OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – Linda Brady

You are receiving the newsletter on October 17th three days after Mercury went retrograde in the sign of Scorpio. IT will be there until October 28th when it moves into Libra, still retrograding. It goes direct in Libra on November 3rd. On November 11th it is back in Scorpio until December 3rd. To you non-astrologers it might sound confusing so I am going to explain one issue at a time. A retrograding Mercury has a bad reputation for creating confusion, disruption, communication challenges and even accidents. I have believed those problems are possible. I also know that they are not inevitable. I use my three R’s to describe how the retrograde can be useful and productive. They are Review, Reflect and Resolve. There are 12 astrological signs that Mercury would be transiting throughout any given year. Retrogrades occur three times a year for three weeks.

As I said, this one is currently in the sign of Scorpio. Here is some background on what Mercury in Scorpio symbolizes:

It seeks the intensity, passion, and even emotional chaos in order to find the depth of understanding that it desires. It needs to transform material desire to spiritual values. Mercury in Scorpio respects and attracts all forms of courage. It sees the world as exciting, intriguing and somewhat dangerous. It seeks to understand the darker side of the human condition. It can be controlling, wanting power for its own sake as well as being relentless and judgmental. Its speech is tinged with emotional intensity and a need for internal power. It may be extreme. Its all or nothing attitude shows up in its words, expressed ideas and thoughts. It is passionate about its beliefs and are not afraid to communicate them to others. Its speech can be intimidating and frightening to those of a less intense character.

When Mercury in Scorpio Retrogrades:

Mercury in Scorpio’s communication style is colored by its emotional needs to probe the human psyche. It may be a bit extreme as evident in its words as well as its expressed ideas and thoughts. Its speech may feel uncomfortable to those less intense. It feels out of control and might withdraw and not wish to speak at all, keeping its emotions private. It needs to find creative outlets for its passion. It needs to learn that finding third options rather than extremes are productive. In a retrograding motion the energy is projected and attracts challenging Scorpio behaviors in others.

On October 28th Mercury retrogrades into Libra

It seeks refinement, beauty, balance and harmony. Its world is a web of social relationships that need mediation and arbitration, through its skills of cooperation and a need for justice. It perceives both sides of all arguments and endeavor to find the balanced center and middle ground of conflicts. Mercury in Libra wants to see a socially refined and charming world. It can be superficial and too interested in what other people think of it. Its need for finding balance and harmony can keep it in indecision and ambivalence. It cares about pleasing others, rather than itself. Its speech is diplomatic, cultured and socially oriented. It is are charming, affectionate and persuasive filled with expressed thoughts that produce compromise and negotiation in social situations.

Mercury in Libra Retrograde:

It may be too flattering of others because it does not wish to hurt anyone’s feelings. It may be more interested in others’ needs than its own. It can be superficial and too interested in what other people think. It wants to find balance and harmony which may mire it in indecision and ambivalence. It seeks to please, and to avoid conflict. Its ability to see both sides of a situation gives it the skills to produce compromise and negotiation in social situations.

With this background it is easy to Review, Reflect and Resolve your own experiences using Scorpio or Libra words. As you consciously review, reflect and resolve your issues you are less likely to create confusion, chaos and disruption. This occurs when issues are brought to consciousness. For instance, you attract a person who is secretive, intimidating and extreme during the Mercury in Scorpio retrograde. Step 1 is review so you do just that. Have there been others you have attracted who had the same behaviors in your life.? Step 2 is to reflect on those people and determine what parts of your unconscious mind they reflect back to you and finally Step 3 is to resolve those issues within yourself.

During the Mercury in Libra retrograde you would follow the same procedure using challenging Libra words. For instance, you might attract someone who is superficial and ambivalent. You would follow the same routine of the 3 R’S. Each retrograde, in different signs, provides you significant information throughout the years. Please refer to my chapter on Mercury in **Discovering Your Soul Mission; New Rules for a New Age** for more information on your Mercury placement.