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# Mercury Retrograde in **Leo** 2018

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## **Web Event Guide** (July 25<sup>th</sup>– August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018)



### **Part I**

#### **Intro to HoloKompass Astrology**

- What's a Soul Contract?
- What's HoloKompass Astrology?

#### **The Synchronicity of HoloKompass Astrology**

Essentially HoloKompass Astrology is the art and science of intuiting and interpreting the energetic archetypal cycles of life and your soul's schedule of unfolding into the world via those cycles.

All those planets out there in the heavens are mirrors for what's happening in us and act as forces of synchronicity....as above, so below. Thus, any planetary cycle that we observe in the sky/Zodiac is also occurring within, because (as all mystics have said for ages) the ultimate reality is that there is no separation from what's out there and what's within.

The gift of HoloKompass Astrology is born out of learning to work with the cosmic/archetypal cycles of life consciously, as a co-creative act if you will. Thus, if you can learn to understand the inherent function of a planetary astrological cycle, you can use that energy in a more consciously empowered manner, and bring your timing/efforts more in line with Universal Will and processes; which means more in line with your Soul. Said another way, you find your Destiny's Kompass!

That said, HoloKompass Astrology isn't based on the idea that the Planets out there cause anything to happen via electromagnetic force fields or gravitational influences – all which science has proven isn't possible. Nor is it based in any New Age superstition. HoloKompass Astrology is centered in the truth that you have a Soul Agreement, which connects you to the energetic creative evolutionary cycles of Planet Earth.

And these cycles are archetypally woven into the fabric of time and space as experienced in our human lives. Furthermore, these cycles are trackable via the synchronicity of the planetary movements that the ancients identified by projecting their intuitive and psychic understanding

of them onto the night sky. Thus, what makes HoloKompass Astrology work is the psycho-spiritual law Carl Jung discovered: SYNCHRONICITY! Enough said!

## How to Use this Guide

- Guide to Exploring Dominant Activated Energies/Archetypes and Themes in Your Soul Contract
  - Get a journal/make space in one
- Firstly Astrological Language included, but not necessary
- DO track dates and use them as a guide
- Use to help you follow the dominant Archetypal Themes explored during the web event
  - Follow coaching/engage the questions!
- Future Cast – how to use it!
- Don't go hide under the bed and wait for this cycle to be over
  - Soul Contracts and Cycles/Braces come off when teeth are straight!
- Listen at least twice -- especially when the chaos and 'Retrograde Blues' hit!
- There is Fate (how life happens to us) and Destiny (how we happen to life)!
- MR always brings up something that's unconscious in you that you need to see now – this audio series is the midwife of that.
- Understanding what a 'Plug-in' is: A recommendation to go further into topics via another series/course I've done that will enhance the material covered in this series...

## Mercury Retrograde

What is 'Mercury Retrograde' anyway? When Mercury is direct, which it is 80% of the year, we can look to the sky and see the planet's motion going forward against the backdrop of the Zodiac in the heavens. However, about every 3½ months the planet appears to start going backward for about three weeks. I say "appears" because, in reality, it's the orbit of the earth in tandem with the planetary orbit of Mercury that makes the planet appear to move backwards, though it is not really moving backwards. Nevertheless, this period of time is called Mercury Retrograde.

That said, what does Mercury Retrograde symbolize as a process within each of us? How does it point our ego toward our soul's timing? How does it function as 'Messenger of the Gods'?

As a function of consciousness, Mercury represents our thinking and communicative processes, the ways we access and use information, make decisions, pay attention to details, and express ourselves. Perhaps most importantly, Mercury also symbolizes the way we perceive reality via the mind.

Much of this gets reexamined during a Mercury Retrograde cycle via the astrological sign's themes it's retrograde in (**Leo this time!**). We are asked to retreat within and reevaluate what serves our life with regards to the area Mercury has a message for us symbolized by the sign(s) it's in (**Leo**), and what needs to be upgraded, reworked, rethought, refined, and/or let go of in the ways that we think about and experience things.

If we resist this, then we invoke the "**Trickster**" side of Mercury contained in Mercury's function. You all know this too well: miscommunications, missed flights, accidents, computer

and other tech breakdowns...need I go on?! All of these are designed to help you realize you're not in control and that a deeper design is trying to emerge into your consciousness by putting your ego-mind in the back seat for a time.

When Mercury is moving direct, our minds tend to work on a more functional/forward level. Our energy is invested in more assertive decision-making and action with less retrospection and reflection. However, we are unconsciously picking up on intuitive information, which will come to call during the retrograde cycle for further integration.

There needs to be a time of rest and assimilation of all the information that we perceive consciously and unconsciously - much like our need for sleep every day. And a time for our inner wisdom to come forth and guide us to re-organize, rethink, reevaluate, redo, and reboot. This is part of the organic, natural flow of life. Our culture, however, made up of schedules and deadlines, doesn't often accommodate a cycle of introspective reflection and re-evaluation. This is why this cycle can be so brutal for some of us....especially those of us, like me, with a thousand deadlines and agendas!

Even though Mercury is moving direct, it will eventually enter its retrograde zone (the degrees of the astrological sign(s) it will retrograde back over) about two weeks before it goes retrograde. This set up phase began back on **July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

Around that time signals from the environment would have begun alerting you towards inner and outer situations that need some reflection and reevaluation - which for this retrograde will be connected to themes of **Leo**.

Take a moment and reflect on what was happening in your life starting around **July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018** until now and how the themes have been shifting in your experience.

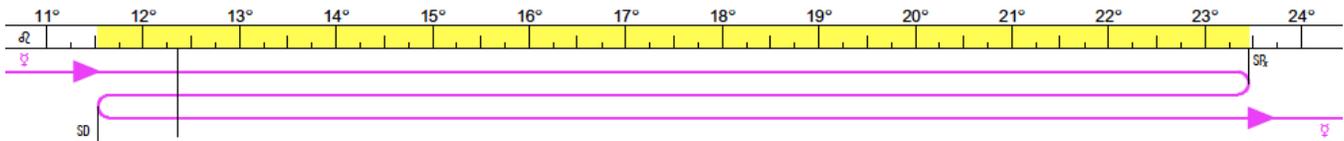
## **Opening Guided Meditation for this Mercury Retrograde**

### **Mercury Retrograde and Your Soul Contract:**

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That said let's look at the complete stats of this cycle...

## Mercury Retrograde in Leo July 25<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Find where this is happening in your Birth Chart)



The Set Up Phase: Began July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12 degrees Leo  
Mercury Stations Retrograde: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 24 degrees Leo  
The Midpoint of this Cycle: August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 16 degrees Leo  
Mercury Stations Direct: August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12 degrees Leo (Integration Phase Begins!)  
Mercury Leaves Retrograde Zone September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 24 degrees Leo

### To Begin:

- Mercury as Messenger of the Gods speaks on behalf of ALL the larger cycles!
- All Cycles are connected in a Continuum – let's catch up to now!

### Cycles of Special Mention:

- Mars in Retrograde in Aquarius until August 27<sup>th</sup> (Plug-in: Check out this On-Demand Web Event!)
- Jupiter in Scorpio (Plug-in: Consider this Current Audio Series)
- Saturn in Capricorn (Retrograde Since April 17<sup>th</sup>!) (Plug-in: Consider this Web Series)
- Uranus in Aries shifted into Taurus for the 1<sup>st</sup> Time on May 2018, goes Retrograde on August 7<sup>th</sup> – nearly same day as MR Midpoint!
- Chiron in Aries went Retrograde on July 6<sup>th</sup> – will shift back into Pisces on September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Pluto is Retrograde in Capricorn (Plug-in: Pluto in Capricorn is included in my Saturn in Capricorn Web Series)
- Full Moon Lunar Eclipse in Aquarius occurs at the 5° Leo/Aquarius Axis on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:18pm MDT
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Please check out the Plug-ins for Saturn/Pluto Capricorn, Mars Retrograde in Aquarius, Neptune in Pisces, and Jupiter in Scorpio as way to get more depth regarding the currently continuum of cycles. **(Visit the Webstore on Ohotto.com)**

**All MR's occurring in 2018 are in Fire Signs!  
(Deals with the WHY of where we are in our Lives)**



## Part II

# Primary Themes of this Mercury Retrograde in Leo

### PRIMARY THEMES:

**Pause and track back** to July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – What's been going on in Your Life that feels like a theme? Write about it in your journal!

#### Before we jump in, keep in mind...

- Set up phase brings situations that are Leo themes in context to the NOW
- MR always brings up something that's unconscious, without exception
- MR are a disorganizing phase that is necessary so that Life can recalibrate you back to more holism
- Breaking up of old patterns related to Leo...
- So many possibilities of how this can manifest for folks, I can't address them all...

## *Going into the Unconscious with The Leo Archetype*

- **The Archetype of The Essential Creative Self, Your Soul Contract to Shine and Become a Star**
  - The Leo Archetype in Our Times Right Now!
    - Leo, Destiny, Aquarius, and what it means to Shine
    - The Creative Essential Self
      - Leo and Your Creative Expression, Visibility, Being Who You Are, and Risking to Shine!
    - Your Creative Authority via the King/Queen Archetypes
      - Can you come out of the closet with who you really are?
    - How do you relate to this Archetype and its Sub-Archetypes?
- **HoloKompas Astrology Re-envisioned**
  - Global Grid of Energy on Planet Earth
    - Archetypes, Astrology, Holism, and Understanding how Power moves on the Grid of Life
  - Your Co-Creative Power on the Grid of Life
    - Your Soul Contract with Leo & Aquarius
    - The Shadow Side of Leo and Aquarius
  - What 'Shining' Means Now: The Dominant 'Voices/Forces' of this Mercury Retrograde
    - Saturn/Pluto in Capricorn
    - Mars Retrograde in Aquarius/Capricorn
    - Jupiter in Scorpio (integration phase)
    - Chiron in Aries (Retrograding back into Pisces)
    - Uranus in Taurus
    - Neptune in Pisces

- **Leo Sub-Archetypes Activated for this Cycle (and their Polarities )**
  - The Essential Creative Self
  - The Narcissist
    - Where does your Narcissism manifest and how?
    - How do you hide your Light?
    - Losing access to the Mystical Power Grid of Life via the Narcissist's chase of 'Enough' & 'Special'
    - Understanding the REAL RISK of Visibility
      - Supersizing our Light to avoid its REAL POWER
        - Shadow Strategy to stay hidden
      - Bottom Line your Light and Creative Potential
        - Embrace it's transformative power
    - What Archetype do you need to Liberate Your Light and Shine Your Creative Essential Self?!
  - The Child
    - How was your Creative Essential Self wounded?
      - Who took away your knitting needles?
      - How safe is it to creatively be YOU?
      - Shame & hiding...
        - Feeds to 'Loop of Narcissism'
  - The King/Queen (Sun/Saturn)
    - Establishing your own creative authority
  - The Knight (Mars Retrograde)
    - Do you have a Warrior that will fight on behalf of your Sovereignty as a Queen/King inside of you?
  - The Hero/Heroine
    - The Innate Creative Self & The Destined Creative Self
      - The adventure of Self-Creation
  - The Tyrant (Saturn)
    - How are you like "Chronos" in Your Life
    - Where do you need some "Zeus"?
  - The Wicked Queen
  - The Coward
  - The Bully Critic
  - The Fighter & Revolutionary
    - What does Fighting the Good Fight mean to you RIGHT NOW in your Life?!
    - Revolutions birth Stars!!
- **Victim to Shining Star**
  - Blaming the World for staying 'hidden'...
    - You are responsible for your own Luminosity!!!
  - Exercise: Challenge this perspective by identifying where you make the World wrong for how you hide and don't shine in it!
    - Compassion for your old strategies of invisibility AND responsibility for your Star Quality

- Who in your Life dims you down?
    - Who doesn't 'See' you? Why?
      - Are you hiding?
  - What might be dimming you down?
    - Lifestyle Patterns, Health Habits, Self-Sabotage, Poor Finances, Toxic Fear, Shame, Anxiety, Dark Night Cycle
  - What's been triggering you to feel angry?
    - The usefulness of Anger and Revolution
      - Are you able to use your Anger as guidance?
  - It will NEVER be fully safe in the World for you to Shine who you are...so what are you going to do?!!!
- **What's Your Relationship Like with the Masculine Expressive Side of Your Nature?**
    - You good with putting yourself 'out there'?
  - **Evaluating Your Creative Relationship with the Earth Grid**
    - What is Your Creative Power?
      - Are you in a Narcissistic Super-Size It Loop?
    - Moving from Your Creative Power to Greater Grid Power
      - JUST BE YOU!!
      - Know the Luminous Limits of Culture, Society, and Family (Aquarius)
        - Even if the World doesn't like your 'Light' – Shine it to Yourself!
        - Check out the FX TV Series: Pose
- **Mercury Retrograde & Reverse Engineering When Something Began**
    - Patterns, Cycles, & Results regarding Your Creative Self-Expression
      - Change Your Patterns, Change Your Life
        - Do you like the consequences of your Patterns?
        - Spirit, Intention, & Patterns
        - Where do you need to stage a 'Coming Out'?
          - What new Patterns will that activate?
          - What kind of 'Fight' is this going to take?
      - Getting to the WHY of Your Patterns of Creative Self-Expression
        - Do you hide and why?
          - Projecting Images vs. Creative Essence
            - Vulnerability and Risk
          - Naming the Why
          - Subconscious Survival Adaptations (unconscious patterns of response/reaction)

## END PART II

# PART III

## Timing and Tracking Your Mercury Retrograde Message

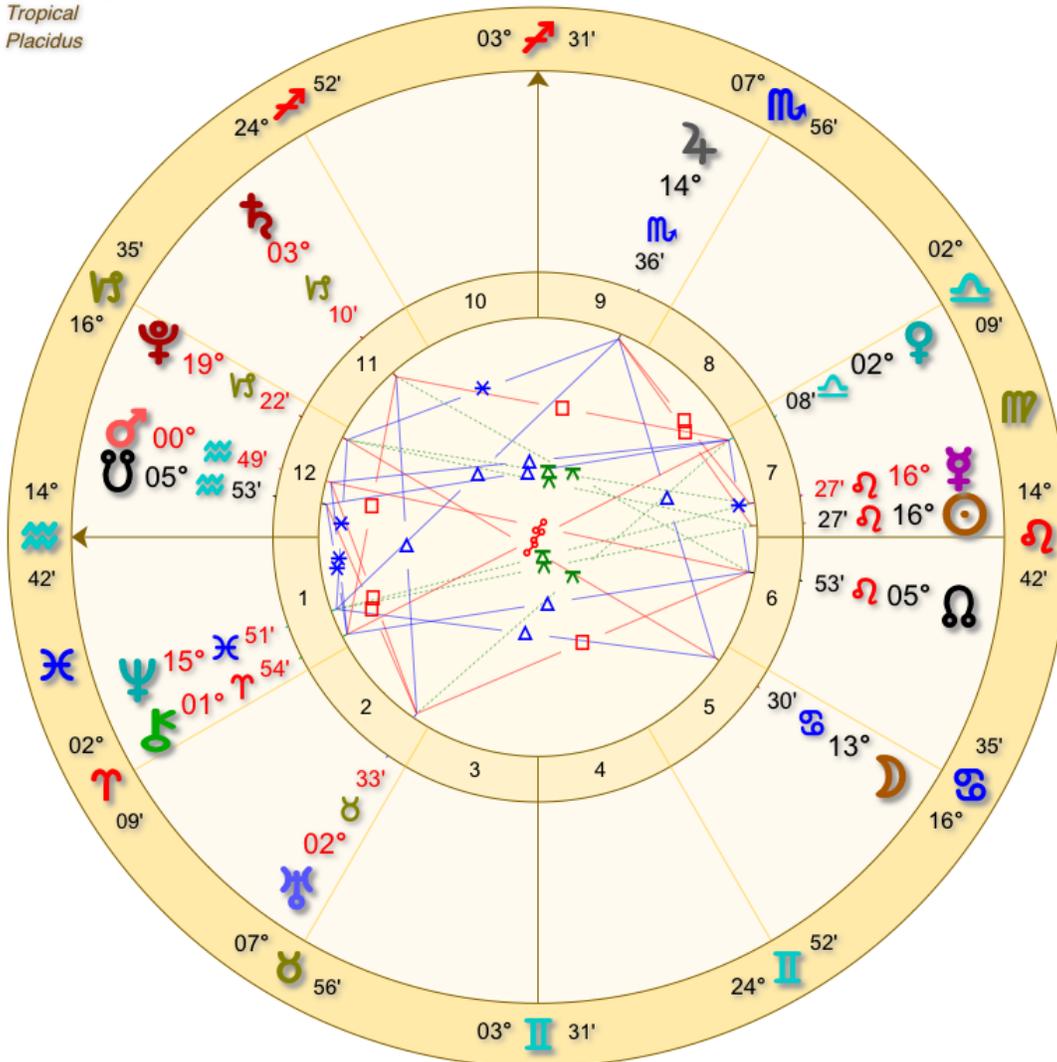
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All the Themes and Archetypes covered will culminate around the Mid-Point into your Mercury Retrograde Message!

### Mercury Retrograde in Leo Midpoint

Event  
Aug 8 2018, Wed  
7:57 PM MDT +6:00  
Boulder, CO  
Tropical  
Placidus



# The Eclipses!!

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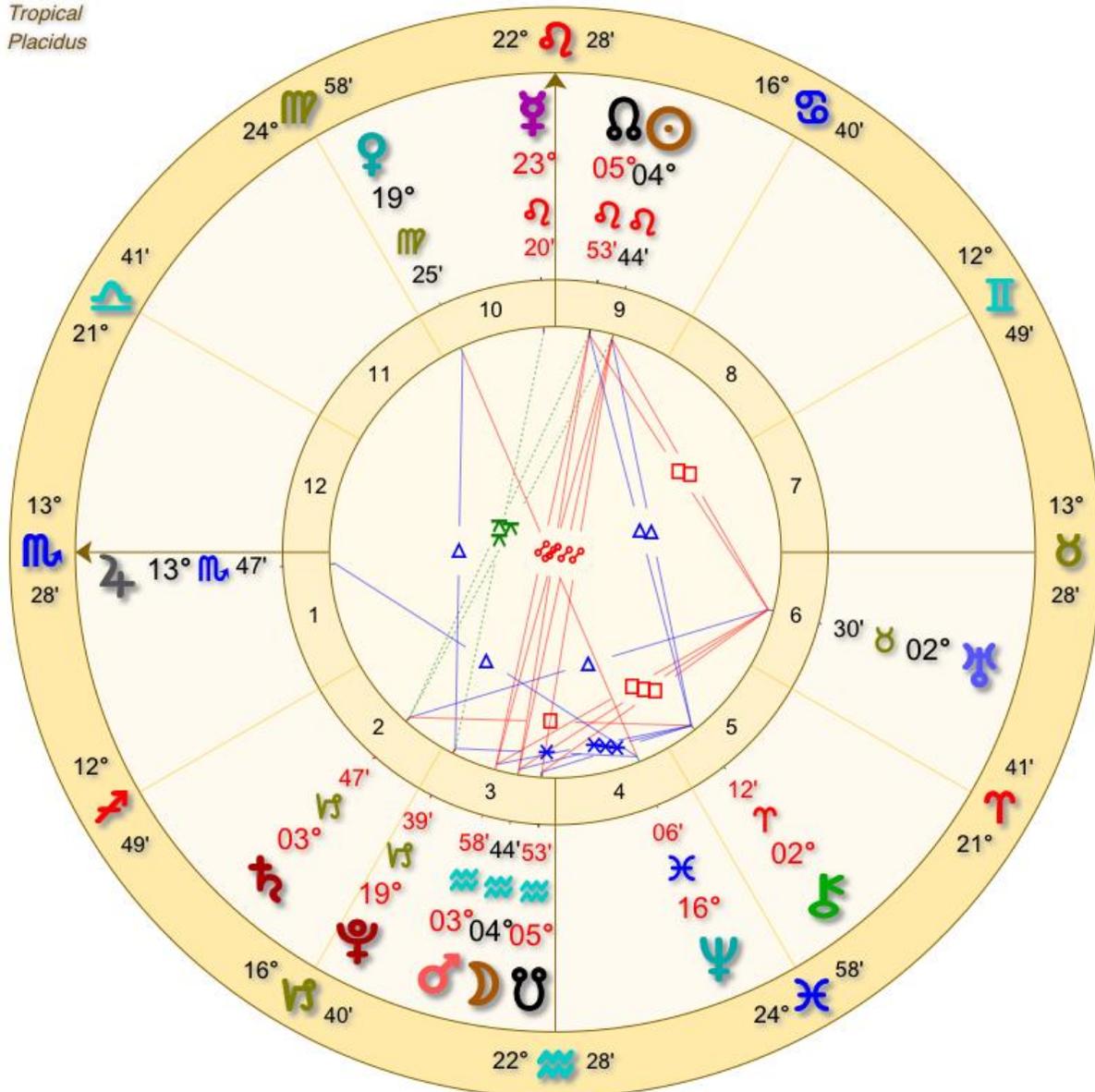
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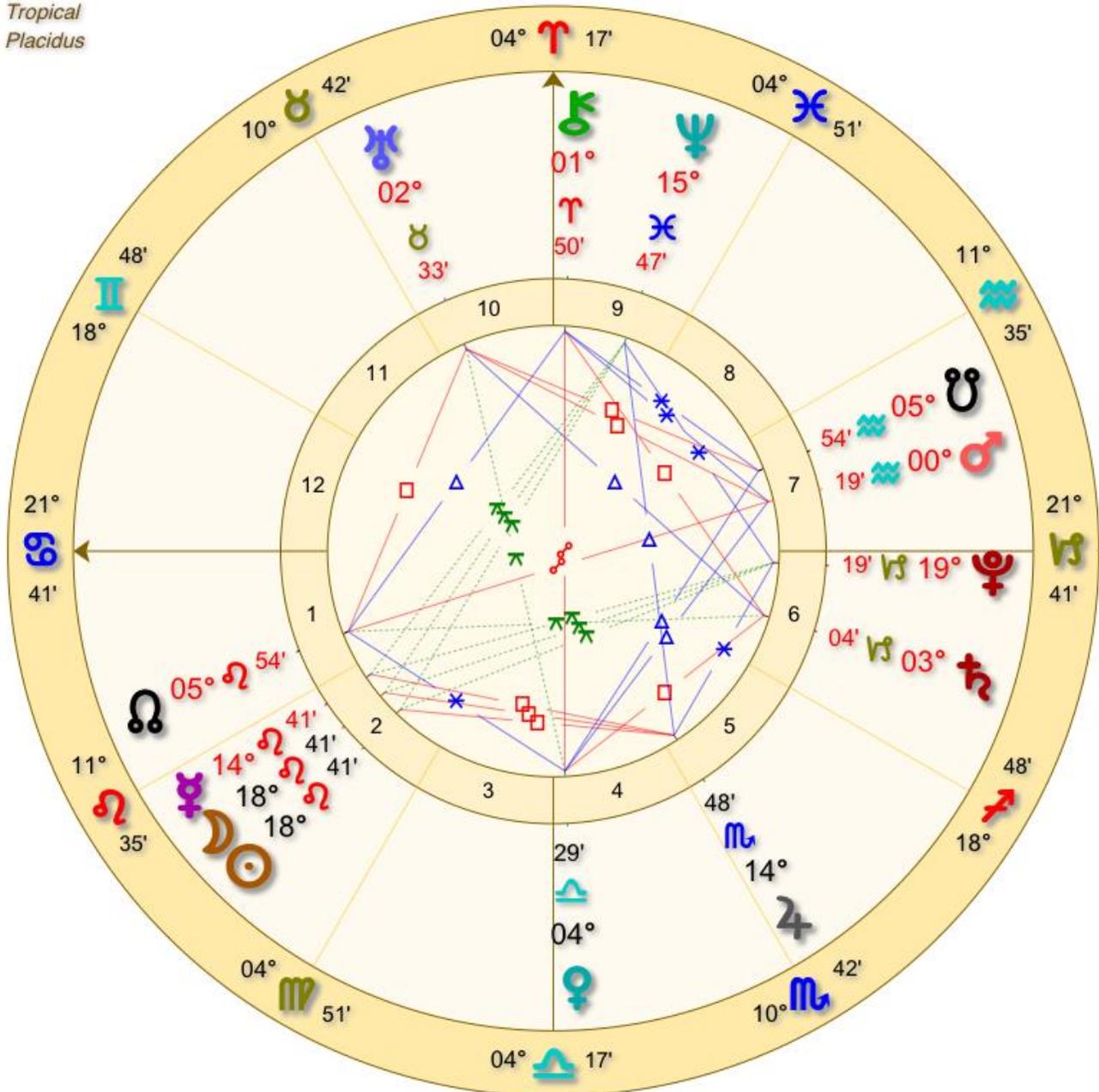


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# Closing Guided Meditation

## Mercury Retrograde in Leo Questions for Reflection

- How much power have you assigned to your Conscious Mind?  
How have you defined 'shining' in your Life?  
Are you familiar with the Creative Forces of your Essential Self?  
Can you identify your own Narcissism and how/why it manifests?  
Did you have a 'Wicked Queen Mother' experience growing up, how has that affected you?  
Where are you at with your own 'Star Balance'?  
How do you hide your Light?  
How safe do you feel to shine who you really are?  
Do you know the difference between adequate preparation and your perfectionist ideas of preparation?  
Do you know the difference between adequate safety when shining in the World and projected ideas of safety? Which are you more often leaning into?  
How was your Essential Creative Self wounded in Childhood – how is that still affecting you today?  
How safe to you feel to be creative?  
Where do you need to stage a 'coming out of the closet' in your Life – what Patterns/Archetypes will support that?  
How often do you blame the World or others for your invisibility?  
Who doesn't 'see' you and why don't they? What do you want to do about that?  
What is your Creative Power and how does it meet the Greater Power Grid of Life?  
What are the past and current Luminous Limits of your Culture, Society, and Family?  
What is currently dimming you down? Have you been staying dim to yourself, why/how?  
If you reverse engineer your Visibility Factor, when did you go invisible, are you still?  
Do you know the Power of your Creative Light?  
Where do you lean into a Projected Image vs. Creative Essence – how do you know?  
How comfortable are you with Leo Energy?  
How do you relate to the Leo Archetype and its Sub-Archetypes?  
What 'Sub-Archetypes' are showing up as developmental Allies of Destiny right now?  
What's your relationship like with Anger and the Masculine Side of your Nature?  
Are you being asked to assess your past 'Reckless Risks' during this Cycle?  
Where are you being called to take 'Intuitive Risks' in Your Life?  
What Karma are you being asked to 'Reverse Engineer', and what Patterns are involved?  
How are you being asked to reconnect to the Creative Spirit of why you do what you do?  
Where are you realizing that your WHY may have been generated by 'Cover Intentions'?  
What are Your Leo shadow patterns and their Karmic Results?  
What hidden inspiration, talents, and passions need Liberation?  
How does your Inner Tyrant block your Creative Zeus?  
Where in your Life do you need to stage a Creative Revolution?  
Who can you light up in your Life and in the World?  
How can you have FUN and run LIGHT through your system?!*

**What's Your Mercury Retrograde Message?**

## **The Counter-Cultural Nature of Mercury Retrogrades**

### **Integration Phase**

August 18<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Now must take all that has become conscious during the Mercury Retrograde in Aries and integrate that into your Life!

*Take it all to the Streets!*

*Self-Expression is Essential to Self-Progression,  
find a creative way to express Yourself as you are!!*