

Mercury in Scorpio

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 Water Signs

With Mercury in a Water sign, you understand and process information through the emotional realm. You have little interest in the objective, external qualities of communication, such as the words, and you rely primarily on the subjective, internal, emotional levels of communication that lie far beneath the surface appearance. Your story is filled with deeper, hidden meanings, and the narrative is carried almost entirely by the concrete, subjective truth of the emotional experiences rather than by the abstract, objective events.

Words make up only 7% of communication, and you are especially aware of this. The content of communication is meaningless without a context, and that context comes from the non-verbal aspects of communication, including tone of voice and body language. You read the emotional context of communication first and then check it against the content of the words to see if they agree—and if they don't, you will always focus on the context and not the content. You process information almost entirely through your right brain, making unconscious, subjective associations that lead you to a personal understanding.

MERCURY



**The
STORYTELLER**

SCORPIO



**FIXED
WATER**

Mercury in Scorpio

The story that Mercury in Scorpio tells is a mystery. Every word is steeped in hidden meaning. Every symbol is a clue, urging you to delve deeper, to investigate, and to question your “little r” reality. You are lured by the power of knowledge, and compelled by the possibility of encountering the hidden truth. Your only guides on this journey are the subtle emotional nuances, the meaning that hides behind and underneath the words that tell the external story. The major themes of Mercury in Scorpio’s story include power, wisdom, obsession, transformation and transcendence. The challenge for Mercury in Scorpio is to see beyond the reality of the story to the underlying truth. When you believe what is *real* instead of what is *true*, you experience a world of danger and conflict, and can easily become trapped at the level of anger.

When you are in Right Relationship with Mercury in Scorpio, you tell a story in which you wield tremendous power. You have the courage to travel to the underworld and battle the demons and illusions that keep you separate from the truth that you are inexorably connected to all of creation. You pay less attention to the content of communication than you do to the context, and you are keenly attuned to the underlying emotional truth of every situation. Because you have mastered your relationship with your ego/body and your “little s” self, you connect with others from both your “little s” self and your “Big S” Self. This is a powerful skill that enables you to diffuse and transform even the most emotionally charged environment. You can be fully present with what is real, no matter how painful or uncomfortable it may be, because you know that whatever the reality, the truth is always love. You know that the only way to transcend the pain and suffering of your “little r” reality is to dive into the center of it, and then tell the truth about it. Your connection to your “Big S” Self allows you to move through your “little r” reality completely undefended.

When you are out of alignment with Mercury in Scorpio, the story you tell is less a mystery and more a tale of espionage and betrayal. You find it difficult to trust others, because you can never be sure what they’re hiding. You believe that everyone has a hidden agenda; what you don’t realize, however, is that you believe this because you have a hidden agenda. In fact, you may hide your agenda so well that you don’t even realize how secretive and compartmentalized you are in your life. Your mission in every relationship is to decipher what others *really* mean, while concealing as much of yourself as possible. You know that what is real is not necessarily true. However, because you lack a connection to your “Big S” Self, you are unable to tell the difference between truth and falsehood. You refuse to accept anything at face value, but this only means that you can find malicious intent in the most innocent of exchanges. You gather evidence of every slight and possible betrayal, and plot your revenge. Rather than attacking directly, you use stealth, deceit and manipulation. A few well-placed words in the right ears can have the desired effect, with the added benefit that they may not be traced back to you. What you create, however, is an endless cycle of betrayal and manipulation that further isolates you from your “Big S” Self and any semblance of integrity.