

QUICK TEST: HOW MONEY COMES TO YOU

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Below I want to share with you a quick and easy astrology test to get at least some idea of how money might come to you in this life. It is not 100% accurate, but it is generally quite accurate, so check it out just for fun. In the meantime, a few words about money or our lack of it at times.

Money Worries

Money worries are like clouds in an otherwise mostly sunny life. Some of us have them worse than others, especially those of us who are in business for ourselves. I have been an entrepreneur for as long as I can remember, which by definition means I am on my own, at risk, taking chances, walking point, endlessly venturing into the unknown, and things like that. No one is taking care of me. I have to take care of myself. Sound familiar?

I am sure some of you are in the same boat and most of you either have now or have had money worries sometime in your lives. As the Buddhist say, this world of cyclic existence we live in by definition is undependable, if not downright unstable at times. The flood tides of life come in and they go out, carrying us high for a time and dropping us low at another. We all have low tide, sometime. It is a cycle. I am reminded of the old folk song "Nobody knows you when you're down and out." How right that is.

I am not complaining, but I am talking about it here. Things can be going swimmingly one day, all is right with the world, and then some pivotal event occurs and we are confronted with a barrier of obstacles a day later. Our sense of being 'right with the world' can go out the window in a flash, leaving us under the worry gun once again and perhaps feeling sorry for ourselves.

I have to admit that I am subject to these changes in moods and view at the turn of a simple event, like finding out you did not get a job, when you thought you had. Or, you are laid off or let go. Those events are real mood changers, but they similarly exist in lesser versions that also carry weight and weigh on us, bringing us down to earth.

What I am calling attention to here is how quickly we can switch from hope to fear, almost in an instant. How schizophrenic is that? One moment everything is going along fine. We are something like 'happy', or at least hopeful. Then the phone rings, we are laid off from our job (or something not expected), and in an instant we go from hope into fear, faster than a thought. This is a sign of not having proper mind training.

No matter how serious the news, nothing has touched us physically, but only through the mind. And if it is something that is hard for us to hear, how much better it would be if we could have all our wits about us at that moment, rather than to be plunged into fear like molten steel in water. We immediately lose whatever equanimity we have, just at the time we most need it. This is where mind training would be helpful.

Most of us live in one of two states, either hope or fear. Of course, we all prefer to live in hope rather than fear, but the truth is we tend to live in both, and neither holds much happiness. And we tend to slowly alternate between hope and fear based on the events and signs in our life. If something good happens, some good sign, we live in hope that it will continue (things look

good) and that kind of hope is probably as close as we get to happiness on a regular basis. On the other hand, when something 'bad' happens, like we lose our job or some otherwise serious obstacles appear on our path, we tend to lose hope and can be plunged into something like fear or even into pure fear itself. It is possible to live in fear; most of us have done it, are doing it, or will do it again soon, at least on a small scale. Money worries alone can bring on the onset of fear. Ever have them?

The Buddhists point out that hope and fear are not our friends. We all would agree that fear is not our friend, but hope? We all tend to think of hope as our friend or at least a positive approach to life. From the Buddhist standpoint, both hope and fear take us away and distract us from the present, which is the only place we can start from, the only place we can actually change our life. Of course, living in fear (however slight) is a terrible distraction from simply being here now, present. The disadvantages of hope are more difficult to admit, but they also distract us from just being present. A metaphor for hope I like is that of swimming with an inner tube just ahead of us in the water and beyond our reach, and the waves we make by our swimming forever keep the tube beyond our grasp.

As mentioned, most of us mistake hope for happiness. We think if we can be hopeful, we are happy. Hope keeps us going and it may be the promise of happiness, but it is not happiness itself. Hope may be a modern substitute for happiness. It keeps us from actually realizing the present and taking full advantage of whatever means we do have. In other words, hope keeps us from doing something about our life today, right now. Hope is always about tomorrow, the future, and not now, not today. Many of us are very hopeful.

OK, enough blathering. Here is the money test. First go to this link:

<http://astrologyland.com/>

And on that page, in the middle of the page, you want the little box that says "Star*Types Life Path, a light-green rectangle. Just click on the red button in that green box and you will go to a page where you can enter your birth month, day, and year. We don't need the birth time for this. Enter your data, and hit the "Next" button.

You will then get a page with a brief sample report for you, but on the third page (after the cover), is a brief section on how money is most likely to come to you. Of course, you might want to look at the introduction, etc. or eventually want to see an entire report on your career and life path. I wrote it to help people understand what talents they have and how they might exchange them for things they lack in their chart.

Enjoy,
Michael

Photo: One of the eight auspicious symbols, this one being the Golden Fish, symbolizing the auspiciousness of all beings living in a state of pure fearlessness, beyond the danger of drowning in the ocean of Samsara. They can swim! Drawing by Sange Wangchuk, color by Michael Erlewine.

