

Fortune & Your Lot in Life

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Introducing Fortuna

Fortune has come to mean money and wealth; yet it also refers to chance or luck. The word is also synonymous with destiny or fate. All these ideas come together in a point in your horoscope known as the *Part of Fortune*, which contains some clues about your quality and share of fortune, be that chance or capital.

One of astrology's first authorities Ptolemy suggested that the Part of Fortune was primary to the circumstances that regulate the 'fortune of wealth'. While he only endorsed one formula for its calculation, other Hellenistic and Medieval astrologers suggested alternate calculations depending on whether you were born during the day or night. Differentiating day and night had significance to ancient astrologers who made planetary distinctions dependant on a nocturnal or diurnal birth. Following the lead of Dane Rudhyar, modern astrologers tended to use a fixed formula for the Part of Fortune. Since this formula is the same one used for day births, it will only be those born at night whose Part of Fortune shifts when reverting to the more traditional method.



While the Part of Fortune in modern practice is seen as a mathematically-derived point in the horoscope, in ancient times it was generally perceived as a geometrical concept. Rather than using a formula, they would measure the distance clockwise from the Sun to the Moon and then take the same measure clockwise from the Ascendant to find the Part of Fortune. Mathematically this is the formula $\text{Ascendant} + \text{Moon} - \text{Sun}$. For a diurnal birth the ancients would measure the distance clockwise from the Moon to the Sun and then measure this distance clockwise from the Ascendant. Mathematically this is the formula $\text{Ascendant} + \text{Sun} - \text{Moon}$. Like the Sun, fortunes of the day world rose. But the fortunes of the night world began to rise with the Moon. Perhaps as the day world became more triumphant it was easy to forget the fortunes of the night.

Since the lunar phase or distance between the Sun and Moon is measured from the Ascendant, the Part of Fortune occupies a certain house of your horoscope dependant on what stage in the lunar cycle you were born. Therefore the Part of Fortune is intimately tied to your lunation phase at birth, as in the chart following:

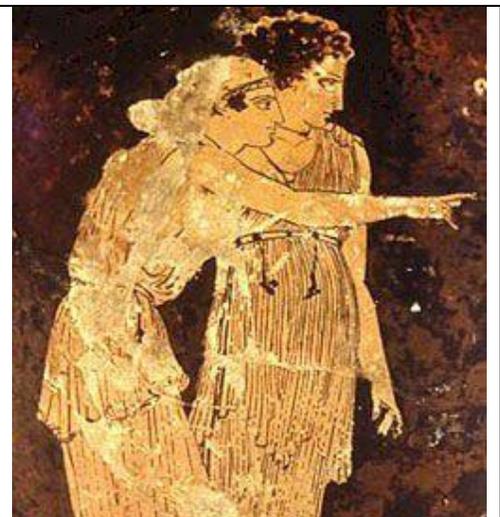
| Lunation Phase | Sun/Moon Separation | Approximate House Day birth | Approximate House Night birth |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| New Moon | 0° - 45° | 1 st or 2 nd | 11 th or 12 th |
| Crescent | 45° - 90° | 2 nd or 3 rd | 10 th or 11 th |
| First Quarter | 90° - 135° | 4 th or 5 th | 8 th or 9 th |
| Gibbous | 135° - 180° | 5 th or 6 th | 7 th or 8 th |
| Full Moon | 180° - 225° | 7 th or 8 th | 5 th or 6 th |
| Disseminating | 225° - 270° | 8 th or 9 th | 4 th or 5 th |
| Last Quarter | 270° - 315° | 10 th or 11 th | 2 nd or 3 rd |
| Balsamic | 315° - 0° (360°) | 11 th or 12 th | 1 st or 2 nd |

Whether ancient or modern, the Part of Fortune is fashioned from three highly significant aspects of your horoscope: the Sun, the Moon and the Ascendant. This point represents a collective of astrological characteristics that forges a zodiacal position symbolising our personal fortune. Being constructed from the Luminaries and the Ascendant, the Part of Fortune is a symbolic amalgam of body, soul and spirit; no wonder this horoscopic point was highly valued by the ancients.

Since the Ascendant represents your physical environment, personality and levels of vitality, it is a primary gauge for wellbeing both in terms of health and wealth. Your Sun represents vital force, the spirit of health and heart; while your Moon symbolises the emotional and soulful aspects of being secure in the world. Since the alchemy of all three created the Part of Fortune, it came to be seen as an image of well being, happiness, connection, security and being well-placed in the world. This was considered to be prosperity: that ability to be supported by the world around you and to be able to access its abundant resources.

The Part of Fortune is also known as the Lot of Fortune. In ancient Greece, the concept for fate suggested a lot, which is a portion or part of what we were allotted in life. The Greek word for fate was *moira* and the Moirai were the three weavers of fate; those who measured, allocated and cut the threads of one's life. With this lot, the ancient astrologers recognised that the tapestry created by weaving the three threads of the Sun, Moon and Ascendant together could be fortunate.

In Greek mythology Tyche represented the aspect of fate that was chance or fortune. Often depicted with the cornucopia, Tyche was aligned with the natural abundance of fortune. In the Roman pantheon she became Fortuna and was connected to the Wheel of Fortune, reminiscent of the wheel of the zodiac and the natural cycles and rhythms of life; fortune is not static, but cyclical in nature. Hence the Part of Fortune becomes a powerful symbol in the horoscope that points to your lot on the Wheel of Fortune. In a contemporary way we might imagine the placement of the Part of Fortune as where we honour the goddess of chance and petition the Fates for our share of fortune.



The cycles of fortune rise and fall. The previous image is from the Classical period, ca 430 BCE. The Attic Red figure style Amphora painting depicts Tyche with her sister Nemesis, who is pointing disapprovingly at Helen, as she is being persuaded by Aphrodite to elope with Paris. Nemesis, as the personification of retribution for evil deeds or unearned good fortune, was often paired with her sister. With Tyche by her side we sense she will be the distributor of Helen's ill-fortune. The pairing reminds us that ill-fortune in part is due to making the wrong choices and being seduced by the gods.

As an ancient symbol in a contemporary context we might see The Part of Fortune in the horoscope as a metaphor of prosperity or where we might align ourselves with the seed potential of our fortune. However it is wise to remember that fortune is connected not only to wealth, but chance; therefore we have to activate and participate with this aspect of our nature in order to maximise our chances in life. And the choice of the right gods or archetypal patterns is necessary. Therefore its sign position will help us amplify innate qualities that are destined at times to be prosperous, while its house position will locate the setting that is important for us to focus on so we can increase our chances in the game of life. Confucius is credited with saying 'when prosperity comes, do not use all of it', perhaps a reminder that the Wheel of Fortune is forever turning, sometimes up, sometimes down.

The Part of Fortune does not necessarily mean literal finances or fortunes, but where you are able to gain from opportunities and circumstances. As a metaphor, this position is where you might locate happiness, feel fortunate or blessed, even lucky. In a way the Part of Fortune is like our lot in life and gives us ways of thinking about how we might best maximise our chances of winning the lottery, symbolically and perhaps even literally.

Following are some descriptions of the Part of Fortune in each sign and house. This position will also be tempered by planetary aspects and other influences but this is a good place to start contemplating this part of your horoscope. If you are born during the night with the Sun below the horizon consider the traditional way of calculating this position. Reflect on its position in terms of how and where you connect with prosperity and how you might best maximise your chances at spinning the Wheel of Fortune.

Your Part of Fortune by House

The 1st House

Much of your wealth is derived from your own personal effort, ingenuity and distinctiveness. Your unique personality brings its rewards and the more you extend yourself out into the vibrant marketplace of life, the more that life brings a variety of possibilities to you. It is necessary to project yourself into life and summon the courage to pursue your dreams, as it is this spirit of exploration that guides you towards your destiny. Therefore it is in developing your distinctive character, your individuality and your ability to be self-sufficient that you create your own luck. Opportunities are born out of your initiatives, self-determination and being able to heed the advice of others but not be dependant on it.

If you were born during the day, a New Moon cycle was just starting and your spontaneity, enthusiasm and naturalness are great godsend for you personally. If you were born at night, the Moon was Balsamic, in its final phase of the cycle endowing your personality with insight, intuition and perception for the future. Whatever time of the day you were born, the Moon was dark, overflowing with instinctual creative urges that seek expression through your personality. Your fortune has its own personal stamp on it and increases the more you feel free enough to pursue your own pathways in life. You are fortunate to be only one of a kind, be able to have an independent lifestyle and a personality that animates life bringing its own rewards.

The 2nd House

You are instinctually fortunate with money; but it is important to note that the fundamental spirit of this house aligns money with values. An important question is 'what do I attach importance to?' On a material level you do very well appraising what is of value, finding a bargain, negotiating the best deal, improving the net worth of your assets and estimating costs of projects. But on a psychological level money is the reflection of your self esteem and your estimate of worth. To secure your fortune be aware of what it is that you value and appreciate, what it is you like and how you can best support your sense of worth. In a way you are what you possess; therefore it is best to find out who you are and what you treasure before you spend your money. You have a great head start being lucky with money, but by respecting your self worth, your fortune increases.

The 2nd house is known as a house of substance. Having the Part of Fortune here is substantial in locating a focus for your destiny. Money is important as a way of securing your future and satisfying your need for comfort and safety. When you invest in what you value and appreciate as well as those you love, you find that your net worth increase. When you bring that sense of worth and value into the heart of your life, you are blessed with fortune. No doubt money is gained from your personal endeavours. But the secret of success seems to be that as you improve your sense of self worth and value your contributions, the Wheel of Fortune turns in your favour.

The 3rd House

Since the 3rd house has a variety of rooms, there are many fortunate opportunities within your immediate surrounds. Your ability to forge links and connections within your family and a wider social circle assists you in creating relationships that can be advantageous to you. Your siblings and school friends may still be close by and they can be of great assistance when you are planning and launching your ideas and projects. You are fortunate in that close friends, associates or neighbours may also be able to lend a hand on your journey towards financial security. You benefit from close kinship and being actively involved with others in your immediate environment.

However, one of your best assets on the road to success is your ability to think things through, access information and news about trends and keep a clear head about all that you are managing. Multi tasking and being busy are beneficial, but what is fortunate is your knack of thinking things through. Literally in the sphere of communication, information,

transportation, news, teaching and coaching you do well. Metaphorically you are in your element when you are able to connect the dots, spread the word and talk thing up. Therefore your Wheel of Fortune is busily turning with many balls in the air and many projects on the go. Your Part of Fortune indicates that you improve your chances when you are moving, talking things through and making connections. Fortune is keeping your money in circulation, as this is the way you spread the seeds for future financial fortune.

The 4th House

Since the 4th house represents the atmosphere of the family of origin, some of your keys to fortune rest under the foundations of the family home. Fortune may well come through the parents; however this might not necessarily be in the form of cash or material assets, but in terms of what you may have inherited emotionally or psychologically. What is your attitude towards prosperity and how has this been shaped by your parent's experiences of money? Was the emphasis on physical possessions or centred on the felt experience of home and family, the sense of belonging and the gift of place? Your inner sense of security is the platform on which you can build up your fortune. It is probably when you have the feeling that you are settled in the right place that you are able to begin building your wealth. The weight of your familial past and your own depth of security become the counterweights that secure your Wheel of Fortune.

With the Part of Fortune placed in the sphere of the family home as well as your own home, these might become wellsprings of capital for you. However you may also have a knack at real estate and gain from investment in land and property. Or this could suggest that you gain through a family business or family investments. Symbolically this indicates that your prosperity is entwined with feeling grounded and settled, able to feel that your roots are firmly planted in home soil. With a solid foundation your family tree can flourish and your particular branch can reach out towards success.

The 5th House

Developing your originality and creative flair will encourage prosperity. Traditionally this might be read as gains through children, perhaps projects or industries that centre on children's needs. Or more simply, it could refer to the joy of being a parent or re-experiencing the enchantment of childhood. On a soulful level we might think of this as the enjoyment that comes from being creative and giving birth to new ideas, projects and activities. Approaching life through the eyes of a child, protected by innocence and enthused by possibilities is rewarding. Setbacks are part of the process. You triumph in the end by not complicating your creativity with feelings of disappointment and disillusionment. You are fortunate when you approach life wide-eyed and animated about the outcome, like that first time you broke open that Chinese cookie to find your fortune inside. This is not blind optimism but a deeper knowing that the outcome will be positive. Something fortunate is embedded in the heart of your inspiration, enthusiasm and creative talent; perhaps it is that strong will to succeed, but it also might be your determination not only to win but thrive.

When we enter the 5th house we enter a theatre complex, an amusement ground, a sport and leisure centre, a casino or a quaint inn. Perhaps inside these arenas you find your fortune, but more likely it is when you allow time to play and be amused you feel lucky and privileged. Chance and risk play a large part when you spin the Wheel of Fortune. It is not luck that brings your fortune, but your persistence at being positive, your creative involvement and your attitude towards life. Destiny will repay your generosity through creative opportunities and risks that pay off.

The 6th House

You are fortunate when you are able to feel successful with your work and happy with your health. With the Part of Fortune here these are the main concerns and when these are satisfied you feel prosperous. In a traditional sense this placements suggest gains will come from work or through those you work with. However the rewards of hard work are not all in the pay slip or salary bonuses, but in being occupied and focused. You are rewarded with your service and advancement opportunities come through your ability to be thorough and accurate in what you do. Your best assets are your self-discipline, ability to follow a plan and managing the details of life. Success emerges from your attention to detail and management of the everyday life. Fortune is found in this consistency and continuity of life.

This sphere is also concerned with wellbeing and maintenance of the physical body; therefore you will gain from taking care of yourself with a proper diet, exercise and relaxation. You feel like a million dollars when you are fit and healthy and this is an indication of how significant health is to your fortune. With this focus you might find that you are drawn to the fields of health and wellbeing; time spent here is time well spent for you. The 6th house is also connected to service but in essence it is more the service to the self that is important. When you find the best ways to stay healthy and as stress-free as possible, you also find happiness. Your investments are in the everyday and therefore it is in what you value and give importance to that will be profitable for you.

The 7th House

It is through your involvement with others that you are able to find more meaning and purpose in life. Others help initiate projects which are worthwhile and expose you to different approaches and values that are rewarding. Traditionally this placement would show gains from marriage and partnerships; in essence anytime that there is a contractual agreement, a verbal commitment or an equal exchange you are in a position to profit from the relationship. This is the potential of your relationships, but you need to choose wisely who will partner you on the Wheel of Fortune. It is as if another is able to hold up a mirror so you can see the reflection of your own worth and value and support and encourage you on the road to riches. Metaphorically it is not the money that is your fortune, but the processes of relationship like sharing, equality, conversation, altercation, empathy, caring and loving that bring pleasure and wealth.

If you were born during the day, you were born just after the Full Moon which signifies that others are able to illuminate your path forward and partner your goals and aspirations. Born at night implies that you were born just before the Full Moon and it is through your openness

and responsiveness to others that you develop ways and means to become resourceful. Since others are important on your path to prosperity it is important to develop the skills of negotiation, the art of compromise and the ability to read character. But it is also vital to know how and when to stand up for your rights and your share in relationships. Fortune comes through equality and a transparent, open relationship, even if that relationship no longer exists. Vocationally there are many trades and professions that work with others and you have the opportunity to gain from all of these; but it is when you are in an equal, committed and evenly balanced partnership that you find your lot of fortune.

The 8th House

You may need to descend below the surface of things to find the appropriate processes to unravel the threads that connect you to your wealth. Literally this might suggest unseen resources like oil, minerals, gas. Since this is also a place where money is exchanged with others, gains are made through honest and clear contractual agreements, sound financial management and reliable partners. Metaphorically fortune is buried inside the integrity of your inner and private life. This is the natural house of inheritance and inheriting generally suggests that something has ended or someone has died. While your lot here may not always signify a monetary legacy, it does suggest that your birthright is to gain from what has been passed on, unfinished by others or bequeathed to you. You are fortunate as you know the deep secret that what ends is reborn in a new cycle. While there may be grief in an ending, you certainly gain by renewing, remodelling and transforming what has been left to you by others.

The 8th house is where you exchange resources with others. With the Part of Fortune here you can profit from your involvement with others when there is a straightforward and trustworthy partnership. When the relationship has trust and integrity it blossoms. Even if it ends in an honest way, there are gains. Again it may not be monetary, but it is emotional. And when there is deep healing through sincere and truthful interchange then you mine deeper resources that lead you to prosperity. Since this is the house of other people's money it is wise to reflect on how much debt you need to be prosperous: you will gain through borrowing capital to fund your business, your home or worthwhile investments, not for monetary gain but for emotional security. And even though you may not suspect it there is a legacy that you will inherit and gain from.

The 9th House

The quality of this cross-cultural environment suggests that your quest for meaning will be enriching and rewarding. Fortune is gained in the escapades of life; it is through life-changing travels, inspiring guides or educative adventures that you find the riches of life. And while they may not be bankable or saleable, they are soulful. And it is in the soulfulness of life where you find your wealth. While you may not find value in conventional religion you can be prosperous through your spirituality. You understand the well-quoted passage from Mark 8:36: *what does it profit a man to gain the whole world yet lose his soul?* You profit through exploring both the outer and the inner worlds, journeying through foreign landscapes as well as psychic ones. Fortune comes with extending your opinions, widening your horizons and tolerating differences.

Prosperity is embedded in your beliefs; hence the more restrictive and prejudicial these are, the poorer you feel. Therefore your fortune lies in open-minded philosophies and attitudes. On a literal level this suggests that you do well with ground-breaking projects, foreign development, cross-cultural assignments or any vocations that endeavour to reach beyond familiar boundaries and entrenched traditions. But your most fortunate asset is that you believe in the possibility and are willing to pursue your ideals and dreams. You are disheartened by negativity and buoyed by positive affirmations of what is possible. Therefore it is wise to invest in your own vision and potential through embracing a philosophy of success and adopting an imaginative mandate.

The 10th House

Finding your role and place in the world is beneficial for you; therefore you are fortunate when you are able to feel that you have a job to finish, a role to play or a goal to achieve. You gain from being ambitious, having a plan and focusing on getting to the top. But success for you is not always being in control of your direction, but in the challenges and responsibilities along the way that contribute to shaping your character. Gaining a sense of autonomy and control in your life are important for your fulfilment. While business success, money and reputation are also important, the nature of commerce has many targets besides money. It is fortunate for you when you are able to feel satisfied with the amount of money you earn and fulfilled by the many other rewards of life. As Henry Ford said: *A business that makes nothing but money is a poor business*

Being a leader is also important to your success. When you are in the role of fostering and mentoring others, you are in a privileged position. It is providential for you when you are called to take a commanding position, whether that is in your business or personal life. You often have a responsible role to take in life, even when you were younger, and your attitude towards responsibility is key to your success. Accepting the function as part of your lot in life, rather than feeling resentful towards your duty of care, brings its own opportunities. Your attitudes towards life and its challenges are paramount to success, as being successful always has its rewards and its responsibilities.

The 11th House

Indications are that you are already in a fortunate position. Surrounding you are friends of the family, school mates and team members, colleagues and co-workers who might all have keys to opening up some doors to success. Perhaps you need to take better advantage of the position that you are in to reap the rewards. Your networks, associations and organisations that you belong to are where you find the right contacts that can help you take the next step to success. It is through your colleagues or friends that you might find out about a new venture or project that you want to be a part of. Therefore all around you, in your community, your social circle and your groups are opportunities to increase your fortune. Again this might not solely refer to investment opportunities, financial gains or material increase but that you find a tribe to belong to and a place where you feel at home. With this sense of belonging you are in a much better position to feel fortunate. Because of the emphasis on community, humanitarian projects are opportune for you. Whether your social

work is salaried or through volunteering, you are rewarded in different ways for your contributions. There may not be a lot gained financially but what you reap emotionally and achieve collectively provides you with a sense of wellbeing.

The 11th house is where science labs, computer programmers and technological corporations are located. The space is adventurous, explorative and future-orientated, so when you step into any of these spheres you are likely to be in a better position. Opportunities are in areas of reform and change. This house is also where democracy and the voice of the people want to be heard. When you align yourself with greater communal causes for human and animal rights, equality and freedom, then you find yourself in the fortunate position of being part of a wide circle of compatriots who share your spirit and support your vision.

The 12th House

You are fortunate in ways that are not readily visible to others. The wellspring of your resources is not easily evident or knowable, but it is there, an anchor entrenched in the deepest part of the soul. It is in the quieter moments of reflection or in solitude when you find an inner reserve that sustains and supports you. But it is also in these moments when you receive the inspiration and guidance that leads you on the right track towards success. Your destiny might be that you make your fortune in a non-traditional way, be that through a spiritual, creative or sacred avenue, via an ancestral legacy or through your dedication to what you deeply believe in. Traditionally this might suggest that fortune is hard-earned; therefore it is your deeper beliefs about the soul that bring good fortune. Prosperity is encouraged through your acceptance of your lot in life.

If you were born at night, a New Moon cycle was just starting and your spontaneity, innocence and naturalness are of great benefit for activating your creativity and imagination. If you were born during the day, the Moon was Balsamic, in its final phase of the cycle bestowing insight, intuition and perception for future prospects. Whatever time of the day you were born, the Moon was dark, overflowing with instinctual creative urges that can be used to craft future possibilities and successes. It is in the dark that you find the treasure, whether that is through a dream, an intense feeling or a premonition. Since your fortune is deeply embedded in soul, the world beyond the physical reality, your true worth is unable to be estimated. How do you put a price on deep conviction and enduring beliefs?

Your Part of Fortune by Sign

Aries

With the Part of Fortune in Aries, your best chance in any sweepstake is when you act spontaneously and travel down an independent route. That hunch that you feel strongly about or that snippet of a dream image that keeps hounding you or the feeling in your bones could be Fortuna pushing you forward into action. When the winds of change blow, you want to make sure the sail is set in the direction you want to take, not the one that you are pressured into taking because of duty or fear. In the larger lottery of life you might recognise that you are fortunate when you take a chance on starting something new, as destiny is found

in the passion of the act and the will to push yourself past the fear and concern. You increase your chances of success with courage and you open up the doors to your destiny with passion and will. Mars rules your lot and since its inclination is to take action, it is important to take steps at your own pace towards building your wealth.

Fortune seems to challenge you and when you respond she does too. Entrepreneurial ventures, pioneering projects and adventuresome assignments are where you find the prosperity of Fortuna. You find the strength when you recognise that you need to be a warrior to chase the dream. Challenges are always there but then so if fortune and they go together in your case. Fortune is never fixed; therefore it is in the currency of the situation, mustering the energy to face the trials and marshalling the nerve to keep moving that you find the winning ticket. You might have to keep spinning the Wheel of Fortune but that's better than it being stuck or brought to a standstill. Your lot of fortune is embraced by your initiative and daring.

Taurus

Your best chances for prosperity are with reliable and secure projects and investments. While the Wheel of Fortune may pay out some of the times when you are in a gambling mood, running these risks are too insecure and uncertain. The intertwining of the three horoscopic threads of the Sun, Moon and Ascendant weave wealth into sustainable, durable and long-standing resources. Fortune is accomplished when the methodical and steadfast strands of your life combine. When you have enough resources to feel comfortable, experience that sense of security and feeling valued with your contributions to family and society, then you are truly fortunate. But with your lot in Taurus it does not happen overnight and so it might be best to know that when you are ready to cash in your stocks or your property, you are rewarded with good returns. Destiny lies in patience and a sense of timing, so it is always best to remember that Taurean time is slower than the hectic tempo of modernity that values speed over quality. You find soul in the products that are created with the natural elements of life and this takes time.

Was Ralph Waldo Emerson referring to you when he wisely said: "*Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience*". We are using the word wisely, as what is of nature is of great value and fortune in your life; whether that is the beauty of the landscape, the sound of birds or the smell of freshly cut grass. Having the comfort and beauty is when you feel fortunate; when you are affectionate with those you love, stirred by music that touches your soul or satisfied by a simple meal, you are prosperous. Perhaps it is also wise to know that the comforts of life aren't really in ownership but in the sensual experience of what you are in touch with. Therefore, while the Wheel of Fortune is always spinning you find your chances in the moment, in the Taurean pace of being able to slow down, stop and smell the roses. There's no rush, as fortune is created one tier at a time, season by season. Gathering strength over time becomes a powerful ally and contributes to resourcefulness. Prosperity and Taurus are astrologically aligned; hence finding wealth accumulation is through steadfastness and patience. Venus rules your lot and since its inclination is towards pleasure and beauty, rest assured your fortune provides you with the comforts of life.

Gemini

Finding ways to adapt and become versatile in the ever-changing world you inhabit are strategies for success. Change is the given and knowing that your lot in life is variable and moveable suggests that your best investment in yourself is to cultivate a philosophy of change or a way of thinking that assists fluidity and flexibility. This versatility is your fortune in a fast-paced world where dual, treble, even quadruple roles at one time are more the norm than the exception. Adaptability is your fortune and strength. Metaphorically, it is that useful ability to solve puzzles, open locked doors, expand ideas, write, teach, and widen social circles. Literally this suggests that investments in the Geminian sphere of communications, intelligence, learning, transportation and IT suit your portfolio. Your lot in life lies in your responsiveness to people, social networks and contacts, as well as the ability to see past the differences in others and embrace each individual for who they truly are. This forte is a great asset as it opens doors permitting you into a much wider world of opportunities. Fast-footed Mercury rules your Part of Fortune so we might think of him as your guide or the one who spins the wheel providing the chances to find prosperity through a variety of opportunities.

Duality is also an aspect of Gemini and with your Part of Fortune here it might suggest that you are blessed when you are able to manage the complexities of life, swinging between family and hobbies, friends and career, being single and being in a relationship. Your fortune is in the capability of commandeering a host of tasks at one time, being busy and connected. Or it could suggest an endowment for pairing with others, through undertakings like coaching, teaching, tutoring, training and helping others understand themselves better. Your Wheel of Fortune is spinning around, but you won't get dizzy if you recognise that it is in adaptableness and being flexible that helps you find your fortune. Mercury rules your lot and since it has a reputation for being the trickster your fortune may be found on many of the interconnecting arteries of life.

Cancer

Your best chance in any sweepstake is to be part of a syndicate. Being part of a caring tribe, you can feel good about being fortunate since others you feel close to are also reaping the rewards. Your lottery ticket has the zodiacal emblem of the crab on it. Like the creatures that dwell on the threshold of the sea, your fortunes are subject to the shape-shifting tides of life. But crabs secure their home regardless of any fluctuation in fortune or alternating tide. You are fortunate as you are able to find stability within the changing rhythms of life which swell, ebb, flood and retract. When you house yourself securely on the edge of life's upheavals, you are better able to prosper in the world without being swept out to sea by emotional complexities. The Moon is the protector of your fortune; therefore it makes sense that prosperity will come in cycles. Therefore find security by protecting your basic needs like your home, nurture your attachments, invest in things that last, save enough for rainy days and then you are in the best position to secure your future.

Fortune comes with attachments so perhaps before you make an investment or down payment with an emotional connection, make sure that it will last a long time. Prosperity is built on an emotionally stable foundation and when you feel secure and enveloped by what you love, over time fortunes grow. When you are surrounded by emotional closeness and security you are more receptive to building your wealth. On your Wheel of Fortune it is

important to remember that everything old will be new again so what you nurtured and lovingly cared for over time grows in value. In fact much of your profits are embedded in the ambience and feeling that you put into the environment. Prosperity is not just because the service you provide, the home you sell, the meal you cook or the boat you build is good quality, but because it is invested with care and concentration. Your lot in life might feel as if you are the provider or carer, but on the wheel of life, kindness and loyalty come around again and again.

Leo

Your best bet in the casino of life is to play for fun. You are fortunate when you are able to bring enjoyment and play into the mix. With your Lot of Fortune in Leo, your destiny is entwined with your own creative self expression. So whether you are the one amused or the one who entertains, give thought to what aspects of your self contribute the most to your success. These probably are the more self-assured and confident sides of your nature, your generosity of spirit and your warmth. What brings fortune is your self-assurance. To succeed you need to shine and this suggests being out there or up front. It is important to be visible whether that's your name on a brand, the artist signature or the exuberance with which you do your work. So in this way your fortune is intimately tied to your personality and your recognition of your abilities to promote, to sell, to tell a story, to advertise, to entertain and to be seen.

Leo is associated with the heart and the Part of Fortune here suggests that prosperity is connected with the heart. Literally how do we take care of the heart: whom do we love, foster and encourage? Symbolically how do we find heart in what we do? Even if we are a serious professional, how might we engage the playful child in our work? No matter how dignified or powerful we become, we need that healthy inner child who balances the serious sides of life with bemusement and frivolity. For it is the lionhearted, who best know how to play, find amusement in the humorless and irreverence in formality. Leo is also royalty and needs to rule; therefore in building our capital and managing our funds you need to be involved and in charge. Leo fathers and this suggests the need to direct your fortune. Ruled by the Sun is a fortunate symbol; it suggest golden days of prosperity so what is it that stands out and shines brightest for you. When you know that, you know what to invest in and where you need to be to feel fortunate.

Virgo

Over 2000 years ago Virgil said that *'the greatest wealth is health'* and this is still true today for you. Wellbeing is not always a given, but when you feel centered and healthy, you feel prosperous. Therefore to insure a fortunate destiny it is best to be conscious of health and watchful of your daily routines to optimise a nourishing lifestyle. In a busy, demanding technological world it is often difficult to find a tension-free zone that offers respite from stress. Therefore one of your best investments is in health, whether that be your own personal fitness or the wellbeing of your environment. With the Lot of Fortune in health conscious Virgo, you profit from finding healthier alternatives to living. Jane Fonda with her Lot of Fortune in Virgo was enormously successful with her workout videos woman could do in their own homes.

Sometimes mindfulness directed towards the simplicity of domestic tasks can be a mantra for stabilizing the spirit and improving growth opportunities. In the completion of simple tasks you might find a sense of fulfillment and well being; however, it is not the enjoyment of the task that brings fulfillment, but its ritualistic nature that is of value. Being at ease in the present moment is of great value. Fortune comes effortlessly when your lifestyle supports the simple virtues of life. Virgo also points to qualities that promote efficiency and analysis. Therefore it is best to be as attentive as possible to the turning of the Wheel of Fortune since paying special attention to maintaining a healthy attitude to your financial and economic situation is a great service to yourself and others who you love. Being discriminate about your financial service providers, perfecting the practice of money management and being meticulous about what you invest in are the rituals that enhance your lot in life. Your assets and resources also need regular health checks and by scheduling these and being careful with financial matters, the Wheel of Fortune is more inclined to land on a winning combination. It is through your ability to be focused, industrious and mindful that you find your lot of fortune. Mercury rules your lot and with his guidance, sleight of hand and cunning perception your door marked fortune can open up at any time.

Libra

Peace and partnership are entwined along your path to prosperity. Your fortune is to be in the company of those you like, to be in relationship with those you love and find a way to be at peace with those who are difficult. Mother Teresa once said: *"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other"*, which is characteristic of the challenge to work in relationships, especially with those who we might find difficult. Your lot in life is to strive for reconciliation and balance without enlisting in the Peace Corps or becoming a saint! This quest for peace is deeply embedded in the human psyche, personified early as the Greek goddess Eirēnē. In a well-known statue of the goddess, she holds the child Wealth in her arms, an apt personal metaphor for the affluence that peacetime brings. It is in times of serenity when you have the opportunity to prosper. Your Wheel of Fortune spins in your favour in periods of calm and harmony.

The sign Libra often points to the fate of being in the middle, appeasing the aggressor and comforting the victim. You are fortunate when you summons the grace to be able to see past the faults in others and supportive to those who have been discouraging. The three separate strands that interweave to create your Part of Fortune produce a refined and sophisticated tapestry able to be seen from all sides. Your lot in life is to see the situation from all aspects, weigh it up and then make a choice. Your prosperity depends on making these choices. But you are lucky: Providence has introduced you to some very cooperative and beneficial partners and associates who can steer you through the decision-making process. Success is always a two-way street and you are fortunate when you can share your success and prosperity with others. You are fortunate in that you are not alone and can summons financial support and resources from your life partners. Venus rules your lot; therefore its blessing brings the appropriate people to you at the right time.

Scorpio

With the Part of Fortune in Scorpio, your success is cultivated by emotional depth and strength. It is in developing your ability to be emotionally contained that you are better able to focus your inner power on achieving your outcomes. Scorpio is known for its intensity and with your Part of Fortune here this could be a strong suit for you, as you are able to keep your nerve even through difficult times. In the sign of inheritances and wills, prosperity may come through legacies or bequests, but your fortune is not necessarily in the monies received but in the intimacy of the union. When you are deeply involved in intimate friendship, unions or partnerships you feel fortunate. Material goods and capital made be provided by others or gained through your dealings with others, but it is the forging of intimate relationships where you find your treasure. You are able to create wealth with another far beyond what you could have for yourself. Trust becomes the emotional commodity that is valuable and when you have a deep trust of yourself and integrity, this resource pays off. Scorpio is also a sign known for its innate understanding of the cycle of birth, death and rebirth; gain, loss and recovery. Therefore your prosperity probably feels cyclical; yet with an innate understanding that loss and re-growth are part of the cycle, you can be more attuned to when it is time to let go or end certain financial ties and when it is time to reinvest or start something new.

Fortune is also tied to the ability to investigate and probe beneath the surface of things. Therefore this is a skill that will help you discriminate which projects are of value, who is trustworthy and which projects have integrity. With this insight you are able to make the right decisions for your financial future. Mars is the ruler of your lot and its passion and drive are great assets that help you build secure resources. You are fortunate as you know when it is time to let go and when it is time to hold on. Reading the signs and ascertaining the right time for these things if ultimately important, but is also a skill worth developing.

Sagittarius

Abundance is fashioned from a positive and hopeful attitude. Hope and faith are woven into the strands that make up your Part of Fortune. This is not false hope nor blind faith, but an engagement with life's heroic spirit that is determined to succeed no matter what the obstacle, adventure regardless of the risks and lives fully despite the pain. Rabindranth Tagore likened faith to a bird "*that sings when the dawn is still dark*". Similarly, you find your fortune in your optimistic outlook, such as reframing the dark as the time before the dawn. Having this Sagittarian influence on your Part of Fortune suggests the need to be optimistically orientated about your destiny, even at the darkest hour. Fortune is found through empowering your confidence with the conviction of your beliefs, as this allows a buoyant attitude even through the most difficult of times. Like all successful entrepreneurs and wealth creators, protect yourself with an armada of affirmations to remind you of life's possibilities and profusion. Read any success story and you find your path to fortune is forged from daring to fight the odds and win. Fortune is in your farsightedness. This is the vision that soothes your spirit when troubled, guides you forward when you're weary and reminds you of the wisdom of struggle.

Embedded in your Part of Fortune is the necessity to be far-sighted, look into the future, and have a second sight. To partner this you will need a philosophy of prosperity. Therefore it is

important to develop your beliefs about wealth and what it means to you. Perhaps prosperity is not in the materialistic world of money and possessions, but more in the quest to understand. Literally this might mean you feel well-off when you can travel and study, when you participate in the adventure of life and are connected to the large picture. But when the horizon is too close or there are not enough new pastures to explore, even though you have material wealth, that's when you might feel deprived. Jupiter turns your Wheel of Fortune and so whether it is rising up or down, you are fortunate under his direction as you have the possibility of that wider vision and optimistic outlook.

Capricorn

The profits of life are increased through truth and honour; therefore you might find that it is easier to be autonomous, as in this way you have more control over the integrity and quality of your work. Self employment or at least working to your own schedule might suit you well, as the summit of excellence is reached by finding the highest standards in yourself, not following the criterions of others. Fortune lies in being aware and responsible for what needs be done even if you feel inadequate or ill-equipped to succeed. Nothing could be father from the truth, but this is unable to be known at the time. Over the course of time the truth is revealed through hard work, dedication, commitment and responsibility. As Winston Churchill once said, "*Responsibility is the price of greatness.*"

The ancientness of Capricorn is often seen as old rather than wise, as our culture seems to have lost respect for Capricornian values like the passing of time, quality, excellence, distinction, discipline, structure and accountability. Yet this sign suggests an ancient feminine wisdom which knows how to preserve and contain, and it is in this principle that you find your fortune. When you find something of value it yields its best results through preservation and developing an established tradition. No doubt there is a need to keep up with the ever-changing dynamics of the commercial world, but your fortune is not in the ability to adapt, but in the value, quality, integrity and excellence of the product and your work. Therefore your fortune lies not in the latest fashion or trend but in the intrinsic value of the merchandise based on its class and distinction. This is also true of your investments. If it is invested with respect for tradition and time, then it is worth considering. Your resources and assets are built with the essentials such as respect and integrity, discipline and duty as well as sound economical logic. You are the authority over your lot in life and when you spin your Wheel of Fortune, know that it is Saturn, the custodian of time that oversees where and when the wheel stops. Hence a respect for the seasons of time and the appropriateness of age guarantees the best outcome. Your lot of fortune suggests that the virtues of reliability and honesty are the developers of your prosperity.

Aquarius

Your best chances for prosperity come when you are in contact with that inner sense of emotional freedom and space. When you are free from the constraints of a conventional lifestyle and daring enough to do your own thing, then you are in a much better position to feel prosperous. But it is not freedom from others that you seek, but more the lack of restrictions that open up free expression and inventiveness. Therefore you thrive in an open playing field, in progressive environments where technology creates possibilities or in

democratic forums where the focus is on equal rights for all. You are fortunate when you are able to tap your bright and ingenious side, and unregimented enough to see where that leads. Your fortune lies in the possibilities of the future and you are moving towards that.

Having an Aquarian flavour, your Part of Fortune suggests that your affluence is entwined with the wealth of the larger community. How can you feel prosperous when others in your immediate community are not? Therefore there are two very important strategies to consider. First, until you feel wealthy and prosperous, it is best to be as detached as possible from the lack of fortune you see around you. It is in striving for your own growth that you will instinctually help others. Secondly, when you are resourceful and well-off, then this is the time that you can be philanthropic. It is important to know that your destiny is part of a global one; therefore you can take advantage of collective movements for your own gains. Part of your fortune is that you can read the trends before they become fully developed and use this skill to your advantage. Saturn rules your lot and it knows where the time is right to take advantage of maximising the potential of the situation. It is in that sense of timing, reading the signs and being available to imminent opportunities when your fortunes on the wheel begin to rise.

Pisces

The Wheel of Destiny spins in your favour when you are not attached to the outcome. Accepting whatever happens is not being passive or sacrificial, but is an active recognition that there are forces greater than the self that control the wheel. You are fortunate when you are able to feel in sync with these forces. When you align your fortunes with more imaginative and receptive outcomes you find that you are in favour with the gods. For the more pragmatic, it is worth considering that your fortune lies outside the boundaries of what most regard as realistic - in more creative and inspired pursuits, perhaps in the company of artists, visionaries and prophets. When you think of how you are best suited to make your fortune it is towards these folk that you need to lean for advice. Being prosperous is not always found following mainstream ideas; for you it is a creative endeavour. Fortune is aligned with the imagination, as that is what allows you to access soul and give meaning to your life. With meaning you thrive. Without space for your imaginative process everything that is mysterious or unknown becomes projected onto matter and begins to happen outside, rendering the inner world barren and lifeless. And it is the inner world that animates your fortune.

Artists find their expression on a canvas, in a song, through movement or in a sonnet, and it is important that you too feel that you have a creative outlet, because when you place yourself in that position you feel well-off. Wellbeing comes through this connection to the other world; therefore it is beneficial to explore that area of life in whatever way you feel comfortable. Creativity is allowing a soulful expression in whatever you do, and being open to read the more subtle signs that are along your life path. Your ability to see past the material world, to sense possibility in things and to perceive potentialities and opportunities where others cannot is your creativity. And it is this creativity that is your fortune. Jupiter is the one who oversees your lot of fortune and its nature is to increase and expand; therefore this spirit guides you in that direction when you are in touch with your imaginative and spiritual faculties.