


First Question for the
First Day of Autumn:


Is She Beloved by
Her Subordinates?

AUT/D1/Q1



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AUT/D1/Q1/A1



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AUT/D1/Q1/A2



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AUT/D1/Q1/A3



FORTUNE:

Her great affability with her subordinates would seem to entitle her to their love; however, it has the contrary effect.

WISDOM:

Surely it is because they see through her affectation of good-nature; and they are not willing to be cheated of their hearts' true perception.



FORTUNE:

She is not only beloved by those who are beneath her, but they also think that she is in her right place.

WISDOM:

The person who inspires such sentiments, must have been taught by Nature Herself the happy art of blending goodness with dignity.



FORTUNE:

She is so very civil, nay so humble, with those she has a right to command, that it is strange that they are rather insulted by her behaviour.

WISDOM:

That imposition of pride is too gross to pass, even upon the vulgar multitude, who rightly judge that it is no better than a display of contemptuous pity.



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AUT/D1/Q1/A7



FORTUNE:

Her passionate temperament and natural goodness cause such a vicissitude of sentiments in those who are subordinate to her, that She can hardly answer this question.

WISDOM:

I can tell her that those who undergo that vicissitude will soon, by habit, be fixed in a perfect indifference for the good or evil that may ensue.



FORTUNE:

She never thinks of her superiority of rank, but when it affords her the means of exerting her benevolence and generosity; and therefore, must be adored by them.

WISDOM:

Liberality that rewards merit, and charity that relieves misery, are two nearly-allied virtues, whose charms are irresistible.



FORTUNE:

The attachment she inspires in her inferiors is, at first very lively; but it soon degenerates into contempt.

WISDOM:

This must be owing to her misplaced familiarity with them. For, to free dependents of a due respect, is the way of losing their love.




FORTUNE:

If fear be the road to love, then her imperious and unforgiving temperament cannot fail at conducting her subordinates speedily through it.

WISDOM:


Let her not fall into so dangerous an error. Even the most faithful dog is not to be trusted by a master who softens-not his chain.



Second Question for the
First Day of Autumn:


Is She Respected by
Her Peers?

AUT/D 1/Q 2



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AUT/D 1/Q 2/A 1



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AUT/D 1/Q 2/A 2



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AUT/D 1/Q 2/A 3



FORTUNE:

She commands respect still more by being indulgent about other people's faults, than by being irreproachable herself.

WISDOM:

An easy temperament is no less a sure token of good morals, than a censorious one is a plain indication of a bad heart.



FORTUNE:

Although her excellent qualifications are acknowledged by her acquaintances, her company is not the more desired by them on that account.

WISDOM:

If her accomplishments make her vain and censorious, then they are burdensome to others, and of very little profit to herself.



FORTUNE:

She lives with a set of such light-hearted and thoughtless people, that she must submit to being alternately caressed and neglected by them.

WISDOM:

If she is wiser than they are, then she cannot much value what their caprice so easily gives and takes away.



AUT/D1/Q2/A4



AUT/D1/Q2/A5



AUT/D1/Q2/A6



AUT/D1/Q2/A7



FORTUNE:

She joins a ready wit with an amiable cheerfulness, prudence and good nature; who can help loving and respecting her?

WISDOM:

...Only those whose deformed mind is adverse to that beautiful and good spirit which diffuses delight through society.



FORTUNE:

Great respect is paid to her by her equals. Though in fact, they are not a *little* displeased with her for her superiority of judgement over them.

WISDOM:

That superiority of judgement should teach her not to court so much their admiration, but rather to deal better with their vanity.



FORTUNE:

By obstinately supporting her own opinion and never giving-way to that of others, she surely aims at nothing more than an apparent deference from friends and peers.

WISDOM:

...And even *that* she cannot always enjoy. The mind cannot long dissemble in acquiescence, when the heart yields-not to persuasion.




FORTUNE:

The regard she has for her acquaintances is the exact measure of that which they have for her. They meet and part with the same degree of civility and indifference.

WISDOM:


Why should an intercourse of mere outward politeness require more than empty grimaces for the empty satisfaction it gives?



Third Question for the
First Day of Autumn:


Is She Esteemed
by Her Superiors?

AUT/D 1/Q3



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AUT/D 1/Q3/A 1



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AUT/D 1/Q3/A 2



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AUT/D 1/Q3/A 3



FORTUNE:

She thinks of obtaining that esteem by a painful obsequiousness, which has quite the contrary effect.

WISDOM:

The greatest bitterness of life, and the least to be pitied, is that of being willingly dependent.



FORTUNE:

Her real worth would be sufficient to obtain her end, but she herself defeats it by employing a mean flattery with the great.

WISDOM:

If she was conscious of deserving their esteem, she would not thus debase herself for the acquisition of it.



FORTUNE:

Vanity persuades her that her superiors never lose sight of her conduct, though in fact, they hardly take notice of her.

WISDOM:

That selfish thought may be of a great benefit to her, by obliging her to watch over her defects, and to correct them.



AUT/D 1/Q 3/A 4



AUT/D 1/Q 3/A 5



AUT/D 1/Q 3/A 6



AUT/D 1/Q 3/A 7



FORTUNE:

By remarking upon everything, and seeming to take notice of nothing, she has thoroughly gained the good graces of her superiors.

WISDOM:

May she reap, by that very prudent conduct, as much honour and profit as she deserves, if integrity attends her throughout it.



FORTUNE:

Although she has taken no pains to set out her own merit, her merit is nonetheless acknowledged and esteemed by her superiors.

WISDOM:

She was conscious of it in herself, and rightly thought that it would not only pierce through her modesty, but also receive a new lustre from it.



FORTUNE:

Whether she is to obtain that esteem by her superiors or not, it is certainly true that she places too much value upon it.

WISDOM:

The senses and not the mind of the multitude set a value to the great, because they see them either at a distance, or through the magnifying glass of envy.



FORTUNE:

She acknowledges no superiority but that which riches seem to give, and reads in each smiling look of the wealthy, an earnest assurance of her own good fortune.

WISDOM:

She is very much mistaken in the meaning of that sort of look. It bespeaks admiration, instead of promising favours, and should be answered with indifference at least.

**Fourth Question for the
First Day of Autumn:**

**Does She Use Her
Time to Her Best
Advantage?**

AUT/D 1/Q 4

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AUT/D 1/Q 4/A 1

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AUT/D 1/Q 4/A 2

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AUT/D 1/Q 4/A 3



FORTUNE:

She knows herself that she reaps no great advantage from devoting her time to a fashionable life, but she cannot help it.

WISDOM:

A great soul bids defiance to the tyranny of fashion, because it forces weak minds to exclude reason.



FORTUNE:

Time is a burden to her; she makes no sort of use of it, and consequently it cannot be of any use to her.

WISDOM:

The vice of Sloth destroys all that is good. And it never creates anything that is agreeable, either to oneself or humankind.



FORTUNE:

The many hours she employs in setting-out her charms to their best advantage are surely not lost for attaining her goal of pleasing.

WISDOM:

Not yet perhaps; but the time is close at hand which is to make her regret not having bestowed more of her cares upon the improvement of her mind.



AUT/D1/Q4/A4



AUT/D1/Q4/A5



AUT/D1/Q4/A6



AUT/D1/Q4/A7



FORTUNE:

She is very fond of novelties in metaphysics and morals, but I cannot say she reaps great advantages by daily listening to those who deal in them.

WISDOM:

...On the contrary, she runs a great risk by thus mis-employing her time. Since it is by this sort of half-witted practitioner that all the pernicious tenets have been propagated throughout the world.



FORTUNE:

She devotes all her leisure hours to reading. They can therefore hardly be entirely lost hours for her.

WISDOM:

..That depends on the books she reads. For it is a question whether the art of writing has been, on the whole, more useful or more pernicious to the world.



FORTUNE:

She passes away her time in giving her advice to anyone that is willing to take it, and generally succeeds. Is that not a glorious advantage?

WISDOM:

...Of which, however, she ought not to boast too much. For a great tattler may succeed in intoxicating his hearers, when an able speaker can hardly persuade them.




FORTUNE:

Her life is decently frugal and laborious, and entirely under the regulation of reason and virtue.

Let Wisdom enumerate the advantages that she is to reap by it.

WISDOM:


First, to keep her health and youth from flying away upon the wings of time for a great while. Secondly, to preserve to the last, the invaluable treasure of her peace of mind.



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


**Is There Any
Fortunate Event
in Store for Her?**

AUT/D 1/Q 5



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AUT/D 1/Q 5/A 1



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AUT/D 1/Q 5/A 2



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AUT/D 1/Q 5/A 3



FORTUNE:

She pursues Fortune with too much eagerness and inconstancy. And she never persists in any of the roads she takes to reach Her.

WISDOM:

Were she to wait patiently for Fortune's smiles, she would, at least, pay a lesser price for her disappointments



FORTUNE:

If an inheritance from a worthy friend seems to her a compensation for the loss of that friend, then she may call 'fortunate' an event which is close at hand.

WISDOM:

Such a compensation is but too-easily admitted by the world, since unfeeling avarice has dried-up in their source, the tears of insensitivity.



FORTUNE:

I do not know what need she has of a fortunate event, when nothing is wanting in her share of felicity.

WISDOM:

It is very far from being so. The person who, having a competency, wants riches also, is in great need of reason, without which nothing good can be enjoyed.



AUT/D1/Q5/A4



AUT/D1/Q5/A5



AUT/D1/Q5/A6



AUT/D1/Q5/A7



FORTUNE:

A great prize is to be drawn for her,
in preference to her over those who
sigh for it.

WISDOM:

If she makes not a good use of it,
then she may have cause to sigh
in her turn, and to envy the fate
of those who were sent away
disappointed.



FORTUNE:

Her particular fondness for play
points-out what she desires of Me.
Let her hope for a favourable
moment.

WISDOM:

...And let her dread a most
melancholy one, which is the useless
regret of time, when, perhaps, she
will be in need of a single moment.



FORTUNE:

What signified My favouring her?
If I were to pour into her lap, all the
treasures of the two hemispheres,
she would not be the richer.

WISDOM:

Let not this cool Your good-will,
Fortune. If her extravagance throws
away Your gifts, they will not be
lost for others. If her liberality
exhausts them, they will not be lost
for herself.



FORTUNE:

Let her not be angry with Me,
if I cannot foretell any happy change
in her situation.

WISDOM:

I hope for one thing, and that is that
she will cease to desire what is not in
her power to attain.

Sixth Question for the
First Day of Autumn:

Will Her Current
Prosperity be
Lasting?

AUT/D 1/Q 6

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AUT/D 1/Q 6/A 1

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AUT/D 1/Q 6/A 2

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AUT/D 1/Q 6/A 3



FORTUNE:

Her prosperity has already lasted
a great while. But where is the
sky that is forever free of clouds?

WISDOM:

You say right. She cannot hope
to be entirely free from troubles.
But why should she fear what is
not in her power to avoid?



FORTUNE:

She has no need of My answer,
when she pretends that anyone
who has genius and prudence
may command events.

WISDOM:

Whoever think what nobody else
thinks, has either an uncommon
share of wisdom, or a great supply
of folly.



FORTUNE:

She is threatened with some
accidents and losses, which will
deprive her of the affluence in
which she lives.

WISDOM:

Let her desires keep pace with her
means, and she will hardly perceive
the alteration of her circumstances



AUT/D1/Q6/A4



AUT/D1/Q6/A5



AUT/D1/Q6/A6



AUT/D1/Q6/A7



FORTUNE:

There is not the least ominous prospect against her. She may enjoy her present prosperity without any concern for what may happen.

WISDOM:

He would be a very inconsiderate pilot indeed, who should leave the oars and helm of his ship on the shore because the wind is favourable.



FORTUNE:

The opinion of those who think she deserves her prosperity will soon be altered by the change of her fortune.

WISDOM:

This is not strange at all. When the player quits his glittering dress, the true personage appears.



FORTUNE:

Although I should tell her positively that her prosperity is to be lasting, she would not be cured of her anxiety.

WISDOM:

The *worst* that may happen is what she should then desire. It is better to receive, at once, the mortal stroke, than to continually have the sword hanging over one's head.




FORTUNE:

Adversity will soon overtake her. Whether it is by the loss of riches, reputation, or friends, I cannot tell.

WISDOM:


Money is not to be despised. Reputation and friends are to be cherished. But she may find comfort in the loss of them all, from the consciousness of not having deserved any of it.



Seventh Question for the
First Day of Autumn:


Will Her Current
Adversity Soon be
at an End?

AUT/D 1/Q7



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AUT/D 1/Q7/A1



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AUT/D 1/Q7/A2



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AUT/D 1/Q7/A3



FORTUNE:

I have so-long frowned upon her,
that she can hardly think it possible
that I should ever favour her with a
smile.

WISDOM:

She undoubtedly knows that the
whims of fortune are over-ruled
by a Providence who cannot have
an ill-will against her.



FORTUNE:

I will not listen to her complaints.
For what *she* calls adversity will
appear to many to be a tolerable
share of happiness.

WISDOM:

There are no misfortunes that
deserve to be pitied more than
those which imagination creates
in spite of reason.



FORTUNE:

A happy prospect opens before her.
She will soon have as much cause
for joy as she now has for grief.

WISDOM:

The evils and pleasures of human
life are, on the whole, of *so* short
a duration, that they ought not to
either trouble or elate a wise mind.



AUT/D1/Q7/A4



AUT/D1/Q7/A5



AUT/D1/Q7/A6



AUT/D1/Q7/A7



FORTUNE:

Though her enemies have not been wanting in malice against her, she may reproach herself for her misfortunes; which will, however, soon be at an end.

WISDOM:

...In the mean time, let her observe that, both for her interest and her peace of mind, she must forgive both her enemies and herself.



FORTUNE:

As My wheel must turn-about, whoever is under it has the chance of soon being placed on its top.

WISDOM:

...a True image of that fatal vicissitude of hope and fear, joy and grief, which humankind must support with the help of reason.



FORTUNE:

She supports adversity with so much fortitude, that she need not ask to be delivered from it.

WISDOM:

Though the shepherd bids defiance to the storm when he has secured his flock in the fold, he cannot be blamed for wishing for a serene sky.



FORTUNE:

Her industry, patience and constancy will, at last, procure for her better days, of which it is to be hoped she will thereof make good use.

WISDOM:

There is no doubt of it. Whoever has overcome adversity by dint of their own merit can hardly be corrupted by prosperity.

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Wisdom:

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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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