

## Winning Times - The Astrology of Luck

For centuries mankind has pondered the nature of luck. There are countless theories of what it is, how it is obtained, what it means, and how to hold on to it. The common explanation for luck is that it is a chance combination of circumstances that can't be controlled. Though this is undoubtedly true from a statistical point of view, it is not the explanation held by those who benefit the most from luck. Lucky people usually feel that they are doing something right and because of that they become magnets for good fortune. Doing something right can be as profound as being spiritually aligned with God and the universe, or it can be as insignificant as wearing lucky socks. Unlucky people usually do not agree with this explanation. The Book of Job explores the dynamics of the fortunate man, his relationship with God, and the jealousies of the unfortunate.

Certainly feeling good and being lucky go hand in hand and, though the simple explanation is that luck makes you happy, people who watch their own luck usually believe it is at least a two-way street. Being happy is just as likely to make you lucky as the other way around. The very word happy has the same origin as the word happenstance, so, by definition, being happy is being lucky. Good things happen to the lucky, or the lucky are always there while good things are happening. This is the famous good timing of the lucky.

Timing has always been a part of luck. There are good times and bad times, times when you're lucky and times when you're unlucky. Astrology has always been concerned with defining the nature of different events or moments. If you can define the times where you are more likely to be lucky then you can maximize your efforts at times when fortune smiles on you. Though gambling is the first thing that comes to mind when thinking of lucky times, any effort in life can benefit from good luck – and for most of them you aren't fighting against long odds.

Astrologers have long considered Venus and Jupiter to be the benefics, the bringers of good fortune. When either one makes a good aspect to your chart it is a time of improved fortune. These will mark out several periods in the month of one or two days that may have be luckier than others. But if you're at a casino, at a racetrack, or playing poker you need finer divisions.

In 1980, Joyce Wehrman wrote a pamphlet called "Winning! Zodiacal Timing" where she detailed a method that was working for her. It uses the current house cusps at the place she was gambling. When these transiting house cusps (she used the Koch house system) were pointing to lucky planets or points in her chart she found she was much more likely to win. This method involved a lot of work, but, for her and the many people she shared her technique with, it seemed to produce surprising

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results.; She visited Matrix Software to help us design our Winning report program for DOS and taught us her techniques and all of the modifications that she was always working on.

Her main technique consisted of two absolute principles:

1) One of your natal planets must be "On the Wheel." This means the chart for the current place and time must have a house cusp (any except the 6th or 12th) activating a natal point by conjunction, square, or opposition.

2) You must have a transiting planet activating your natal chart. The natal planet should be a gambling planet. A gambling planet is any natal planet that is in or ruling the 5th house of speculation, the 9th house of gambling and luck, the 2nd and 8th houses of money, the 11th house of dreams, or the 10th house as second house of money for the ninth cusp. Your midheaven and ascendant are always used because they represent you. Activation means making either a conjunction, opposition, or square. She used other minor aspects at times but was cautious with them.

She also cautioned against gambling when a midpoint involving Mars, Saturn, or Neptune are activating your natal chart.

Joyce worked with lists of events, like you will find under the Winning Time's Lists tab or printout. Many people found these difficult to work with, so we've added some scans and winning times bar graph to make the information more accessible. First time users will probably want to stick with the Winning Times tab, that collects the positive and negative aspects and displays the count in a simple bar graph, the larger the green, the luckier the time.

Nobody wins all the time. The trick is to stop gambling before you begin losing. Many experimenters find that they begin winning during a lucky time and then don't stop when the time turns unlucky.