



“Hi Sherry, it is nice seeing you again!”

The last time that Sherry had consulted me was about a year back when she was going through a rough phase in her life. She had sought my assistance in deciphering what the stars had to tell her and had needed some direction as to how she could change her life for the better. As we discussed the several issues at hand, it was clear that Sherry had a strong desire and the strength needed to breakthrough this phase in her life. Knowing that, I was encouraged to help her and we worked through several ways in which she could achieve this objective. Through this, we had become good friends and today I was glad that she had come to visit me again.

The Previous Consultation

As I recall the previous consultation, I had found that at the time, there were three issues of concern in Sherry's life:

1. An impending divorce (Divorce);
2. Break-ins in the home (Break-ins); and
3. Opportunity for further study (Opportunity)

To give you an understanding of the astrological indicators that signaled these issues in her life, the relevant planetary positioning in her chart and its relation to those issues are explained below.

Divorce

Saturn, 7th Lord (Lord of partnership) was in the 12th house (House of endings). Saturn, being the 7th Lord brought about stability in Sherry's partnership life (her marriage in this case). However, when it had moved to the 12th house, it was at the end of its astrological cycle. As the 12th house was the house of endings and losses, it became a huge testing period for Sherry's marriage. The test was a check on how strong and stable Sherry's marriage was despite all the obstacles and problems that came their way. It was a test that would leave the marriage vulnerable, possibly leading to an end to it if the partnership was not able to withstand this testing period.

This proved to be true as Sherry had told me that she had encountered several problems in her marriage for the past 2 years¹. This was when Saturn had first entered into the 12th house. Her marriage was on the rocks, communication with her husband was simply impossible and friction in the home was the order of the day. In fact, it had reached a point where it had adversely impacted upon their son's life that she had decided that the only way out of their predicament was for the both of them to get a divorce. She therefore separated from her husband and the both of them proceeded with their divorce.

Break-ins

After the divorce, Sherry had decided to begin a new life in a new environment and so the first step that she took was to sell her old house and buy a new one. Whilst living in her new home, Sherry experienced two attempted break-ins in her flat within the span of two months. Though she had reported the two incidents to the police, the frequency of the break-ins to her home had left her fearful of living in her own home. She had said that she had taken all the money that she had to buy this new home of hers and now was flat broke and simply didn't have the money to install surveillance cameras in her place leaving her in a fix.

¹ Saturn positions itself in each house of the cycle for a period of about 2-3 years.

I had seen that at that time, Mars the 4th Lord (Lord of the Home) was in the 6th house (House ruling repairs) and so this showed that during this time, Sherry would be likely to experience break-ins to her home which would lead to repairs and losses. As Mars transits each house about every month and a half, this issue was only temporary and was to pass within the 45 days. However, to protect her safety or the likelihood of another break-in happening in her home, I suggested that she might want to try:

- pasting stickers of security alarm systems at her front door or her windows to create an illusion that she has installed a security alarm in her home;
- place a radio close to her front door and switch it on when she is not at home so that any potential burglar may be put off by the thought that there may be people in the home; and
- Re-colouring the front door: just in case the people who are attempting to break into her home were trying to attack the previous owners but had not known that there are new owners in the house. Re-colouring the front door will let them know that the place is owned by new owners.

Sherry took to my suggestions and had said that she had felt a huge burden off her chest as she now had the solutions to this issue. She said that she would get to taking these measures right away and was more hopeful this time that her home was going to be a much safer place.

Opportunity

Whilst there was a lot of strife on the home and partnership front, a huge opportunity in her work was to appear in Sherry's life. The planet Jupiter, which was the 9th Lord (the house of higher learning), was in transit in her 10th house, meaning that an opportunity for further studies, training and upgrade would be offered to her in her workplace. Sherry acknowledged that that was the case and she was recently given an offer by her boss to take up further study in audiology so that she could be promoted to become an audiologist.

I encouraged her to grab this opportunity with both hands as quickly as she could as Jupiter was a planet that has the greatest influence in bringing about opportunity when it first enters this position and is just about to leave it, which is the start and end to the cycle that it moves. Therefore, this was the best time for her to achieve in any further studies that she was to take. Further, it would also give her greater returns in the future. She agreed that she was very fortunate to be given this opportunity and said that she had already decided to accept the offer and do the best that she can in this area in her life for which I was very happy to hear.

Update of her life in the current consultation

Today, Sherry tells me that all is well in her relationship with her ex-husband and they have reached an amicable settlement to their divorce. Her husband and she has also worked out appropriate custody arrangements for her son so that he has the benefit of living with both his parents. At present, everything is working out better than it used to be.

In relation to the break-ins to her house, Sherry said that she had taken some of the measures that we had discussed in our previous consultation and had also arranged with some of the neighbours to take turns to keep watch of each others homes. She said that since she had done that, her home has become a much safer place and she feels more at ease with the knowledge that there are other people looking out for her. Now she is very happy living in her home.

Further, she had completed all her studies and training that her company had sent her for and excelled in all her units. She had said that it was not always easy managing her studies, the running of her home, taking care of her children and working all at the same time. However, she had the determination to do it and somehow, all had fallen into place and she managed to do all of that and was very proud of that fact. She is testament to the saying that "Hard work pays off" and I am sure that she has a very good future ahead of her.

Matters for discussion in the current consultation

When she had come to see me today, Sherry had wanted to seek more clarity in how she was faring on her work front. This time, Mercury, the 12th Lord (Lordship of endings/ closure) was transiting in her 1st house. Mercury ruled communications and higher learning, and it being the 12th Lord in the 1st house told of closure to many unresolved matters for new and brighter beginnings. Once she has resolved the niggling doubts in her mind, she could then start anew and many more opportunities will come her way again.

Sherry told me then that the hospital that she was working in had offered her another opportunity for further study overseas. This was a result of Jupiter the 9th Lord (house of higher learning) being in the 10th house (house of career) in addition to the positioning of Mercury, causing Sherry to move away for her further studies and start anew. This time though, Sherry had said that she had planned on giving this offer a miss as she had just been through a fair bit of difficulty in her life and was thinking of taking a break for a while. I was able to understand why she had felt that way. However, knowing that this opportunity was too good to miss, I advised her against doing that.

To me, opportunities present themselves at the worst of times to initiate a better and more productive future for people. If one knows how to recognize these opportunities, and takes them as soon as they arrive, they will find that many

more opportunities will come their way. Sherry had already worked so hard to get to where she was and I had felt that she should keep going with her good work and take the opportunity for further studies offered to her.

As I told Sherry this, she had still seemed rather hesitant and had explained to me that she was concerned about being away from her child. She said that she had never been away from her child for so long and it would tear her to pieces if she wasn't able to see her child for that amount of time. Her concern was one any parent would be able to relate to and being a parent who had sent his children overseas for further studies, I myself had understood where she was coming from. I had said to her that her study overseas would only be temporary and that now with advanced technology that is available, she could always use the Skype to communicate with her child and maybe even visit him on the holidays that she has. Perhaps even make arrangements with her family for her child to visit her overseas as well.

Sherry had said that she could see merit in what I said and would reconsider her decision in relation to the offer to study overseas.

A brief look at Sherry's future in the next 5 years

After all the trials and tribulations that Sherry had been put through, the best news of all was that her life for the next 5 years was going to get much better. After looking through her chart, I had found that in the 5 years ahead, she will have a smooth planetary flow. This meant that if she worked hard on her studies, she will achieve high rewards for her hard work and gain recognition and promotion in her work place.

It will only be after those 5 years when Sherry might experience another saga of challenges in her love and domestic life which could be easily dealt with if she prepared and put a plan in place for her future. However, as this was far into the future, I had requested that Sherry make another appointment at a further date to discuss this matter and she said that she would.

Conclusion

Throughout all of the difficulties that were thrown at Sherry, her strength and tenacity to achieve a better outcome for her life and that of her child is one to be admired. As a result of the determination and hard work that she had invested in her future, she has not only managed to secure a better future for herself as well as a better future for her children. There is much to be learnt from Sherry's story and I hope that this brings you the same or more strength and resilience for your futures.