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### **Mercury Square Saturn While Turning Direct Spells Serious Business**

In Greek religion, winged Hermes fulfilled the role of the fleet-footed messenger of the gods. In modern astrology, this is the work of Mercury, planet of mind, communication, learning, inquiry, journeying, transportation, and commerce. During the week of November 2 – 8, 2020, transiting Mercury is in a serious condition, sitting in square to powerful Saturn for the entire period. This means that ponderous and powerful Saturn holds the darting, fleeting nature of Mercury in its relentless grip for

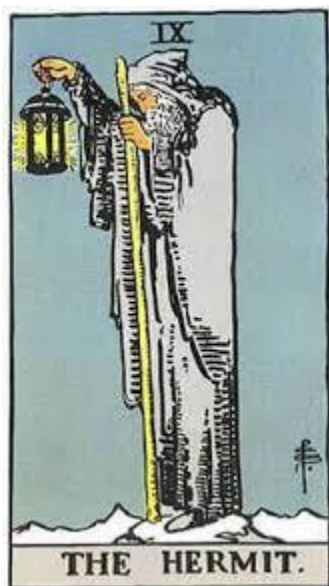
the entire period, offering no immediate escape in any direction except that of cautious, studious effort.



What is more, Mercury turns direct after three weeks of retrograde motion also in the position of square to Saturn. In truth, Mercury and Saturn stay in converse with each other for this entire week, indicating that conditions are in some way stalled or frozen in place, not morphing much over the course of seven days.

As readers know, Saturn is the planet of concretion and congealment, ruling the mineral kingdom in conventional astrology and symbolic of all substances hard and enduring. Interacting with furtive, restless Mercury, Saturn is sure to act in a way to slow jumpy little Mercury down and cause matters of communication, commerce, and even of thinking to inch along tediously. This could spell trouble for some, inclining toward repetitive thoughts, feeling trapped in a rut, depression, and loss of hope. Further, on the head end of the week, American Election Day takes place, just as Mercury turns direct at 11:50 am CST on Tuesday, November 3. Long lines at polling places and other forms of impediment are likely to play into the picture. At the same time, many persons will undergo dramatic change in their points of view as mind-planet Mercury reverses zodiacal direction. Many will now starkly and suddenly perceive the dire consequences of economic stagnation caused by government covid restrictions. There will be a mental atmosphere filled with the realization of the consequences of prior action on many levels, in fact.

Of course, that's not all. A powerful astrological influence rarely manifests in one simple form only. Transiting Mercury square transiting Saturn for a week's time will be no different. This arrangement creates a mental atmosphere of strain, deep concerns, concentration, exacting work, needs for precision, a focus on details, a demand for accountability, and much emphasis on rules, regulations, laws, restrictions, and all manner of procedural considerations which can complicate any process. At the very best, this influence will produce a capacity to persist in a mental task for the many hours necessary to see it through to completion. Saturn symbolizes the slow processes of nature and time required to bring any form to its perfected or ideal state. As a result, Saturn's timeline operates in the decades, not days, signifying protracted effort carried out over long spans of time. Humans resist the touch of somber Saturn, but it is not always odious. Interacting with restless, fitful, easily distracted Mercury, Saturn can elicit the power of sustained attention on a worthy matter. It is the voice of maturity, wisdom, and circumspection, much as is implied in the Hermit Card of the Tarot.



There will be talk of endless extension of covid regulations, dire outlooks, and the like. The mental pressure will be too great for many, suggesting that limiting one's exposure to negative projections during this time may

be the best palliative. In any case, the week-long square of Mercury to Saturn falls right during the American election period, promising to influence that process in ways that hold back, retard, or impede the normal flow of events. Adding to the mix is the fact that Mercury turns direct at 26 degrees Libra, precisely in square to Saturn positioned at 26 degrees Capricorn. This will be a Mercury direct station to remember, as a result. It will bring definite consequences in the form of decisive actions. In places like Italy where fighters against covid restrictions have skirmished with heavily militarized police, the Saturn influence is likely to manifest in even more harsh governmental actions. In regard to the American presidential election, even though more time than usual may be required to tally all votes, the matter will be decisive, for Saturn plays in, issuing a definite judgement.

Just as the Hermit Tarot Card might suggest, introspective reflection is in the cards for all in the coming week. In fact, the cultivation of right judgement resulting from careful deliberation is a theme relevant for everyone under the week-long square of Mercury to Saturn in place during the week of November 2 – 8, 2020. Serious matters come up for evaluation; at the personal level, it's life objectives and long-range goals, and at the collective level, thought content will concern serious and even troubled matters like the world and national economy. The requirements of physical living are sure to figure largely in everyone's thinking. For many, this will take the form of a realization that covid lockdown should not persist for much longer, as it is eviscerating the world economy. Many important decisions about basic survival matters will thus be thrust to the center of attention by the very practical nature of the Mercury-Saturn combination and the square.

This is so in part because the square aspect has strong ties to the world of tangible and manifested form. Thus, under a prevalent astrological square aspect, consciousness is sure to turn in the direction of considering the nature and legitimate needs of the form world. No drifting

off into never-never land with the Mercury-Saturn square of early November 2020! Close attention to the matters at hand will be required. However, for fun and recreation, it will be the perfect time to connect with the soil, the underground dimension, and the interior root and stalk structures of the plant world. Now will be an excellent time to psychically merge with the world of the gnomes and fairies, both kingdoms of which are deeply engaged with maintaining the health of the soil and of plant life. Sending psychic energy and perception deep into the inner earth, yes even to the core of the planet, now receives much support from the astrological inclinations of the moment.



Peace, centering, and grounding can thus be greatly facilitated in this way by the Mercury-Saturn square of early November 2020. Clearly, such would be a fine antidote to the excessively airy business of listening to long-winded political debate and carrying on life in the abstraction of the computerized online environment. As a counterbalance, placing bare feet in direct contact with solid ground would serve to promote much psychic healing any time, but such can be indulged with especial advantage during the square of Mercury to Saturn in early November 2020. As always, connecting with nature is one of the most adaptive and constructive responses anyone might make.

## Daily Analysis and Predictions for November 2 – 8, 2020

The Moon wanes all week, thus pointing toward the completion of previously initiated projects. As everyone keyed into lunar cycles knows, waning Moon is the right time to discard unwanted items and eliminate psychic burdens. Housecleaning, literal and metaphoric, is thus indicated. Spellwork specifically intended to purge and jettison unwanted conditions and vibrations goes forward profitably at this time. Banish sadness, despair, and pessimism, especially on November 5 and 6 with the Moon in Cancer, thus making troublesome issues associated with the current stellium in Capricorn ever more evident and presenting us with strong motivation to free ourselves.

Further, next week sees the final Capricorn conjunction for 2020. Jupiter will conjoin Pluto at 23 Capricorn on November 11, and matters are falling into that trend right now, making many concerns and feelings of dread, dissatisfaction, defeat, and rejection all the more pronounced and difficult to bear. But! The November 11 conjunction of Jupiter and Pluto is the final great emphasis on the repressive, bullying brutality associated with the negative face of Capricorn. The manifestations of iron-fisted rule are many now, but they are not permanent. Still, they must be rejected by all who value civil liberties. Thus, this week, much is on the plate.

**Monday November 2** sees the Moon enter lighthearted Gemini at 4 am CST, setting up for an uplifting and sociable trine to Venus in Libra 6 – 7 pm CST, therefore making it possible to feel positive vibes in human interaction. At the same time, we smell the sweet hay of direct Mercury, set for the next day. We sense positive changes in the air.

Yes, Mercury goes stationary direct at 11:50 am CST on **Tuesday November 3**, with Mercury at 26 degrees Libra square Saturn at 26 degrees Capricorn. Our minds are somber and concentrated, while the weather is gray and cool, as well as changeable with winds and rain. Matters of mind and self-development track along nicely 11 am – 1 pm CST while the

Gemini Moon makes the sextile to Mars in Aries. Then 4 pm – 6 pm CST sees a different, more sensitive or reflective mood set in as the Moon in inquisitive Gemini meets baffling complexities while it squares nebulous Neptune in pensive Pisces. Things are not what they seem, we gather. Tangible stability eludes us for the moment. Uncertainty prevails briefly.

**Wednesday November 4** brings the bright, clever Gemini Moon into trine with newly direct Mercury in diplomatic Libra, 7 am – 9 am CST, thus settling the mind and facilitating the arrival of needed information. The Moon enters domestic Cancer at 3:45 pm CST, thus setting a new trend in motion. Old Moon in Cancer tells us to throw out the trash, clean up the kitchen, and clear away clutter. Broom spells to sweep away the unwanted can be used to good advantage at this time.

**Thursday November 5** is a mixed bag. The home-oriented Cancer Moon sextiles inventive Uranus in artistic Taurus 7 am – 9 am CST, suggesting a time for decorative home improvements. Then, the self-protective and waning Cancer Moon squares Venus in breezy who-cares Libra, noon – 1 pm CST, hinting at social discomfort. Then it's back to the good zone of deep psychic healing as the emotion-laden Cancer Moon trines the vitality-laden Sun in magnetic healer Scorpio, 6 pm – 8 pm CDT, opening a window for effective holistic treatments and welcome relief from concerns. Yet, the day is not done. The Moon then squares Mars in rambunctious, assertive Aries 9 pm – 11 pm CST, inviting ego clashes. The Cancerian influence suggests we simply retreat and hide during the choppy water times. Mercury cranks into the exact square to Saturn, thus increasing mental tension and sources of concern.

**Friday November 6** brings another exact square of Mercury to Saturn at 3:12 am CST, though we would hardly know it as the square has been in effect all week, already even. So now we know it even more. Feeling it is all too easy as the hypersensitive Cancer Moon opposes Jupiter, Pluto, and Saturn in unforgiving Capricorn, and then squares Mercury 9 am – 9 pm CST, thus dredging up unsettled emotions. We are still processing the

powerful revelations of last weekend with the Full Moon, Full Moon conjunct Uranus, Sun opposite Uranus, and Rx Mercury square Saturn. Today we remember that and feel it all over again. That's the effect of the memory function which is so deeply engrained in the sign of Cancer.

**Saturday November 7** marks a change of atmosphere as the waning Moon enters fiery, confident Leo at 1:18 pm CST, and changes affecting world leadership come to attention. Major figures, celebrities, and dominant personalities move into place for a public revelation of status change, made more overt and evident 4 pm – 6 pm CST while the insistent Leo Moon squares headstrong Uranus in stubborn Taurus. Power contests emerge. Even so, sweet moments arise late-late-late on the 7<sup>th</sup> as the Moon interacts with Venus by sextile shortly.

**Sunday November 8** sees the Leo Moon move into sextile with the pleasant, social Venus in Libra 2 am – 3 am, setting up a delightful encounter of the once and future romantic type. Then the Moon makes the waning square to the Scorpio Sun 7 am – 9 am CST, again forcing mind to evaluate the happenings of the now-concluding lunar cycle. We evaluate our doings, see how we measured up in regard to the manifestation of our talents and abilities, and get the images needed for any course correction. In the background, potential romantic and organizational connections make their presence felt as Venus prepares to oppose Mars on Monday, November 9.

**Next week:**

**The week of November 9 – 15** promises high times and major developments. Look what's in store: 1) Venus opposite Mars, 2) Sun trine Neptune, 3) Mercury, now direct, returns to Scorpio, 4) Jupiter conjunct Pluto, 5) Sun sextile Pluto, 6) Sun sextile Jupiter, 7) Mars stationary direct, 8) New Moon, 9) Venus square Pluto, and 10) Venus square Jupiter. Huge happenings are on the way.