

Mercury in Capricorn

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.



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Mercury in Capricorn tells a story of success and achievements. It is an inspiring tale of self-reliance and personal responsibility, and it includes step-by-step instructions that allow anyone willing to invest the time and energy to duplicate the results. Mercury in Capricorn absolutely knows the truth that words and thoughts are things. The themes of the story told by Mercury in Capricorn include ambition, adversity, responsibility, and mastery of Universal Law—both the Law of Cause and Effect, and the Law of Attraction. The challenge for Mercury in Capricorn is to avoid creating attachments to the world of form. Aligning with what is real rather than what is true can trap you at the consciousness of fear.

When you are in Right Relationship with Mercury in Capricorn, your story is balanced between the practical, structural procedures, and the spark of creative inspiration. You easily bring your ideas into form. You respect the laws of the physical world and use them to create a powerful and unique expression of your “Big S” Self. You process information in a practical, sequential, and pragmatic manner. At the same time, you know the truth that all creative inspiration occurs on the Spiritual plane: the material world is merely a way to explore that inspiration. You take great care when expressing yourself, because you understand the power of the Law of Cause and Effect and the Law of Attraction. Each thought you express is creative. You are fully accountable for the experiences you create in your “little r” reality. You appreciate that you are the author of your own story, and if you are unhappy with your “little r” reality, you have the power to change it. Your obligation to humanity is to live your life fully, and to express yourself with absolute authenticity. How others choose to live their lives is none of your business; however, your example of a life lived in integrity can inspire others to step into their own greatness.

When you are out of alignment with Mercury in Capricorn, you value the letter of the law more than the spirit of the law. Because you are not connected with your “Big S” Self, you have no appreciation of true power. All you know is force, and therefore you believe that laws are only strong as long as they are obeyed without question. You are driven by fear, and create powerful attachments to the laws and structures of society. Each time someone crosses a boundary or violates a rule, it weakens the fabric of your “little r” reality. If the laws aren’t enforced and defended, the result will be chaos and anarchy. You convince yourself that it is your duty and responsibility to make sure that everyone obeys the law and follows established procedures and protocols. You believe this will create safety and security for everyone. Because you are operating from “Other People’s Business,” however, this approach makes you feel less Safe. As you become trapped at the consciousness of fear, you become increasingly rigid and conservative. All that matters to you is the bottom line. You lose all perspective, and become increasingly shortsighted. Your “little r” reality becomes a bureaucracy: grey and cold, devoid of humanity or happiness.