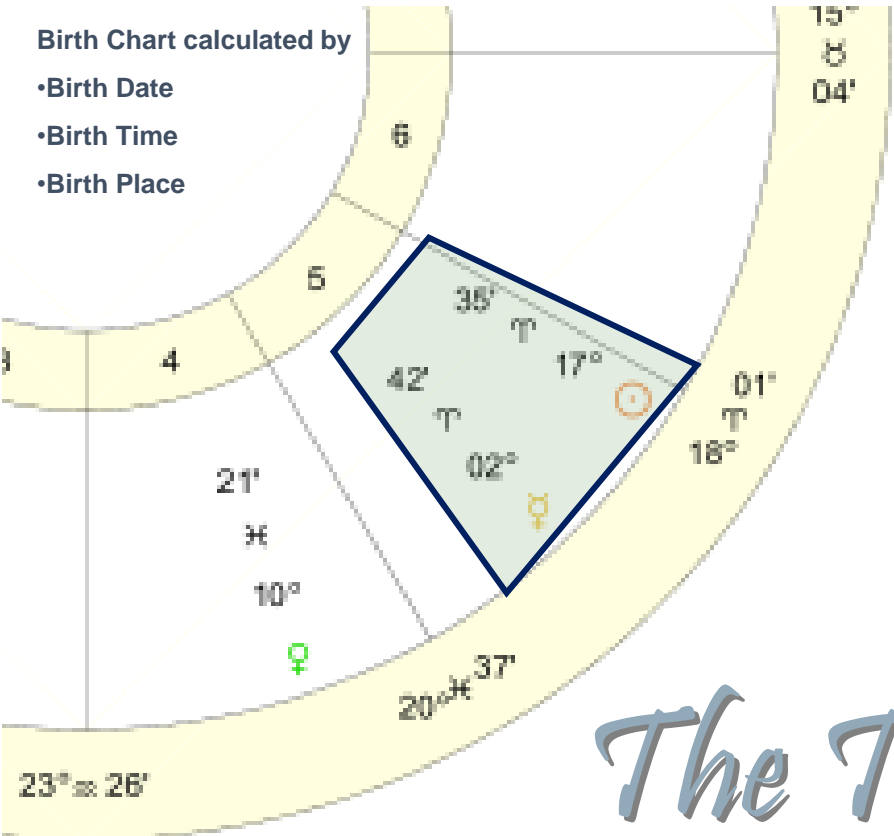


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