

THE CURRENT CYCLE OF MERCURY – Sep 6, 2023 – Dec 22, 2023

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Mercury Cycle <i>From 6.09.23 to 22.12.23</i>	2023 Dates	Times UT	Mercury Degree	Solar Degree	Sun/ Mercury Separation	Comment
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Sep 6	11.09 am	13♄36 ♀	13♄36	-	Mercury guides the spirits of the last cycle out of the underworld so their essence may be brought to light and serve in the reformation of a new cycle. Old projects may be resurrected; new programmes may be imagined.
Morning Rise; <i>Mercury as Morning 'star' Apollo</i>	Sep 13	9.28 am	8♄28 ♀	20♄20	8° 52'	
Mercury Stations Direct	Sep 15	8.21 pm	8♄00	22♄44	14° 44'	Instinctive and remembered intentions, initiatives and ideas are at a crossroads with new ways of thinking that are brightening and developing into new and renewed projects and plans.
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation <i>Morning (GEW)</i>	Sep 22	1.16 pm	11♄26	29♄17	17° 51'	New ideas and insight inspire the Geminian spirit to find a way forward with new strategies. The Virgo attitude of discrimination, focus, and craft can later be applied to bring the ideas to manifestation through application and work.
Morning Set	Oct 8	6.08 pm	6♌37	15♌12	8° 35'	
Superior Conjunction: <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Direct</i>	Oct 20	5.38 am	26♌34	26♌34	-	This is the time to reflect and harvest insights and initiatives that have been applied towards the goal. It is time to disseminate the design, share the products of your creative process, and articulate your process.
Evening Rise; <i>Mercury as Evening 'star' Hermes</i>	Nov 4	7.58 am	20♍54	11♍37	9° 17'	
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation <i>Evening (GEE)</i>	Dec 4	2.29 pm	3♎19	12♎09	21° 10'	Thinking becomes more introspective and philosophical. A review of the processes and output of the past cycle is underway – how can these ideas improve and be implemented?
Mercury Stations Retrograde	Dec 13	7.09 am	8♎29 ♀	20♎59	17° 30'	It is time to gather in ideas and, in the privacy of personal space, reflect on what has taken place for future reference. Time to complete the project for this round. A new chapter will emerge.
Evening Set	Dec 17	10.17 am	6♎53 ♀	25♎11	11° 42'	
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Dec 22	6.54 pm	0♎39 ♀	0♎39	-	The mythic brothers forge another cycle together, as Mercury guides the spirit of imagination and phantasmagorias towards consciousness

REFLECTING ON THE CYCLE OF MERCURY

One of the ways to contemplate the phases of the Mercury cycle is to use the prototype of the eight phases of the lunation cycle to get a feel for the evolving round of the Sun/ Mercury cycle. The following table traces eight phases of Mercury inspired by the Lunation Cycle. I have put the dates of the current cycle in italics:

Phases of the Mercury Cycle	Corresponding Lunation Phases	Average length - 116 days <i>(this cycle is 107 days)</i>	Mercury Time
Inferior Conjunction to Stationary Direct	New Moon	Approximately 11 days <i>(this cycle is 9 days)</i>	A new phase begins, born from the seeds of previous cycles. Mercury in the morning is forward-thinking and progressive in planning and scheming. New ideas, projects, ways of thinking and patterns of interaction come to light to be developed throughout the course of the new cycle.
Stationary Direct to Greatest Elongation	Crescent	Approximately 10 days <i>(this cycle is 7 days)</i>	Instinctive and remembered ways of thinking are at a crossroads with new developments taking place. Former projects, research, ideas, or studies may return to be redeveloped. Directions and decisions are considered. What was left unattended or incomplete from the last cycle is reviewed and integrated or discarded.
Greatest Elongation to Morning Set	First Quarter	Approx. 5 weeks from greatest elongation to morning set (16) to the superior conjunction (12) <i>(this cycle is 28 days)</i>	At Mercury's greatest distance from the Sun, a critical change occurs. Ideas and insight release the mercurial spirit to forge a way forward with new plans. Application and attention to working on and managing the project is heightened. Discrimination, focus, and craft bring the emergent and creative ideas into the public domain.
Morning Set to Superior Conjunction	Gibbous		
Superior Conjunction to Evening Rise	Full Moon	Approx. 5 weeks from superior conjunction to evening rise (15) to the greatest elongation (30) <i>(this cycle is 45 days)</i>	At the superior conjunction initiatives, assignments and designs approach their fruition. Mercury is now in its evening, introspective and reflective. The maturing ideas can deepen; time to disseminate the design and share the produce of your creative process. Use the feedback constructively to improve the product.
Evening Rise to Greatest Elongation	Disseminating		
Greatest Elongation to Stationary Retrograde	Last Quarter	Approximately 10 days <i>(this cycle is 9 days)</i>	Thinking becomes more introspective and philosophical. Time to edit, review, and articulate the process that you have been through. It is the phase when adjusting the process, fine-tuning the project and correcting the mistakes will help complete the assignment and offer insights and revelations into the process.
Stationary Retrograde to Inferior Conjunction	Balsamic	Approximately 11 days <i>(this cycle is 9 days)</i>	As the cycle moves towards the inferior conjunction what was brought to light can be completed, refined and analysed for future cycles. It is the time to gather in ideas and in the depth and privacy of the self, journal and contemplate what has taken place for personal development and future reference. .

THE CYCLE OF MERCURY – May 1, 2023 to September 6, 2023

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This cycle lasts for 128 days

Mercury Cycle <i>From 1.05.23 to 6.09.23</i>	2023 Dates	Times UT	Mercury Degree	Solar Degree	Sun/ Mercury Separation
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	May 1	11.27 pm	11♃19 ♀	11♃19	-
Morning Rise; <i>Mercury as Morning 'star' Apollo</i>	May 10	12.58 pm	6♃39 ♀	19♃37	12° 38'
Mercury Stations Direct	May 15	3.16 am	5♃51	24♃03	18° 12'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation <i>Morning (GEW)</i>	May 29	5.34 am	12♃58	7♃37	24° 38'
Morning Set	Jun 24	4.41 am	23♃57	227	8° 30'
Superior Conjunction: <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Direct</i>	Jul 1	5.05 am	9♃08	9♃08	-
Evening Rise; <i>Mercury as Evening 'star' Hermes</i>	Jul 8	10.50 am	24♃32	16♃02	8° 30'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation <i>Evening (GEE)</i>	Aug 10	1.46 am	14♃33	17♃12	27° 21'
Mercury Stations Retrograde	Aug 23	7.59 am	21♃51 ♀	0♃26	21° 25'
Evening Set	Aug 31	0.52 am	19♃19 ♀	7♃23	11° 56'
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Sep 6	11.09 am	13♃36 ♀	13♃36	-

THE CYCLE OF MERCURY – January 7, 2023 – May 1, 2023

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This cycle lasts for 106 days

Mercury Cycle <i>from 7.01.23 o 1.05.23</i>	2023 Dates	Times UT	Mercury Degree	Solar Degree	Sun/ Mercury Separation
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Jan 7	12.57 pm	16♃57 ♄	16♃57	-
Morning Rise; <i>Mercury as Morning 'star' Apollo</i>	Jan 12	6.33 pm	10♃42 ♄	22♃16	11° 34'
Mercury Stations Direct	Jan 18	1.12 pm	8♃08	28♃09	20° 01'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation <i>Morning (GEW)</i>	Jan 30	5.53 am	15♃07	10♌03	24° 56'
Morning Set	Mar 7	8.43 am	7♄40	16♄30	8° 50'
Superior Conjunction: <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Direct</i>	Mar 17	10.44 am	26♄34	26♄34	-
Evening Rise; <i>Mercury as Evening 'star' Hermes</i>	Mar 25	8.54 pm	13♄25	4♄56	8° 29'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation <i>Evening (GEE)</i>	Apr 11	10.10 pm	11♄03	21♄45	19° 18'
Mercury Stations Retrograde	Apr 21	8.35 am	15♄37 ♄	0♄59	14° 38'
Evening Set	Apr 23	9.40 am	15♄25 ♄	2♄59	12° 26'
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	May 1	11.27 pm	11♄19 ♄	11♄19	-

THE CYCLE OF MERCURY – September 23, 2022 to January 7, 2023

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This cycle lasts for 107 days

Mercury Cycle <i>from 23.09.22 to 7.01.23</i>	2022 Dates	Times UT	Mercury Degree	Solar Degree	Sun/ Mercury Separation
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Sep 23	6.50 am	0♁14♁	0♁14♁	-
Morning Rise; Mercury as Morning 'star' Apollo	Sep 29	7.49 pm	24♁46♁	6♁39	11° 53'
Mercury Stations Direct	Oct. 2	9.07 am	24♁12	9♁09	14° 57'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation Morning (GEW)	Oct. 8	9.13 pm	27♁39	15♁34	17° 55'
Morning Set	Oct. 26	5.39 am	23♁59	2♁57	8° 58'
Superior Conjunction: <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Direct</i>	Nov. 8	4.42 pm	16♁15	16♁15	-
Evening Rise; <i>Mercury as Evening 'star' Hermes</i>	Nov.25	0.45 am	11♁54	2♁42	9° 12'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation Evening (GEE)	Dec. 21	3.31 pm	19♁49	29♁43	20° 06'
Mercury Stations Retrograde	Dec. 29	9.32 am	24♁21♁	7♁37	16° 44'
Evening Set	2023 Jan. 2	1.31 am	23♁03♁	11♁22	11° 41'
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Jan. 7	12.57 pm	16♁57♁	16♁57	-

THE CYCLE OF MERCURY – May 21, 2022 to September 23, 2022

All times listed as UT

This cycle lasts for 125 days

Mercury Cycle <i>from 21.05.22 to 23.09.22</i>	2022 Dates	Times UT	Mercury Degree	Solar Degree	Sun/ Mercury Separation
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	May 21	7.18 pm	0♁43 ♁	0♁43	-
Morning Rise; Mercury as Morning 'star' Apollo	May 30	4.05 pm	26♁34 ♁	9♁14	12° 40'
Mercury Stations Direct	Jun 3	8.00 am	26♁05	12♁44	16° 39'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation Morning (GEW)	Jun 16	2.55 am	2♁30	25♁27	22° 57'
Morning Set	Jul 9	4.48 pm	9♁01	17♁28	8° 27'
Superior Conjunction: <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Direct</i>	Jul 16	7.37pm	24♁15	24♁15	-
Evening Rise; <i>Mercury as Evening 'star' Hermes</i>	Jul 24	11.57 am	10♁10	1♁35	9° 25'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation Evening (GEE)	Aug 27	4.14 pm	1♁36	4♁22	27° 14'
Mercury Stations Retrograde	Sep 10	3.38 am	8♁55 ♁	17♁26	21° 29'
Evening Set	Sep 17	4.50 am	6♁13 ♁	24♁17	11° 56'
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Sep 23	6.50 am	0♁14 ♁	0♁14	-

THE CYCLE OF MERCURY January 23, 2022 to May 21, 2022

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This cycle lasts for 118 days

Mercury Cycle <i>from 23.01.22 to 21.05.22</i>	2022 Dates	Times UT	Mercury Degree	Solar Degree	Sun/ Mercury Separation
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Jan 23	10.28 am	3♁22♁	3♁22	-
Morning Rise; <i>Mercury as Morning</i> <i>'star' Apollo</i>	Jan 28	7.57 pm	27♁09♁	8♁52	11°43'
Mercury Stations Direct	Feb 4	4.13 am	24♁22	15♁18	20°56'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation <i>Morning (GEW)</i>	Feb 16	9.07 pm	1♁53	28♁10	26°17'
Morning Set	Mar 24	11.34 pm	25♁34	4♁18	8°44'
Superior Conjunction: <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Direct</i>	Apr 2	11.11 pm	13♁11	13♁11	-
Evening Rise; <i>Mercury as Evening 'star' Hermes</i>	Apr 10	5.53 pm	29♁17	20♁50	8°21'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation <i>Evening (GEE)</i>	Apr 29	8.09 am	29♁26	9♁00	20°26'
Mercury Stations Retrograde	May 10	11.47 am	4♁51♁	19♁48	15°03'
Evening Set	May 12	2.10 pm	4♁41♁	21♁50	12°51'
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	May 21	7.18 pm	0♁43 ♁	0♁43	-

THE CYCLE OF MERCURY October 9, 2021 to January 23, 2022

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This cycle lasts for 106 days

Mercury Cycle <i>from 9.10.21 to 23.01.22</i>	2021/22 Dates	Times UT	Mercury Degree	Solar Degree	Sun/ Mercury Separation
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Oct 9	4.18 pm	16♌35♁	16♌35	-
Morning Rise; <i>Mercury as Morning 'star' Apollo</i>	Oct 15	7.37 pm	10♌51♁	22♌39	11°48'
Mercury Stations Direct	Oct 18	3.17 pm	10♌07	25♌27	15°20'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation Morning (GEW)	Oct 25	5.29 am	13♌43	2♍01	18°19'
Morning Set	Nov 13	5.27 pm	12♍31	21♍33	9°02'
Superior Conjunction: <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Direct</i>	Nov 29	4.39 am	7♁10	7♁10	-
Evening Rise; <i>Mercury as Evening 'star' Hermes</i>	Dec 15	10.33 am	2♊39	23♁39	9°00'
Mercury Reaches Greatest Elongation Evening (GEE)	Jan 7	11.03 am	6♋19	17♊06	19°13'
Mercury Stations Retrograde	Jan. 14	11.41 am	10♋20♁	24♊16	16°04'
Evening Set	Jan. 17	7.32 pm	9♋15♁	27♊39	11°36'
Inferior Conjunction; <i>Sun conjunct Mercury Retrograde</i>	Jan. 23	10.28 am	3♋22♁	3♋22	-