

OPPORTUNITY

How often one hears someone who considers himself “down and out”, say, “Well, I had my opportunity once, and I lost it”. There is no greater fallacy than the idea that “Opportunity knocks only once at a man’s door”; and those who study Astrology should be particularly aware of this fact. For even if there be no other help in a horoscope, Jupiter makes a circuit through the twelve signs once in every eleven years, and during that time it will meet and make good aspects with every planet in our horoscope.

Moreover, every year the lunations come around to fructify at least some of the aspects in your horoscope and bring into your life chances for the betterment of your condition. These influences last only for a month; but, nevertheless, they are potent factors in fertilizing the seed of opportunity so that it may bear fruit in your life.

If an eclipse happens in your horoscope in aspect to any of the good planets, or vivifying any of the good aspects in your nativity, this influence will last for a whole year and bring repeated chances. All that is necessary is to be awake and to grasp opportunity on the wing, for it is like a seed: Unless you plant it in the soil and cultivate it, it will not grow.

So stop complaining. Watch for the good in your horoscope and make the best use of it. You are bound to win.

Here is a good poem on “Opportunity” by Walter Malone.

*They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake and rise and fight and win.
Wail not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;
Each night I burn the records of the day,
At sunrise every soul is born again.
Laugh like a boy at splendours that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind, and deaf, and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come.
Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep,
I lend my arm to all who say: “I can.”
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep
But he might rise and be again a man.*