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Preface¹

Fortune Cookie Philosophy is written by Kenneth Leroy Busbee, a faculty member at Houston Community College in Houston, Texas.

Over 550 unique fortune cookies were acquired during dining experiences over a 20 year plus period. The fortunes were placed into 41 independent modules and they are organized into 9 sections/chapters. As they were categorized some fortunes were placed in more than one category; so occasionally you will be reading a repeat.

My personal favorite fortune was given to me by my son, Benjamin. It reads: If you bite the hand that feeds you, it won't taste as good as the food you were fed.

As always, my gratitude to my wife, Carol, who helped acquire the fortunes and is always a supportive partner.

I hope you enjoy reading and pondering the wisdom and philosophy within.

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Chapter 1

People

1.1 Family¹

- Share your joys and sorrows with your family.
- A distant relative will phone you soon.
- One of life's greatest rewards is a smile from a loved one.
- Somebody loves you for who you are.
- Soon, someone will make you very proud.
- If you would be loved, love and be lovable.
- The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.
- Give your loved ones top-quality treatment. You'll be surprised.
- Forget the entanglement of love; forget not to practice charity.
- Love is the only medicine for a broken heart.
- The truth is always bearable when told with compassion.
- Love is the glue that holds together everything in the world.
- Somebody hopes you aren't in trouble.
- Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass.
- Sometimes it would be wise to add a little chlorine to the gene pool.
- Children will play an important role in your life.
- Traveling with your family can be a joyful enjoyment.
- You will inherit money and property.
- They will be grateful that you called.
- You will inherit a large sum of money.
- Appreciate the caring people who surround you.
- You will have no problems in your home.

1.2 Friends²

- Your wealth is where your friends are.
- A friend is a present you give yourself.
- Seek friendship and you will find it.
- A cheerful message from a good friend is on its way to you.
- If you want people to like you, like yourself first.
- You will become better acquainted with a coworker.
- A tall stranger will soon enter your life.
- If you continually give, you will continually have.
- A good friendship is often more important than a passionate romance.
- You will win favors when you expand your social circle.
- The only rose without a thorn is friendship.
- Ask a friend to join you on your next voyage.
- The only way to have a friend is to be one.
- A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- Your life will be full of true friendships.

- You have a friendly heart and are well admired.
- It is time to help a friend in need.
- Compromise in a dispute between friends is rarely regretted.
- A good evening is one spent in good company.
- Getting together with old friends brings new adventures.
- Wise man is slow in choosing friends. Slower in changing.
- Not just live and let live. . . but live and HELP live.
- A phone call to a good friend will ease your mind and lift your spirits.
- You will be reunited with old friends.
- The truth is always bearable when told with compassion.
- Somebody hopes you aren't in trouble.
- Work on your diplomatic skills and avoid conflict at all costs.
- Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass.
- The best way to keep our friends is to never owe them anything, and never lend them anything.
- A real friend asks to spend time with you, not money.
- There is nothing better than the encouragement of a good friend.
- A lifetime friend shall soon be made.
- One old friend is better than two new ones.
- You are a true friend.
- A quiet evening with friends is the best tonic for a long day.
- They will be grateful that you called.
- Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
- Buy a small gift for someone who did something thoughtful for you.
- You have a friendly heart and are well admired.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Everybody feels lucky for having you as a friend.
- A friend asks only for your time not your money.
- You will be called upon to help a friend in trouble.
- Participate in a neighborhood event.
- Good friends are good for your health.
- Spend your life lifting people up.

1.3 Kindness³

- There is no wisdom greater than kindness.
- Courtesy is the password to safety.
- If a true sense of value is to be yours it must come thru service.
- A warm smile is testimony of a generous nature.
- Carve your name on your heart and not on marble.
- You are altruistic and will be involved in many humanitarian projects.
- You are courteous, diplomatic and affable and may and happiness in politics and public service.
- Forget the entanglement of love; forget not to practice charity.
- One who hurts another hurts oneself.
- It is better to lend a hand than to lend sympathy.

- Those who help are helped.
- You are kind and trustworthy by nature.
- Work on your diplomatic skills and avoid conflict at all costs.
- To give happiness is to deserve happiness.
- You have an uncanny willingness and ability to help others.
- There is no medicine to cure hatred.
- You are compassionate and fun-loving.
- Anger begins with folly, and ends in regret.
- When one is helping another, both are strong.
- Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass.
- You wear your heart on your sleeve.
- You are more likely to give than to give in.
- You should pay for this dinner. Be generous.
- A frivolous gift is a gift, nonetheless.

1.4 Romance⁴

- A well fed romance nourishes the soul.
- True love is only found in the heart.
- The evening will bring romance.
- An agreeable romance might begin to take on the appearance.
- Stop searching forever; happiness is right next to you.
- A good friendship is often more important than a passionate romance.
- True love is like ghosts, which everyone talks about but few have seen.
- A friend's match-making sets your heart twittering.
- Love is the only medicine for a broken heart.
- Be most affectionate today.
- An admirer finds you charming.
- You shall soon make a long, overdue personal decision.
- It's time to bring out your dreamy, loving side.
- Take the plunge in a personal relationship.
- There's a good chance of a romantic encounter soon.
- Nothing in this world is accomplished without passion.
- To love and be loved are blessings.
- Next full moon brings an enchanting evening.
- Somebody is wishing that you noticed him/her.
- You will always have good luck in your personal affairs.
- Alas! You are the apple of my eye.
- The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.
- They will be grateful that you called.
- Love is a thing that sharpens all our wits.
- Hope keeps love alive.
- You are demonstrative with those you love.
- A romantic mystery will soon add interest to your life.
- Somebody wants to be with you.
- Love is the nicest gift of all.

- That special someone loves to see the light in your eyes.
- A new romance will occupy your thoughts.
- Someone is secretly in love with you.
- Buy someone a thoughtful gift of love.
- Absence sharpens love, but presence strengthens it.
- Today is a good day for being with a companion.
- Someone is interested in you. Keep your eyes open.
- A long time admirer thinks highly of you.

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Chapter 2

The Individual

2.1 Personality¹

- You have a unique personality.
- Use your natural talents to obtain more.
- Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought.
- You have a sweet nature.
- Honesty and integrity are just some of your best attributes.
- Others are attracted to your lively and sociable personality.
- A warm smile is testimony of a generous nature.
- You will always get what you want through your charm and personality.
- You are a man of righteousness and integrity.
- Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass.
- To be beautiful externally is like a glass rose; one false move and it can crack.
- You are a great guy. Your work has had a positive effect on the lives of many.
- You have a air for adding a fanciful dimension to any story.
- You are the center of every group's attention.
- You are always welcome in any gathering.
- Versatility is one of your outstanding traits.
- Your loyalty is a virtue, but not when it's wedded to blind stubbornness.
- You are talented in many ways.
- You have an unusually magnetic personality.
- You have an ambitious nature.
- You are never bitter, deceptive or petty.
- You have a friendly heart and are well admired.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Your talents shine through at work.
- You are sociable and entertaining.
- You are the center of every group's attention.
- Someone is looking up to you.
- Your talents are in fine shape; utilize them to their fullest.
- You are endowed with strength of purpose and energy of will.
- You love variety and have a warm heart.
- You are original and creative.
- You are a considerate and thoughtful person.
- You have the ability to be very persuasive.
- Patience is its own reward.
- Your emotional nature is strong and sensitive.
- You have a deep appreciation of the arts and music.
- You are more likely to give than to give in.
- Character is much easier kept than recovered.
- You have a keen sense of humor and love a good time.
- It is more difficult to judge oneself than to judge others.
- You have yearning for perfection.

2.2 Skills²

- Try to enhance your communication skills.
- Compromise in a dispute between friends is rarely regretted.
- Concentrate on financial matters until the end of the month.
- Wit is the salt of the conversation, not the food.
- Work on your diplomatic skills and avoid conflict at all costs.
- Do it right the first time.
- You have every qualification for success.
- You would make a good lawyer for no detail escapes your attention.

2.3 Leadership³

- Character matters; leadership descends from character.
- You'll be called to a post requiring high ability in handling groups of people.
- Your example will inspire others.
- The truth is always bearable when told with compassion.
- Have faith in the force of right and not in the right of force.
- Work on your diplomatic skills and avoid conflict at all costs.
- Your principles mean more to you than any money or success.
- Character is the cornerstone of success.
- You are never bitter, deceptive or petty.
- If a true sense of value is to be yours it must come thru service.
- You have executive ability.
- Your ability to juggle many tasks will take you far.

2.4 Strength⁴

- If strength were all, tiger would not fear scorpion.
- Absence sharpens love, but presence strengthens it.
- Adversity is the test for strong men.
- Somebody admires your strength.
- Any one that dares to be can never be weak.

2.5 Respect⁵

- Your respect for others will be your ticket to success.
- You have a friendly heart and are well admired.
- You are a man of righteousness and integrity.
- Carve you name on your heart and not on marble.
- Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself.
- You deserve respect and will eventually get it.

- Someone you respect will soon honor you.

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Chapter 3

Creative

3.1 Ideas¹

- Your original ideas will get you well-deserved recognition.
- Tomorrow your creative side will shine forth with exceptional ideas.
- All that we are is a result of what we have thought.
- Every production of genius must be the production of enthusiasm.
- Original ideas allow you to meet talented people.
- You have an active mind and a keen imagination.
- Keep your plans secret for now.
- You think too much. Today means action. Carry out your plan.
- A focused mind is one of the most powerful forces in the universe.
- Present your best ideas today to an eager and welcoming audience.
- You are bright and witty.
- You have an active mind and a keen imagination.
- Try a new system or different approach.
- Good things come in invisible packages. You will be delighted.
- Ideas are like children. Your's are always the best.
- Your critical insights can provide the stimulus for change.

3.2 Creative²

- Tomorrow your creative side will shine forth with exceptional ideas.
- Grasp opportunities, you will win.
- Talent and creativity are yours to use and keep.
- Dispel negativity through creative activities.
- You are talented in many ways.
- Adversity reveals genius, prosperity conceals it.
- Everyone has his own light Don't hold yours back.
- You have a deep interest in all that is artistic.
- You are original and creative.
- You never hesitate to tackle the most difficult problems.

3.3 Dreams³

- It is the hope and dreams that we have that make us great.
- You enjoy sharing your dreams and plans with others.
- Your dream life is rich listen to your dreams.
- If your desires are not extravagant they will be granted.
- The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- Your heart's desire be with you!

- Wishing does not make a poor man rich.
- Luck is with you now. Act upon your instincts.
- Do not desire what you do not need.
- Pursue your dreams.
- The cautious seldom make mistakes.
- Faith moves mountains.
- Follow your dreams of success and make it happen.
- We must always have old memories and young hopes.
- You will soon gain something you have always wanted.
- You have an important new business development.
- People will find it difficult to resist your propositions.
- Never let an opportunity pass you by.
- Choose a job you love, money will follow.
- Your dreams are never silly; depend on them to guide you.
- Any one that dares to be can never be weak.
- Keep your feet on the ground and your thoughts at lofty heights.
- Your aspirations are met with success soon.
- We live at the edge of the miraculous.
- Don't major in minor things.

3.4 Feelings⁴

- Accept the challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory.
- Your actions reveal your thoughts more than you realize.
- Love is the only medicine for a broken heart.
- Every production of genius must be the production of enthusiasm.
- The smart thing to do is to begin trusting your intuitions.
- Luck is with you now. Act upon your instincts.
- A phone call to a good friend will ease your mind and lift your spirits.
- Nothing in this world is accomplished without passion.

3.5 Condence⁵

- Confidence is the hinge on the door to success.
- You will be a great success both in business and social situations.
- Somebody has faith in you.
- Always put your best foot forward.
- Be careful and systematic in your business arrangements.
- A great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do!
- Winners expect to win in advance. Life is a self-fulfilling prophesy.
- Don't let doubt and suspicion bar your progress.
- You should be able to undertake and complete anything.

3.6 Goals⁶

- Keep a balance between your goals and your gentle nature.
- Reevaluate your plans for long term success.
- It is most gratifying when a goal is achieved through one's eorts.
- It's not the amount of time you devote, but what you devote to the time that counts.
- Always begin with an end in mind.
- Your goal will be reached very soon.
- Work on improving your exercise routine.
- If your desires are not extravagant they will be granted.
- If you can't decide up or down try moving from side to side.
- Try to channel excess energies into rejuvenation.
- A good beginning is half the task.
- In every enterprise, consider the outcome.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Take that step today!
- Aim for the sky, because even if you miss, you'll be among the stars.
- You think too much. Today means action. Carry out your plan.
- Your present plans are going to succeed.
- A schedule defends from chaos and whim.
- Invest in your strongest commodity yourself.

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Chapter 4

Your Destiny

4.1 Potential¹

- You have a strong potential for success.
- A man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.
- You are talented in many ways.
- The power you desire lives within your heart.
- Many a false step is made by standing still.
- You are one of the people who go places in life.
- We are all made from the same clay but not from the same mold.
- Great things are made of little things.
- Little acorns lead to mighty oaks.
- To be eighty years young is more cheerful and hopeful than forty years old.
- The secret of staying young is good health and lying about your age.
- A fool at forty is a fool indeed.
- Life does not end at 21, it only gets better.

4.2 Choice²

- You have made a brilliant choice today.
- Avoid a hasty decision.
- You shall soon make a long, overdue personal decision.
- Knowing and not doing are equal to not knowing at all.
- You are given a chance to take part in an exciting adventure.
- Life is drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises.
- Follow your instincts when making decisions.
- Get to the nitty-gritty of things in all dealings.

4.3 Challenges³

- Accept the challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory.
- Fear creates danger, and courage dispels it.
- Courage comes through suffering.
- Remember, every downhill has its uphill.
- Adversity is the test for strong men.
- The cautious seldom make mistakes.
- Don't ignore your needs in the area of new challenges.
- What you are afraid of overtakes you.
- Don't let doubt and suspicion bar your progress.
- If strength were all, tiger would not fear scorpion.

4.4 Opportunity⁴

- Grasp opportunities, you will win.
- Now is the time for you to explore. Take a vacation.
- Try to channel excess energies into rejuvenation.
- Now is a good time to explore.
- Life to you is a dashing and bold adventure.
- He who seeks will find.

4.5 Change⁵

- You will make a change for the better.
- Your critical insights can provide the stimulus for change.
- An agreeable romance might begin to take on the appearance.
- You are on the verge of something big.
- Your luck has been completely changed today.
- Grasp opportunities, you will win.
- You will make many changes before setting satisfactorily.
- Now is the time to try something new.
- You will make many changes before settling down happily.
- With care, things will never change.
- Be brave at heart. Take that chance it's been there all the time.
- Every exit is an entrance to a new experience.
- You will make some changes before winning.
- You think too much. Today means action. Carry out your plan.
- You will soon have an opportunity to make a change to your advantage.

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Chapter 5

Work and Rewards

5.1 Efforts¹

- It is most gratifying when a goal is achieved through one's efforts.
- You need to work hard to be lucky.
- Solid gains are possible today, but with a headache.
- Advancement will come with hard work.
- It's not the amount of time you devote, but what you devote to the time that counts.
- Work on improving your exercise routine.
- Whatever is sufficient to get us to this point is insufficient to get us further.
- Try to channel excess energies into rejuvenation.
- He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything.
- Your actions reveal your thoughts more than you realize.
- Don't let friends impose on you, work calmly and silently.
- An investment in enthusiasm ought to start to pay o.
- None of the secrets of success will work unless you do.
- Wishing does not make a poor man rich.
- When one must, one can.
- You are on the verge of something big.
- Adversity reveals genius, prosperity conceals it.
- You can make a new start this week, work hard and be diligent.
- Idleness is the holiday of fools.
- You will show what you are capable of.
- Many possibilities are open to you, work a little harder.
- Anyone that dares to be can never be weak.
- Follow your dreams of success and make it happen.
- If you work seriously, you will succeed.
- You never hesitate to tackle the most difficult problems.
- You may accomplish more be being direct.
- You have an important new business development.
- Don't let doubt and suspicion bar your progress.
- Your success in life must be earned with earnest efforts.

5.2 Diligence²

- Skill comes from diligence.
- Commitment is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.
- Your persistence and diligence are appreciated by all.
- Nothing in this world is accomplished without passion.
- Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power, and influence.
- The mightiest oak in the forest is just a little nut that held its ground.
- In a gentle way, you can shake the world.
- You are ready to take on the world.

- Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows.
- Customer service is like taking a bath; you have to keep doing it.
- When one must, one can.
- You can make a new start this week, work hard and be diligent.
- You can do everything you ought to do.
- You`ll never know what you can do until you try.
- He who climbs a ladder must begin at the first step.
- No one knows what he can do until he tries.
- Follow your dreams of success and make it happen.
- To get what you want you must commit yourself for some time.
- If you work seriously, you will succeed.
- Move slowly but surely to success.
- Rome was not built in a day. Be patient.
- Practice is the best of all instructors.
- You are endowed with strength of purpose and energy of will.
- Fortune cookie says; your efforts are budding.
- Don't let doubt and suspicion bar your progress.
- Keep on charging the enemy so long as there is life.
- You have the ability to over-come obstacles on the way to success.
- Inch by inch life's a cinch. Yard by yare life is hard.
- A focused mind is one of the most powerful forces in the universe.
- Diligence is the mother of good fortune.
- Whatever is sufficient to get us to this point is insufficient to get us further.

5.3 Success³

- You have a strong potential for success.
- Your aspirations are met with success soon.
- Your respect for others will be your ticket to success.
- Solid gains are possible today, but with a headache.
- You will be a great success both in business and social situations.
- Chance favors those in motion.
- The secret of getting ahead is getting started.
- Many a false step is made by standing still.
- Grasp opportunities, you will win.
- Behind an able man, there are always other able men.
- Your past success will be overshadowed by your future success.
- You will enjoy true success in whatever you do.
- One day you will become rich and famous.
- None of the secrets of success will work unless you do.
- You are next in line for promotion in your firm.
- Your determination will bring you much success.
- You will make a name for yourself.
- Soon you will be sitting on top of the world.
- You will be fortunate in everything you put your hands to.
- Character is the cornerstone of success.

- You will spend your old age surrounded by comfort and wealth.
- You will soon take a very pleasant and successful trip.
- Follow your dreams of success and make it happen.
- If you work seriously, you will succeed.
- Move slowly but surely to success.
- You will spend old age in comfort and material wealth.
- You have every qualification for success.
- Expectation is often better than realization.
- Your success in life must be earned with earnest efforts.
- Your present plans are going to succeed.
- Advancement will come with hard work.

5.4 Wealth⁴

- Don't forget to do good deeds as you accumulate wealth.
- Be thankful for riches will soon be yours.
- Do not worry over money. Good luck soon.
- You are good with finances.
- Wishing does not make a poor man rich.
- Your dream life is rich listen to your dreams.
- Adversity reveals genius, prosperity conceals it.
- You will have gold pieces by the bushel.
- He who knows he has enough is rich.
- Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons.
- Don't worry about money. The best things in life are free.
- Your wealth is where your friends are.
- The pleasure of what we enjoy is lost by wanting more.
- Wealth is a means to an end. . . not the end itself.
- Concentrate on financial matters until the end of the month.
- You shouldn't overspend at the moment. Frugality is important.
- Don't worry about the stock market. Your investment is good.
- You will enjoy good health and financial independence.
- Be thankful for riches will soon be yours.
- You will make a profitable investment.
- Your money worries are over! Your new job will bring you a huge increase in income.
- One day you will become rich and famous.
- You will be traveling and coming into a fortune.
- Time is money.
- You will soon have the opportunity to improve your finances.
- You have so much to be thankful for.

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Chapter 6

Time

6.1 Time¹

- Time is not measured by a watch, but by moments.
- Seize from every moment its uniqueness.
- Do not rush through life, pause and enjoy it.
- It's not the amount of time you devote, but what you devote to the time that counts.
- He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything.
- Avoid a hasty decision.
- Now is the time to try something new.
- Time is money.
- Don't be hasty; prosperity will soon knock on your door.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
- Caution at first is better than tears later.
- Do it right the first time.
- No one can walk backward into the future.
- A good time to finish up old tasks.
- Now is the time to resolve all unfinished business.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Take that step today!
- You never hesitate to tackle the most difficult problems.
- A handful of patience is worth more than a bushel of brains.
- No one knows the story of tomorrow's dawn.
- A friend asks only for your time not your money.
- Bad habits are easier to abandon today than tomorrow.
- There is a prospect of a thrilling time ahead for you.
- To one who waits, a moment seems a year.
- What we love to do we find time to do.
- A thrilling time is in your immediate future.
- Patience is its own reward.
- An ounce of gold cannot buy an ounce of time.
- You will never regret the present; you live life to its fullest.
- Value your present moments.
- Serious trouble will bypass you.

6.2 Future²

- The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- Your past success will be overshadowed by your future success.
- Carefully consider the outcome before making a commitment.
- A pleasant experience is ahead; don't pass it by.
- There are many unexpected and thrilling surprises in store for you.
- Your future will be happy and productive.

- An important business venture may soon develop for you.
- A refreshing change is in your future.
- You will make a sudden rise in life.
- The future is something you can mold to be beautiful or let it melt away.
- No one knows the story of tomorrow's dawn.
- A thrilling time is in your immediate future.
- An optimist is the human personification of spring.

6.3 Fortune³

- An unexpected event will soon bring you fortune.
- Don't worry about money. The best things in life are free.
- A sudden change in plans will lead to good fortune.
- Fortune is on your side; play it for all it's worth.
- You will soon receive a fortune. (cookie)
- You will be traveling and coming into a fortune.
- All the troubles you have will pass away very quickly.
- You will be fortunate in the opportunities presented to you.
- Diligence is the mother of good fortune.
- Today will be pleasant; your life will be prosperous.

6.4 Luck⁴

- Your luck has been completely changed today.
- You need to work hard to be lucky.
- Chance favors those in motion.
- Do not worry over money. Good luck soon.
- You will soon be holding the lucky number.
- This is your lucky day!
- You will be showered with good luck tomorrow!
- You will be lucky in love.
- Luck is with you now. Act upon your instincts.
- Confucius say this is your lucky day.
- You will be showered with good luck.
- Everybody feels lucky for having you as a friend.
- You may have great luck.
- Diligence is the mother of good fortune.

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Chapter 7

Relaxation

7.1 Smile¹

- A smile is your personal welcome mat.
- Your winsome smile will be your sure protection.
- Everywhere you choose to go, friendly faces will greet you.
- Let a smile be your umbrella.
- You have a curious smile and a mysterious nature.
- One of life's greatest rewards is a smile from a loved one.
- A courteous smile to fellow travelers brightens any day.
- A smile is a curve that can get a lot of things straight.
- Smile! A smile will make you young forever.
- You are never fully dressed until you wear a smile.

7.2 Joy²

- Be willing to accept joy in the face of adversity.
- You will receive some good news.
- Don't worry Be happy!
- Hearty laughter is a good way to jog internally without having to go outdoors.
- Accept the challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory.
- Relax and enjoy yourself.
- Happiness always accompanies with you.
- Joyfulness will prolong your days.
- The current year will bring you great happiness.
- Sing and rejoice, fortune is smiling on you.
- Share your joys and sorrows with your family.
- Things happen every day. True happiness always stays with you.
- Traveling with your family can be a joyful enjoyment.
- Treat yourself to a special time this coming weekend.
- Never be afraid to laugh at yourself.
- Your life will be happy and peaceful.
- You'll be happy socially and in your work.
- May life throw you a pleasant curve.
- To be eighty years young is more cheerful and hopeful than forty years old.
- Good news will come to you from far away.
- You will hear pleasant news.
- Happy news is on its way.
- You have a keen sense of humor and love a good time.
- Find release from your cares, have a good time.
- A quiet evening with friends is the best tonic for a long day.

7.3 Health³

- You will enjoy good health.
- Work on improving your exercise routine.
- You will enjoy good health and financial independence.
- Never be dumb, eat smart.
- The secret of staying young is good health and lying about your age.
- You are what you eat choose wisely.
- He who laughs; lasts.
- As soon as you feel too old to do a thing, do it.
- Any impatience you show will only create more stress.
- Long life is in store for you.
- Smile! A smile will make you young forever.
- You will enjoy good health; you will be surrounded by luxury.
- Rest has a peaceful effect on your physical and emotional health.
- Wish you a good health!
- A quiet evening with friends is the best tonic for a long day.
- The physician heals, nature makes well.
- Good friends are good for your health.
- You have so much to be thankful for.

7.4 Travel⁴

- You will travel to many places.
- You will step on the soil of many countries.
- Ask a friend to join you on your next voyage.
- You will soon be crossing the great waters.
- You will be traveling and coming into a fortune.
- A courteous smile to fellow travelers brightens any day.
- You will soon take a very pleasant and successful trip.
- Traveling with your family can be a joyful enjoyment.
- Leave your boat and travel on firm ground.
- You are given a chance to take part in an exciting adventure.
- Now is the time for you to explore. Take a vacation.
- A much needed vacation will bring a great deal of enjoyment.
- You will enjoy a trip to Asia.

7.5 Peace⁵

- You love peace.
- Your life will be happy and peaceful.
- Today will be pleasant; your life will be prosperous.
- Let the sun shine on your soul.
- The truth is always bearable when told with compassion.

- Your life will be happy and peaceful.
- Rest has a peaceful effect on your physical and emotional health.
- Let the world be filled with tranquility and good will.
- Avert misunderstandings by calm, poise and balance.
- Ask for what you need with a whisper. It works!
- A pleasant experience is ahead; don't pass it by.
- You will be pleasantly surprised soon.

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Chapter 8

Wisdom

8.1 Knowledge¹

- Be curious always! For knowledge will not acquire you: you must acquire it.
- I learn by going where I have to go.
- Education is the movement from darkness to light.
- The road to knowledge begins with the turn of the page.
- Knowing and not doing are equal to not knowing at all.
- Ignorance never settles a question.
- If you talk, you repeat what you already know. If you listen, you learn.

8.2 Truth²

- Plain and unvarnished are the words of truth.
- You have an ability to sense and know a higher truth.
- The truth is always bearable when told with compassion.
- Truth is what stands the test of experience.
- Love truth, but pardon error.
- Listen not to vain words of empty tongue.
- You have a air for adding a fanciful dimension to any story.

8.3 Perception³

- Your critical insights can provide the stimulus for change.
- Your dream life is rich listen to your dreams.
- Use moderation in everything you do.
- It is more difficult to judge oneself than to judge others.
- There are no faults in a thing we want badly.
- Behind an able man, there are always other able men.
- Carve you name on your heart and not on marble.
- You may fall into a spell of shininess Don't buy it.
- Listen not to vain words of empty tongue.
- If a true sense of value is to be yours it must come thru service.
- Courage comes through suffering.
- The world is an oyster, and you are its pearl.
- Every excess becomes a vice.
- All things in moderation even moderation.
- If you can't decide up or down try moving from side to side.
- Try a new system or different approach.
- Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday.
- Luck is with you now. Act upon your instincts.

- The face of nature reflects all of life's ups and downs.
- You are contemplative and analytical by nature.
- The smart thing to do is to begin trusting your intuitions.
- You will soon be receiving sound spoken advice. Listen!
- A heavy burden is lifted with a phone message or letter.
- Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it.
- You are never selfish with your advice or your help.
- Example is better than advice.

8.4 Wisdom⁴

- The beginning of wisdom is to desire it.
- No one ever became wise by accident.
- There is no wisdom greater than kindness.
- Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it.
- If you bite the hand that feeds you, it won't taste as good as the food you were fed.
- A fool at forty is a fool indeed.
- Wise man is slow in choosing friends. Slower in changing.
- Life is like a good book. The further you get into it, the more it makes sense.
- Read a novel and learn more about life.
- The best profit of future is the past.
- Do not mistake temptation for opportunity.
- If a true sense of value is to be yours it must come thru service.
- In silence man can most readily preserve his integrity.
- A great man never ignores the simplicity of a child.
- Try not to stand on your own side during an argument.
- If you cannot find wisdom within, try the internet.
- Love is a thing that sharpens all our wits.
- Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought.
- A handful of patience is worth more than a bushel of brains.
- Don't ever slam a door; you might want to go back.
- No one knows the story of tomorrow's dawn.
- A star is forever light. Like a star, let your wisdom shine.
- Avert misunderstandings by calm, poise and balance.
- Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass.
- Speak only well of people and you need never whisper.
- You will be rewarded for being a good listener.
- Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
- Ask for what you need with a whisper. It works!
- Think of mother's exhortations more.
- Every wise man started out by asking many questions.
- Burnt bridges are hard to cross.
- Common sense is instinct. Enough of it is genius.
- Turn your thoughts within find yourself.

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Chapter 9

Miscellaneous

9.1 So What¹

- Say bless you when you hear someone sneeze.
- A frivolous gift is a gift, nonetheless.
- Book lovers never go to bed alone.
- Love or Money, or neither?
- You may attend a party where strange customs prevail.
- Just to be alive is a grand thing.
- Participate in a neighborhood event.
- A chance meeting with someone from the past is in store.
- To soar like an eagle, learn to waddle like a duck.
- Even the greatest of whales is helpless in the middle of a desert.

9.2 Most Likely Not True²

- Good things will come in small packages.
- If your cookie is in 2 pieces, the answer is yes.
- You will attract cultured and artistic people to your home.
- Heads, you do it. Tails, you go home.
- You will be successful in anything related to sports.
- Accept the next proposition you hear.
- Never trust a doctor whose office plants have died.
- You will be advanced socially, without any effort.
- A truly good person does nothing, yet leaves nothing undone.
- Never take yes for your answer.
- You can have your cake and eat it too.
- Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
- Every visible thing in this world is put in the charge of an angel.
- What's vice today may be virtue tomorrow.
- A package of value will arrive soon.
- You will meet a stranger that you dream of.
- Nothing is impossible.
- You would prosper in the field of medicine.
- You out distance all competitors.

9.3 Normally True³

- If you bite the hand that feeds you, it won't taste as good as the food you were fed.
- Good clothes open many doors. Go shopping.
- Burnt bridges are hard to cross.

- No man is without enemies.
- Sometimes it would be wise to add a little chlorine to the gene pool.
- You will never regret the present; you live to its fullest.
- If bargain-hunting, be practical.
- Guard your secrets.
- Never ride in a car when the driver has been drinking.
- A perfect statue never comes from a bad mold.
- It's not the having, it's the getting.
- Fear creates danger, and courage dispels it.
- A good time to finish up old tasks.
- Keep your activities low-key when you are feeling blue.
- Simplicity and clarity should be your theme in dress.

9.4 Like for It to be True⁴

- Serious trouble will bypass you.
- You will get a great deal on a major purchase.
- Speculations will turn out well.
- Now is the time to try something new.
- You will soon find more adventure in life.
- You're the greatest in the world.
- You will participate in a gala affair.
- An investment opportunity will profit you.
- You can always find happiness at work on Friday.
- You are smart!
- You will hear pleasant news.
- Many opportunities are open to you. Seek them out.
- You will soon create a favorable impression on someone.
- Today will be pleasant; your life will be prosperous.
- Soon life will become more interesting.
- Don't worry about the stock market. Your investment is good.
- Soon you will be sitting on top of the world.
- Take advantage of a bargain.
- Well, why not? Admit it you're intrigued.
- You will live the life that makes all others not envious, but proud of you.
- There is someone owing so many thanks to you.
- Fight for it. You will come out on top.
- A pleasant surprise is in store for you.

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