

# Mercury in Aquarius

**T**he 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 Air Signs

With Mercury in an Air sign, you understand and process information through the mental, social, intellectual, and abstract realms. You rely heavily on your perceptions and observations, and you are almost exclusively concerned with the outer appearance of reality. Your story is filled with precise, specific details and nuanced language. You fully embrace the power of words, thoughts, and ideas. Your story is sequential, objective, conscious, and external.

Communication is all about words and language. You care about the content rather than the context, and you may fail to notice or decode important information contained in the subtext or conveyed through tone of voice or body language. You tend to dismiss the emotional context because it's subjective and irrational. You process information in a linear, sequential, rational, conscious manner, although at times your mind operates so swiftly that the individual steps may become a blur.

### Mercury in Aquarius

Mercury in Aquarius tells the story of an ideal, utopian society—a world that truly works for everyone. The content of your story may focus on a handful of individuals, but the story itself encompasses the breadth and depth of humanity. You explore the delicate symbiotic interplay



between individuals and society, recognizing that for either to survive, both must thrive. The themes of Mercury in Aquarius' story include the nature of freedom, the rights of humanity, and the duty of each individual to society—and of society to each individual. Mercury in Aquarius can easily become unbalanced, adhering to abstract, theoretical ideals and ignoring the practical considerations of form. This can draw you into “Other People’s Business,” and “God’s Business,” where you become trapped at the level of pride, believing that reality should conform to your ideals, and not the reverse.

When you are in Right Relationship with Mercury in Aquarius, you know that you can create a perfect world. All that is necessary to manifest a world that works for everyone is that a sufficient number of like-minded individuals come together and imagine it into existence. You firmly believe that the cornerstone of this world is the freedom that allows each individual to express his or her “Big S” Self without restriction. The laws and structures that form the basis of this society must always protect individual liberty, and support each person’s inalienable rights with the minimum of restrictions. The real purpose of the laws of society is to help each individual to create his or her own moral code to govern their behavior. Any law that does not educate and support personal accountability is, by definition, a failure, and must be refined. As comfortable as you are operating in the theoretical and abstract realms, you do not ignore what exists in your “little r” reality. You consider your ideals from a variety of contexts to discover the most reasonable and appropriate ways to implement them. Your sole consideration is whether the idea enhances and protects individual freedom and supports the greater good of the world. You know that it is not always possible to be fair, but it is possible to be just.

When you are out of alignment with Mercury in Aquarius, you still believe you can create a perfect world. All that is necessary is that everyone agrees that you know what is best. You lack a connection to your “Big S” Self and identify completely with your “little s” self. As a result, you feel unworthy of being loved or accepted by others. The pain of the shame that you experience when you tell this story is too great to bear, so you dissociate from it and project it on your “little r” reality. The suffering you experience is no longer personal; it’s the suffering of humanity. You leave the confines of “My Business,” and become preoccupied with “Other People’s Business.” Society is responsible for all of the suffering in the world, and you believe that it’s your responsibility to correct these mistakes. You believe that you advocate the rights and freedom of all of humanity, but in fact, your agenda is selfish. The ideals that you espouse only advance the interests of the portion of humanity that includes you. You believe that you advocate justice, when you actually advocate fairness and entitlement. You seek the benefits and protection of society, but are unwilling to be accountable or make any personal sacrifices in return. This merely reinforces your shame and your belief that as an individual you have nothing of value to contribute.