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The Book Shop

After being separated from his wife, Raul chose to go his own separate ways. He realized it was about time to rebuild and stabilize his life particularly his finances. Raul having sufficient knowledge when it comes to running a bookshop business used it to his own advantage by starting a bookshop. From a humble beginning with just five hundred dollars in his hands, He acquired most of the books from garage sale and barter trade, in hopes of purchasing it for a lower price.

Initially he accumulated over one hundred books that he eventually placed for sale. Over time, his careful selection of good quality book lead to increased sales in his small bookshop. This inspired him to invest the income and boost the growth of the business.

One day, Raul came to consult me and I could sense he was feeling troubled. “Roy, I started out my business from scratch and who would have thought it would come this far?” He added, “With so much prosperity that is happening in my life right now, I want to share it with my sons. You see, it hurts me to see them suffering. I was planning to let them take over the business while I venture out to open a new outlet for myself, that way we generate more together. “

I looked at Raul after reading his astrological chart and spoke of my findings. In Raul’s chart, mercury which is his lord of the second, which rules his possession and wealth, also is the lord of the fifth that rules his children. Raul’s way of thinking is astrologically defined by the twelfth house therefore all this simply means, if he entrusted his possessions to his children, the result will be great losses. He was stunned at first but he said, “Well...we may start off a little patchy here and there but...I think all it takes is time to teach them the right way of trading and running the business and everything will be running smoothly.”

I shifted my focus towards the transition of the planet in seek of any indicator as to the intensity of the losses. And there it was, dragon’s head was in transit upon natal mercury, which governed his second and fifth house. This combination spelled big disaster for all his wealth and possessions could be wiped out in a twinkle of an eye.

Raul stubbornly did not take heed of my advice for he felt that it was his duty to help out his children no matter what happens. I told Raul “The stars impel, they do not compel. I am only the voice of astrological reasons but you are the master of your own faith”.

It was the month of October that Raul brought his sons to run the bookshop business and on a daily basis. Raul would visit the shop to check the stocks and daily income. At first, it was running good and soon enough Raul decided it was time to let go and focus on building a new outlet for himself while he leaves his sons to manage the other outlet.

One and a half months later, Raul came unannounced to his sons' bookshop outlet and he got the shock of his life. There he saw the shop was disorganized, books were all over the place and his sons were eating up every possibility of growth- by just selling off those books and not replacing them. On top of that, harsh words were voiced towards their own father including it was none of his business.

Three months later, Raul sons' couldn't pay the rent and they could barely survive. Thus, the bookshop business eventually closed down.

Raul came to consult me again for the second time. "Roy, I am frustrated and broken hearted...it took me three long years to build that treasure I once had, and now I have lost everything! Even my own sons! I just wanted to do a good deed and look what it has done to me..." He sighed deeply.

I replied, "Raul, you did not lose much except for the fact that you have found out what your own children are all about. As a father, you tried your best to help them improve their lives and their way of living but they took it for granted." Raul agreed with me and continued, "Roy, I cannot help my children through pity and that's what I did. I only can help them if they want to be help... and sadly, this is not the case." He carried on, "However, the good side of it was that it has taught me to press on even further to conquer greater heights and to be strong in every hurdle that I have to face in my life..."

In a way, I felt sorry for Raul but sometimes, children and life could teach us countless life lessons that you can't get anywhere else.

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A dear friend send this very interesting piece of email to me and it is a - **must read!**

The question is: What Do Retired People Do All Day?

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well, for example, the other day my wife and I went into town and went into a shop..

We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and said, 'Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?'

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Nazi turd.

He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tyres.

So my wife called him a ####-head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third

ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, we didn't care. We came into town by bus. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

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