



**Taurus:** Unless you're in love with disappointment, it's a good month to work without lust for results. Progress in small things. Take time to stare at your navel and take stock, listen to your gut and remember the purpose of the mind is to pose questions, not answer them. Retrograde Mercury dances on your communication systems with hobnailed boots, so believe only what you know. The therapeutic nature of fun, for instance. Not to worry about what you can't change, for another. And that perseverance and right action are prayers that work.



**Libra:** Progress this month will most resemble swimming in fudge or pushing a rope. Cool your jets and grapple with practical matters only as a last resort. Drink hundreds of gin and tonics and ponder the meaning of meaning. Success, if it comes, will arise for exhuming what remains of your personal philosophy. This should not involve squandering energy and money on cheap thrills. Avoid the self-indulgence of worry. The universe might occasionally kneecap your ambitions, but it's not going to turn you into a frog.



**Taurus:** First, the good news. There are only thirty days in the month. Stop whining. Sure, your life's a contentious mess but, hey, you've got lots of energy and tilting with windmills beats the pants off pouting. Fall back on first principles before the universe make you. Resist temptations to analyze the heart out of things, bearing in mind that Mercury is playing pingpong with your synapses. Does the term 'jangled' ring a bell? Expect the random, invite enemies to take their best shot, persist in what's right, and love your people.



**Scorpio:** Diplomacy is fine as long as it's tethered at least loosely to reality. Bless your heart, you have been yielding overmuch to the wishes of others. Time now to stand up and cast a shadow. What's right is right, and what's happening isn't. Act on your commitments, not contentiously but with the knowledge that, if your heart is good, the winds of the universe are at your back. Erase any bogus lines drawn between you and your people. Deal directly with any snapping and snarling and balance self interest with compassion.



**Sagittarius:** Making plans, are we? New worlds on the horizon? Pretty people popping up like dandelions in the rock garden of your life? New in town, sailor? Watch for trap doors under the dazzle. Everything's cool, as long as you concentrate on manipulating yourself instead of others. Cut folks the slack they need to function and align your energies to them. Under no circumstances, listen to your head. With Mercury in retrograde, you can talk yourself into stupid acts of epic proportions. And there will be a tomorrow.



**Sagittarius:** The shortest route to yourself runs through others this month. Where you're going depends on where you're coming from and smart folks come from a perspective wider than their own. As long as your ideas are selfless, act on them. Separate the eggs from chickens, dreams from workable magic, and dalliance from a love that, given food and oxygen, just might thrive. All things come from nothing and the best stuff comes out of nowhere. Working with others proves, once again, that the whole is greater than the jumble of parts.



**Cancer:** Happy birthday, crab people. Venus and Mercury arm wrestle over your presents, lending a portion of charm and grace to what might otherwise be unseemly short circuiting. Affairs of the heart need reconciling with the world at large. If you're locked into a role, again, it's your duty to escape. The long introspection you've been through has shown you yourself. Project it onto the big picture and see who and what fits. Insist on the right to be more than a bit player in someone else's movie.



**Capricorn:** No, it's not your imagination. Idiocy and confusion surrounds you. Include you, even. Keep matters as straightforward as possible and, not to be corny, come from the heart. If you must compete, challenge yourself to lapdance over obstacles and learn new intellectual ropes. Concentrate on the ideal without ignoring the mundane and let those who step on your toes know you bite back. Change something smarmy about yourself and don't imagine that, in giving love, anything but loneliness is lost.



**Leo:** No grand gestures or leaps of faith, please. Clever campers will labor quietly aligning who they are with what they do. In work and relationships, make sure your actions reflect your own feelings instead of those people who wouldn't know your best interests even if they considered them. Resist the urge to be a doormat, indulge fools, or argue with nitwits. Unplug the phone and talk to yourself about long term goals, short term compromise, and the chains of financial necessity. Under no circumstances, fall in love.



**Aquarius:** Another month of character building. Smooth sailing's for sissies, right? Retrograde Mercury (no, that's not a convertible) glitches all systems mercilessly. Humility should be a breeze, given the state of your wallet, a condition made no better by ignoring your work. Flirt with difference, court change, go with the flow and, if possible, be into the mellow. Amidst the cliches, turn have-to's into want-to's and tickle your fancy if you get too serious. Amidst the storm, the drang and the humdrum, a lover approaches.



**Virgo:** Keep your expectations low, babycakes. This ain't a red letter month. Mercury in retrograde turns your decision making process in to something that would embarrass and idiot monkey. Patience is more than a virtue, it's a survival tool. Feed the computer this data, internal and external, and map the ruts you've slipped into. There's a lot to be said for escape and evasion, as long as the motivation isn't fear. It shouldn't be. If you must interface with the outside world, work for goals larger than yourself. Otherwise, tend your garden.



**Pisces:** A dandy month to stay home and wear kneepads. There are, in this world, big dogs whose bark is nothing compared to their bite. Are we listening? Work will bore you to tears and jumpstarting projects only leads to disaster. Love (the real deal) cuddles up and slaps you silly. All in all, an indelible month. No one could blame you for feeling discouraged and put upon. Neither will they forgive you. Strengthen the things that remain, whistle a happy tune, and don't expose your soft body parts.

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