

Mercury in Virgo

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 Earth Signs

With Mercury in an Earth sign, you understand and process information through the physical and material realm. You need a tangible, practical, objective experience to understand things. Ideas require form and structure, and the more the better. You build your understanding of the world and your “little r” reality sequentially, gradually adding pieces to the puzzle until you have something solid that you can grasp and consider. Your story is objective: it’s focused on the essential content and the internal reality of what happened.

Your communication is also focused on the practical and tangible aspects of reality. Above all else, you view the world and interact with your story from an objective and impersonal perspective. And yet, you also need to convey your unconscious and internal experiences because the essence is often different from the surface appearance. This is a tall order for Mercury, because words tend to address the external appearance rather than the internal essence.

This tangible, practical, sequential, and concrete approach to reality can slow down your thought process. You may find it difficult to process information that is too subjective or personal, especially if that information is emotionally charged. But even when you receive rational, objective information, you accept it provisionally. You need time to go within and verify the essence.



Mercury in Virgo

Mercury in Virgo tells the story of your search for perfection. The details of your story are rich, and the descriptions are precise and meticulous. You analyze everything to uncover the inherent perfection. What delights Mercury in Virgo are the infinite ways an idea can be expressed in form. The themes of your story involve service, Order, and the true relationship between matter and spirit. The biggest challenge for Mercury in Virgo is aligning with what is true rather than what is real. Mercury in Virgo can create attachments to an unattainable ideal of perfection, and then become trapped at the level of fear.

When you are in Right Relationship with Mercury in Virgo, you understand that perfection only exists in the Present Moment. You are fully aligned with the truth that whatever exists in form is perfect, whole and complete. If you see something that appears less than perfect, you know that the error is in your perception and your story. The creative process fascinates you—how it moves from an abstract idea into the perfect manifestation in form as a specific expression of that idea. As you analyze and explore the end result, you notice details that seem out of place. This inspires you to clarify and refine your understanding of the original idea, and manifest something new in form. Even as you begin to create something new, you appreciate how the original creation is a perfect expression of one interpretation of the idea. You absolutely know that every thought is creative. Each time you notice things that you would like to change or improve in the physical world, you know you have already set in motion the creative force that will bring a perfect and specific manifestation of your ideas into form. More than anything, you recognize that what you experience in your “little r” reality is a record of your past thoughts. You see no point in changing what has already been created. You much prefer to create something new.

When you are out of alignment with Mercury in Virgo, you are driven by the ideal of perfection. Because you are not aligned with your “Big S” Self or centered in the Present Moment, you can never reach this ideal. You are unable to see through the reality of the world of form to the truth of Spirit. You believe that God is in the details, and that if you can only perfect the physical world, you can bring about heaven on earth. The problem, of course, is that everywhere you look, you see flaws and imperfections. There’s simply not enough time to fix everything, especially since you spend so much time in “Other People’s Business,” and “God’s Business,” telling others what they need to do in order to improve themselves. You believe that you’re coming from a place of selfless service, but this is rarely how other people experience it. You create attachments to the ideal of perfection and, this traps you at the level of fear. You never realize that when you try to fix what already exists in form, you are living in the past. Because you see nothing but imperfection, imperfection is what you continue to create in your “little r” reality. You are so obsessed with what is wrong with your “little r” reality that you neglect to make changes where they matter: with your creative thoughts.