

MERCURY CENTERED NATAL REPORT

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## Introduction to the Mercury Planet Centered Report

Mercury in his Egyptian form Thoth was the Lord of Words. Communication from Mercury is not always just what we want to hear. However, it generally is just what we need in order to understand the energies of the universe more fully. Carl Jung identified this component of the psyche as the Trickster, one who gets us to shift our attention by throwing out unexpected thoughts and feelings.

The esoteric astrologer calls this process 'harmony through conflict'. The essence of the conflict is the apparent separation of Unity into distinct components. The Magician Mercury speaks:

From my substance all things derive their substance,  
And all that hath form  
Is built from my four-fold elemental manifestation.  
Four are the subtle principles  
Which the wise conceal ...  
FIRE, WATER, AIR AND EARTH.

- - - From The Book of Tokens, by Paul Foster Case

The Mercury-centered chart herein interpreted addresses your personal connection to Unity, as well as your unique understanding of the elements that comprise that Unity. The chart is composed of the zodiacal signs; the planets; and the aspect patterns formed among the planets. The examination of these factors focuses on the relationships among the planets, addressing the key issues of harmony through conflict, one specific manifestation of communication. You will also find reference to Flores, an asteroid companion of Mercury.

## Introduction to Planets

The planets in any chart are the actors. They mirror life for us. Their placement in and movement through the signs provide a synchronistic reflection of our potential and experience. They also indicate unique expressions of the Solar energy which drives our physical lives. The planets and moons bear the familiar mythological names of gods and goddesses as well as mortals. The myths themselves stand as metaphors for energies and activities which we experience in our day-to-day activities.

## Introduction to Signs

The signs in any planet-centered chart provide the background for the movement of planets and moons. The signs are composed of fixed stars that are light years away from Earth. The constellations were described by various ancient civilizations and are remarkably consistent in different cultures. From our point of view, they provide twelve filters for the light of the planets and moons and modify or focus those energies.

## Introduction to Aspects

An aspect is the angular relationship between two points in a chart. Different aspects indicate different influences between the planets. Thus one person with the Sun in square aspect to Jupiter will have a very different energetic experience from a person with the Sun trine to Jupiter. Planets in aspect relate to each other through this direct connection more powerfully than planets that form no aspect. In addition, when several planets form a pattern of aspects, the movement of energy is again increased.

## Sun Introduction

The Sun represents the direction of personal mission and spiritual path. Because the Sun is the source of energy that gives us life, it represents the Mind of the Solar System in any chart. As such it is the most powerful point

in the chart. The emphasis by sign describes the more physical attributes of life; by decanate we can gather information about the mental expression; the degree speaks to the spiritual expression of life for the planet under consideration. The Sun's placement provides a focus for the conscious experience of Mercury's energy.

The Sun provides the most powerful indication of your potential at a higher level of expression. It always provides a referent to the intention of Solar Mind, and hence of the larger mind of the solar system. The Sun indicates the individual thrust of your energy.

### Sun in Scorpio

The Sun in Scorpio speaks to a profound understanding of death as a part of life's process. The essence of each planet can be seen as a bold expression of life as well as a dynamic process that includes death. At the physical level this experience is a door from one level of experience to another and as such can signal a crisis in one's development.

Transformation is no isolated event for you, but rather an ongoing experience. In fact, you approach life as a series of changes that form their own unique continuity. Stuckness is most uncomfortable; you depend on change to keep track of time and no change would mean no perceive movement through time or space. You relish the new but sometimes wish you could hold on to the past.

### Sun conjunct Uranus (strong)

Sudden changes bring new circumstances into your life. You have a progressive mind that can manage such changes. It is possible to align your thinking to minimize upsets connected with new conditions.

### Sun square Saturn (weak)

The constructive qualities of firmness, modesty and determination provide concrete situations in which to develop mastery of inhibitions and management of delicate health.

### Sun quintile Flores (strong)

Because your mind works at warp speed a lot of the time, your ideas gel for you quickly. You are ahead of the game as soon as you take the first step.

### Venus Introduction

Venus helps to define the role of interdependence in your life. It also indicates your use of concrete knowledge in the search for harmony. Concrete knowledge does not stop at the scientific definitions of things, nor is it limited to the scientific approach to understanding the relationships between people and things. It also includes a felt sense, an inner awareness of the right relationships between things.

The placement of Venus in your Mercury-centered chart shows the role of concrete knowledge in the mediation between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

### Venus in Taurus

Your own feelings form a powerful magnet for others, who become aware of you because you project the feeling tone of your mind with ease. You enjoy beauty. You would rather have two or three truly luxurious things that will last than a lot of flimsy temporary junk. Your taste helps you to select quality items that work well together. You can employ an artistic flair in decorating your home and selecting your clothing and

accessories. Whenever your choices seem to lack a sense of harmony, you can use your methodical mind to sift through passing fancies or fantasies without indulging them.

#### Venus conjunct Mars (weak)

You experience passionate relationships because of your ability to moderate between Self and other. You have a warm heart and creative abilities. There can be fluctuating feelings or a lack of tact.

#### Venus sextile Saturn (strong)

Your love life will go through inhibited periods. The sober, sensible side of yourself will emerge at such times. Even temporary separations can cause you pain. Jealousy can be a problem.

#### Venus semi-square Earth (strong)

You sense that for you, relationships draw your focus away from other matters that are central to your career or intellectual focus.

#### Venus quincunx Uranus (weak)

You fall in and out of love easily. In fact you enjoy the beginning and ending of relationships because of the excitement. Your actions sometimes appear eccentric to others.

#### Earth Introduction

The Earth represents the direction in which intelligent activity will most likely move. In your Venus-centered chart the Earth is obviously where you, the individual are; thus the Earth represents the human capacity from the perspective of Venus.

You will relate to the energy of Mercury through the sign the Earth falls in, and your awareness of harmony through skilled communication will tend to address this sign and its opposite.

#### Earth in Aries

The Earth represents the direction in which intelligent activity will most likely move. In your Mercury-centered chart the Earth is obviously where you, the individual are; thus the Earth represents the human capacity for intelligent activity. You will relate to the energy of Mercury through Aries, and your thoughts will focus on any fresh, new activity.

#### Earth conjunct Jupiter (weak)

Your personal philosophical beliefs are closely integrated with your actions. Your deeply held beliefs spur you to action when you perceive injustice in your surroundings.

#### Earth opposition Pluto (strong)

You usually know how to use your personal power and will to have a desired effect on others. Your steadiness makes otherwise difficult situations much easier to handle.

#### Earth trine Flores (weak)

Writing, for you, is a natural outgrowth of paying attention to your surroundings. You publish pieces that tell it like it is.

#### Earth trine Neptune (strong)

You are usually able to act compassionately in whatever role you undertake. You think creatively in clutch situations.

#### Earth semi-square Mars (weak)

Your energy gets thrown into relationships, sometimes leaving you stressed out. Exercise will help.

#### Mars Introduction

Mars indicates the direction that your devotion takes. Mars is energetic, even aggressive at times. In other situations Mars' energy is directed into thoughtful devotional activities, quieter but no less energetic.

Mars reflects the energy and passion that you employ when dealing with communication issues. Mars is an agent for change, providing the energy for movement in thought and action.

Your physical, emotional, mental and spiritual energy is shown by the placement of Mars in your Mercury-centered chart. This energy covers the range from physical stamina to angry impulses to the passion of relationships and the compassion of spiritual involvement. The speed at which you move determines your safety; reckless behavior can result in injury on all levels.

#### Mars in Taurus

Successful communication focuses on the hearing. You are a powerful listener, understanding nuances of what you hear in great detail. You have endurance that allows you to work long and hard on projects. There is a practical application of energy that you have mastered. You like to get your own way and can close your ears to the pleas of others. When you have a fever, use music to calm the body and the mind. When you are out of control emotionally, devote your energies to physical activity, using your energy to develop physical support.

#### Mars square Flores (weak)

Life situations challenge you to use your active persona in a journalistic career where you have to sit and get your writing done.

#### Mars sextile Saturn (weak)

You experience harmful energy from time to time. Yet your endurance gets you through the difficult times. You are more effective when you throw your energy into tasks without also throwing your ego along with it.

#### Mars semi-sextile Jupiter (weak)

Fortunate decisions mark the major turning points of your life. You have the ability to concentrate on a particular goal and thus will have successful results professionally.

## Jupiter Introduction

Jupiter indicates the path toward fusion of heart and mind, the subjective purpose for manifestation. This is perhaps the most central experience of wisdom that you will ever have. From any planet-centered perspective, life's processes can be defined by the placement of Jupiter in that chart.

The expansive process of your mind and spirit relishes thought and communication. Meditation on the symbol for Jupiter in your Mercury-centered chart can show you, at the very least, a metaphor for those activities that will lead to the integration of heart and mind from that point of view.

## Jupiter in Aries

For you, the urge to grow and expand is directed toward the unfolding energy of discovery. You relate directly to the sprouting of a seed, whether that be in your garden or in your mind. You choose the direction you want to go and you engage in processes that will lead you there, through free choice. Whether through fire in the hearth, fever of illness or excitement, or the oven in the kitchen, heat transmits its vigor to you and reminds you of life's processes.

## Jupiter trine Neptune (weak)

The richness of feelings in your life is the result of your close connection to the psychic realm. You are a dreamer and mystic. Sometimes you suffer losses because of unprofitable speculations.

## Jupiter trine Flores (strong)

A career involving travel to other countries will suit you very well. You can use your verbal skills by learning another language.

## Saturn Introduction

Saturn is the Lord of Karma - the imposer of retribution and the cause of all repayment of debts. This is the first of two indications of Saturn in the chart - that we accumulate debts and responsibilities on the path toward resolution of difficulties. The second indication of Saturn's place in the chart is your individual path to the end of indebtedness when you have freed yourself from the accumulation of Karma. It is through the exercise of intelligent activity - that is, the use of what you know and how you employ that knowledge - that you even begin to approach the freedom you seek. Saturn also reflects the structure of your mind and the way you approach structure in all areas of your life. The key is to remove obstacles and hindrances without surrendering any values that are precious to you. This means that you stop acting expediently and begin to act responsibly.

## Saturn in Cancer

Your intuition reveals structure in the world around you through intense psychic sensitivity. Personal and social rituals support your desire to smooth and rifts among family member. Family members inspire your independence, possibly by pushing you out of the nest. Control over your emotions benefits you in all areas of life.

## Saturn square Uranus (weak)

Inhibited rhythms affect your physical body and your social existence. You are able to overcome difficult challenges. You are self-willed and gain or suffer because of this.

### Saturn quintile Pluto (strong)

You have a cruel streak that must be tempered by other factors. You have the potential to grow in spiritual awareness if you can avoid purely egoistic aims.

### Uranus Introduction

The search for equilibrium in your life reaches beyond the limits of this plane of manifestation, seeking to integrate the experiences of body, mind and spirit into one profound experience of unfolded consciousness. This level of integration occurs when the soul and the personality are brought into alignment through accident or through ritual experience. Thus the practice of ritual offers the principle path for you as you develop a sense of equilibrium.

Uranus tends to bring upset and abrupt change. Incorporation of ritual into your daily life and awareness of the form of ritual can provide a suitable vehicle for traveling life's sometimes bumpy road. Your understanding of ritual can be enhanced by employing it in your daily life. You can use your intuition to determine the form of ritual that can stimulate change effectively.

### Uranus in Scorpio

Your forceful character partners with revolutionary desire to cause major upheaval in your life. Some change is good - you need to find a balance. Intuition concerning life after death contributes to your ability to forecast events in your life. You can be utterly ruthless in your dealing with other people. Just because you know what is coming for yourself, that doesn't mean you should try to control everyone else.

### Uranus quintile Flores (strong)

You make the greatest impression on your community when you use your creative talents to balance the facts and issues with a bit of humor. People don't want to be serious all the time, after all.

### Neptune Introduction

Psychic awareness is indicated by the placement of Neptune in your chart. Neptune also focuses your capacity for compassion. Your higher vision is based on your understanding of the essential duality of physical manifestation. One side of the duality is the desire or passionate nature; the other side is the innate quality of compassion that comes from another level of experience. Neptune's sign shows how and where you focus devotional thinking and action.

### Neptune in Sagittarius

You are interested in subcultures that permeate every society. In particular, you tend to seek out cultures that embody reverence and justice. You may have had past life experiences, for example, in the hierarchy of the Catholic Church or similar group, or as a legal expert.

### Neptune trine Flores (weak)

Contradictory elements in your personality blend together to produce exciting news stories. Your face may become very well known in the media.

### Neptune sextile Pluto (strong)

You are a highly sensitive person and can develop your psychic gifts steadily throughout your life. You are aware of events before they occur.

### Pluto Introduction

The most direct way to actively engage will to guide your personal power is found here. You have the choice of how you implement your will. At the same time the power of the universe acts through Pluto, and therefore through you. Hence you can use myths about Pluto as a metaphor for the proper context for your will and power. The power and will to act as a human being is demonstrated by the position of Pluto in your chart.

Pluto indicates how you can address the search for resolution of conflict, as well as how to best mobilize your own efforts to maintain or achieve harmonious results from all important endeavors.

### Pluto in Libra

Transformation, for you, carries the promise of separation from the pack through your ability to assert your genius with the public. You gain cooperation without falling into the trap of needing to belong. To achieve your highest potential, you find that you must focus your expressive abilities in pursuit of a balanced position that integrates the concrete knowledge you have gathered.

### Flores Introduction

Closely associated with Mercury is the asteroid Flores. If Mercury is the Lord of Words, then Flores is the reporter / recorder who tracks his remarks and actions. Flores also acts as an assistant to the Magical Mercury, creating just the right balance of distraction and attraction to cause harmony to reign at the end of every effort. Then Flores announces the results in no uncertain terms.

Words, magic and results add up to the way intelligence acts from Mercury's perspective. Flores is like a trained observer who captures both cosmic and individual essence of communication. The placement of the asteroid Flores and its aspects weave a complex story about your capacity to communicate and to express the knowledge you have gained.

### Flores in Leo

You could become a star network news reporter with your strong ability to say the right thing at the right time. You also provide powerful leadership if you teach writing and communication. Beyond the words you use, you incorporate a tone of refinement into each presentation. People come to rely on your consistent, inspiring voice.

The magic in your words results from the inclusion of historical information about the people you write about. You have a knack for finding unique, interesting tidbits in each person's background. Results influence others because you add human interest to your writing.