

## Mercury

Mercury, or known by the Greeks as 'Hermes', is the small, fast messenger of the gods.

He is the god of errands and profit. He protects traders and merchants, but also thieves. The name Mercury contains the Latin word 'merx', which means 'goods'.

In his right hand he carries a purse made from the hide of a small animal. In his left hand he holds a staff around which two snakes are coiled in opposite directions. Also belonging to him are the winged sandals and the hat with wings.

The planet god reflects the nature of a versatile, elusive god. It is the smallest of the visible planets and is always close to the Sun. Its orbit is 88 days. The metal attributed to him is quicksilver, or 'mercur' in French.

The bronze figure is approx. 130 cm high.

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