


First Question for the
Second Day of Autumn:


The Man in Power:
Is He Beloved by
His Subordinates?

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FORTUNE:

He has, at least, nothing to fear from their hatred. For they have so-long complained, that they must be devoid of common sense.

WISDOM:

Although the long-continued complaints of the multitude seem to indicate a want of judgement, that appearance ought not to be trusted too far.



FORTUNE:

They love him because he has a genuine affection for them, and because he places his happiness in their prosperity.

WISDOM:

Though his felicity and fame thus stand upon a solid foundation, he must yet be warned against allowing to flourish, an undermining flattery.



FORTUNE:

How can his subordinates love him, when he thinks that their misfortunes secure his power over them?

WISDOM:

He forgets that the constant attendant of oppression is despair, by which the weakest people may soon become too strong for an unjust master.



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FORTUNE:

He is loved by some for his intention of doing good. But he is hated by many for his prepossessions, which cause him to do wrong. And he truly deserves to be pitied by all.

WISDOM:

He shall not find that pity before the Tribunal of Unerring Justice. For The Gods admit-not the plea of blindness in those whose duty it is to be clear-sighted



FORTUNE:

Their hearts are estranged from him by the bad management of those who seem to be the most zealous in his service.

WISDOM:

...A deplorable condition of men in power! They sink under their burden – and they do not see that those who are the most forward to help them are the least capable of doing it.



FORTUNE:

They love him for that very same prodigality which causes them many groans, and which they are very far from deeming in him to be a fault.

WISDOM:

They would think differently if he had the opposite disposition. For avarice degrades the man in power, and exacts no less a contribution than prodigality.

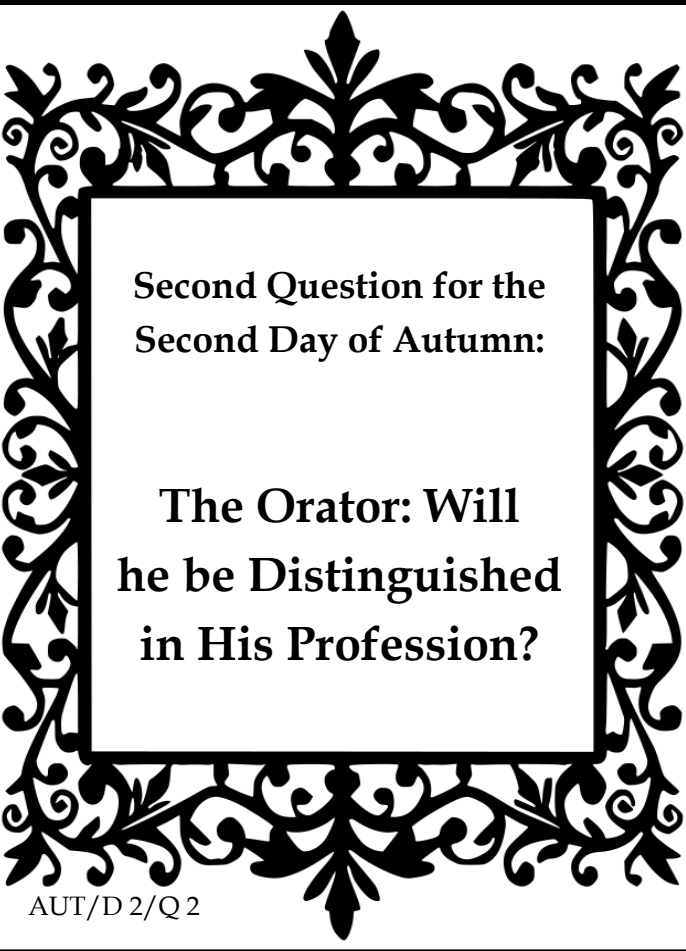


FORTUNE:

Men in power so seldom love anyone but themselves, that it is astonishing they expect to be loved by their subordinates.

WISDOM:


At least, they *desire* it. For they well-know that a bad master has more to fear from his underlings, than his underlings do from him.



Second Question for the
Second Day of Autumn:


The Orator: Will
he be Distinguished
in His Profession?

AUT/D 2/Q 2



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FORTUNE:

His fine genius, forcible eloquence, extensive learning, and most-corrupt heart will render him the wonder of his time, and a riddle for posterity.

WISDOM:

It is to be lamented that, contrary to order, the species of such monsters should be propagated. This would not be the case, if they were forced to behold the horror they deserve.



FORTUNE:

In the career of venality which he has entered, he has too many competitors to be able to distinguish himself from the rest.

WISDOM:

...Thus corruption is crowded and shut-up in dark recesses, lest the air should make it intolerable to those with a modicum of conscience.



FORTUNE:

His great desire of being distinguished is not unsupported by merit. And he will, at last, overcome the obstacles thrown in his way.

WISDOM:

That his merit keeps pace with his ambition will be easily-perceived by his trait of being more anxious of deserving his success than enjoying it.



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FORTUNE:

The time has not yet arrived that will place his invaluable merit in a conspicuous light, and show in him, the defender of his country and the lover of justice that he is.

WISDOM:

Thus the corn remains a long while in the earth before it produces those golden sheaves which are the most precious gift of nature.



FORTUNE:

As money is the only incentive motivating his eloquence, he will acquire riches with his talent for the spoken-word, but never honour.

WISDOM:

He must have a very groveling soul, if he is pleased with Your Oracle, and does not feel dejection and discontent at the badness of his lot.



FORTUNE:

He will be famous for his skill in making falsehood appear in all the native graces of truth, and thus decoying his hearers into a labyrinth of errors.

WISDOM:

He may gather momentary applause with this detestable talent and art. But he must, at last, be loaded with contempt for it.

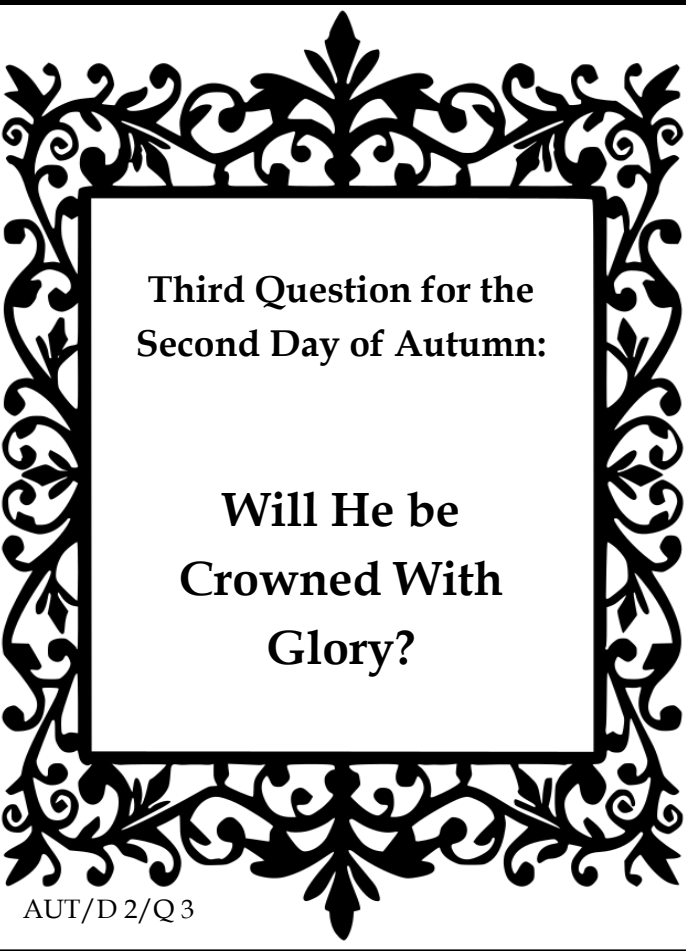


FORTUNE:

His bitter eloquence and inconsiderate zeal will create for him more enemies than admirers among the powerful.

WISDOM:


Prudence does not fill her quiver with words, and She knows how often the shield of silence is useful.



Third Question for the
Second Day of Autumn:


Will He be
Crowned With
Glory?

AUT/D 2/Q 3



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FORTUNE:

Enraptured with poetical fictions,
he will boldly assail the crown of
glory. But in the end, he shall only
gain the cap of folly.

WISDOM:

...Then he will receive his due
reward. For chimerical pride
entitles a man to nothing but
ridicule.



FORTUNE:

That crown is certainly his due.
But his great soul has taken its flight
far above the reach and the reward
of mortals.

WISDOM:

He who resolves to act like a man,
remains a mere man. He who, from
sentiment, aims at something more,
becomes a hero.



FORTUNE:

He follows his profession from
inclination, or rather from instinct.
I doubt much whether he is
entitled to true glory.

WISDOM:

The warrior who feels no distress,
even on the field of victory, and who
fights from any other motive than
the love of his country, is worse than
the most ferocious animal.





FORTUNE:

His great eagerness for conquest shades from his view the true means of conquering. And unhappily, he has adopted that trait of an excessive cruelty.

WISDOM:

...Then he may destroy, but shall never subdue, his enemies. For no force on earth can enslave the soul, if the soul does not willingly surrender its own liberty.



FORTUNE:

He fights neither for reward nor praise, but only for peace; and whether conqueror or vanquished, he will equally deserve the crown of glory.

WISDOM:

May the ardent beams which surround him invigorate the latent seeds of compassion in the hearts of those who forget that they were born to love, and not to destroy, their fellow creatures!



FORTUNE:

The wreath which encircles the smooth brow of the voluptuous, becomes him better than the crown of glory to which he can hardly dare to aspire.

WISDOM:

Effeminate men do not shrink at danger. It is in the tedious toils of war that they want that constancy which a frugal life inspires.

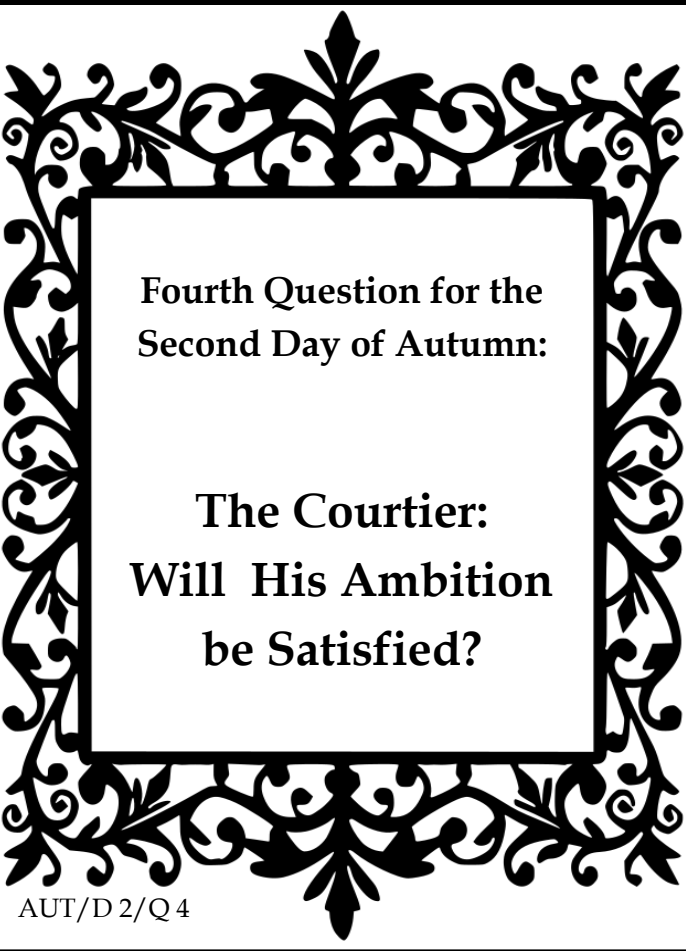


FORTUNE:

He scorns the danger, but does not foresee it, and must be contented with the glory and rank of a good soldier.

WISDOM:


Happy the general who commands men of such a disposition, when he himself is endowed with prudence and constancy!



Fourth Question for the
Second Day of Autumn:


The Courtier:
Will His Ambition
be Satisfied?

AUT/D 2/Q 4



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FORTUNE:

It is in vain that he flatters men in power, and courts the multitude. The awkwardness of this double-attempt renders him contemptible to both parties.

WISDOM:

A becoming indifference for the favour of both would have produced the contrary effect, by keeping them from knowing the depth of his judgement.



FORTUNE:

It is a pity that, with an honest heart, he follows so ungracious a profession. However, in favour of his good qualities, I will be silent.

WISDOM:

You are in the right. Unthinking men are more miserable when they hope for nothing, than when they have hoped in vain.



FORTUNE:

His views are too-well known. Those he desires to supplant are not willing to let him have the pleasure of retaliating at their own expense.

WISDOM:

That retaliation is most-proper among courtiers, since it may rouse their torpid feelings for each other.



AUT/D 2/Q 4/A 4



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AUT/D 2/Q 4/A 7



FORTUNE:

The impetuous breath of popular favour will swell him into a giant. But he shall soon dwindle into a dwarf, and be treated as such.

WISDOM:

These two illusive dimensions ought not to affect the rational beholder, who, by examining the conduct of the man in both, may easily find his true measure.



FORTUNE:

He will be easily satisfied, for he aims at nothing but the graceful appearance of a favourite.

WISDOM:

A strange infatuation! To humble oneself by pride; to court in order to be courted; and thus to resign the dignity of a man for its shadow.



FORTUNE:

He will but too-well succeed, and give a new proof that the first scheme of a favourite is to involve his master in difficulties, in order to raise his own importance.

WISDOM:

The consequences of such an attempt have so often proved fatal to artful ministers, that it is astonishing they dare to expose themselves in such a way for an empty glory.



FORTUNE:

As he is conscious of deserving the place to which he aspires, he undoubtedly questions the judgement of him whose favour he courts.

WISDOM:

Perhaps he thinks that there is no justice so exact, and no goodness so perfect, which are not the better for being solicited for his opinion.

**Fifth Question for the
Second Day of Autumn:**

**The Trader: Will
His Efforts Result
in Prosperity?**

AUT/D 2/Q 5

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FORTUNE:

The fair character he bears in the world is the foundation on which his prosperity stands. What can hinder its increasing to his wishes?

WISDOM:

There are, indeed, very few odds against him, *if* he is fully convinced that it is more safe and useful to **be** an honest man, than it is to just **appear** to be so.



FORTUNE:

Nothing can make amends to him for the disgust he feels at every falsehood that it is incumbent on a man in business to utter.

WISDOM:

Were it true that traders in general could not help thus demeaning themselves, it would then justify those who deem commerce a base calling.



FORTUNE:

His prosperity will keep pace with his injustice. Let his conscience set a value on the success I thereby promise him.

WISDOM:

Whoever sacrifices honesty to lucre cannot help finding, on examination, the real loss he has sustained by exchanging a good commodity for a bad one.





FORTUNE:

His greatest anxiety is to conceal the low degree from which he rose. But ill-nature and envy will not allow him that kind of prosperity.

WISDOM:

He may set them at defiance, if he is conscious of deserving that consideration which diligence, joined to honesty, has a right to bestow upon him.



FORTUNE:

There is no knowing where his inconstancy may carry him. And I cannot promiscuously answer the physician, the writer, the lawyer, and the merchant.

WISDOM:

Whether a man deals in lives, reputations, liberty, or the property of his fellow creatures, he may, by attending to the innate idea of right and wrong, be equally-led to happiness.



FORTUNE:

As he is equally industrious in getting and spending money, he has an equal chance for prosperity and indigence.

WISDOM:

It remains to know whether he acts like a salutary spring, or like an insignificant water-spout, in order to praise or contemn him for his pains.

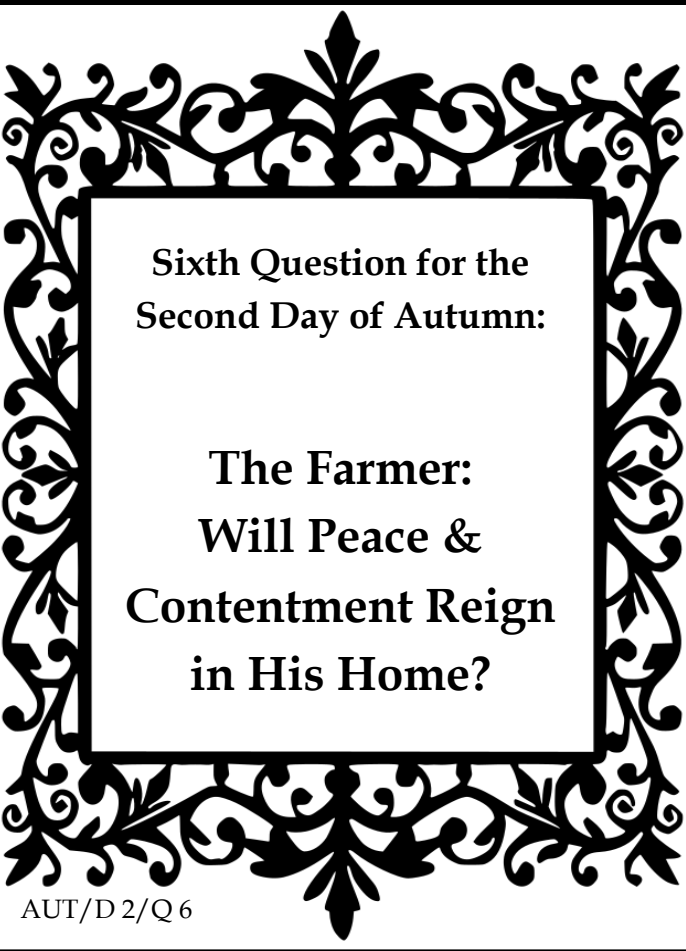


FORTUNE:

At least his fortitude and constancy will be adequate, if not superior, to his unmerited misfortunes.

WISDOM:


Truly unmerited they must be, or else these noble virtues would not raise him above the superficial grandeur of riches.



Sixth Question for the
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The Farmer:
Will Peace &
Contentment Reign
in His Home?

AUT/D 2/Q 6



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AUT/D 2/Q 6/A 1



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AUT/D 2/Q 6/A 3



FORTUNE:

No mortals can expect to retain
forever these two amiable guests.

It is a privilege that Fortune
Herself cannot grant.

WISDOM:

Here is no need of Fortune's
favour. A rural abode is the native
home of peace and contentment.



FORTUNE:

A barren Autumn and a
stormy Winter will open his door
to penury and illness, and will
drive away peace and contentment.

WISDOM:

The Lark of human days,
sweet Hope, will detain the
dear comforters, by presaging
an auspicious Spring.



FORTUNE:

He will lose his relish for
the sweets of rural life, if he
ever tastes the high-flavoured
pleasures of the cities.

WISDOM:

To a soul truly pervaded
by these sweets, such a trial
cannot prove dangerous.



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AUT/D 2/Q 6/A 5



AUT/D 2/Q 6/A 6



AUT/D 2/Q 6/A 7



FORTUNE:

Let him survey his rich fields,
his numerous flocks, his pleasing
walks and smiling gardens, and
no anxieties will invade his breast.

WISDOM:

...Provided he considers that
the same frugality, labour and
diligence which have procured him
so comfortable a situation, are what
is to make it lasting.



FORTUNE:

He will forsake the charming
prospect that quiet and simplicity
of living afford him for new sights
and enticing variety.

WISDOM:

That is to say, he will view the
world through the magnifying glass
of ambition and vanity, and increase
the number of deluded men.



FORTUNE:

His goodness to his servants,
whether men or brutes, renders
him worthy of all the comforts
of life.

WISDOM:

...Which Nature has insured for him,
by engaging Herself to make happy
all those who respect Her laws.

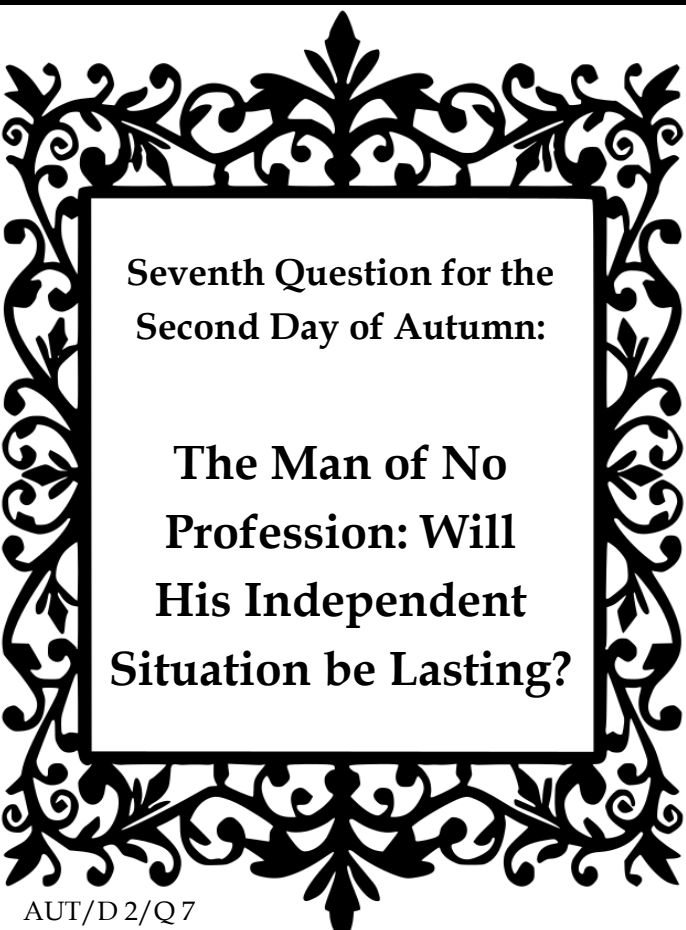


FORTUNE:

His furrowed brow bears witness
against that happy situation which
his question implies. And it also
announces indefatigable labour,
paired with tenacious poverty.

WISDOM:


Neither of these disadvantages are
incompatible with peace of mind.
And, as for contentment, who does
not know that it is the offspring of
honest labour?



Seventh Question for the
Second Day of Autumn:


The Man of No
Profession: Will
His Independent
Situation be Lasting?

AUT/D 2/Q 7



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AUT/D 2/Q 7/A 3



FORTUNE:

Every man generally toils for rest.
Therefore, he who can meet with
quiet without having fought for it,
cannot be but happy.

WISDOM:

...No more than the lover who is
dispensed from having to woo his
mistress. For in both cases, satiety
anticipates enjoyment.



FORTUNE:

I foresee no alteration in his
circumstances, but a great one
in his mind, whose disquietude
is not far off.

WISDOM:

...*That* will be owing to his
bad economy of time, the value
of which increases in proportion
to its decay.



FORTUNE:

Among the comforts of an
independent situation, none is
so lively and so lasting as the
consciousness of it.

WISDOM:

Independence must be considered
in the full sense of the word.
For a man is very far from being free,
if he is a slave to his passions.



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AUT/D2/Q7/A6



AUT/D2/Q7/A7



FORTUNE:

As he has availed himself of his fortunate situation for the improvement of his mind, he shall never want for the comforts attached to true freedom.

WISDOM:

The independence acquired by wisdom is synonymous with sovereignty. In fact, it is still more, for it both deserves and commands respect.



FORTUNE:

The comforts *he* means are every kind of voluptuous activity, and these can be enjoyed no longer than age will permit.

WISDOM:

Let his reason supersede the doom of time, if he is willing to continue to be truly independent.



FORTUNE:

He may preserve, but never would have himself acquired, the independence which he owes to his ancestors, and of which he boasts so much and enjoys so little.

WISDOM:

Let him be ranked with those unnoticed heaps of stones which fill a chasm between the lofty mountains, by whose detached fragments they were formed.



FORTUNE:

He has made use of his independent fortune on behalf of those who have sighed in the chains of necessity.
Can he ever need comfort?

WISDOM:

Never. For a benevolent mind, like the Sun, centers in itself the salutary beams which it diffuses around.

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Wisdom:

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Wisdom:

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FOLLOW-UP NOTES

Looking back some years later, were the answers you received a hit, a miss, or only partially-correct?
How did events transpire? Record your observations below, along with the date you're recording them:

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