

Mercury in Aries

The sign that Mercury occupies shows the language you speak to understand, communicate, and narrate the story of your “little r” reality. The element of the sign is the dominant language and gives specific guidance about how and why you tell your story. The sign itself is a dialect of that language and provides additional, more specific information about how you attempt to understand and communicate.

JOURNAL QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

Read the descriptions below, and then go back and revisit each of the earlier journal questions. Review your answers, and then expand on them, incorporating the new information about the language you speak. Focus on how and why you express Mercury.

Mercury in Fire Signs

With Mercury in a Fire sign, your story is active, intense, and passionate. You leap from one idea to the next, making abstract associations that reach for higher vibrations and greater levels of truth. And yet your passion and intensity can only be sustained as long as you have sufficient fuel. You need new experiences and a constant supply of new information to successfully navigate your “little r” reality.

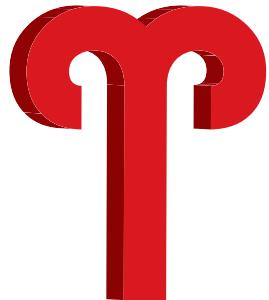
You understand and process information through action and direct experience. When you communicate, you express the truth as you perceive it. You are inherently honest in your communication, but you can also be passionate and intense. Words are actions to you, and you can never quite accept that this isn’t true for everyone. You appreciate the value of details, but you have difficulty dealing with too many details at once. You find the language of Earth to be especially difficult because it’s slow, methodical, and concrete, and sequential in its approach. As far as you’re concerned, communication should soar to great heights, and people who speak the language of Earth are hopelessly grounded.

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Mercury in Aries tells a story that is all action. Events happen in rapid succession, with minimum description and maximum impact. Your story has a stark, linear quality that always takes the shortest route from point A to point B. Any and all obstacles are dealt with directly. Mercury in Aries embraces conflict and challenges because they build character and help you to define your “Big S” Self. The major themes of your story include self-expression and staying aligned with your authentic Self. Pride is the biggest trap for Mercury in Aries. When you begin to believe that just because the story you tell yourself feels real it must also be true, you lose your connection with your “Big S” Self.

When you are in Right Relationship with Mercury in Aries, you are able to see beyond appearances, cutting through distractions and details to reveal the essence of any situation. Only then do you decide what action, if any, is appropriate. Far from being oversimplification, your “bottom line” approach to communication gives you a powerful focus and sense of purpose. The ability to encapsulate a mission in a handful of words that inspire others to action is the sign of a great leader. Because your communication is an expression of who you are as an individual, you communicate with absolute honesty and integrity. You are absolutely confident that when you express yourself, your conclusions and choices are correct, given your current understanding of the context. Other people may not agree with your interpretation or perspective. Rather than view differences of opinion as an attack or a threat, however, you welcome the opportunity to discuss, negotiate and debate. Either the interaction will demonstrate that your position is an appropriate, authentic expression of your “Big S” Self, or it will expand your understanding of the context, and you will adjust your position accordingly.

When you are out of alignment with Mercury in Aries, you believe that you are able to see the essential truth of any situation, but in fact, you are blinded by pride and limited by the perceptions of your “little s” self. What you believe is confidence is actually arrogance. You impulsively express each thought and opinion, and then you are forced to defend them, proving that you are right. More often than not, you have failed to understand the context, which makes your perceptions and arguments faulty at best. Flawed or not, you are compelled to stand behind your proclamations; and more than that, others must agree with you. Interpersonal conflict is common in your “little r” reality. Every discussion is an argument, and most arguments escalate to all out war. You are rarely anchored in the Present Moment. Your stories draw on the past and project into the future, which means that you are never able to end the conflict. Each confrontation is a continuation of the ones that came before. You can, of course, resolve every conflict by admitting that you were wrong. The shame associated with this is so painful, however, that you usually choose to continue the war.