



ALLORAH'S INSIGHTS

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Last week, on May 27th, Mercury went retrograde (traveling in reverse as if retracing its steps). Generally speaking, people find retrogrades to be challenging. The gift of any retrograde is the opportunity to revisit and gain deeper understanding of experiences and information ruled by the planet retracing its steps.

Mercury is a messenger deity so he has wings and is associated with air. Many of us have grown up seeing his image as the symbolic spokesperson for a very popular flower delivery company. His Egyptian "counterpart" is Thoth. Thoth is credited with creating the written word and also (perhaps as a result) magick. Isis used these gifts to right the imbalance caused by Set having usurped Osiris' throne.

But back to Mercury. Mercury rules travel, communication and healing. Accordingly, traffic and communication tend to be more cumbersome during a Mercury retrograde in order that healing may occur; as, we have to slow down and pay attention if we wish to avoid collisions.

Mercury's symbol, the caduceus, is associated with the healing arts and doctors specifically. The image is two snakes intertwined and moving up a winged staff, a very yang visual; in my mind's eye, the snakes resonate the vibration of the helix of a DNA strand. The image invokes the upward transmutation potential of Scorpionic energy. This is particularly meaningful on the heels of last month's blue moon in Scorpio.

Because Mercury is a god with the ability to fly, he has access to a bird's eye view and also the view beyond to and from the heavens. This means he can help us tap into a perspective far beyond our earth bound human viewpoint. Combine this divine conscious perspective with the alchemical nature of Scorpio (which transmutes from bug to snake to phoenix and eagle) ruled by Mars and Pluto to empower deep, sometimes explosive change; and profound insight is possible. If we know better, we CAN do better.

In closing, don't let the slow down get you down. Take a breath and look deep within to find the keys to your Being that you may move freely forward, centered, grounded and clearly focused on the moment. Time will stop in deference to your reconnected divine nature getting back behind the wheel on the journey of your life.

Namaste,
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