

Fortune Telling Astrology ~

A misfortune teller tells you that transiting Saturn will be in your 7th house this year. With leering eyes and rings hanging off her fingers she informs you that evil, obstructive Saturn is going to decimate your relationships (7th house), and so your heart will be broken and lonesome misery is awaiting you. That's perfectly reasonable, if the misfortune teller was looking to create a self-fulfilling prophecy. Astrology is not the art of crystal ball reading, doomsday prophecies, or divination from Ouija boards. The transits of astrology can point to an area of life we become oriented toward dispensing energy to. For example when Saturn leaves the 6th house to cross the 7th, intense focus on health and responsibility (6th house) becomes marriage and partnership (7th house). It may indicate that relationships will end, but this follows the intense scrutiny of Saturn. In a less fatalistic perspective, it suggests that we relinquish relationships that no longer serve us in profound and enduring ways. Astrology is not fated. Maybe the misfortune teller dangles some crystals and gasps at your natal chart. She alarmingly informs you that with Mars in the 8th house you will no doubt die a violent and brutal death. But astrology cannot tell the future, it helps you create a future. And to spend your life in fear of a bloodied demise will only wilt the zodiac petals that bloom within. Astrology cannot predict the date of death or experience of intense trauma. Our free will weaves inner meaning with the language of the cosmos and we continue to write the manuscript with a heaven soaked pen. Every astrological symbol can present a favorable and positive meaning or something shadowy and devouring. The qualities of the signs, planets, and houses are poured from the stars like cosmic gel at the moment of first breath. Free will allows us to consciously select the traits that we express, how we respond to the situation, and whether these be the evolved and positive aspects or the more unsavory characteristics. The Neoplatonic argument is that there may be a fate represented by the signs and planets, the spirit of man is free and can make its choice regardless. There may be fated experiences, though Jung's theory is the fated experience being that of something repressed into the unconscious. So our client that has left the misfortune teller's shop in grave fear of her marriage need not be so concerned. In a year, she very well could be divorced, but it could turn out to be the best decision that she's ever made. All she needed was the wisdom and self-assurance of Saturn to finally leave. Or her marriage may become stronger than ever, as she comes to realize the deep connection and everlasting partnership they have created together. The beauty of astrology lies in its cosmic calligraphy, it's heavenly archetypes that make spectacular patterns of personalities. It's ancient stories about being human, the magnificence and the pain, the Gods and the Goddesses dancing through us.

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