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- ... To you who have known suffering, may your burdens be lighter..
- ... To you who have carved deep into the well of sorrow, may joy now fill it...
 - To my students who forever stimulate me to discover how little I know. Their names are too numerous to mention, and their love and devotion too abundant to put into words..
- ... To my Dearest Princess Penny Sue,
 Who feels so much, because she knows the precious value of
 Caring... and from the depths of her love comes the music of
 Inspiration that is her gift of joy to the world..

Chapter One

THE PART OF FORTUNE

One of the most intriguing aspects of Astrology, as well as the most mystifying, is the Part of Fortune. While minor definitions of this very special point in the horoscope have been put forth, no work has yet been able to clearly pinpoint the exact meaning of this most important area in the natal chart.

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As man experiences ups and downs, trials and tribulations, he is sustained by a ray of hope which points to the ultimate prosperity of his destiny. When the current of life is going against him, he knows within that better days lie ahead. During those better days, when he senses more joy within himself, he may feel that his thoughts, emotions, and activites are leading him closer to that goal which is his Soul's sincere desire.

Beyond his momentary needs, every man has within himself the structure of his aspirations. It is this framework of ideals which teaches him the difference between right and wrong. When a man steps out of this framework, he loses his sense of right and wrong; staying within makes it easy to understand that whatever leads to the ideals is right and whatever diverts him is wrong. Thus the concept of right and wrong for any individual is much less a product of the morality of the society he lives in than it

is the means through which he may recognize those intangible ideals which he has defined for himself as his own particular goal. Attaining these ideals would give him a lifetime of joy. None of us are too old or jaded to believe in fairy tales or the presence of God; hope for the ultimate good or some distant dream just beyond the horizon of one's imagination. It is this intangible sense of hope that gives man not only his zest for life and his desire to achieve beyond his present attainments, but also a powerful faith in the optimistic outcome of his future destiny.

Each individual innately knows that somewhere there is a "pot of gold" waiting at the end of his own rainbow. To reach it, man is willing to go through the storms of life from which he emerges as "captain of his own ship." The trials and tests which he invites and endures are only the waves on the seas which he travels towards his own promised land. The mastering of an obstacle in the path toward an idealistic goal brings one closer to the shore.

The moments in life that a man feels fully settled are comparitively few in relation to the time he spends moving towards his goals. Sometimes one loses the compass and goes astray. Yet at , all times, at the very deepest levels, there is maintained the pure essence of the ideal; that life's happiness is waiting, if one is willing to bring in his own ship. For some this great joy may depend on another person, or it may involve the securing of money; or it might be some form of something quite esoteric or spiritual enlightenment. For many people it may be something quite simple—merely affording themselves the time to just "be."

The ideals of joy are numerous and varied, obviously. It is for this reason that each individual has enough space and choices to personalize in his own unique way that particular ideal which would bring the greatest sense of joy and contentment.

A poet has written, "no man is an island...". Thus, the defining of one's greatest ideals is not an easy process. Man must confront factors outside of himself, as well as those within, before he can know the particular blend of circumstances which will bring him to the sincere desire of his Soul. The greatest obstacle that man meets along this path is the maintainance of inner and outer harmony. Outer harmony results from inner harmony. Inner harmony *allows* one to know the goals and ideals which will bring one happiness—"the pot of gold."

In astrological language, this pot of gold is known as the Part of Fortune. It is through the expression of this point that one feels most at home and senses his correct niche in life. The Part of Fortune is also the point through which one feels rooted in the center of their being.

The goals and ideals of a lifetime may sometimes take a lifetime to reach. For those fortunate enough to reach such a golden vibration early in life, there would have to have been much struggle compressed into a relatively short period of time. Thus, it is clear that the Part of Fortune works better for an individual after mid-life than it does during his youth.

Because of its peculiar nature and the promise of so much good that it holds, the Part of Fortune represents that place in the horoscope where, within himself, the individual knows that he must not compromise his ideals. He struggles not only with his own conflicts, but with those of people around him in order to experience inwardly and express outwardly the sheer beauty of what he knows is possible.

The first factor one confronts along this path of idealism is the understanding of one's Solar nature. Through the Sun Sign one must learn who they are, what they stand for, and establish a very positive identity vibration which grows more in harmony with all one has been given by life. A person must be willing to face the

brightest parts within himself that are in fact so good as to almost not be believed. A person must learn how to energize this goodness until there are no longer doubts about identifying with it. One must accept all that the universe has meant for him as one of God's very special children, while at the same time disciplining their lesser parts which dissipate vitality and detract from the radiance of their greatest potential. Through the Sun Sign one must know who one is, not in terms of what others think or say, but rather through how much of oneself can be known. We face the formidable task of being both gentle and strict with ourselves at the same time. Like a flowering plant we must learn to point ourselves towards the Sun's rays while keeping firmly rooted in that place which will become the center of being. We must not deny our own strength, we must recognize weaknesses, and allow strength to deal with them. A person must learn to radiate all that he is so that as there is growth, there is an ability to more purely reflect the energy and beauty of their being.

Through the Moon Sign, man must confront a very different part of his nature. Here one learns how to react emotionally to all the stimulating forces of life. Through much practice, one develops response patterns which become the building blocks of attitudes. Man meets his greatest tests dealing with the environmental circumstances of life. Experiencing the seasons or changes that flow within, one must manage to achieve and maintain a clear and accurate reflection of self, not only through one's own eyes, but through the feedback received from others. The elevating of consciousness through the Moon position is in fact a very difficult task. This does not mean that an individual must practice emotional control, rather one must achieve emotional harmony. These two are very often not the same thing. To control one's emotions in the light of unpleasant factors outside of oneself is much like using an umbrella when it rains. One

would rather not carry around a cumbersome umbrella, but at the same time, having the choice between sunshine and rain, one would rather that it not be raining. True emotional harmony comes from the recognition that one cannot change the weather, but one certainly can change the ways in which one adapts to it. The willow tree that bends in the storm while its leaves blow with the changing winds, straightens up again when the storm subsides, and sparkles again as one of nature's most magnificent creations. At the same time, a brittle tree is always broken by the storm. The tender branches and leaves of the willow are very much like man's emotional nature as represented by the Moon. Although the branches and leaves bend with every breeze we have a keen awareness that their survival and growth depends upon their ability to maintain their attachment to the trunk of the tree. Here the tree trunk may be likened to the Sun Sign, which is the center of our purpose.

The Sun Sign represents the factors which are the essence of the individual—a gift—which make the person uniquely himself. Through the Moon Sign one learns how to adapt to the changing world. The Moon is the storehouse of the habits learned for survival. Man measures himself against the world he lives in and tries to maintain a balance between the needs which will nourish his Sun Sign and those which society allows one to fulfill at any given time. Through the Moon Sign one considers the needs and opinions of other people, and through meaningful response to them, sustains both himself and others. The balance between the emotions, felt by the Moon, and the needs of the Sun, and their integration, form a new sense of being which enable an individual to experience a single, directed objective in life. The sense of being opens the individual to an awareness of the essential ideals which structure the direction *and* the objective.

To consider the Sun and Moon alone as factors which lead to a balance within the individual would mean our ignoring a universal law: the law of the triad, or three. In all of nature two of anything automatically causes an imbalance. Witness the opposite ends of the see-saw, with one end up and the other down. Positive/negative situations always exist when two factors alone are considered. Things appear to become right or wrong, black or white, high or low, left or right, east or west, large and small, dominant or submissive, and the list could go on forever. It is only when the Law of Three is considered that perfect harmony and balance are achieved. It is the apex at the top of the pyramid through which all power is focused; the fulcrum at the center of the see-saw at which the opposing ends can be balanced. The concept of God in much of the Western world is presented in the form of the Trinity. Relationships between two people only work smoothly in the presence of the divine higher power. The two sides of a coin are meaningless without the third factor of the essence of the meaning of money itself.

The Law of Three is present everywhere in Astrology. Each sign of the Zodiac is divided into three parts or decanates. There are thirty degrees to each sign—three times ten. Each quadrant of the Zodiac contains three signs which represent the seasons of the year. There are three qualities for the elements: Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable. The Grand Trine aspect, through which a miraculous divine protection seems to shine and always helps an individual land on his feet, is symbolized by three points. The science of geometry, to which Astrology is directly related, permitted man to construct the physical triangle which is the strongest architectural form for a building.

The Ascendant is the third factor which balances the Sun and Moon signs. All planetary energies are experienced and expressed through the Ascendant. It is here, particularly, that the pull between the Sun and the Moon will be felt the strongest. Here one develops the personality which allows one to deal comfortably with needs and feelings. The difficulties experienced in dealing with external circumstances generally force most people to use the Ascendant to harmonize the Moon's energies at the expense of those of the Sun. Thus, the personality developed at the Ascendant is also used as a mediating facade to temper all an individual feels and all he believes others think he should feel. This focuses great attention on the Moon, but actually says very little for the needs of the Sun Sign.

When the personality, as symbolized by the Ascendant, and the emotional or habitual self, as symbolized by the Moon, are allowed to dominate the Sun we are faced with a situation in which the base of a pyramid is seen as more important than the apex. The base exists to support the apex, and not the reverse. In the Bible it is said: "And the builders rejected the capstone." The essence was ignored and sacrificed for a lesser level of being.

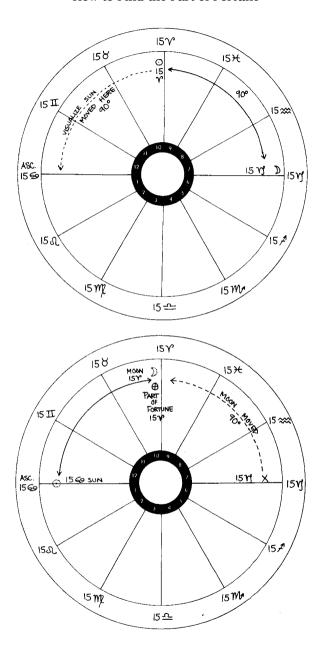
To readjust the balance, an individual must become more aware of the power of his Sun Sign. The best way to do this astrologically, is for one to re-draw the birth chart with the Sun at the Ascendant or to place the Sun at that position mentally. By making the Sun form a conjunction with the Ascendant, the individual's personality attunes itself to the needs of the Sun. Thus we are increasing the importance of the Sun, and not allowing the personality to act independently of it. Now both must function together towards a common goal. Obviously, this changes the emphasis of the Moon. If the Ascendant is now functioning as a product of the Sun, and is no longer a facade for the Moon, then it is the Moon which now must cooperate with this new balance which represents the individual's strength and potential. To continue with the

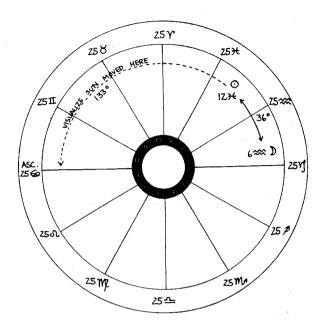
analogy of the willow tree: if the tree trunk, the Sun, has been transplanted to the Ascendant, then the leaves., the Moon and the emotional needs, must move also and in the same measure. We can't cut our tree apart. For this to be accomplished we move the Moon the same number of degrees in the same direction the Sun was moved. For example: if the Sun were at 15 Aries, the Moon at 15 Capricorn and the Ascendant at 15 Cancer we would imagine the Sun at the degree of the Ascendant and the Moon 90 degrees behind it or at 15 Aries. The degree relationship between the Sun and Moon is unchanged—it is the same 90 degrees. However, the sign placement is changed. One more example: the Sun at 12 Pisces, the Moon at 6 Aquarius, the Ascendant at 25 Cancer. The Sun and the Moon are 36 degrees apart. If the Sun is visualized at the Ascendant, 25 Cancer, the Moon would be. 36 degrees behind it or 19 Gemini. (The diagrams which follow should make this process very clear.) The Moon's new position sign and degree—constitute the Part of Fortune. In our examples, the first would place the Part in 15 Aries, the second would place the Part in 19 Gemini.

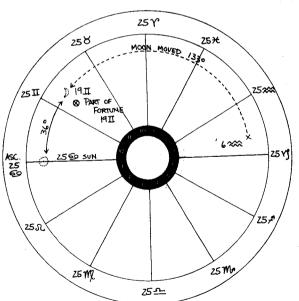
The Part of Fortune symbolizes that place in the horoscope through which the Sun, Moon, and Ascendant are in the best harmonic relationship to each other and are easily expressed to the greatest advantage for the individual.

The Part of Fortune, like the planet Jupiter, promises abundance. However, in a larger sense it encompasses much more of an individual's being than any particular planet. It attunes the individual to that environment in which it is most natural for him to succeed, and it defines for each individual where their own unique and particular concept of success will be. It also shows the strongest need in a person by defining that particular keynote to which their entire being vibrates.

How to Find the Part of Fortune







In every individual there is an ego and an ego ideal. The simplest way of defining the ego is to say it is what the person thinks of himself. Whether his thoughts of himself are correct or not, the way he perceives them becomes his ego. At the same time, his ego ideal is made up of the thoughts representing all he would like to be that he is not. Thus, the ego ideal is always much more than the actual ego in terms of one's dreams of fulfillment. As a result, when a person looks at himself he sees his ego ideal, or all that he would like to be, and his ego (the knowledge of all he truly is) both at the same time. Often he sees a great gap between these two. This gap motivates him to reach beyond all that is within his current grasp.

The ego itself changes from day to day, moment to moment, depending upon what an individual does, the environment he finds himself in, and how successful he views himself to be—in his own eyes and in the eyes of others. The ego-ideal, however, is more of a fixed point in an individual's mind, world, and destiny. It symbolizes that part of himself which he believes would fulfill him—if he could reach it. Thus, the ego-ideal represents something that the individual is inwardly striving for, and its joyous fulfillment can be attained by finding the harmony promised by the Part of Fortune.

PART OF FORTUNE AND KARMIC REWARD

Since the Part of Fortune is dependent upon how an individual uses his Sun, Moon, and Ascendant, the benefits he will receive from it will depend upon how these three factors are working in his horoscope. If these three factors have been used negatively, then the Part of Fortune may seem to be a Part of Misfortune. This occurs because the individual has not made attempts at elevating the consciousness represented by the Moon. It is easy to see why this is so when one realizes that by moving the Sun to

the ascendant it is the new placement of the Moon that actually fixes the Part of Fortune in the horoscope.

If an individual has been using his Moon fluidly, and as a dynamic, integral part of the horoscope, so tuning the Soul with the rest of his being, then the part of Fortune can be expected to work quite positively. On the other hand, where an individual has been using his Moon as a storehouse of negative memories, then it can be expected that the Part of Fortune will not work positively. Even at its worst the Moon represents growth, change, the development of new habits, and the initiation of new emotional attitudes which ultimately help to elevate one's karma. Most astrologers would agree that it is the Moon that tends to give people their greatest difficulties. It is interesting to note, from a horary point of view, most people make appointments for astrological readings on days when the transiting Moon is passing through the exact house in their horoscope which describes the reason why they requested the reading in the first place. Thus it. can be seen how important the role of the Moon is in the working out of one's problems. It is through the working out of such problems that the Part of Fortune becomes that source of ideal inspiration—the proverbial pot of gold at the end of one's rainbow.

ACHIEVING THE PART OF FORTUNE On a very simplistic level the Part of Fortune may be considered a lucky spot in one's horoscope, a source of opportunity through which one may achieve his greatest desires. Yet the idea of luck, opportunity, fulfillment, and completion remains abstract unless the individual makes concerted efforts towards his goal.

In the early part of this century many immigrants came to America believing that the "streets were paved with gold." Unfortunately, most were soon to learn that

this was only a myth. There were a few, however, whose individual efforts towards making this myth a reality actually made it so in their own lives. The idea that every individual has an equal chance, in God's eves, of becoming happy remains an idea except for those whose efforts make this seemingly intangible concept the reality of their existence. The vision of the spiritual movement in the world today is indeed very beautiful. But the true experience of it is available only to men and women who are willing to confront and overcome the obstacles which keep them from union with their Divine Self. In essence, the Part of Fortune works in much the same way. It is there for the taking, but it must be strived for. In this sense one fact becomes very clear: there is always a Divine Blessing hidden within the Part of Fortune. The question of an individual's ability to receive this blessing depends completely upon whether or not the life is focused on the highest ideals. If not, then one is diverted by the momentary distractions of things which seem more pleasing and easily obtained. Naturally, the degree of this blessing varies with each individual. If the expectations are on a material plane, then the Part of Fortune will operate materially; if the expectations are spiritual, then the Part of Fortune will operate spiritually. Those who exert control on every aspect of their life are, in essence, also controlling their Part of Fortune. This tends to limit the possibilities. When the individual is able to trust that all of the factors and circumstances in his life are designed for the ultimate good of his evolution, as well as that of the world, then he is adding infinite possibilities to those which the Part of Fortune may bring. With this outlook he may well receive that which was beyond expectations. Great preparations are required for such a bright ray to enter one's life.

One's attitudes play a very large role in one's outlook on life. These attitudes are in turn a part and a

reflection of one's value systems. Values are developed early in life through the influences of one's parents. We can see this astrologically through the placement of the Sun, which represents the father, and the Moon, which signifies the mother. As a person grows, he begins to find substitute figures for authority and gentleness. A sense of security is _ stablished to balance these as well as other factors which comprise the value systems. In other words, as one grows, values change. They never truly leave the framework of the Sun and Moon positions in the chart, however. As this process of substitution finds higher levels of values, internal harmony grows closer to the ideals which are prompting evolution. The patterns change, and a new identity emerges, expressed through the Ascendants.. Whether or not this new identity is close or distant from that which was learned in youth is not important. What is important is if it represents a distortion of the ideals or a harmonious blend of the deepest goals. If we are true to these goals, then the attitudes which develop from the value system will lead us to the promise of the Part of Fortune.

THE PART OF FORTUNE: A FOCAL DETERMINATOR

The Part of Fortune symbolizes the greatest reward that can be received by any individual. It therefore becomes a very important and sensitive point in the horoscope. Because of this, the entire chart may be read through it. One may see the ways in which the planetary energies can be used to place the individual on the path of greatest promise. When this is done, all of the obstacles, conflicts, and tensions which appear in the chart may be viewed as tools or meaningful stepping stones for the achievement of that singular goal which will bring the individual the greatest joy. The horoscope now takes on a much larger perspective. Rather than focusing on any one

particular problem or conflict, it directs the attention towards that specific point in the chart where the person can find the greatest expression and joy. As a result, a person can learn how to use all of the planetary energies, focusing them on the area of the Soul's greatest longing. As a focal determinator, the Part of Fortune helps one look beyond that which the lower or concrete mind perceives, and creates the proper perspective for the opening up of the higher or intuitive mind. This opening allows the true ideals and goals to emerge, giving expression to the essential nature of the Soul. The spiral is at once turning inward and outward.

PATTERNS AND THE PART OF FORTUNE

In full moon birth charts the Part of Fortune always falls in the Seventh House, regardless of which houses are actually involved. The Sun/Moon opposition always indicates some kind of conflict with the parents. An individual usually begins the resolution of the conflict after marriage and parenthood. In this instance, the Part of Fortune in the Seventh House indicates the possible bliss which can result after surmounting conflicts which would have ruled one for nearly half of the life.

On another level, whether or not an individual marries, the Sun/Moon opposition will ultimately bring a very objective and clear-seeing state of consciousness. The Seventh House Part of Fortune, balanced by Libra's natural rulership, gives the individual the opportunity to see life through the eyes of others, as well as his own. Perception of life becomes an extension *through* the perceptions of others. Ultimately a balance is achieved between all of the possible ways of seeing, and a unity of feeling and being is achieved which serves to make the individual the focus of increased spiritual energy and purpose.

In horoscopes which show a conjunction of the Sun and the Moon, the New Moon horoscope, the Part of Fortune will always fall at the Ascendant. Depending on the exactness of the conjunction, the Part can be within a degree or two of the cusp, either in the First or the Twelfth House. The New Moon Part of Fortune shows that the individual will reach the greatest fulfillment understanding himself and the world through his own eyes, rather than the eyes of others. This is accomplished by learning to use the Sun/Moon conjunction in the most positive of ways. By so doing, one is able to develop a harmony in the personality through which a joyous oneness of Self is expressed and becomes firmly established. The outlook on life will be highly subjective. Yet this individual may add a freshness and vitality which comes from the union of the Sun and the Moon. The past, as represented by the Moon, is burned away by the heat and light of the Sun. Now all that remains is a new beginning; an out-pouring of spirit directed at the perfection of the personality as a vehicle for the expression of the Soul.

When the Moon forms a Square aspect to the Sun, the Part of Fortune will also form that aspect to the Ascendant and fall either in the Tenth or Fourth House—the Midheaven or the Nadir. These angular house cusps are super-sensitive, come under the natural rulership of Saturn and the Moon as they are governed by Capricorn and Cancer, and signify, among many things, latent potential and its manifestation. The Sun/Moon square indicates tension between the parents. The individual feels this and carries it with him through life. Thus, there is a powerful need to find a resolution for this tension. Establishing harmony with the thoughts of one of the parents usually serves to bring about this resolution. Since the Fourth House indicates the mother, and the Tenth the father, the exact placement of this part clearly indicates through which of the two parents the individual will work

out this tension. There are instances, however, when a parent may be seen in the opposite house. Close examination of a chart will indicate which house may be properly assigned to a particular parent. It will be this area of life, and the ways in which the parental role is assumed by the individual, which will bring the greatest fulfillment.

The Part of Fortune may be likened to the brass ring on the merry-go-round of life. To reach for it, the price of admission must be paid, and the individual must be willing to go for the ride. If the aspect between the Sun and the Moon is harmonious or inharmonious, there is still much work to be done before one can experience great benefit from the Part of Fortune.

In the case of the opposition, we must clear away karma that has lingered for lifetimes. We must stop trying to be the center of the universe and understand our very tiny role in the grand plan. There must be a balance between taking and giving, with the understanding that too much of either is destructive to the goal of complete objectivity. The individual stands with one foot in the past and the other in the future. There is desire for action and a desire to see others act. There is a desire to lead, and to be led: a desire to evolve and to remain the same. There is a need to acquire, and a need to release. It is no wonder that the individual born at the full moon is constantly torn by opposites. There is a feeling of living in two universes at the same time and seeing both simultaneously. The Buddha (along with other Masters and Enlightened Beings) is an example of this Sun-Moon opposition and the ultimate rewards of the Seventh House Part of Fortune. In many ways this aspect represents the highest mountain, and as such, the most difficult one to climb. But the view from the top is breath-taking.

The New Moon birth might seem to be more harmonious for the individual. However, one must remember that the Moon represents one's reactions to the outer environment. It also represents what an individual believes others think of him. Thus this particular conjunction becomes extremely difficult because of the great self-consciousness that the person must overcome. This must be achieved before one can see themself clearly, without subjectively seeing the outer environment as directly or personally involved with that which is felt and thought. In youth, this person identifies strongly with everything and everybody. There is a belief that others are noticing every "fault" noticed within. This results in a tendency to over-react to environmental circumstances which are in reality impersonal. This individual has the most difficult task of confronting himself so as to develop an identity which depends less on externals, and more on what is projected from within. Parental harmony, which is often signified by the Sun-Moon conjunction, may not be as simple a factor as it seems on the surface. Moreover, the oneness of ideas and attitudes might appear to bring harmony, but it can actually be a hindrance to the establishment of personal identity, depth, and fullness of being. Thus even the subjectively oriented individual must go through the process of growth and change. He needs to become more centered in hopes for the future and new ideas, rather than in those which were projected onto him as a child.

In the Sun-Moon square we have quite a different picture. The ambitious drive created through the square is designed to ultimately gain the acceptance of the parent represented by the house in which the Part of Fortune is situated, or by the nearest cusp. Thus, a very powerful inner drive compels the individual to achieve either to compensate for inadequacies felt in youth (if the Part falls in the Fourth House), or to overcome the feeling of being under figures of authority (Tenth House). In either case the striving is less a matter of trying to please oneself than it is an attempt to prove oneself worthy of the acceptance of those viewed as superiors. Yet, even with this

motivation and outlook, the individual can achieve great fulfillment. This can be done if one recognizes and feels that limitations created by dominance may be overcome through accomplishments, striving, and dedication to ideals. This Sun-Moon square and the placement of the Part of Fortune symbolizes the need to rise above either an idea, a principle, an inherent weakness, or a dominant personality which has prevented the individual from reaching their potential. Only when the person actually begins to reach that potential is he able to see glimpses of all that the Part of Fortune promises.

The last major relationship between the Sun and the Moon is the trine. This aspect between the lights indicates internal, harmony of the principles they represent. Wherever this aspect appears, the Part of Fortune will always trine the Ascendent. In many cases the Part will appear in the Leo-ruled Fifth House or the Sagittarius-ruled Ninth House. These are respectively ruled by the Sun and Jupiter which give the trine aspect its qualities: easy, care-free flow, confidence—the belief that one is right and "knows"—and luck. The trine always has these qualities, even if not placed in the above mentioned houses or signs.

The trine indicates the need to actively cultivate the practical side of the fire nature, and by reflex with the opposite signs, the practical side of the air signs. The "active" part of this process is derived from Mars, ruler of Aries, the initiatory cardinal fire sign.

The trine also represents the many circumstances outside of the individual's control. The sign Leo, and the Fifth House, holds rulership over the will. One must develop the inner strength to deal with externals. If the Part of Fortune is in the Fifth House, the will is generally in accord with the principles of established society. If the Part is in the Ninth House, the mind may be directed to ideals and standards which, while not necessarily in conflict with established principles, can nevertheless

represent a level of aspiration not consciously considered by the population as a whole. It is important to remember, however, that Leo can be the Philosopher King and Sagittarius the Benevolent Despot. There are no set rules here. We are merely suggesting possible lines of approach, and not saying that the Fifth House makes for the more "conservative" or the Ninth House the more liberal or advanced nature. In both cases the signs and houses are naturally governed by "planets" which represent the highest principles: light and truth. The trine symbolizes these two factors working together unhindered. They are given. If the individual successfully learns the lessons which are presented by life, then the will and the aspirations may be easily expressed through the ascendant. This is the key-note of the trine—easy expression. The Sun-Moon trine shows itself through the demonstration of the will and aspiration; a future willed in harmony with the past lessons, and ideals growing out of a harmonious past. Sometimes this expression is almost too smooth, and the individual is tempted to let things slide, and not take an active or purposeful role in his own life. It is here that the importance of the first fire sign, Aries, becomes evident: active, decisive, purposeful Martian energy, balanced by considerate, intelligent, precise Libran (Venusian) energy. The balance of the fire triad, as symbolized by the trine aspect, gives the individual the purpose, the will, and the aspirations which sustain life, and ennoble the spirit.

THE PART OF FORTUNE AND THE HORIZON

The Part of Fortune acts differently when it appears in the different hemispheres of the horoscope.

When the Part of Fortune appears below the horizon, the gift of fulfillment that the person experiences is in the giving. The greatest joy is achieved through all he

gives to others. The more he is able to give, the more fulfillment he is able to experience.

When the Part of Fortune appears in the upper hemisphere, the individual is destined to receive some form of blessing from others. Looking at this from a Karmic point of view, his soul has unquestionably earned it from lifetimes of prior service. The individual with future rewards to be received is earning them now through his Part of Fortune in the lower hemisphere. This clearly shows whether a person is living out a sowing or a reaping Karma in his present life. The individual with his Part of Fortune in the lower hemisphere is sowing seeds of love now, in order to receive the same in the future. There is no greater joy than that which one experiences from acts of giving. The individual who has his Part of Fortune in the upper hemisphere is living out a reaping Karma from which he is receiving the harvest of all he has planted in the past, and to receive with humility and gratitude is to be truly worthy of the gift.

Chapter Two

THE PART OF FORTUNE: A POINT OF HARMONY

Studies of Sun Sign Astrology pay much attention to the effect of opposing signs. It appears to have become commonly accepted that when an individual experiences difficulty in living out their own Sun Sign, there is a strong tendency for them to express the most negative qualities of the opposite sign. It is for this reason that Taureans, who practically never lose their temper, are known for having the most explosive tantrums in all of the Zodiac. These very rare but powerful outbursts are not at all the expression of Taurus, but rather the more negative qualities of its polar opposite, Scorpio.

Cancerians, when hurt, are known to clam up, go into a shell, hide behind a wall, and literally not speak to whomever has hurt them for months at a time. This type of behavior is not at all in harmony with the true warmth and sincerity of Cancer, but is one of the negative expressions of its polar opposite, Capricorn.

When one refuses the help and generous guidance of an interested Leo it can almost be expected for the Leo to say in return, "O.K., I tried my best, now do it yourself." This apparently quitting attitude is never found in the sign Leo itself. His primary objective is to be in command at all times. However, seeing the futility of any given situation the Aquarian aloofness takes over.

In like manner one can easily observe how each Sun Sign will exhibit powerful characteristics of its opposite sign. More often than not, these will be the most negative characteristics of that sign because they usually show up as a result of the resistance and frustration one meets trying to be oneself. One might call this "grabbing at straws".

When we come to the Part of Fortune, however, polar opposites must be considered in a different manner. The Part of Fortune is always a point of harmony. In order for it to work this way, the sign which is opposing it must not be allowed to pull negatively in the opposite direction. If this is allowed to happen, then the Part of Fortune cannot work as a harmonic center in the individual's chart. Instead it becomes a distortion based upon a very strong pull between the sign it falls in and the opposing sign. If the individual is willing to learn how to express the most positive qualities of the opposite sign, then he is removing the obstacles which would otherwise hinder the Part of Fortune's highest expression.

Joy, luck, ease of function, and the concept of harmony in general are not only products of the convergence of positive forces. This would be only one side of the coin. These are in fact an expression of the absence of opposing forces. Thus, if an individual experiences ten positive forces in his life at the same time he experiences ten negative units—ten opposing units—the total outcome will leave a numbed feeling of neutrality. As soon as the balance is tipped, either by adding one positive or removing one opposing force, the individual begins to experience more joy. On the other hand, if the balance is tipped in the other direction by removing one positive or adding one opposing force, the individual begins to lose his sense of joy. In order to understand how an individual reaches his greatest happiness, the whole concept of joy must be seen as what appears to be an uncentered point on a spectrum of positive and negative forces. As uncentered

as the complete positive experience of joy appears to be, it is in fact the true center of our being.

The world seems to be filled with positive and negative forces expressing themselves as desirable or undesirable circumstances which each person must deal with. It is important to realize here that we must all deal with these forces from our true center of being. Given man's present state of evolution (and consciousness), this is never the same at any two moments, nor the same for any two people. That is where the work to be done is—on our being. We must at the same time work on our knowledge. Thus, at the present time, it is for the Deity alone to experience the balance, the neutrality, of the millions of apparently opposing forces, both good and bad, or positive and negative, desirable and undesirable. On our human level, we are each a small part of the Divine whole. The center of being of each of us, while seeming to be far removed from that true center of universal being which only God himself is able to view, is nevertheless able to experience the Divine joy in a very unique way.

If each individual seeks his joy by using the Sun, Moon and Ascendant in the most positive ways, while trying not to offend, hurt or create negativity with the people and circumstances represented by the sign and house opposing his Part of Fortune, it becomes obvious that in the eyes of God, the world experiences positive evolution. If, on the other hand, each **individual** seeks joy through the most positive harmonious use of. his Sun, Moon and Ascendant but *fails* to yield to people, circumstances and events symbolized by the house and sign opposing his Part of Fortune, then through the eyes of God, the world experiences chaos.

The Part of Fortune always has a divine quality which is beyond the individual's personal efforts, beliefs and sense of happiness. Therefore, it is important that in an individual's search for what is best for him, he does not

violate what is ultimately best for the evolution of the society in which he plays a part. For this reason, all of the factors which oppose the blossoming of an individual's Part of Fortune must be dealt with in the most positive ways possible. The answer to all of this lies in one's ability to be completely impersonal with all of those factors, circumstances and events which are found in the house and sign opposing the Part of Fortune. These factors are world or universal factors which can easily distract one from the specific path which will bring the greatest joy. One must learn how to accept these factors and deal with them in the ways which lead to world evolution so that one not only cooperates with Divine Goodness, but at the same time remains impersonal to all of those factors which seem to oppose the personal sense of joy.

The individual confronts his impersonal self in the house and sign opposite the Part of Fortune. This tends to create a strong tendency to reform the attitudes and behavior patterns of others. Here one begins to understand the part of oneself which is not personal but which instead reflects the role played in the master plan. If in this area one expresses love, understanding, and wisdom, which are God given, one is fulfilling an obligation to the Creator. The better we are able to do this, the more we will be allowed to experience the Part of Fortune. In this approach there is a removal of all negative forces from the personal self through the recognition and expression of that part of us which was meant for God, the Impersonal Self. The personal sense of joy, as found in the Part of Fortune, and one's impersonal sense of joy as found in expressing a more universal aspect of the self through the opposite sign, can be in harmony with each other rather than in conflict.

The exact degree and sign opposite the Part of Fortune through which each of us experiences a part of the universal reality, I call the Part of Impersonal

Consciousness—the symbol **a** as indicated in the charts in Chapter Seven. When an individual is fulfilling his Part of Impersonal Consciousness, the supply and support received from this area of the chart become supremely abundant. It not only begins to remove obstacles which would otherwise be in the way of the experiencing of the great benefits of the Part of Fortune, but in fact gives the correct sense of perspective through which one can feel great personal joy. At the same time, it allows one to know that one is an integral part of the cosmic whole.

Whether a man considers God as some, far removed, nebulous deity, or the sum total of the perceivable cosmic reality matters very little here. What does matter is that an individual's personal sense of good fortune and joy is impossible without their feeling the cooperation of some higher power. Whether that higher power is something infinite that one believes in, or the source of a perfectly balanced universe, or simply that which attunes one to the natural forces beyond personal control, there is no question that in recognition and cooperation with this force lies all potential for experiencing great happiness, and the understanding of how one's life is a flowing part of the river of all life.

Chapter Three

THE PART OF FORTUNE IN THE HOUSES

Here the individual will receive his greatest benefits from life after he has learned how to be purely subjective, not only about himself, but in his outlook on the world in general. The concept of subjective consciousness generally viewed in a negative manner when compared to an objective perception of reality. However, for the individual with the First House Part of Fortune, the ability to look at himself and his world through his own eyes exclusively, rather than the eyes of others, is what will bring him his greatest achievements. The idea of achievement in any area of life is based upon the ability to focus energy in a single direction, without distraction. In order to do this a highly subjective one-pointed outlook on life must be developed. As the individual learns that all comes from himself, he will be less dependent upon views others have of him and his work.

When the Part of Fortune appears in the first House, there is a strong likelihood that the Sun and Moon are forming a conjunction in the horoscope. In cases where this is so, it becomes obvious how important it is for the individual to pull the power of both luminaries together so that he may view himself as the center of his life, ultimately striving to become complete. The rest of the world he contacts will then be in tune with his own goals and ambitions. It is important for this person to direct his life along a meaningful course. He will not receive much help from others, unless he asks for it. Yet in his asking, he weakens the benefits of this First House Part of Fortune by depending less upon the power of the harmonious self he is capable of developing. His greatest fortune comes when he is exhibiting independence and self-sufficiency. Whatever goals and ambitions he achieves in life, no matter how great they seem, will ultimately be secondary to all he comes to understand by discovering himself.

If the individual wins a lottery ticket, it will occur when he is alone. If he receives a job promotion, it will not be based upon anybody else's efforts. If he comes across a lucky find in an antique shop, it will not be because somebody told him that that was the place to go. He will find his own particular pot of gold providing he is willing to reach for it himself.

In striving for achievement, he will find that his highly competitive nature works best when he tries to exceed past successes, rather than compete with forces, people or projects outside of himself. This only scatters focus and dissipates energies.

With this particular placement of the Part of Fortune, personal appearance becomes very important. Thus, the better the person can learn to please others through a harmonious appearance, a gentle, pliable personality, and the willingness to not make waves in other people's lives, the more space others will give him.

Because the Part of Impersonal Consciousness (IC) falls in the Seventh House, this person must take an impersonal and spiritual approach towards marriage and all affairs in which there are dealings with other people. He will know his highest truths when in the company of others. People will act as the agents for the opening up

within. If this person is able to apply these realizations or truths to themself, they will ultimately gain great mastery over the limited ego. Understanding a form of "selflessness" allows one to experience a freedom of a higher order; one in which personal needs and the needs of others loose the distinction of isolation. The limited ego is made servant to the higher self, which is the same for all. As this mastery increases one experiences the joy of real self-fulfillment

Ø IN THE SECOND HOUSE

Here the individual will reach his pot of gold by first discovering what is of true value to him. He must build firm foundations so that as the years go by he becomes more and more sure of where he stands. Unaltered by the winds of change, he seeks to build substance for himself and others that will ultimately give a richer meaning to existence.

Money and the things it can buy are of extreme importance to him, but only insofar as how his possessions reflect his true values. By learning what is of use and what is not, he ultimately comes to understand that there is no harm in the possession of useful things. The harm is in the attachment to things which are no longer useful.

This person can be extremely lucky with money in endeavors which reflect his sincere values. At the same time he will experience just the opposite effect when he tries to attain or possess anything which does not reflect his highest values.

The impersonal part of himself, as symbolized by the Part of Impersonal Consciousness (IC) falling in the Eighth House, experiences the values of others. He tends to absorb these values to the extent where he must learn how to discriminate between his own values and those of others.

The greatest weakness of this placement comes from allowing oneself to be swayed by the absorption (or reflection) of the sexual values of others. The greatest happiness will come from achieving an inner steadiness which is unaltered by the deviations of associates, as well as the society. The richness which is constantly sought will ultimately come in the form of a principle through which one will have learned to guide one's own life. As strong as this principle will be, other people must be allowed to find their own rules. Because one has sought the central principle of personal existence for so long, the finding of it alone makes one want to give it to others. There will be attempts to do this, but it must be learned that in instances where a listener does not listen, the speaker often becomes weakened and loses his own frame of reference. What is correct for one might be so for the whole world, but it is vital to remember that by trying to give to those who are unable to accept, there is a chance of losing sight of the goal.

Through the Eighth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness this person must learn to view the world's values in a detached manner. One does not have to agree with all that one sees. One must accept the validity of beliefs and opinions that run contrary to one's own, understanding they do not, in fact, threaten the security found in one's own beliefs. The world may be allowed to continue on its course.

When this outlook is achieved, we find that all of the hypocrisy in the world has little effect on personal happiness. Duality is relative. It is important for us to see so-called duality so that it may be resolved. At that point we may ultimately understand the difference between what is and is not personally meaningful.

It is interesting to note that while the Second House Part of Fortune involves the building of substance, the Eighth House IC involves the destruction of the false

aspects of that substance. These substances may be physical or mental. The IC in this house will show values which add little to the building of the substance of personal happiness. This person will notice the reluctance of friends and acquaintances to change, and as a result experiences many clashes with people. There will be loss of friendships because of fundamental differences in values. Still, in this loss, one is expressing an important part of the Divine nature. This person's powerful example is able to teach the importance of standing by meaningful principles. When one is able to become truly impersonal in relation to Eighth House experiences, these clashes are minimized. They no longer interfere with the building of personal happiness through the Second House Part of Fortune. Thus, this placement of the IC shows which building blocks fit our own structure, and which fit the structures of others. There develops an ability to see what is personally meaningful and necessary.

⊗ IN THE THIRD HOUSE

Here the joys of communication through relationships will bring the greatest fulfillment. This person seeks to be understood by others with great earnestness. Language and the use of words are very important to him, and he tries to understand how others think and see things so as to develop a greater perspective in his own thinking. The more clearly he is able to see the relationships between people and things in his life, the better he develops his ability to think. This person's ability to think clearly is what will ultimately bring the greatest fortune. There is a constant quest to refine the perceptions and great joy in teaching others how to do the same. This person loves to share ideas—it gives a sense of growth and security. Here the security is based on thought rather than on material things.

The Ninth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness creates a unique experience in terms of the individual's consciousness. Here there is an impersonal expression of Divine, cosmic ideas through the higher mind. Yet great joy in life comes from a man's ideas as expressed through the lower, or concrete mind. Until one realizes the difference and relation between the very personal lower mind, and the impersonal higher mind, there is an experience of conflict.

There is no question but that this person sees a higher consciousness as more desirable. However, he is as vet unable to live in it. He is a born teacher of ideas and ideals which are just beyond ordinary comprehension. Thus he must come to learn the difference between the presence of ideals as guideposts for humanity, and the reality in which they must be lived. These higher ideals are constantly thrust upon him. If he can accept their wisdom and apply it in his own life, then all of his relationships (which are based on his ability to communicate) will be improved. Then great joy will be experienced just being with people. This occurs because he has something important to say. He must learn not to be judgmental, for the ideals he feels through the Ninth House IC are often as difficult for others to implement as they are for him. Thus, while it is important for him to present his ideas to the world, it is equally important for his own sense of happiness not to force these ideas on those who may be unwilling to accept them. Impatient by nature, he must learn to wait for that special moment which makes real teaching possible. An idea expressed in a unique way, so that it lights the torch of understanding in another, gives him the happiness of knowing he is useful. He learns to understand that society needs his ideas, and the better he can express Divine ideas in a purely impersonal way, the more acceptance he will earn.

Having absorbed many different thoughts on religion, philosophy and attitudes about life through the

Ninth House IC, he is happiest when he sees the highest truths surpass the mental barriers which keep people separated. Many people with the Third House Part of Fortune tend to study different religious, ethnic and spiritual subjects. As a result, their personal relationships are unhampered by a one-sided outlook. One of the prerequisites of understanding is fairness which comes from an ability to see all facets of a situation. Thus, through the ability to bring higher understanding into all human relationships, the individual with the Third House Part of Fortune can experience great happiness through everyone he meets.

Ø IN THE FOURTH HOUSE

Here the individual will reach his greatest joy through nourishing the beginnings of life. It may be human life, plants, pets, the birth of ideas, or the beginnings of projects that need special care to develop. Here there is a great sense of fulfillment in giving. The sense of completeness which the Part of Fortune offers comes from feeling how much one is needed. In doing all of these things, the individual is seeking to establish his roots. There is a yearning to build an emotional foundation which will be strong enough to support future growth.

Through the Tenth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness, one must learn that things take time to mature. There is a very strong tendency to want to reap the harvest before the seeds have even been planted. Thus the person must understand that man sets goals so that his life has an enriched purpose and direction. One must not allow the projection of each goal's end to fill one with the illusion that something has indeed been accomplished. Thus, the great feelings of accomplishment that will accompany the meeting of each goal, while imagined with the goal itself, must be realistically seen as not attainable until the seeds have been sown. For the person with the

Fourth House Part of Fortune, the great joy is not so much in the final achievement, as it is in making the firm beginning steps of each journey.

In order to view his Tenth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness in the right perspective, this person must recognize and understand the need for an established order in the world. He must be able to see the structure of the society he lives in, but not let its size and crystallized nature intimidate his feelings about the very important, yet seemingly insignificant beginnings that he makes. It is from his beginnings that all structure r will eventually develop. Thus, he is to see the structure, the strength, and the power of the established society as that which gives the world its form. He must not identify with this form, for if he does, he will lose his own sense of purpose.

For this person, the pot of gold is actually at the beginning of the rainbow. The farmer does not know which of the seeds planted will grow. Yet he cares for each of them equally. Caring is in his nature. With this attention the seeds sprout and grow roots. It is here that this individual finds his greatest joy. That which he is personally capable of tending and nourishing will give him a sense of oneness with the source of creation.

In expressing the Tenth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness, he must confront and deal with all aspects of the material world—and well he knows them. 'It is important that he accept this, for these factors exert great influence on the final outcome of all he begins, and in an impersonal sense symbolize the completion of all beginnings in the world. It is here that he sees man's responsibility to man. If he is able to meet his responsibilities impersonally, he will never lose his sense of security.

This person receives great joy from being natural, while not offending or being offended by the seemingly

plastic world. Here one must be tender and pliable, while not disturbing that which is brittle and insensitive. Highly attuned to the land and nature's ways, this person tries to teach others about ecology and the preservation of the sources of things. The closer he stays to the root of existence, the more happiness he feels. Great joy comes, too, from a sense of naturalness. Yet he must learn to accept that which appears artificial.

For some this placement means great fulfillment through a parent or staying close to one's heritage or ancestry. For others it means the safety, security and fulfillment of being in touch with the very roots of their soul. On whatever level the individual chooses to seek his Part of Fortune, he will realize his greatest joy when he does not allow the world's ego, which he feels through the Tenth House IC, to interfere with the real essence of himself that feels, flows, breathes and grows as nature's child.

⋈ IN THE FIFTH HOUSE

Here the individual feels his greatest joy when engaged in an act of creation. Whether this is expressed as a particular talent, or merely a way of playing at life, he is able to identify personally with all that he creates. Thus, not only is all he does a product of himself, but he in turn becomes the product of all he does. He has the great ability to put his dreams into reality. The reality he lives in is very much of his own making.

The Eleventh House Part of Impersonal Consciousness envisions the ideal reality. It is from this ideal that one must create. Thus, if the ideals are too low, overly scattered by the influence of friends whose ideals are uninspired, then the ability to create is lessened. If on the other hand, the circle of friends enlivens the hopes, dreams, and wishes and pushes them slightly beyond his

grasp—but still within the realm of imagination—then the creative Fifth House Part of Fortune is enhanced. In order for this person to reach his greatest happiness he must not only be discriminating with the people he chooses for friends—they have the power to be the inspiration or destruction of joy-but he must also be selective in the dreams he chooses to dream. There is an old saving: "be careful of what you wish for, you might get it." No truer words have ever been spoken for the individual with the Fifth House Part of Fortune. Until this person learns to take all of his friendships impersonally, and see his dreams as merely a collection of symbols from the universal unconscious, he experiences excessive Eleventh House influence in his creative process. This can scatter his abilities by making him believe more in the dream than in the actual accomplishment. As this person seeks total expression, he must learn that time is a valuable asset. Although he may wish the luxury of daydreams, he must realize that they water down his creative drive.

The Eleventh House Part of Impersonal Consciousness may be used to receive new ideas, but they must not be identified with unless they specifically fit into creative output. It is important to remember that all creation is one percent inspiration and ninty-nine percent perspiration. There is a great difference between knowing that one can do something, and actually doing it.

If the Eleventh House IC is used properly, great beauty can be experienced, for it is here that one sees Man's aspiring dreams. Remaining impersonal, one becomes part of the dream process in the universal consciousness. Here also there can be an idealism in friendships which does not appear to be founded on any reality, yet acts as a great well-spring of creation. Friends admire this person and from this admiration one may draw great inspiration to create through the Fifth House Part of Fortune.

There is usually great wisdom in the Eleventh House IC, but the gift is not just to be used for gab. The more one talks about all he intends to create, the less will and energy one has at their disposal. This person understands the need for dreamers in the world. In fact, he encourages them. He knows it is the dreamers that are the invisible source of the creation. There is also an understanding of the concept of non-involvement and detachment. Yet this person's greatest joy and happiness comes from being deeply and intensely involved in all he is able to create.

Many people with this placement will experience their greatest joy through one shining creation, either in the arts, drama, or through a very special child. At all times this individual serves humanity by absorbing the dreams which people do not know how to use, sifting through them, and applying what has been learned to his personal creation. He will find that many people do not seem to have the will to do what they imagine. If he tries to infuse them with his own will, feeling that they should be more involved, he creates opposition to himself.

There is a great spectrum of experience in the universal consciousness. For the creative person there is no greater joy than an active life of doing, being and becoming. Through the process of imitation one feels closer to the Creator. Yet this individual can also understand his real detachment from events and circumstances, again mirroring the Creator. This is the special joy given by the Part of Fortune in the Fifth House.

Ø IN THE SIXTH HOUSE

This placement gives much happiness through work. The person fulfills himself through careful use of his time and energy. He sees how others slip backwards into their past by mulling over situations which have already

been resolved, and is able to keep himself above the muddle of negative emotion by a highly active nature which is always serving and accomplishing. He knows how to stay in the present moment. This is done by attending to the details which most people ignore or neglect, **thinking** that somehow they will go away. He does not allow things to pile up to the point where they interfere with the experience of joy. Through the systematizing of his life, he feels a great sense of fulfillment. He seeks to organize his life so that it runs like a well-oiled machine. The more he does this, the more he feels that he is participating in the central arena of existence.

Through the Twelfth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness this person experiences Man's inner needs. There is a sensitivity to the forces of the creation, but it is important to learn how to work with these forces rather than remaining a strictly passive observer. There is **also a** feeling of obligation to society, for through the Twelfth House one can be a deeply compassionate being. Still, one must do something with this compassion, otherwise it turns to sorrow.

Here, activity is the keyword to happiness. Knowing the infinite, one must function in the finite world where skills can be best applied. Of all zodiacal placements, the person with the Part of Fortune here knows best how to do things. Through a great understanding of how things work, along with an ability to see the infinite whole through the Twelfth House, there is a powerful potential for correct action.

This person is happiest when that which he chooses to do brings the fulfillment of a personal need to another. For some, the concept of service and work means a mundane, boring existence. The person with a Sixth House Part of Fortune, however, is best attuned to center of his being when he knows how well he is functioning in terms of his potential. This brings great joy.

The Part of Fortune in the Sixth House has a tendency to make a person spend their youth brooding in the Twelfth House. Then there is the realization that all that is felt there is not really personal, but merely an ability to experience and mirror negativity as well as that which is positive, universal and infinite. Here one functions best when one does not think about the greater cosmic reality beyond that which can be perceived with the five senses. It is during these times that this person is most in tune with the universe. If he spends his time trying to be in tune with cosmic forces he will achieve the exact opposite. On the other hand if the life is devoted to improvement of natural abilities, then the universe begins to cooperate and there is a great unfolding of joy.

Here the . individual's greatest joy comes through others. This is one of the most spiritual and unique placements for the Part of Fortune because the Part of Impersonal Consciousness falls in the first house of self-identity. The individual is living an impersonal identity which only becomes personal when he is in the presence of others. He is constantly seeking union whether through marriage, friendship, or companionship. These and other forms of relationship bring him closer to experiencing the personal identity of another. He always sees more joy in others than he is capable of seeing in himself. As a result, he has a great tendency to make others more aware of their own personal happiness.

In many ways he is a servant, for he expresses God through all of himself. Thus, he is truly living an impersonal identity, for everything he desires is for the sake of others. He is able to sense people's needs and motivate them to fulfill themselves. He is given joy by their growth.

Since his own identity is not on a purely personal level, he has the ability to look at the world objectively. He studies action and reaction, cause and effect, and is deeply concerned with how people relate to each other. One day, therefore, he will know how to blend those factors which God has intended for man to be the experience of a perfect union. He will sacrifice much of himself to achieve this union, and when it is accomplished, he will know that the love he receives is much richer and deeper than that experienced by most people.

On an unconscious level he cares for others more than they care for themselves. He tries to fill the gaps in other people's lives, often trying to smooth and soften their traumas and troubles. He has difficulty knowing what he really wants for himself, however, and the course on which he will eventually steer his ship will be shown to him through other people.

During youth, this person is too easily influenced by external forces to actually know where he is headed. As soon as he is able to find, understand and accept his impersonal self, a union is formed on the inner planes which becomes the most important and gratifying factor in his life, bringing the greatest joy.

Since luck and good fortune will always come through people in this person's life, this individual is one of the few who is sincerely happiest when all he does and thinks is devoted to pleasing the person he loves. This is the soul's sincere desire, and it takes precedence over all other desires that the balance of the chart may indicate.

The absence of a personal union with another person causes disharmony and a sense ' of a lack of purpose, direction and meaning in life. By giving he receives his greatest joy; by seeking to receive, he becomes more aware of his incompleteness. This comes from identification with the personal self.

This individual will reach his greatest joy through what is bestowed upon him by others. Here value systems which are seemingly beyond the personal framework ultimately show themselves as the best. This person is continually shown "another way." Each time there is an opening up to try another way, there are new, personal discoveries. This person examines the values of others, desiring to know what it is that other people treasure so much. The more he can discover and apply these external values to his personal life, the richer his experience becomes. His own values, particularly those which seemed to have outlived their usefulness, can be re-examined and given new life and meaning in the light of these external stimuli. This person now learns the great virtue of flexibility.

In order not to hamper this growth, the Second House Part of Impersonal Consciousness must be allowed to show that all of the values believed to be personal are not one's own. Instead, they are an impersonal expression of the desire nature to acquire and possess. The Second/Eighth House polarity is a powerful tug of war between that which one must hold onto, and that which must be released. The dearest possessions for this individual should be values which are real and everlasting. That which has outlived its usefulness and meaning must be released. This is not an easy lesson to learn.

Through the Eighth House Part of Fortune people in this person's life show him all of the things which weigh him down as well as the values which transcend the temporary qualities of momentary desires. All that is of no value will be destroyed by those who love him, leaving room for the Second House Part of Impersonal Consciousness to express the real values and possessions which the Divine nature has intended for man.

Perhaps more than with any other zodiacal position, this individual must surrender much of his ego in order for his Eighth House Part of Fortune to work to his best advantage. He is seeking a personal legacy. Whether it comes in the form of money, ideas, new values, enrichment of sexuality or the conscious fulfillment of the essence of his being, he must come to understand that he is not an island unto himself.

Because his greatest personal fortune will always come through another person, he must learn humility and know that the values he chooses to express may ultimately be less valuable than those given to him by others. For this reason he should not be possessive of his own values. Rather, he should allow himself to be open to a flow of value systems and ideas which may seem foreign to his principles, but which in fact give him the joy of regenerating his soul.

IN THE NINTH HOUSE

The Part of Fortune in the Ninth House allows an individual to experience his greatest joy through the discovery of truth. This person seeks a cosmic reality above the mundane existence experienced in routine relationships.

The Third House Part of Impersonal Consciousness shows the world to be seemingly full of people speaking to each other, without being understood by those who appear to listen. Here the connotative meanings of words are seen as barriers and distortions of the truth. One must learn to view this impersonally and in a very detached manner so as to understand that *the idea of duality is the nature of the human experience*. Once this is comprehended, real communication is possible.

This person will often see or hear himself expressing thoughts he knows are not completely true. One must learn

to accept this as the expression of part of that which is absorbed through the human experience of apparent duality. If one wishes the Ninth House Part of Fortune to work well, there must be an understanding that truth can be known from an awareness of untruth. The more duality that is experienced and expressed, the greater the need for a higher truth to resolve the duality into unity.

Placement of the Part of Fortune in the Ninth House creates a strong identification with the Deity, or some personal representation of that Deity. Individuals with this placement will also experience greater awareness and universal truth alone, and in tune with the forces of nature. The world does not allow this too often, and this person is generally forced to communicate and relate on

levels which fall somewhat below those experienced in ideal conditions. Recognition and acceptance of the more mundane levels of consciousness, as well as a balanced detachment, will maintain the joy and fulfill the need to communicate through the Third House IC. Thus, without looking down on others, this person should not lower his own standards for the sake of reaching another who seems to be less aware. Indeed, the other person usually is as aware as he is, but may not be as adept at the subtleties of

non-dual thought. In any event, it is always best to maintain the highest standards. This generally benefits all those concerned and raises the level of thought and being.

Wisdom loses much of its inherent beauty in an attempt to transfer it from the higher to the lower, concrete mind. The mountain stands and the valley cannot help but see it. Should the mountain reach down to the valley, it is no longer a mountain. Thus the individual with the Ninth House Part of Fortune, seeking the joys of nature and the experience of cosmic reality, must learn to

live and function in an everyday world of ideas and thoughts which seem to be of lesser importance. He must not only tolerate these ideas, but understand how necessary they are, as the valley is necessary. The valley is the ground upon which the mountain stands. Thus, the nature of relativity enters into the consciousness, and the untruth of duality is made clear. Independence, **balanced** by understanding is the key to joy for this individual. Great happiness will come from his powerful sense of his relationship with the universe.

There is a great deal of inherent luck in this placement, and most of it will come from resources that the individual discovers on his own. While finding it difficult to understand why people plod **through** life the hard way, he must nevertheless let them. For if he stops to correct the ideas and attitudes of others, he can easily get bogged down and deprive himself of the joy that is waiting for him along his unique path.

There is no question but that he has much to teach others, and he will never stop trying to teach. It is not until he becomes indifferent as to how his teachings are received that he actually begins to sense the height and breadth of his knowledge, his true function and the real worth of people. It is at this point that he begins to catch a vision of the pot of gold at the end of his rainbow.

A IN THE TENTH HOUSE

An individual with this placement will reach his greatest joy by accomplishing the specific, traditional goals which he has selected and defined for himself. Here there is a desire for acceptance by the community and those who are in positions of authority.

Benefits of the Tenth House Part of Fortune never come easily, but must be earned through sustained effort. As the person develops real maturity—not just added years to his life—the world is seen without illusions and with great understanding. This grows out of the Fourth House

Part of Impersonal Consciousness which feels compassion for the emotions and needs which motivate humanity, while at the same time avoiding the trap of identification with them.

There are negative aspects of the Part of Impersonal Consciousness which must be understood and transmuted: childish emotions. ingrained, repetitive reaction patterns, and accute sensitivity. Yet these have very positive counterparts in simple, open, joyous acceptance, reliability and the ability to meet specific needs, and awareness of the feelings of other people. With this in mind it is possible to operate in the Tenth House and avoid such things as programmed reactions to apparently similar situations and problems. Instead one becomes open to intuitive actions based on insight and impersonal awareness. The emotional plane becomes the key to the material world. Projects or ideas may thus be nurtured and brought to completion through the Tenth House.

Placement of the Part of Fortune in the Tenth House can draw positions of trust and authority to an individual. It is interesting to note that responsibility and authority reflect one's ability to care for and guide other people. This is a positive benefit of the Fourth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness and an example of how our goals and needs are directly connected to those of people around us.

The Part of Fortune here may cause many individuals to seek to resolve the problem of "right" and "wrong." There is usually a strong sense of morality based either on early childhood discipline or religious instruction. This tends to restrict the individual's sphere of action considerably. In a positive sense, however, there is a strong correctness of character which respects the rights of people and recognizes personal obligations and responsibility.

When this person understands that right and wrong are not absolutes, but vary with time, place and historical epoch, a greater scope is added to their area of activity—both in the mind and in the physical world. As long as personal integrity and a sense of true justice are not sacrificed, it is not possible for this person to be looked upon as a failure.

Finally, we must remember that the defining of one's goals dictates the right and wrong of any situation. As has been noted, whatever brings one close to the goal is right. What remains to be seen, then, is that the goal must be one which fits the true nature of the individual.

This person's feeling of the joy of knowing they are a capable human being is a great strength which creates an aura of confidence and self-respect. They become a bacon for those who are still searching and developing; an example worth using as a guide.

The Eleventh House has been associated with inspiration by many astrologers, perhaps because it is ruled by Uranus, the planet of sudden, almost blinding insight. The Part of Fortune placed here will have the corresponding Part of Impersonal Consciousness in the Fifth House, which is ruled by the Sun. This axis, Sun/Uranus, is creative, inventive, and far-reaching in effect and influence. The Part of Fortune in the Eleventh House thus becomes associated with visions of the beauty and development of humanity and creation. This is a truly unique placement, indeed, for this individual is aware of the evolution of man and feels he "knows for certain" the ultimate goal. This person is also highly independent because this awareness frees him from the everyday problems and struggles of humanity and lifts him

into the "ever-present future." That is to say, the future which exists "right now,"* if we all could only see it. This outlook is not easily accepted or understood by many people, however.

The Fifth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness provides unlimited energy which, if undirected, can cause great unrest. There is a constant feeling that one must "do something," or create. This, however, is nothing more than an intensified experience of the creative power given to man as an agent of the creation. If one does not identify with it as "my need" to create, then one may find an outlet in almost any action, project, or relationship. The tendency to be rooted out here is the idea that it is *our* energy. It is just energy. Channeled impersonally, it is of use to all; hoarded or used in a Scrooge-like manner, it will find only obstruction and limitation.

The Fifth House IC provides the will and strength to enliven and organize people or ideas, and see the common need or goal which is of general benefit. Thus, the person with the Part of Fortune in the Eleventh House becomes the channel for energies which are to be applied in a clear, unbiased manner. In this way large or central projects may be carried out in an atmosphere of mutual trust and assistance.

The Eleventh House draws people of like mind together. Thus, this placement will bring one into contact with bright, intelligent and somewhat unusual (by society's standards) people.

This person will find good fortune through friends who bring joy into his life and brighten the outlook and imagination with inspired optimism and ideas. He will also tend to enjoy dreaming about the future of mankind, seeing himself as both the catalyst and the product of that future.

^{*} See "Karmic Astrology IV - The Karma of the Now" by Martin Schulman, published by Samuel Weiser, Inc., New York, 1978.

The world has need of visionaries and dreamers. Great religions were founded on the inspired visions, of singular individuals. Important inventions came from the same kind of vision. The entire evolution of humanity has been built upon these types of vision and dream. This is the type of beauty that the individual with an Eleventh House Part of Fortune can experience. He does not feel boxed in by the restrictions of society. He can explore the possibilities as yet unthought of, by the world and understand their impact on society and evolution. He is free to question the structures and traditions, which have been blindly accepted by people too caught up in their own lives to have the time to look, see and know what is there.

Eccentricity is a **judgmental** term **applied by** rigid **individuals** to people who have **found a different way.** The person with an Eleventh House Part of Fortune will be seen as unorthodox, radical, eccentric or, perhaps a little "strange".

The "pot of gold" for this placement of the part of Fortune is a sense of wonder and beauty, and the enjoyment which comes from them. The knowledge of man's true place is a fact of life; the responsibility that of making it manifest. The person with the. Part of ,Fortune in the Eleventh House willingly and joyfully becomes the channel for truth and evolution for all of mankind and the planet on which he lives.

& IN THE TWELFTH HOUSE

The Twelfth House Part of Fortune indicates that a person will achieve their greatest happiness and joy through attunement with their inner Self.. In this way one satisfies the desire to understand the. u forces which move the universe. Our inner Self is in fact the same as the One Self which is the All of Creation.. Out of this one reality, all individual realities proceed; The Twelfth House

Part of Fortune gives an individual the opportunity of discovering the unity of these apparently separate realities, and the truth of existence of a Single Reality.

The Sixth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness gives one the opportunity of functioning in the "everyday world", with its apparent finite limitations, while at the same time realizing the overall unity of circumstances and events through the Twelfth House Part of Fortune. There is a need for one to see past these so-called limitations and avoid becoming identified with actions, roles, events or situations. These should be seen as necessary to the plane of the Impersonal Self.

The Sixth House IC gives a person the ability to see the parts of any situation, how they operate together, and what they achieve when they function as a whole. The Twelfth House Part of Fortune gives the ability to see all of this on a "cosmic" or universal scale. That is to say, one sees the way in which apparently separate sets of circumstances and events relate to one another.

Thus, the negative attitudes of co-workers, for example, may be overcome through the realization that negative conditions arise when one selfishly seeks to experience only positive conditions. In as much as all situations and experiences are neutral and impersonal, negative and positive do not exist, except as we see them as such. This understanding is the "correct" operation of the Sixth/Twelfth House axis. Here the Mercurial powers of observation, and the Neptunian powers of compassionate love and insight, join to transcend the usual experiences of life. Momentary events, feelings and ideas are thus seen as what they are—momentary and passing—and the experience of one's life becomes deep and wide, free from the apparent effects of external influences.

The benefits of the Part of Fortune placed here are not always obvious, however. Indeed, unless the individual truly allows himself to flow with events and emotions, and let them go without identifying with them, the subtle understanding of life and truth will be missed completely. The idea of service and compassion, as reflected by the Sixth and Twelfth Houses, is not really understood by most of us. Generally we only see these within the limited experience of my service or my feeling of compassion. There is, however, an impersonal aspect of these two great principles which underlie the entire created world. Indeed, the Creator serves us at all times and has unbounded compassionate love for us. Few of us ever experience this; fewer still believe it is so.

Through the Twelfth House Part of Fortune and the Sixth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness the will and vision of the Eleventh House Part of Fortune and the Fifth House IC are carried to the world efficiently, and with great impersonal love. Here we see the culmination of all the preceeding house placements of the Part of Fortune and the IC. The cycle and the goal are made manifest and completed. The stage is set for the next cycle and a higher goal.

This individual has the great fortune of having the "keys to the kingdom", if he is willing to use them. Silent periods of meditation and solitude do much to replenish strength and help one to remember the great truths of life and nature. It would be useful if these became a regular part of one's life.

This is a very special placement for the Part of Fortune for it holds within it the promise of bringing the individual closer to God. Understanding life experiences in the outer world will ultimately lead to a realization of the divine inner beauty of all life. As one begins to sense the essence of all, one becomes united with the source of inner strength. Then one flows in the stream of enlightenment, bathing in that inner light which is available to all.

In order for the Part of Fortune to work without hindrance, the individual must not block its infinite nature

by thinking of himself, or his life, as having finite restrictions. The Twelfth House has been called the house of escapism. This is not necessarily so. It is an escape from the internal prison that man lives in, if he experiences limited reality which does not go beyond that which is seen, felt as personal emotion, or touched. The prison grows worse if one fills the finite senses with people, circumstances and situations which tie one to more people and circumstances until life is a seemingly endless chain of obligations. The Twelfth House transcends all of this by giving the individual the opportunity of knowing that in his soul he is free, that all is really one, and that there is a greater truth for us to experience. What greater joy can there be than reaching such a consciousness? What greater fulfillment could man experience than to know that all of his true needs will be forever taken care of because he is one with the great provider!

Chapter Four

THE PART OF FORTUNE IN THE SIGNS

The difference between the signs and the houses in the Horoscope are so subtle that the beginner finds it difficult to differentiate between the two. And to be quite honest, many astrologers often confuse them in their haste to make quick assessments of a birth chart, becoming tongue-tied as if they had never known the subject they are dealing with. It can be very humerous.

Houses represent the different life experiences we all have to confront: personal identity development, value formation, family ties, marriage, sexuality, moral and religious philosophies and principles, and so on. Each department of life expresses a particular pattern and each experiences all of these departments in a unique way. Here we can distinguish between the houses and the signs. It is the signs which give the quality of energy which will be expressed. More correctly, they represent potential energies.

To further understand the differences between the signs and houses, consider each sign as an automobile with an engine. It has power and is capable of taking a person any place he desires to go. At the same time, consider a house as the road map showing the path to be traveled. Thus, the sign represents a potential for doing, while the house shows what will be done with that potential.

To understand signs correctly, they should be viewed in their purest form—as energy. While it is possible to say some of the things a person will do with the energy, this is really putting limitations on the freedom one has within the horoscope. Thus we see the same signs in different horoscopes being used in many different ways. It is for the individual to discover and use the potential he is born with. As astrologers we cannot say with any certainty how each person will grow and develop.

The Part of Fortune, as it appears throughout the signs, indicates how an individual can reach happiness and fulfillment by allowing the energies to clearly express themselves. Far too often these forces are repressed or sublimated resulting in a blockage of the natural, free flow of energy. Thus, as one confronts each life experience, one has less energy with which to handle the situation. The great potential is not used or directed meaningfully. It is as if one had a car with a large and powerful engine, but left it in the garage all of the time. If a person is willing to allow the energies of his horoscope to express themselves, without fear of hurting others, displeasing those he believes he is dependent on, or feeling that in some way he will appear different, then he experiences the richness of complete fulfillment in all of the situations encountered.

The placement of the Part of Fortune shows the area in which the individual experiences the best energy flow. Learning to understand and cooperate with this type of energy satisfies needs and desires. Not necessarily through one's own efforts, but rather through the ability to glide with the particular quality of energy that is ultimately best.

The Part of Impersonal Consciousness represents energy which seemingly opposes the individual's best flow. This, however, is not the case as has been shown earlier. In fact, this energy, if allowed to manifest impersonally, will ultimately aid and support the energy of the Part of Fortune. Universal forces, represented by the IC, are permitted to act for the "good" of all. The particular "good" as represented by the Part of Fortune, is an aspect of the universal good. It becomes obvious that the greater good contains and serves the lesser good.

IN ARIES

With this placement the individual experiences the need and energy for activity. If he flows with this, he will find there are very few obstacles in his path that he cannot overcome. An inherent bravery pushes him onward so that he is able to transcend all of his self-doubts. His great successes come 'from realizing that this energy is strong enough to grant him independence. He does not have to yield to others fearing that they might be needed in the future. The fact that people often misunderstand the Aries energy forces the one who is operating under its powerful thrust to reject the opinions of others and keep to his own course.

Yet, through the Part of Impersonal Consciousness in Libra, this person is able to understand the receptive, passive nature of people and can empathize with those who cannot make decisions and act. He sees that the tactfulness of others is at times a form of insincerity based on the fear of overstepping one's boundaries. The most powerful and useful aspect of the Libra IC is the sense of harmony and mental order which allows the Aries Part of Fortune to see direction very clearly. These qualities are an example of Venus (Libra) acting as a channel for Mars (Aries). Too often the Arian plows through this order because of a zestful approach to life. To be able to "strike a balance" means to know one's abilities and use them efficiently. The Libra IC can. show how this may be done.

The "pot of gold" at the end of this rainbow will be what the individual achieves through his own efforts, whether in the form of ideas or material substance. He must not be fearful because many spiritual books and teachings speak against the concept of desire. They speak of attachment to desire and the wanton gratification of the senses. He is a creature of desire, even desire for the truth, and without that desire he would not be able to set his goals. An individual without goals easily loses sight of his direction in life, tending to float and be influenced by the forces of those whose lives touch him. This is what can happen with the "negative" functioning of the Libra Part of Impersonal Consciousness, if the individual restricts the powerful Arian energy.

This person seeks a unity of mind and will which can be directed towards a single goal. The more one flows in the direction of that goal, the easier life becomes. The person must never doubt that the energy which is guiding him will bring him into contact with the one motivating force. That is the ultimate goal. Finding it brings the greatest joy.

IN TAURUS

The person with this placement seeks all that is solid and enduring, and does not care for those pleasures which are fleeting and superficial. He desires to know the meaning and uses of all things, so that he may construct a firm future. His joy is based on the ability to sustain and develop the substance of life. This is an example of the positive energies of the Scorpio IC channeled through matter, and the way in which it is expressed through the Part of Fortune. If these Scorpio forces are viewed negatively, one sees only the destruction, disorder and decay of the world.

The person with the Part of Fortune in Taurus knows how individuals can defeat themselves **through** a lack of patience growing out of the fact that things do not materialize instantly. He is an observer of unstable and unpredictable situations that confront one in life. To identify with these is to lose one's own sense of stability. Taurus energy represents cohesiveness and sustenance, while negative expression of Scorpio can represent a breaking down instead of a transmutation.

This person should understand that there is a need for things to be broken down; that destruction and endings are very much a part of the creative process. His part in the process, if he is to be happy, is to continue to forge very powerful and meaningful foundations. Destruction should be viewed as transformation.

This person likes to relax, but is not happy relaxing. He would rather work in the direction of progress, however slow it may be, so long **as** it is steady enough to insure that ultimate day when he can really relax in the security he has built. Here, relaxation and deliberate, slow progress are examples of the Scorpio IC—regeneration and growth.

One of the greatest joys of the Taurus Part of Fortune is the attainment of personal love, and its expression, on the physical plane. Yet there is a great difference between the sexuality of Taurus and Scorpio. With the Part of Fortune in Taurus one sees the need to not separate sexuality and love. This artificial separation will cause the experience of the lower levels of Scorpio which are detrimental to the Taurian's true objective. The sexuality of Taurus is always aimed at building a meaningful union based on warmth, sincerity, and committment. Through the Part of Impersonal Consciousness in Scorpio, the individual can become an observer of what is seen and felt to be the misuse of sexuality. Scorpio seeks to allow relationships and love to

be the well from which the warm waters of pure emotions are drawn to sooth and nurture the inner life of man, allowing it to be transformed. That is one of the functions of Mars and Pluto operating through their rulership of a water sign.

The individual with the Part of Fortune in Taurus is happy when he knows where he is going. External conditions and people which tend to hinder him must be viewed impersonally. One of his weak spots is a tendency to feel as if he were a target, and then react negatively. A clear look at this feeling, aided by the power of insight into emotions given by the Scorpio IC, will show him that he is not the target. If anything, he just happened to be there, that's all. While one of his greatest strengths is the ability to hold onto or retain things, negative identification with the Scorpio IC can dissipate his energies through the retention of grudges against that which happened in the past.

In order for the Taurus energy to work best, the individual must learn not to block the Scorpio energy which tends to undo and transform things. He must learn to conserve while not losing sight of that which he is trying to build. This person is extraordinarily slow in making changes in life patterns. However, his ability to establish and sustain lasting and meaningful patterns will bring the greatest happiness. He takes pleasure in knowing that he is building a dependability within himself upon which he and others may rely.

Taurean energy is one of peaceful existence in tune with nature's forces. This is one of the few signs in the Zodiac through which one may experience contentment. Taurus is a very "giving" sign. The more this individual tries to sooth and settle the discontented people in his life, the more he will unsettle his own peace if there is negative identification with the Scorpio IC. One can cooperate best with the Taurus energy by learning to live and let live and by appreciating all of the fullness that exists in life.

Scorpio's intensity, while it has a definite place in life, does not have to manifest negatively. Purposeful expression of this intensity may be found when one remembers that this primal force is useful when directed toward study, research, the spiritual quest and growth **through** generation and regeneration.

The pot of gold at the end of this rainbow can be likened to entering the promised land. After much experience one learns to give up negative battling and accept the beautiful, peaceful, loving existence that has always been yearned for. Here more is gained by surrender than by resistence.

⊗ IN GEMINI

The Part of Fortune placed in Gemini gives one great joy through communication and learning, and the connection with people these engender. This person is seeking and gleaning new understandings from **everyone** he meets. The people in his life are more important for the ideas they convey than for who they are. Here, too, there is an attempt to keep things on a light level without becoming enmeshed in emotions. Many people come and go in his life, and he receives stimulation and information from all of them. As such, he becomes a veritable walking encyclopedia of data and knowledge culled from the experience of others. The more he gathers, the more he comes to realize the many different facets of life that often contradict each other.

This person tries to be non-committal, not because of a fear of committment, but because he would rather not be the judge of which idea or thought is better or more correct. Thus he attempts to straddle two positions. If there was ever an individual who wanted to have his cake and eat it too, it would be the person with the Part of Fortune in Gemini. He seeks to reap the benefits of two

camps, without truly forming an alliance with either. Sometimes he succeeds. This allows him freedom of movement which adds scope and color to his life. He is able to act and react swiftly to each change of "wind" in his life. Great joy and genuine pleasure is experienced as the individual revels in the multiplicity of ideas, theories and impersonal observations. This is augmented by the Sagittarius IC which seeks to find the common thread or basic principle which links them all together.

Through the Sagittarius Part of Impersonal Consciousness, he sees truth in its brightest light. Seeing this truth allows him to relate to all people and situations freely with the joy and gusto of the Jupiter ruled IC. The chameleon like Mercurial energy allows him to change in an instant, as the situation makes a new demand. He knows there is a need for an expansion of consciousness, but if he over-emphasizes this he will lose the close contact to life and people he needs. He is happiest when intimately involved with everything going on around him, without personally judging the duality of situations.

Negative use of the Sagittarius Part of Impersonal Consciousness can cause one to become judgmental. One must learn to not identify with the authoritative attitudes that lead to this. The more one judges, the sooner one will lose the companionship so strongly sought. The Mercury/Jupiter axis relates to the power of observation and wisdom. Positive expression of the IC here will allow one to remember that to be human implies certain temporary limitations. The point of view must be wide enough to allow for the greatest expansion on the mental level, and at the same time allow for the understanding of the present human condition.

The greatest joy in the Gemini Part of Fortune comes from an ability to deal with immediate reality. If the individual permits himself to be swept along with the distant callings of the Sagittarius IC, there is a strong

possibility of losing the ability to function in the here and now. The very clear sense of presence, and the idea of the present, **inherent** in the Gemini **Part** of **Fortune** is the most fulfilling source of joy to this individual. Their very personal pot of gold comes from knowing how to live with that which is temporary.*

The person with this placement reaches his greatest joy through allowing the free flow of the energy of nourishment. This individual seeks to feed himself and others with all that is necessary for future growth. Here one experiences the love of the Divine Mother, who nourishes all selflessly.

This individual is given great joy when expressing the deep felt impulse of devotion. He seeks people and circumstances through which he can experience warmth and closeness. This is an energy of feeling. There is much happiness derived from being close to nature, for it is through nature that one can feel the very essence of unity and cooperation with the universe.

There is a desire for a childlike simplicity in all actions. While one sees the energies which brings things to maturity through the Capricorn Part of Impersonal Consciousness, it is best to stay in tune with the tender, gentle Cancerian energy which is most in harmony with the beginnings of things. The Capricorn influence is best expressed through the discernment of the correct and most useful channel for the energy.

Great joy will come from experiencing the process of birth. Whether this is the birth of a child, an idea, or anything that did not exist before he played a personal role in its coming to be, it is always his very intimate association with beginnings that bring the greatest sense of happiness and fulfillment.

More about the nature of 'presence in the present' and related material will be discussed in a
forthcoming book by Mr. Schulman entitled Karmic Astrology Volume IV: The Karma of
the Now, to be published by Samuel Weiser, Inc.

Through the Capricorn Part of Impersonal Consciousness one sees and comprehends the energy of ambition. One also feels how man tries to bring to fruition that which has been partially formed. Capricorn energy is firm and crystallized, while Cancerian energy is pliable and soft. In both signs there is a strong energy towards activity. Capricorn energy is motivated by seeing the desirability of an outcome. Thus in the IC, the ends usually give the impression of justifying the means. The Cancer energy, on the other hand, is based on doing for the sake of doing. It is more an energy of means rather than ends. While Capricorn seeks to accomplish that which will outlast the individual, Cancer seeks to create that which makes the person feel he is taking part in creation itself.

The youthfulness and vitality of Cancer is balanced by Capricorn in its search for wisdom and maturity. Thus the individual must not become engrossed in the Part of Impersonal Consciousness if he is to reach the full joy of all the seeds he is sowing through his Cancer Part of Fortune. He must allow the IC to give structure and direction to his energy, but retain the youthful and uncomplicated nature of a child.

The pot of gold at the end of this rainbow is the joy received by being a privileged participant in the birth process which occurs in all of nature and the mind. Joy results also from the nourishment of all things that are in need of tender care so that they may develop and flourish. As one watches the growth of that which has sprung from within, there is great fulfillment in knowing one is a real part of the foundations of life.

⊗ IN LEO

Here there is a great yearning to act as the "center" and be in command. Through self-mastery the individual seeks to be a source of inspiration and guidance to others.

A leader must lead, and he must not shirk the problems and responsibilities which only he has the will and power to solve. Great joy comes from accomplishing large scale achievements which in some way stand as shining examples and symbols of what man is capable of when he uses his potential. This person not only seeks self-betterment, but also the improvement of the society as a whole.

Aquarius Part Through the of Impersonal Consciousness one learns to not force others to conform to one's own methods. Instead, one should try to understand that each individual finds his own path. By not dissipating energies in many areas one is able to conserve and direct the creative power. This will ultimately bring fulfillment and happiness. Because all of the achievements will come from personal effort, one will know the joy of being undisputed king of one's own castle. Most of all, the kingdom will be an honorable one, for whatever is accomplished through dishonest methods has little meaning for the individual with the Part of Fortune in Leo.

The advice that this person gives to others through the Aquarius Part of Impersonal Consciousness should be given as a gift rather than as a command. His power to create becomes truly great when he learns how to let the rest of the world accept or reject his advice and becomes content with the fact that he has been given the opportunity to help.

Both Leo and Aquarius are energies of giving. The Aquarian energy is an impersonal giving to humanity as a whole, without expecting anything in return, except the evolution of the race. The generosity of Leo, on the other hand, is more purposefully directed toward those individuals who form one's immediate life-space. Thus, the Part of Fortune in Leo centers around the concept of personal love. A certain amount of feedback is necessary

for this person to feel that his generousity, his ambitions, and his goals are moving along the right track.

Although the Leo energy is very powerful, it tends to be rather rigid. Following specific traditions or principles, the individual strives to keep his life within the confines of that which will bring him honor, prestige, dignity and respect. He must avoid the momentary distractions that can arise from the Aquarian energy if he is to fulfill his purpose. And fulfill he must, for he puts great demands upon himself. It is only when these demands are met according to his own high standards that he will feel contentment. Purposeful direction of energy brings great achievements. The admiration that will ultimately be received for these accomplishments is the pot of gold at the end of this rainbow.

Here the individual achieves great happiness by creating a sense of "organized purity" in his environment. He seeks cleanliness, not only in personal hygiene, but also in the living and working quarters. He also experiences a kind of cleanliness in the way in which thoughts are organized. Highly sensitive to the external environment, this person is very aware of how much he is affected by personal responses to apparently negative emotion.

Through the Pisces Part of Impersonal Consciousness he fully understands the nature of compassion, but if the Part of Fortune is to work well, he must avoid identification with forces which cannot be seen. Aware of the unseen, unconscious and infinite forces beyond personal control, he must nevertheless direct his life to a highly conscious existence, dedicated to the "here and now".

This person endeavors to be constantly, and conscientiously busy, leaving little room for the negative

emotions of others to invade his consciousness. Thus, what may seem to be a preoccupation with mundane reality is in fact bringing this person a supreme sense of joy through an organized perception of life.

Cleanliness of mind and body are important because they allow the experience of a clear simplicity of thought, uncluttered by unnecessary external factors. Learning to discipline himself, he becomes able to ultimately rise above negative emotions through positive use of his Pisces IC which directs him towards inner peace. His primary goal is to function well, and completely. Regardless of how he feels about others, he knows that feelings are transitory and always in a state of change. There is an awareness of a very personal duty to keep moving in the direction of perfected unfoldment.

Negative Piscean energy has a tendency to dwell in the past. Virgo energy centers itself through a powerful preoccupation with the details of the present. The happiness promised by the Virgo Part of Fortune comes from dealing with the present in such an efficient manner that details never pile up to become a burden carried from the past to the future. Thus, the Pisces IC directs energy through a comprehension of the whole and its meaning and effect in the present.

There is great joy in the expression of simple logic, what Benjamin Franklin, a Capricorn, called "uncommon sense." The Virgo influence is able to put the details of life together in such a way as to form a sequence of events leading to a very logical goal. This, again, is an example of the Pisces Part of Impersonal Consciousness giving a complete overview of the present and the direction of the flow of energy. The individual can actually become so efficient that he may feel a little like a robot. As a result he seeks emotion to understand, logically, if he is still capable of feeling. To do this he moves to the opposite sign and begins to express the Pisces IC. He must be careful never

to identify with the negative aspect of this side of himself. Here one could lose sight of the practical nature in a sea of illusions, wispy daydreams, and endless fantasies. These cause one to drift away from the conscious sense of the present which brings the greatest joy. Instead, he must seek the purity and universality of the Pisces IC which will add depth to his life and the experience of the present.

Pisces and Virgo represent energies of service. Pisces that of compassionate service to others; Virgo represents service to the self. When this individual is functioning at his best, the abilities will be much needed by others and he will want to help. Here one must be careful not to leave one's center of being, for if one identifies negatively with the problems of another person, one begins to lose the ability to function. It is this person's ability to function that enables him to rise above factors which would easily send others into a state of emotional depression.

For this individual, the pot of gold is whatever he is holding in hand and dealing with at the present moment. The energy of Pisces always relates to that which is infinite. It is an attunement to an invisible universe which can only be perceived through the higher senses. Virgo energy is directed toward that which is tangible. It lives in the world of things. Through proper organization, care, and cleanliness of these things, the Virgo Part of Fortune finds its role. This allows for the impersonal expression of the Pisces IC: the infusion of love into life; the experience of the timeless moment.

Here the individual reaches his greatest happiness through cooperating with an energy which can be called "non-self-assertion." He is most comfortable going along with others, rather than expressing personal desires which

might disturb the harmony sought from the company he **keeps. There** is an attempt to **blend** with the desires of others. This results in a continual **shifting of** the **point** of view in an attempt to gain **acceptance**.

This person knows that offending others by force-fully asserting one's own desires jeopardizes friendships and relationships. Thus, instead of asserting his own will, he tries to cooperate with whatever situations and circumstances life thrusts upon him. He rarely makes important decisions by himself because, in a positive sense, he views himself as part of a greater whole which consists of forces beyond his control. He feels that to assert one's will without consideration of these influences puts one out of harmony with the flow that is **guiding** life.

Through the Aries IC there is familiarity with the energy of the "pioneer." One senses a powerful ability to project personal desire far into the future, making it a product of one's own desire. If he is to be happy, this knowledge must not be identified with. The Aries energy is so highly charged that to use it selfishly would cause the loss of perspective and balance. It is extremely important to consider the effects of actions before they are taken. Thus the Libran need to know both sides of things. 'This leads to a life which is based upon what others also desire, rather than the full expression of personal will. Yet, it is the very avoidance of "natural instinct" that will bring this individual the greatest happiness. The **bond** of **personal** relationship, based on mutual restraint, satisfies all of the people involved.

The person with the Part of Fortune in Libra feels as if he must be a part of something, that he belongs. He seeks to end this feeling of incompleteness by finding people and circumstances which represent ideas and experiences which will define his life-space. In an attempt to become "ego-less" and inoffensive, he develops a gentle and tactful nature which knows how to please and

appease. The more he is able to do this, the more he is able to experience an inner satisfaction which, in part, stems from a knowledge that he is never personally responsible for the creation of disturbing circumstances.

Shakespeare has posed life's deepest question as: "To be, or not to be . . . " This may well have been directed at the Aries/Libra polarity. If the answer comes from Aries, it most certainly is "to be." Libra's natural response is, "not to be." The Part of Fortune here symbolizes a balance at the center of the Zodiac. It is a window through which an individual sees all possibilities. and yet never establishes a personal identity with any of them. He maintains a delicate equilibrium, experiencing aspects of many personalities, but never establishing one that is unique and his own. Through the experience of all of the life that is around him, however, he is able to develop a sense of contentment. He knows that he can have all without wanting anything; touch all, without owning. He symbolically stands at the center of all thought. He is a true paradox: standing for nothing, he stands for everything.

Lao Tsu, the ancient Chinese sage, wrote: "Thirty spokes share the wheel's rim. It is the hub that makes them useful ..." and in another place " ... it is the empty space in a window which makes it useful." The Libra Part of Fortune is truely a hub and an open window of consciousness. Around it revolves, and through it flows all of mankind's thoughts, desires, and emotions. It is so much a collection of all sound and color, that it becomes immune to specific, personal identification with any one of them. So it is with everything for this sign. The individual with this Part of Fortune is experiencing, in small measure, all of the energies of the Zodiac. Libra, standing at the center, allows these energies to flow through a person so that they collectively form a complete individual. A sense of joy and contentment comes from feeling that one

belongs to everything. This realization can bring one closer to the consciousness of desirelessness, which will be the foundation of true fulfillment. Without **needing** to **need**, or begrudging others what one does not have, the person with this placement is able to balance all experience and feeling and come to rest in life. Equilibrium is achieved by balancing opposing feelings, his own or other peoples, until a unity is felt. Acting as the vessel or channel for life allows this person to develop the sense of being impersonal. The ability to become impersonal is derived from an awareness of the acute personal nature of Aries through the IC, channeled through the Libran/Venus sense of other people. One sees the selfish or "private" desires of people, yet is able to find a place for them all in the grand scheme of things.

The pot of gold at the end of this rainbow is knowing that the creative energies, from people in one's life and their desires, will determine the proper life pattern. Thus, in a rather unusual way, one is cared for in that one never has to make a right or wrong decision. Flowing with the forces that are directing one allows the necessary decisions to be made. This faith in the cosmos comes from the positiveness the Part of **Impersonal** ofAries Consciousness. It is an expression of Martian bravery in the face of the unknown. There is great peace in knowing that the world will care for **you**, in **every way**, all of the time. Herein lies the secret joy of the Libra Part of Fortune.

IN SCORPIO

Here the individual reaches his - greatest joy by participating in the process of regeneration. This is linked with sexuality, on the physical plane, and the spiritual quest on the higher mental and emotional levels. Sexuality, the essence of life and the creative force, becomes a very

important factor in this individual's make up. * There is an intense desire to also probe into the meaning of life. This is an easy task for one with such keen, penetrating perceptions and spirit. This person also has a strong sense of the growth and evolution of man. All of these factors combine to give an ability to delve into the unknown; to be at the center of all endings and beginnings.

Through the Taurus Part of Impersonal Consciousness this person sees the ways in which people and society keeps itself in the rut called security. The Scorpio energy is always striving to discover all that is new. It desires to uproot the established order to improve it. Scorpio energy here is driven towards the undermining of that which is no longer useful.

The Part of Fortune placed in Scorpio attunes an individual with his own, and society's unconscious thought levels. He takes great pride in his ability to forge ahead in spite of these generally unknown forces. In the eyes of others he seems to be destroying what they have spent years building. In truth, that which can be destroyed was never real to begin with. This Part of Fortune seeks the mystical reality of the universe. Much will be overturned. Hidden secrets will be brought to the surface, and the stream of man's thoughts and feelings will be stirred with intense passion until the waters run clear.

The energy of the Taurus Part of Impersonal Consciousness is one of building, while the energy of Scorpio in the Part of Fortune is one of unbuilding or undoing. Both are needed in order to achieve the process we call evolution. Old buildings are torn down so that new ones may be erected on the same site. The person with the Scorpio Part of Fortune is unique in that he can tear down as well as design and construct the buildings.

The person with this placement of the Part of Fortune experiences an insistent type of energy that never lets him rest. Yearning to grow, seek, and understand all

^{*} The subject of sexuality will be discussed in two forthcoming volumes, *The Astrology of Sexuality*, to be published by Samuel Weiser, Inc.

that is unseen, his joy is never rooted in peaceful existence. He is a transformer of men because he is made **discontent** by the lack of movement and progress he sees in those around **him. Sexuality** is **merely** the **engine that keeps** him **moving.** It **brings** a **powerful** sense **of intimacy** which forges the intense feeling of a connection with the depths of truth. He is not fooled by sophisticated facades and perceives reality clearly. Keenly in tune with the forces of nature, Scorpio has the most **highly developed perception** of any sign in the Zodiac.

Through the Taurus IC, this person is allowed to experience the energy of relaxation and contentment. This acts as a balance to the Scorpio intensity. He knows that ultimately this is everyone's goal. But he cannot accept it for himself until he feels he has earned it. The pot of gold at the end of his rainbow comes from playing an active role in working towards the building of a world which will be secure and peaceful, not because people are trying to make it so by containing, repressing and inhibiting natural instincts but because they are more in touch with the source of all life. He is happiest when he is able to enlighten others and show them the new pathways they were afraid to consider.

Here the individual feels the energy of abundant freedom. He seeks both mental and physical open spaces and avoids confining situations and circumstances which limit his possibilities. Of all the signs of the Zodiac, this has the greatest ability to experience a joyful life. The existence here can be naturally happy and bountiful. When this person is unafraid to try his luck, he discovers that he is naturally lucky. When he is unafraid to travel, he discovers that his greatest fortune occurs in the most remote places, far from his home. As the years go by, his life keeps

expanding and almost in spite of himself, the circumstances and experiences that he goes through seem to keep growing larger and more meaningful.

Through his Gemini Part of Impersonal Consciousness, he is constantly aware of what others think. He sees how much of life can be wasted in trying to tactfully please others rather than trying to expand consciousness to the point where one understands how unnecessary such thinking really is.

Intensely curious, he seeks to roam the earth in search of all that there is to taste in life. He derives a great deal of happiness in being close to nature, and is most uncomfortable in crowded cities that tend to regiment and confine his thinking and limit his ability to breathe with the natural spirit of life that flows through him.

The Sagittarius energy is one of truth based on the understanding of natural law. The Gemini energy is one of duality, and an awareness of duality, based on man's attempt to relate to man. The individual with the Sagittarius Part of Fortune discovers that when he minces words to win approval or acceptance, or put himself in another's place to understand what to say to them, he becomes untruthful to himself. Since in the great expanse of his consciousness he is able to survey the whole situation almost instantaneously, he flows best when he is blunt and to the point. In this way he does not doubt the sincerity of his own truth. The Gemini IC gives the ability to see the world of apparent duality clearly and in a detatched manner. This allows one to quickly scan situations or events, and makes it possible for the Sagittarius Part of Fortune to synthesize these observations into a new unity. Once this is done, direction and meaning are given to the initial observations and the individual may take appropriate action.

The person with this Part of Fortune knows that new experiences are always waiting to bring more joy and more fulfillment. Thus there is a strong tendency to project into the future and imagine the experiences and places with which to fill that future. This tendency forms the basis for the prophetic nature of Sagittarius. For it either sees what will happen through insight or, because of its great power of will, brings the future into being in conformity with its desire.

Great joy comes from knowing that there is no point to life except to live it to the fullest. Thus, while the Gemini IC sees people trying to decide on a direction in life, and always feeling unhappy because they believe that one must be chosen in place of another, the Sagittarius Part of Fortune is able to know all directions at once. The dire frustration of not being able to find one's niche in life is not known to this person. Wherever he hangs his hat is home. Whatever way he is earning a living is his occupation. Whoever he is in the company of, is his friend. It is this attitude that allows his enthusiasm to flow, in tune with the forces of his environment.

This person is able to cruise on the surface of life and not immerse himself in situations which might negate his ever-present optimistic outlook. The greatest hindrance to his happiness is trying to see himself through the eyes of others. This is a self-critical aspect of identification with the Gemini Part of Impersonal Consciousness. He radiates joy. He is joy. Yet, no matter how bright a light may be, it cannot see itself. Others can see the joy in him, and knowing this he sometimes makes the mistake of looking to them for a reflection of who he is. Through the positive feedback, he can slip into the illusion that he can make others joyful in return. Living under this type of mental obligation can make one lose one's sense of happiness.

The person with a Sagittarius Part of Fortune must learn that happiness is something that cannot necessarily be transferred from one person to another. This is one of the great lessons taught by the Gemini IC. Trying to **make**

this exchange only tends to weaken one. The world can be his oyster, if he just lets himself be. When he learns to do this, his life takes on an enthusiastic spontaneity unparallelled by any other sign in the Zodiac. It is through this non-directed spontaneity that he is able to come close to what the Buddha meant when he indicated that the true meaning of life is just "to be." For this individual, the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is as vivid as the sense of presence he is able to experience in every moment.

Here an individual reaches greatest happiness watching his life assume a definite form and structure. This person has many ambitions and hopes, but remains discontented until the necessary steps for their enactment have been formulated and set in motion. He seeks to keep in touch with his ultimate purpose at all times and knows that the best way to fully experience life is to spend it creating something that will outlast one's own existence. He strives to overcome the restrictions placed on him in his youth. He is able to develop a power within which allows him to see that his life is in his own hands and of his own making. He does not necessarily want things to come easily, for he feels that the frivolous, transient nature of most experiences, objects and, yes, even relationships, detract from the great purpose he has planned. He also needs to know that he is able to make a valuable contribution to society.

The Cancer Part of Impersonal Consciousness allows this person to experience the full range of emotional energy. As with all placements in which the polarity permits an individual to increase the emotional experience, the need to remain impersonal is stressed. The balance that the person must achieve is vital for the proper use of the energy. It is important to note that all earth signs are

balanced by water signs. Dry earth is not fertile. Nothing will grow on such soil that is of great use to man. Perhaps there are valuable minerals to be **found** in **such places**, **but** the wealth that these represent is usually used to secure the products of rich, fertile earth. On the other hand, 'land which has been flooded is of little use until the water has receded and the land has dried somewhat. The Capricorn energy pushes toward the completion of projects, the Cancer energy experiences the emotional enthusiasm of giving birth at the beginning of things. For the Part of Fortune to work best here, emotion must be mastered and directed. This is perhaps the most difficult task for any person" to accomplish. All that the individual feels can actually act as a deterrent to all that he truly wants to do. Childhood insecurities, fears and self-doubt must be set aside so that one is able to develop the perspective which allows one to see that their life's work is more important than they are. When this person can do this, he will develop a new identity through which he becomes the quality and the quantity of all he is capable of producing.

The Cancer IC gives deep understanding of the need for a good beginning or foundation for any project. Nothing will succeed unless the first step or idea is cared for, nourished and directed. The Cancer IC allows the person with the Capricorn Part of Fortune to conceive, give birth to and nurture that which will grow to maturity and, indeed, have a life of its own.

This position of the Part of Fortune delays happiness until later in life. This permits the development of true maturity as the individual must overcome formidable obstacles which require the skill and strength perfected by much hard work. Through the Cancer Part of Impersonal Consciousness he must learn that negative emotions actually drain his physical energies, preventing him from achieving the sense of progress that he needs to sustain him. He is highly sensitive to the needs of others, and

particularly vulnerable on a personal emotional level. Thus, in order for his Part of Fortune to work to his best advantage, he must learn to avoid negative emotional entanglements which confuse him and weaken his sense of self-respect.

His greatest happiness comes from realizing the ways in which he is a totally capable individual. In a very real sense, he becomes his own father. He learns how to lead himself, and regardless of situations and circumstances in his life, he develops the ability to function at levels generally unattainable by most people, even in the best of circumstances.

Capricorn is a sign of great depth. There is always some underlying plan to their actions; a road along which a well-defined sense of purpose travels towards the chosen goal. Even the detours are somehow worked into the plan. There can be no vague abstractions or generalities for this individual, for in essence, life's reward of happiness comes from his being sure of his destination at all times. The pot of gold at the end of this rainbow is achieved after many years of directed effort along the specific course he has charted. He knows that its attainment will not have been through luck or a sense of good fortune, but rather through his own powerfully directed efforts and inner worth. Whatever is accomplished is known to be a symbol of this internal development which is the pot of gold.

Here the individual experiences his greatest happiness by flowing with the energies of awareness and enlightenment. Unfettered by the bonds set by society, unlimited by the confines of predictable expectation, he is able to experience all that exists outside of the limits of established society. He seeks to know all—about man, the world, the universe. He wants to know how so many

apparently different aspects of life manage to fit together.

The objective of the Aquarius Part of Fortune is a sense of non-containment. His happiness comes from understanding that things can be different, without any one thing being better or worse than another. It is through this attitude that he is able to stay clear of the consequences of making judgements. By nature he is fair and unbiased. From this fair treatment of the world he experiences all of the joy associated with freedom. Because he is detached and does not become overly involved in the personal principles of others, the world allows him the freedom to explore his own self-awakening. He never has to follow the paths of others. The direction of his compass is always set by new ideas that stimulate inventiveness and originality of outlook. He often seeks solitude so that he can withdraw from the demands of traditional society, for his joy is not based on the laws or restrictions of men, but on the impulse of the forces of the cosmos which draw man to his highest abilities. He seeks to live without plan. From the absence of any apparent pattern, rhyme or reason to his life there grows a very uncommon sense of life and living. It is from this that he derives his unique. powers of ingenuity and awareness.

Through the Leo Part of Impersonal Consciousness this person is able to see how people strive in vain for power and command, as well as the desire to uphold principles through which they can establish self-respect. He knows that there is a place for such things in the world, but he also knows that the world is in the state it has fallen to because these things have been misused and abused. It is the Leo love of truth and higher principles which act as a beacon for him, rather than identification with the limitation of power which can inhibit the spontaneous flow of life.

Little in the world can shock the person with an Aquarius Part of Fortune because there is enough room in

his consciousness to accept the possibility of any occurrence. He lives in the future, exploring and discovering that which mankind considers as its most remote possibilities. He is a true free spirit: liberal in ideas and unconventional in attitudes. Contentment for him comes from not caring in any personal way about the direction in which society seems to be moving. He knows of a better future, based on a far-reaching vision of truth. Thus, the problems of the present can leave him relatively unconcerned. He knows they will be resolved in the best possible way. No need to worry.

Since the Leo energy is strongly based on the fulfillment of the ego through command and power, and the Aquarius energy is based on the avoidance of ego entrapment, he will find his greatest happiness in not being afraid or ashamed of his detachment and non-conformist attitudes. The strength to do this comes from that same Leonian energy. It is the Leo power which enables one to fight the desire for power because the vision has been directed inward as well as outward. As soon as this person accepts himself as being "different" and that his desires and ideas are unique, even prophetic in their advanced nature, he will begin to unfold the reality that his soul has been yearning for. He will know that his mind is free to explore the awareness, the consciousness which will ultimately free mankind from the shackles of its collective ego. The joy of this pot of gold is not just for the individual, but for all.

Here an individual has the opportunity of experiencing the sum of the creative energies of the Zodiac. In the most subtle ways, this person is in tune with the forces of the cosmos. He is able to flow with an invisible reality which he knows is manifesting itself as a

tangible physical reality. He **knows that** the **universe** is composed of one substance which is not **bounded** by matter. He experiences the unity of all things and can adapt himself to any vibration and fill any need.

The Part of Fortune placed here allows one to experience the joy of **transcending** time, space and thought. The powerful intuition and attunement to cosmic forces which comes from the Part of Fortune in Pisces gives an individual a mysterious, magnetic quality. There is a sense that this person knows the unknown intimately.

Through the Virgo Part of Impersonal Consciousness, this person sees the ways in which people try to plan and organize their lives, while all the time they fail to see the complete picture and its meaning. He also experiences the restrictions of living in a finite consciousness in which the only reality is thought to be that which can be seen, touched, or felt emotionally. If he is to be happy, he is not to identify with that kind of reality. His perceptions transcend the finite universe. The dimensions of time and space are of little **consequence** to **the infinite quality** of all he perceives.

How could there be a greater joy than sensing the eternal oneness of God? How could there be anything on earth that is not a reflection of that which is not earthly? How could there be anything at all that does not come from a state of mind? In ways which are beyond verbal communication, this Pisces Part of Fortune allows one to know the essence of reality. In effect this individual stands between the world of God and the world of man and knows they are one. He experiences that unity.

The person with a Pisces Part of Fortune does not like to make promises. He know that the keeping or breaking of a promise is not always within one's personal control. In order to insure his happiness he must avoid the Virgo tendency to manipulate and plan a particular, finite life style which he will then have to try and live out.

Instead he must draw on the Virgo ability to see the perfection of that which is, and allow life to take its course.

The person with a Pisces Part of Fortune does not have to conquer, for he is part of that which is the master of all. He does not have to submit, for he realizes there is truly nothing which must submit, since submission and conquest are merely opposite sides of one concept. Joy comes from a silent understanding which allows him to gently flow through life's experiences.

The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is in fact the rainbow itself. The Pisces Part of Fortune gives one the distinct advantage of knowing that life, the world of ideas and their limitations, is only an appearance after all. Creative imagination based on an awareness of higher truth, understanding and love, not illusion, is what can set the heart and mind free. Joy and happiness come from attunement to the higher levels of consciousness. The ability to finely attune to these levels comes from the Virgo IC which allows one to purify, order and direct the thoughts in the mind. The Mercurial energy of Virgo acts as the bridge between the ascending levels of perception and understanding which lead to the all encompassing embrace of Jupiter and Neptune. Through his compassionate desire to help shape a more loving world, his hopes, dreams and wishes are creating a more beautiful consciousness for his fellow man. Whatever he can imagine becomes part of his reality.

Chapter Five

ASPECTS TO THE PART OF FORTUNE

The Part of Fortune is an Arabian Point rather than a specific planet and some Astrologers have not considered the effects of planetary aspects to this point in the horoscope. However, there are several very powerful reasons to give some study to planetary contacts to this point.

It should be understood that the Part of Fortune represents a very sensitive position in an individual's horoscope. One reacts strongly to other individuals who have planets touching it! One also reacts strongly to important transits and progressions over this point. Thus, if an area in an individual's chart is sensitive enough to cause him to react to external forces, it obviously has enough strength to be considered as one of the factors that bears a strong influence on his life. One may question the extent of the strength such an Arabian Part has, keeping clearly in mind that it is not a planet. Such thinking leads one in the direction of believing that it is necessarily weaker than a planet. It then becomes important to realize that the Part of Fortune is not the resultant of any one planet at all, but rather represents the combined strength and sensitivity of both luminaries (often considered to be the two most powerful planets in the chart) and the Ascendant! It should be understood then, that the part of

Fortune is clearly a very potent area in the horoscope, often reacting to external stimuli with the same, if not more, power than a single planet.

This brings us to another consideration. If the Part of Fortune is sensitive to external forces through the experiences and circumstances that occur as a result of transits and progressions, then is it possible that it is also sensitive to internal forces stemming from the consciousness of the individual from within the boundaries of his natal chart? This can be answered quite easily from studies of other non-planetary parts within the horoscope. Consider if you will, the Ascendant, the Midheaven, the Nodes, House Cusps, the Vertex, the Nadir, the Descendant, and all of the other non-planetary parts of the horoscope. Are they sensitive to distance relationships or aspects formed to them by actual planets? Does it matter if a planet forms a conjunction with the Ascendant? Yes. It changes the whole complexion of the chart! Does it matter if a planet forms a square to a House Cusp? Very much so. It creates very specific tensions between the energy of the planet and the experiences symbolized by that house. Does it matter if an individual has three planets forming a conjunction with his North Node? Of course it does! It forces the individual to fulfill his Karma with a sense of urgency.

It is possible to go through many examples of how planetary aspects to sensitive points in the chart actually do have their effect. The point to understand here is that a part in the horoscope is affected by aspects to it, even though it is not a planet.

There is still another way of looking at this. Forgetting completely about Astrology for a moment, but remembering that the Part of Fortune symbolizes the Joy that one is seeking in life, consider the following: On a very mundane, everyday level of thinking there are things in an individual's life that are joyful to him. And, in

respect to these things, there are also things which either allow him to experience his joy or that will get in the way of it. A person's joy might very well be in peace of mind (something quite intangible, very much like the Part of Fortune). A bill that comes in the mail momentarily interferes with the experience of his joy. The bill is much more tangible (in a sense, very much like a planet). While one is more tangible than the other, there is still a strong relationship between the two. The individual's emotional reaction (which comes from within himself) to the fact that he has to pay the bill distracts him from his goal which in this case was peace of mind. In this very same way, a planetary aspect to the Part of Fortune has its effect in an individual's life.

To consider another example, let us suppose that an individual has a Fifth House Part of Fortune forming a conjunction with the Moon. On a very realistic level; their joy is in desiring to have a baby. The Moon symbolizes the actual birth of that baby. Again, forgetting Astrology for just a moment, see the relationship between seeking, wanting, expecting and waiting for the proverbial. "little bundle of Joy", and the eventual actual realization of it. Here too, one is more tangible than the other: Still they have direct continuity with each other.

Thus, on astrological levels of thinking, one part of a horoscope can be more tangible than another, without necessarily being more meaningful. There is no question that the tangible birth of a baby is extremely important to a person, yet are the months of wishful expectation, plans, dreams for the future, and the amazing feeling of awe that one has in experiencing a part of God's creation any less important?

The tangible and the intangible are two sides of the same coin. They always work together. Here we come to still a greater realization. The Part of Fortune is not really intangible. There are very definite routes towards what one

is seeking as his joy in life. A person generally knows what makes him happy. This knowing is tangible. It is something he can experience, feel, taste, and touch. It fills him from inside and enables him to radiate it to everyone he meets.

Through these analogies, it becomes easy to see that aspects to the Part of Fortune have a very definite effect on the ways in which one can reach his own particular "Joy". These aspects also relate to the obstacles which have to be overcome to realize this joy. I have carefully chosen the word "obstacle" in order to make still another point. There is truly nothing negative in any horoscope. There are things that take time to understand. Until we reach understanding of these things, they seem to block our path and keep us from what we desire. These are obstacles. But obstacles are merely stepping stones which make our personal "Joy" that much greater when it is attained because of all the strength we have built into ourselves during the process of striving. Things that take vears to attain, usually with two steps forward and one step backward, are so much more meaningful; things that come too easily tend to lose value in our eyes. Thus, harsh or easy aspects to the Part of Fortune must be viewed in the correct perspective: seeing each for exactly what it is worth. For things that come easily, we must be humble. For things that come with difficulty, we must be grateful. And herein, above all other joys for which the Part of Fortune stands, is how one achieves the true, lasting quality of joyousness.

SQUARES TO THE PART OF FORTUNE

If planets are in square aspect to the Part of Fortune, one is tempted to believe that they will deprive an individual of his joy. This is the furthest thing from the truth. They actually create the tension which leads a

person in the direction of action. According to Freud, action is what takes a person out of the dream state. The more one does, acts, participates, works, strives, etc., the closer one can bring oneself towards making dreams a reality.

To dream or fantasize about what will bring one joy is not to achieve it. To admit to oneself that the achievement of one's greatest desires will be the product of concerted effort is the first step towards their realization.

The more malefic the planets are that form squares to the Part of Fortune, the more deeply the **individual carves** out **his** well of **adversity** to make that much more room for his joy to enter. One must always keep in mind that all one is doing is not there so that complaints may be made about the labours involved but rather to clearly and firmly define the path and the ways and means which will help realize the most positive results from the Part of Fortune.

Benefic planets forming square aspects to the Part of Fortune may bring an individual to the fulfillment of his desires earlier in life, or through easier methods. Here the person has to remember that joy is something that is much more difficult to sustain than it is to attain! An individual may desire to be a singer, and through benefic squares to a Tenth House Part of Fortune may put in the effort to eventually make a hit record. But among the millions of singers that make a hit record, what percentage actually has a second hit, or a third? The fact is, less than one percent are able to succeed at success! Looking at this from another area in the horoscope, an individual may have an Eleventh House Part of Fortune with Benefic Squares to it. These Squares help give the energy to actively seek friendships. But, because these friends come rather easily due to the benefic energy channeled in that direction, they may not be kept very long because there is

no realization of the full value of what has been accomplished.

In essence then, Squares to the Part of Fortune create dynamic energy which the individual can use in order to reach his greatest joy. Whether the joy comes easily or with difficulty, takes a relatively short period of time, or a lifetime, there is nothing greater than to become part of "Joy" itself. The lesson of these Squares is that reward is well worth the effort!

TRINES TO THE PART OF FORTUNE

Planets forming Trine aspects to the Part of Fortune bring outside circumstances into the individual's life which lead him to his happiness. With these aspects it becomes very important that he does not actively chase after his Part of Fortune, for it will elude him at every turn if he does. On the other hand, by merely learning how to flow with the circumstances, people and events that come in and out of his life, he will automatically reach his Part of Fortune without consciously trying to do so.

Trines always bring outside experiences, but not always as easy as one would think. Malefic Planets in trine aspect to the Part of Fortune put the individual through some rather difficult circumstances at the hands of others. Still, these are exactly the circumstances through which he ultimately realizes his desires. When an individual has Squares to the Part of Fortune, his path seems more direct because it is coming from within. But when his horoscope shows trines to this Point, he seems to go in many different directions—in essence sliding in and out of the realities of everyone he meets. These realities somehow stand for what his Part of Fortune means to him. He is the individual who "walks a crooked mile," but nevertheless still gets where he is going. And the interesting thing is that he often gets there in spite of himself!

When the Trines to the Part of Fortune are coming. from Benefic Planets, it is extremely easy for the individual to realize his dreams. Over and over again, he seems to be very **lucky** in the one area **that** his **Part** of Fortune **symbolizes. The** lesson **here** of **course** is not to push his luck too far, but rather to appreciate it as a part of Divine fortune that for some unknown reason he is worthy of receiving.

OPPOSITIONS TO THE PART OF FORTUNE

Planets which form oppositions to the Part of Fortune are at the same time forming conjunctions with the Part of Impersonal Consciousness. Thus, what **they** appear to take away from an **individual** in one **area**, they give to him in another. These Planets function best when a person does not try to use them for personal benefit It is not so much that one need necessarily be a giver rather than a taker, or even to see it on this spectrum. Instead, it is more important that these Planetary energies be used without relating to owning or possessing the functions they represent or the products they create. An air of detachment helps them function best and does not in any way detract from a person experiencing his promised "Joy" in his Part of Fortune.

These Planets symbolize the ways in which the individual participates in the world through an impersonal consciousness. Thus, they show him the ways in which he is very much the same as everybody else, rather than pointing out the uniqueness that one tends to want to find in oneself as one's ego identity structure. Although these Planets are not to function on a personal level, **through** them the individual can see the ways in which he is very much a part of the flow of life experiences that are common to everybody. And, on his personal level this

gives him a sense of belonging that he might otherwise not realize.

CONJUNCTIONS TO THE PART OF FORTUNE

Planets forming conjunctions to the Part of Fortune help the individual reach his greatest "Joy" if he learns how to use them and allow them to operate in positive ways. They direct his energies along his path towards happiness so that he cannot help but find it. In essence, they add focusing ability so that he does not stray from where he is headed.

These planets are at the same time forming oppositions to the Part of Impersonal Consciousness. Thus, they keep the person from becoming too impersonal. This would act as a distraction from his personal reality. In addition, the nature of any planet forming a conjunction to the Part of Fortune helps to more clearly define exactly what it is that will bring a person happiness. Even malefic planets can bring one happiness. Many people experience a great deal of "Joy" in fighting! Take away the reasons for them to fight or struggle and they become deeply unhappy. Many people get a great deal of happiness by making life appear to be difficult. Try to make life easier for them and they will become unhappy! Thus, a state of "Joy" does not necessarily have to be the imagined sense of bliss that one might envision. All it does have to be is the ability to fulfill what any one person defines as what it is that truly makes him happy!

NO ASPECTS TO THE PART OF FORTUNE

It is quite common to find no aspects to the Part of Fortune. In these cases, it is interesting to study the planet

that is closest to this Part. It often gives a clue as to how,, the individual tries to achieve his sense of "Joy" i.e., the means he uses to achieve his ends. Whether these means are easy or difficult for him, or actually help him to reach his Part of Fortune or sway him from it, are determined by what other aspects this "closest planet" is receiving in the chart.

Chapter Six

THE PART OF FORTUNE AND KARMA

The Part of Fortune represents the ways in which an individual can reach his greatest joy and contentment. Obviously, then, it has much to do with how well an individual meets and overcomes his negative karma while at the same time creates and accepts the rewards of positive karma.

Regardless of past life experiences, more karma is created and lived through in the current life than one might realize. If an individual lives a lifestyle for which he constantly feels guilty then he tends to focus his entire chart through Saturn. In such a case, a guilt-ridden unconscious can actually prevent more positive areas in the chart from manifesting themselves.

If an individual tends to avoid responsibilities, then responsibilities begin to pile up on his head. Here too, the burden of Saturn grows heavy enough to make the individual lose perspective. Seeing himself constantly trying to catch up with all he tries to avoid, he misses the point of how his chart can actually flow together and bring him the happiness he is seeking.

If an individual knows he has problems to settle in relation to his parents, and yet for fear of hurting them avoids the confrontations that will lead to his becoming his own person, then he feels the weight of Saturn in the form of secret worries which mar and cloud his outlook on life.

If an individual feels responsible for the situation of his parents or ancestors, he is, again, Saturn's prisoner. If he feels that he, himself, is not the parent he should be, the result is much the same.

There are many students of Astrology and the Esoteric Sciences who are under the false belief that God has assigned to them some very special, unique, mission to perform which will play a major role in the evolution of humanity. This type of attitude also invites the labors of Saturn to hang like a heavy cloud over the rest of the individual's chart.

It is interesting to note how most beginning students of astrology, when seeing and understanding their horoscopes for the first time, have the desire to erase Saturn from the chart. By the same token, those who have studied **astrology** for several years, can **put too much** emphasis on Saturn's calling. Both attitudes are extremes, and, as such, both prevent the individual from experiencing the smooth flow of his total personality. Too little or too much focus on Saturn causes such disharmony in the individual's center of being that he actually inhibits himself from finding out who he is and how he can function.

One of Saturn's more unknown and mystical qualities is the need to understand the formation of everything. The individual seeks wisdom to such a great extent that he tends to burden himself with excess knowledge in the process. Wisdom cannot be sought. It comes through the experiencing of life. It cannot come from books, nor from listening to the words of others. It is the product of all an individual knows, based on all he has personally been through. Wisdom must also be put into *practice*, or else it turns to stone.

The proper use of Saturn is to give it no more nor less weight than any other part of the horoscope. Yes, man

does have responsibilities—based upon the needs he has created for himself. There is a great difference between dwelling on the cares, burdens, and obligations that can so easily blind one to all else there is to experience, and actually meeting one's responsibilites in the simplest way possible—accepting them as just one fragment of life's totality, and moving on, so to speak, to bigger and better things.

Saturn can easily be a planet of stagnation, keeping an individual at the same level of consciousness for an entire lifetime. Through all those years, the Sun, the Moon, the Ascendant, and the resultant Part of Fortune are forced to play "second fiddle" to archaic and outmoded ways of thinking and living.

There are those in life who "seek to be", and there are those who seek to "understand how to be". The former experiences life to the fullest, tasting the changes of the seasons and participating in new experiences that give life a sense of movement and progress. The latter tend to be observers or manipulators of life, afraid to dip their toes in the waters of emotion, and their minds in the air of reason, truth and wisdom.

There are basically only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who know, and those who do not know. Those who do not know live under the illusion that they have complete control—not only over their own lives, but over the lives of everyone around them. They are never concerned with being in harmony with nature. They may enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty in the world around them, but they see all of this as having no relation to the plan of their life. These people spend much of their lives complaining when rainy weather prevents a picnic, when too much sunshine makes them uncomfortable or in fact when any forces outside of themselves prevent the expression of their own personal will. On the other hand, there are those people who know. They know that man's

life is not separate from nature, but a part of it. They rejoice in the rain, for it makes everything green while bringing a clean freshness to the atmosphere. They rejoice in the sunshine, for in its brilliance the great display of nature's beauty is more visible. They never look at **things**, people, or circumstances as obstacles towards the expression of their own will, but rather live their life as a common sharing of nature's supply and support.

Those who do not know are so out of tune with themselves, that little in their personal life ever takes shape in ways that would bring them happiness. They are forever competing with an illusion of the ego, which leads them, like a carrot placed in front of a donkey, from one experience to another. Those who know are never burdened by responsibilities; never inhibited by fears; never browbeaten with inexplicable worries which ultimately take care of themselves anyway.

If one seeks to find out what one's specific karma is, then that time may in fact be wasted, for in the duration, without questioning the meaning of this or that, the individual would have been living out his karma anyway. The point is that the Part of Fortune, not being a specific planet but a blend of three factors in the horoscope, works best when one tries to live his life as naturally as possible. In order to do this well, the complaining and holding onto past patterns of behavior, which are so characteristic of the negative use of Saturn, must be overcome. As paradoxical as it may seem, the individual must transcend his personal self in order to find his personal self.

The world has so much to offer, that mankind's most serious problem is that it never truly knows what to choose. When man ultimately does make choices, he is never fully sure if the choice he has made has shut him off from other experiences which might bring him more pleasure. The fear of limitation of one's lifestyle is another

characteristic of a negative response to Saturn. Those who know, however, never look at it this way.

One of the positive things a person can do to bring himself into harmony with what is best for his lifestyle is to limit experiences, circumstances, and individuals which tend to stagnate growth, scatter his energies, and create a multitude of diversions. These tend to pull one from his anchor to reality. This serves to create order, harmony, and to enrich life in general. The world is too big for one to have all of it, and it is impossible to taste the experiences of others. In each horoscope, the Part of Fortune appears only in one House and one Sign. This indicates the specific area in which, if one is able to focus his positive energies, he will be able to reap the rewards which will bring him his own unique sense of joy.

Looking at too much dazzles one's senses. By constantly looking at his burdens man loses his optimistic outlook on life. If he allows himself to flow with the ways in which the natural forces are focusing him, he soon discovers his own unique stream of consciousness. Like the true mountain stream flowing down into the valley, if he stays within the confines of the shorelines which define him, he will flow with the natural current. This current will ultimately carry him to his ocean of joy.

Chapter Seven

THE PART OF FORTUNE AND FAMOUS HOROSCOPES

BOB DYLAN

In the horoscope of Bob Dylan, singer, musician, poet, mystic and a legend in his own time, we find the Part of Fortune in Taurus in the Twelfth House. The Part of Impersonal Consciousness is in Scorpio in the Sixth

House. This Twelfth House Part of Fortune shows a great yearning to seek inner things; to find and understand those intangible feelings which affect man's outer life so much. In this case, the Part of Fortune is forming almost an exact conjunction with Uranus, which brings enlightenment, awareness, and change into one's consciousness.

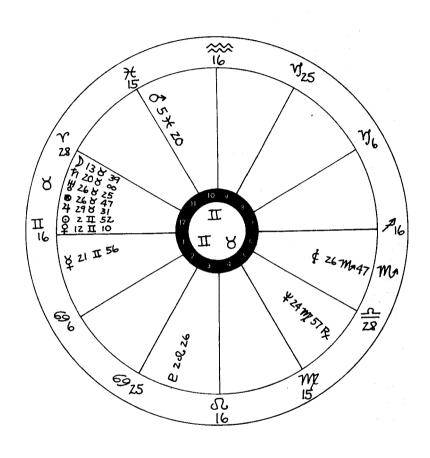
A great many professional musicians have at least one planet in the sign Taurus. In addition to the four planets Dylan has here, his Part of Fortune in this sign shows that music is one of the ways in which he can reach his greatest joy. The fact that it is in the Twelfth House shows that he is happiest, not when performing in front of huge audiences (for the sign Taurus itself is basically shy), but when he is enjoying the solitude and seclusion which the Twelfth House offers. This allows him to spend much time away from the demands of a fast-moving world which often appears to be going in circles.

From the vantage point of the Twelfth House, an individual is able to see all of the *suffering of mankind*,

and to ask himself—for what reason? The falseness of man's attempts to be more than he is, and the realization that he is less than he thinks he is becomes apparent from the Twelfth House point of view. "How many roads must a man walk down, before you can call him a man?" cries Dylan in his song "Blowing in the Wind". In still another song, he writes, "I don't want to own you ...", "I don't want to change you ...", a strangely unique attitude coming from such a powerful Taurus stellium. The Neptune-ruled Twelfth House brings the earthy nature of Taurus to a very fine attunement with a higher cosmic reality. It is from this outlook that Dylan is able to awaken mankind to a new level of understanding which can help people reach a more balanced state of being.

The Twelfth House Part of Fortune brings great happiness to the individual through finding completeness within himself. By not seeking to be what others want one to be, not limiting one's lifestyle by the confines of social obligation, and by not relating personally to what others expect, one is able to create his own image. Coming from the Twelfth House, this image will never be a facade for others, but rather the image of the Soul itself. At one point in his career, Dylan spent a period of twelve years without making personal appearances. It is through such periods of time that the Twelfth House Part of Fortune brings about a growth within the individual which comes from the true source of his being. At the end of the twelve vears, Dylan wrote a book on Jewish Mysticism, which was, undoubtedly, a reflection of all the discoveries his Twelfth House Part of Fortune, conjunct Uranus, brought to him: religion, roots, and spirituality.

In Dylan's music, we occasionally find expressions of crudeness, so typical of the earthy qualities of Taurus. It is exactly this language and style which brings modern man down to earth, forcing the individual to see himself as



Bob Dylan May 24, 1941 Duluth, Minnesota

he is. One of the finer qualities of Taurus is the absence of pretense, which all of Dylan's writings so clearly reflect. Here is a perfect example of how the powerful stellium in Taurus, along with the Taurus Part of Fortune, is overriding the double Gemini influence which normally thrives on pretense and superficiality.

Through his Sixth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness in Scorpio, Dylan strips away the layers of artificiality, and through his works goes right to the core of life. He digs away at the troubles that plague mankind, and with a Plutonian approach, brings them to the surface where they can be dealt with as part of the regenerative process.

In the style in which he performs his works, makes his public appearances, and presents himself to the world, he does much to shake the rigidity of a stagnant society. Through the Scorpio energy, he sings freely of sexuality, almost insistently forcing mankind to face its primal instincts. He has been a crusader, much like Sigmund Freud, and Joan of Arc, both of whose Saturn positions form almost exact conjunctions to his own natal Saturn. But in his Scorpionic crusade' for change and transformation, he must be careful not to identify with the Plutonian energies he is using for mankind. These energies are very different from the energies he himself needs for his own happiness.

His Twelfth House Part of Fortune in Taurus indicates that his own "pot of gold" comes from striving to achieve inner awareness, tranquility, and harmony. The Scorpio energy wants to do everything at once, but in order for Dylan to be truly happy, he must relate to the patience of Taurus in knowing how much time it will actually take the world to understand what he has always known. Some people hate him, seeing a lifestyle they would like to enjoy but are too rooted in traditional, confining ways to emulate. Some relate silently to the very

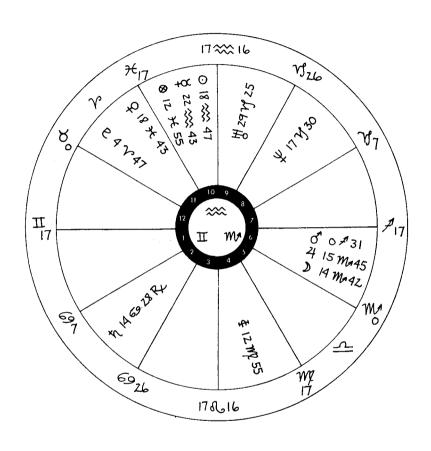
special, secret feelings of truth he triggers in them. Most people will never understand his mystical genius.

Dylan is free to experience the inner current of his soul, regardless of what the world thinks of him, or of what he may impersonally feel is his obligation to a society for which he obviously feels deep compassion. It is his inner experience that is the source of his ultimate contentment and joy.

JULES VERNE

In the horoscope of Jules Verne, the author of *Twenty* Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, we find the Part of Fortune in Pisces in the Tenth House with the Part of Impersonal Consciousness falling in Virgo in the Fourth House. Since Pisces rules all matters that have to do with the sea, and this Part of Fortune falls in his house of career, it is only natural that the book he would be noted for would be on this subject. Pisces also rules the creative imagination, and with the Part of Fortune in the second decanate of the sign, or the Cancer part of Pisces, Jules Verne imagined much more than a submarine of the future. It was literally a home under water. He imagined how men could swim beneath the ocean's depths through artificial breathing apparatus. He imagined the complete self-sufficiency of an underwater boat in which man could live his entire life with every need fulfilled. Interestingly enough, nearly everything he imagined is now a reality. In the 1880's, however, Verne's book would have been considered as not much more than a very fine escapist fantasy, so typical of the Piscean dream. Here we see a very excellent example of how dreamers do in fact shape the world we live in.

The Fourth House not only rules one's home, but one's homeland, culture and the historic circumstances surrounding the times in which one lives. With his Virgo Part of Impersonal Consciousness placed in the Fourth



Jules Verne February 8, 1828 Nantes, France

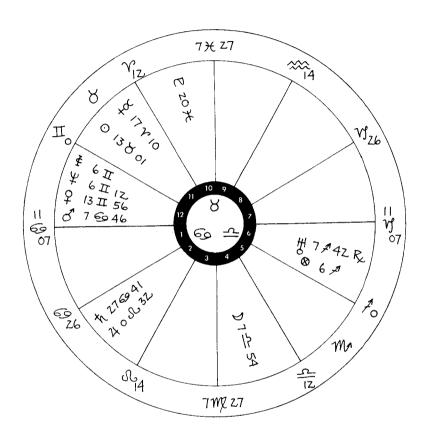
House, Jules Verne would have had to been able to transcend the limited boundaries of the thinking of his day in order to reach his personal joy in expressing his creative imagination. The Virgo Part of Impersonal Consciousness appears in the Capricorn decanate of the sign, indicating how heavy were the rules, regulations, limitations, and restrictions that surrounded his life. Through his Aquarius Sun he would have to project himself into the future, but it would be the Pisces Part of Fortune which would not only lure, but also show his imagination how to do this.

Aside from career, the Tenth House also represents the purpose, direction, and meaning that one is seeking in life. With the Sun and Mercury in Aquarius, and the Part of Fortune in Pisces, Jules Verne's writing genius shows an enormous sense of foresight and vision that would have been far beyond anything considered practical, down-to-earth, or even within the realm of reason of his time. He imagined how man could be uniquely independent, not by avoiding the forces of nature, but by learning how to use them to his benefit. His direction and purpose would have seemed chimeric to others. The great intuitive powers inherent in the Pisces Part of Fortune would have brought to him a joy beyond the understanding of his peers.

In a very personal way, the Tenth House stands for the maturing of a man's purpose. Yet here, the Pisces Part of Fortune goes beyond personal selfishness. With its ruler, Neptune, in the Eighth House of legacy, Verne considered the inheritance of man, and found it to be the bountiful resources of nature. Through the great compassion engendered by the Eighth House Capricorn/Neptune and the Pisces Part of Fortune, he was to pass this legacy on as his personal gift to generations he would never know.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

In the horoscope of William Shakespeare, we find the Part of Fortune in Sagittarius in the Sixth House, and



William Shakespeare April 23, 1564 Stratford-on-Avon, England

the Part of Impersonal Consciousness in Gemini in the Twelfth House. The Jupiter-ruled Part of Fortune shows the great wisdom that he sought and expressed in his plays. Here in his Sixth House of work, service, and the obligation one feels to humanity, the Part of Fortune forming a conjunction with retrograde Uranus explains the ironic quirks of justice about which Shakespeare was so prone to write. The planet Jupiter, which rules the Part of Fortune, is found in Leo. The Leo-Sagittarius combination makes it obvious why most of his characters were larger than life. He wrote of kings and castles, splendor and tvranny, and his writings were prolific. His plays had a fullness to them that only the abundance of the Sagittarius Part of Fortune could comprehend. The more he wrote, the more he understood life. In the thousands of years of the recorded history of mankind, he is considered to be one of those very rare individuals who reached a highly evolved plane of consciousness.

He loved nature. Through the description of his outdoor scenes one could almost feel as if one were actually there. He spent many hours of communing with nature, from whose rhythms and cycles he came to understand the universal laws that govern mankind. This is still a further expression of the Sagittarius Part of Fortune which always pulls a person closer to nature, and nature's ways.

Through his Part of Impersonal Consciousness in Gemini in the Twelfth House he studied relationships, and the ways in which people constantly deceive each other. Here, through the conjunction to Neptune, he was aware of the subtle unconscious forces that play on men's minds. Eventually, he came to know that all of life was just one big play, and this saddened him greatly. Through the dual nature of Gemini he saw the tragi-comedy of life. His own personal happiness would come from not identifying with either side of the coin, seen through his Gemini Part of

Impersonal Consciousness, but rather through reaching a higher Jupitarian understanding of the whole picture.

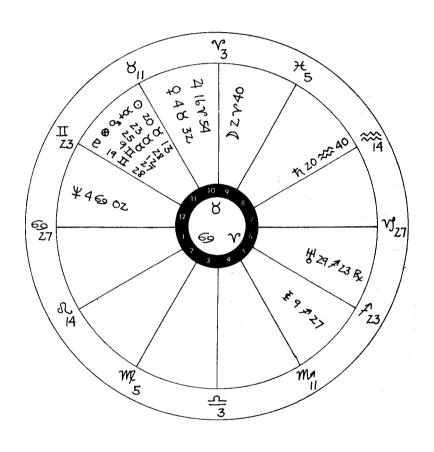
Through his Sixth House Part of Fortune he was highly conscious of man's obligations. His greatest yearning was to acquire wisdom which could help him deal with the dualities he saw as being part and parcel to meeting one's obligations to others, as well as dealing with the apparent dualistic forces that cannot be understood with the concrete mind.

His own pot of gold did not come from the creation of any character, but from being the overseer of all his characters. He poured out the multitude of personalities he felt within himself and cast them as symbolic characters in his plays. Thus, the more he worked, the more he was able to see himself and expand his consciousness. The more he was able to expand his consciousness, the closer he was able to bring himself to the light of higher truth.

SALVADOR DALL

In the horoscope of Salvador Dali the Part of Fortune is in Gemini in the Eleventh House, with the Part of Impersonal Consciousness in the Fifth House. Known for his good-nature and eccentricity, Dali's greatest joy comes from his ability to live outside of the confines of conformity. There are usually a number of things happening in any one of his paintings, which is typical of the Gemini-Sagittarius axis.

The Fifth House, which governs his creativity as well as his romantic outlook on life, is where he must deal with his Part of Impersonal Consciousness. It is interesting to note that Sagittarius holds rulership over the age of chivalry, knights in shining armor, kings and castles. What might be considered one of Dali's eccentricities is that for many years his wife has lived in a castle and that he writes letters to her when he wishes to see her. Thus, the lovenature in his life takes on the distance which is



Salvador Dali May 11, 1904 Paris, France

characteristic of Sagittarius, as well as the impersonality of two people living apart from each other.

If there is anything which Dali has been personally attached to it might be his ability to maintain his unorthodox character. This is typical of the Uranus-ruled Eleventh House Part of Fortune which keeps him seeking new ways to express the creative joy he experiences in the unique adventure which is his life.

He is friendly, good-natured, and extremely generous. The Gemini Part of Fortune brings him the joy of experiencing relationships between people, things, and the multitude of Aquarius-ruled Eleventh House ideas which flow through his fascinating paintings. The greatest meaning he draws from life comes from understanding all of the little things that create interest in the present. A lifestyle built on moments, rather than on one continuous thread, ultimately becomes all moments at the same time. This comes through in all of his art. Still, it would not be art itself that would bring Dali his greatest joy. His very personal pot of gold would come from observing and experiencing all of the Gemini intricacies of life. This would ultimately be expressed in his paintings, rather than in the joy of painting itself.

His Fifth House Part of Impersonal Consciousness, through which his creativity flows, becomes the means which allow him the freedom to have wine and bread for breakfast on the French Riviera—a lifestyle so typical of the promise of joy inherent in the Eleventh House Part of Fortune.

CONCLUSION

In many ways, life presents itself as a double-edged sword. Man nearly always judges others by their action while he judges himself by his ideals. The Part of Fortune is the point where man can find his ideals and strive to meet them by cooperating with all that is his unique promise in life. The Part of Impersonal Consciousness is that point where man should try to be impersonal in his observations of the actions of others. It is the very essence of these actions which he has a tendency to judge. In effect he is judging himself in areas where he cannot know the ideals of others, but sees only reflections of parts of humanity. If taken negatively they rob him of his sense of joy.

For this reason it becomes important for each person to understand what parts of life are impersonal, perhaps even irrelevant to the central core of one's direction, and what parts of life are the very intimate essence of that core itself. The Part of Fortune and the Part of Impersonal Consciousness help man understand how to do this. In order to keep himself centered a man must come to realize that he has to deal with his Karma alone. After some effort along these lines he begins to realize some positive results in the changing vibration that

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creates and guides his life. Most negative Karma comes as a result of passing some form of judgment on others. Even if such thoughts are kept to oneself they still control the individual's vibratory rate, his aura, his personality, and the basic effects he experiences as he tries to create his experiences. As soon as man learns how to be impersonal, with compassionate understanding for that which would ordinarily rub him the wrong way, he frees himself from all of the forces which oppose his sense of joy, happiness, and contentment.

Naturally, this is easier said than done. It is a process that takes many years. Even when one begins to pride oneself in not being judgmental, then one must deal with the fact that he has trapped himself again by inwardly judging how grand it is of him to be non-judgmental in a world which is judgmental. It is a very subtle trap.

Living through and overcoming the effects of Karma is no easy process. The finding of joy is even more difficult. It involves the elimination of personal relationships on any level of consciousness with that which is not joy! For this reason, most of mankind experiences joy in a limited way and only in rare moments. In the course of a lifetime, these moments could probably be counted on one's fingers.

There are, however, those individuals who strive to be sincere with themselves. From this sincerity, the entire vibration of their horoscope begins to take on more of the positive qualities of life than the negative ones. They neither judge themselves nor others. They neither plan their life nor avoid planning it. Instead they function with whatever flow God has given them, and through a very deep sense of gratitude they learn to see joy in all things. While each individual's perspective will be slightly different because of the House and Sign placement of the Part of Fortune, it is clear that regardless of which facet one looks at, a diamond is beautiful. Whether one's

philosophy of life is eastern or western, whether one looks at flowers, or listens to music, there is harmony in all things if one will but look at the joy of life, yet be impersonal with all else.

Imagine what a world this would be, if everyone, from his own unique perspective, could do this all of the time!

ALLEGORY

WHAT IS FOR TUNE?

For thousands of years, man has contemplated the question—"What is Fortune?" He has come up with thousands of answers. Amazingly enough, with all of these answers, very few people can actually say that they feel fortunate. There is an ancient Chinese story that speaks of the nature of Fortune in an extremely interesting way.

Several thousand years ago China had an extremely cruel and egotistical dictator. He was the individual who ordered the building of the six thousand mile wall around the country. To understand the flavor of the times, one must know that many people died in the building of that wall, and their bodies were buried in it. Now during this time, there was a very old Chinese man who had only two possessions in the world that he loved: his only son, and his only horse. But, as luck would have it, one day the horse ran away. Upon hearing of this all of the elders of the town came to console him saying, "How unfortunate it is that your horse has run away." The old man looked at them and replied, "How do you know it is unfortunate?"

Several days later the horse returned, followed by six other horses. Thus, the man's wealth was greatly increased. Upon seeing this, the elders of the town came around again and said, "How fortunate it is that you now have seven horses." The old man thought for a moment.

Then he looked at them as before and replied, "How do you know it is fortunate?"

That afternoon the old man's only son decided to try to ride one of the wild horses. He fell and became a cripple as a result. Now the elders gathered around again and said, "How unfortunate it is that your son fell off the horse and cannot walk." The old man answered them in the same way saying, "How do you know it is unfortunate?" The elders became very puzzled and went away.

The following day the Emperor's men came to this very same town. They had orders to enlist all able-bodied young men in the task of building by hand the horrible six thousand mile wall. Every young man from the town was taken, except the son of the old man. When this occurred, the elders of the town were sure they finally understood the wisdom of the old man. They came up to him again and said, "How fortunate you are that your son was not taken to build the wall." Again, the old man looked at them and said,—"How do you know it is fortunate?"

By this time the elders were completely puzzled. They went off by themselves and held council with each other. Then they returned to the old man and said, "We have spoke among ourselves, and agree that you are the wisest man in all of China. We would consider it to be very fortunate if you would be our town mayor." The old man threw up his hands in dispair and said, "How do you know it would be fortunate? I do not want the job." And he walked away.

He may very well have been the most fortunate man in all of China—for he knew the secret of fortune!

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APPENDIX

Traditional method for finding the Part of Fortune:

If Sun in Aquarius, 18.04; Moon in Capricorn, 26.04; Ascendant, Gemini, 20.29, then:

	Signs	Degrees	Minutes	
Asc.	2	20	29	
+Moon	9	26	04	
	11	46	33	
-Sun	10	18	04	
Part of Fortune	1	28	29	
	or Taurus	or Taurus, 28.29		

In this method one calculates the Ascendant as having completed two signs, Aries and Taurus, and being 20 degrees and 29 minutes into the third sign, Gemini. The Moon has completed nine whole signs and is 26 degrees and 4 minutes into the tenth sign, Capricorn. The Sun has completed movement through ten signs and is 18 degrees and 4 minutes into the eleventh sign, Aquarius.