

PLANETS IN RETROGRADE

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Obligations, unsatisfied, re-evaluation, Cancerian, passive, incredulous, sceptical, introspection, indifference, independent, sympathetic, changeable, meaning of planet plus re-

Look at the shape of the chart without the retrogrades.

NO RETROGRADES Required to expend an enormous physical effort in pursuit of goals, long and rigorous period of training.

ONE RETROGRADE lone wolf, works alone, achieves alone, neither needs nor desires the participation of others, fearlessly independent - this may be offensive to those who expect the other to go half way in the attempt to what are to the one retrograde intrusive relationships.

TWO RETROGRADES (largest group) This influences that part of the career that depends upon public acceptance, appreciation, contributes towards an easily acceptable personality. Materialistic, sociable.

THREE RETROGRADES (2nd most common) Sullen determination to excel, general mistrust of others which quite undoes the popularity engendered in the 2 planets retrogrades. Public tends to mistrust the individual. Chess masters, e.g. have to put in a lot of effort for a length of time, feeling of having to wait for something or for people.

FOUR RETROGRADES Inclines one to withdraw and seek expression in private, interest in strategy, structures, philosophy, travelling, constantly on the move, either physically or mentally.

FIVE RETROGRADES This further extends exercising talents away from the public gaze, demonstrably capable but tending to express themselves in a more specialized way or field of endeavour. Tend to be protective and destructive at the same time - break down in order to rebuild.

SIX RETROGRADES Tend to work for the benefit of society as a whole. Versatile, interest in synthesis, less effect in terms of the retrograde planets than in terms of those which are direct, emphasis on direct planets.

SEVEN & EIGHT RETROGRADES A lot of energy coming in through the direct planets.

Where there is a retrograde planet in a house, because the energy is both internalized and negated to some extent, this can be translated as though it were in the opposite house, opposite polarity coming out. Retrograde planets tend to lessen the power of a planet for constructive or beneficial action, passive rather than active force, victim of circumstance, judgement about the things ruled by the planet is poor, may not be informed or may be misinformed about affairs which the planet rules.

To start a project while a planetary ruler is retrograde is retrograde is generally costly and should be avoided. If the significators in question are retrograde one should be advised to wait before going ahead with a plan. Natively a direct planet has regular external channels. Retrogrades have internal channels, needs to be dealt with internally before it is expressed.

MERCURY RETROGRADE at birth to 21 at most - taking energy from another source which you later translate into your own energy. Emphasis on childhood conditioning. Think twice before you speak. This affects the whole chart, misunderstood for foolish reasons, a scepticism all of its own. If in Cardinal or Fixed signs, rapid memory recall. Transits of Mercury Retrograde review old contracts, new ones made then will need to be altered later. Where Mercury is retrograde by transit if things are not accomplished during the first retrograde period, then these will resurface at the 2nd retrograde or the next one 4 months later.

As in a stroke victim where part of the brain is defused and the rest of the brain takes over and recovers the function, the energy of the retrograde planet is taken over by other planets and translated into a different form. Retrogrades keep keeping the energy within, e.g. re-cording, second hand voice for communication.

VENUS RETROGRADE Ill feelings long covered will come to the surface. Ventures begun under such a load of animosity will usually be misguided.

MARS RETROGRADE explosions, hold their temper for a long time before the explosion, go into an occupation where one can express hostilities without direct confrontation with the other person. Shy until sure. Perfectionist.

Nothing is accomplished during a transiting Mars Retrograde. It is a good time not to buy a car - accident prone, engine failures. Marriages planned to occur with Mars retrograde should be postponed. During this time the old astrologers said that 'a man should not have sexual intercourse for the first time with a woman he loves' as the affair will end badly in mutual hatred or serious injury to one or both. Not a good time for starting a law suit, or a new job - your best efforts will not please your new boss. Avoid long and dangerous journeys, avoid hiring new employees, avoid moving to a new house, avoid contracts. During a Mars retrograde transit the aggressor will be defeated. e.g. Arab vs Israel 6 day war. President Johnson began bombing of North Vietnam during a Mars retrograde. Hitler invaded Russia during a Mercury retrograde and then was trapped by the Russian winter when Mars turned retrograde, September 7.

In 1933 Mars was retrograde 21 January - 12 April. Hitler came to power 30 January. Instigator tried to conquer all of Europe plus... Roosevelt was inaugurated 4 March 1933 when the economy had collapsed. Attempts were made on his life, foreign power attacked his country, and he died before the end of the war. Hitler and Roosevelt died within weeks of each other. Venus was retrograde when Hitler died.

JUPITER RETROGRADE Naturally this involves re-evaluation of Jupiter attitudes at some time, opportunities come second time around. Renewed efforts, reconciliation of old prospects. During a Jupiter transit in retrograde one should not try to increase power and popularity. This period promises much but delivers little but disappointment.

SATURN RETROGRADE delay, loss, self discipline rather than disciplined by others, interest in cycles, timing, astrology, dislike of giving yes/no answers. May seem aloof, requires time for consideration. More serious internally than may be shown externally.

URANUS RETROGRADE Design, can re-design something already invented. Doesn't automatically seek to be non-conformist in the way that might be expected, being able to be independent of the unconventional. Associated with groups of people with freedom seeking impulses. Consciously decides whether or not to be identified with the group, seek freedom from the 'freedom seekers' but not within an organization.

NEPTUNE RETROGRADE Neptune is similar to a retrograde planet anyway. They are not inclined to express their own ideals and visions of life.

PLUTO RETROGRADE Re-integration, re-organization. Strategists. All armed forces general in W.W.2 had Pluto retrograde.

When Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are retrograde by transit their power to do subtle undercover damage is increased but harm done may not come into the open until they turn direct. At the time of a retrograde things are internalized