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## **Your Weekly Horoscope for July 18 - 24**

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"Thank you so much, Michael! Our second session was even deeper than the first, and beneficial and insightful, and provided much needed clarity." ~Allison

### Tip of the Week:

Against the backdrop of **all the far planets**, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto **in new signs** as of relatively recently, **Mercury** turned **retrograde in Leo** on July 17/18, and the **Sun** will **enter Leo** on **July 22**.

**Mercury in Leo** is generally regarded to be complicated and challenging because Mercury is in its "Fall" in Leo, contributing to heightened ego-centric attitudes where people are effectively blinded by their own light. This is a common factor anyway, described as subjective, credulous, and lacking genuine empathy. However, there is

within this influence the less likely or common but very real possibility of experiencing just the opposite, of rare moments of heightened clarity and creative breakthrough. This would, however, be the exception.

So, **Leo time** begins with a somewhat complex twist. In its most basic and healthy expression, it can manifest as a spirit of ‘fun in the sun’.

This week’s Horoscope will shed a little light on **Mercury Retrograde in Leo** for each sign. Keep in mind that while for some the entries for each sign will prove extra accurate, for others, as ever, due to the influence of at least one or two other signs, the influences outlined could be mitigated. This is always true of Horoscopes since they are based on fractals of the whole, as opposed to a more specific assessment of how the planets in transit are activating the positions of planets and angles in your Birth Chart.

Have a great week,

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## Weekly Horoscope:

### **Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)**

Your ability to focus amidst a spectrum of creative thoughts and ideas is a central challenge during this retrograde cycle. If you can enjoy and be productive by moving from one task to another before any one is complete, you could realize the sweet spot. Let your child out to play, enjoy the company of children and youthful spirits, and find reason to laugh more.

### **Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)**

Leo's association for you centers on home, family, and security. This cycle could prove complex and stressful in a variety of ways. The outer synchronicities woven into the circumstances at play are one thing, but your response to them is the real deal. The basic key is to see the bigger picture, avoid trying to fearfully micro-manage everyone, and trust the flow.

### **Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**

Lucky you, you stand to fare better than most during this Mercury Retrograde cycle. You could enjoy a more creative and animated mood, even more than usual. The biggest challenge stands to be feeling the pressure to keep the peace with others, yet having to suppress what you truly think and feel. Consider that, as valid as your opinions are, they are also relative.

### **Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)**

On the high side, this Mercury Retrograde cycle will support a stronger ability to concentrate and focus than usual. Negatively, this could manifest as rigid postures and attitudes, leaving you and others feeling cornered and stuck. Your ability to feel compassion for yourself and others is a golden key that will open your heart, despite your thoughts.

### **Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)**

Mercury Retrograde in your sign could have big advantages by supporting you to be able to focus more clearly and strongly than usual. It presents a good time to set goals. While others are attending to clean-ups from prior actions, you could actually achieve progress. Your biggest challenge stands to be impatience, so be aware and acknowledge every win.

### **Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)**

This Mercury Retrograde could prove doubly difficult for you, as though in a fog or caught in a dream that you can't awaken from. Slow down significantly, remain calm, and allow for a dreamy, meditative phase. Especially avoid too much thought regarding your public and professional reputation. Lay low, revise and edit, and generally enjoy a gentle, creative focus.

### **Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)**

Lucky you, you are among the few who stand to have a better experience than others,

subject to the influences of this Mercury Retrograde cycle. The emphasis is on friendships and clubs, group or membership affiliations, and these can prove extra stimulating and even illuminating during this cycle. Generally, you may feel more open to new ideas and be able to see more clearly than usual.

### **Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)**

The focus with Mercury is on your public and professional life. Matters could get complex, intimidating, and stressful. You could experience unwanted attention and recognition. Much depends on how you have conducted your affairs up to this point. If you have been integral and sincere without hidden agendas and questionable conduct, you could even get promoted.

### **Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)**

This Mercury Retrograde cycle could prove both fun yet also disorienting for you. If you have parties and festivals to attend to on your calendar, it might be wise to set a clear intention to exercise moderation, especially regarding 'stimulants'. At worst, you could find yourself feeling lost and alone amidst the crowd. Stay in your heart and avoid over-analysis.

### **Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)**

Are you ready to dive deep, perhaps deeper than you have for a long time, perhaps more than ever? If you are, you stand to fare well during this Mercury Retrograde cycle because that is what is being asked of you to meet its challenge. Investigative research to determine several possible avenues of approach for a little later is probably among the best ways to meet this influence.

### **Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)**

With Mercury Retrograde influencing your relationship life, the ideal focus is to aspire to keep the peace. Avoiding needing to be right and aiming to be happy, yet without negating your authentic thoughts and feelings, is a good guideline. Aim to listen more and to be more diplomatic, asking questions more than asserting opinions, are features of this success strategy.

### **Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)**

You are among the signs more likely to experience the highest possibilities of this stormy Mercury cycle. It offers an opportune window to review, revise, and refine wherever doing so makes sense. Take the time to exercise your creative, critical

thinking faculties to make what is already good, even greater. Yet, do think twice and three times before fixing what is not actually broken and is already good enough.

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