

FORTUNA JUPITER'S DAUGHTER



FORTUNA Daughter of Jupiter.
Asteroid 19. Discovered 1852.

GREEK EQUIVALENT Tyche

MYTH Fortuna is an ancient archetype and she survives in The Wheel of Fortune in the Tarot – and Wheel of Fortune, the re-run game show! She is as philosophical as you would expect Jupiter's daughter to be. She also shows life's rich comedy. Fortuna appears in Dante's The Divine Comedy.

MEANING When you're up you're on the way down. When you're down you're going up.

DISCOVERY 1852

Alice in Wonderland – for whom ups are downs, and downs are ups, was inspired by Alice Liddell, born in 1852. The little girl who was the model for Alice in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was 'found' just as Fortuna was.



White Rabbit image
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FORTUNA IN YOUR HOROSCOPE

THE TAROT DECK **WHEEL OF FORTUNE**

The Tarot deck is a useful place to start working with the Fortuna archetype. The Wheel of Fortune is a famous card in the Major Arcana which, when it appears, promises that life is only reliably unreliable. And all ups and downs.

INTERPRETATION By sign and house, Fortuna shows where you will blindly act as an agent of fortune and fate for other people. Fortuna is always shown blindfolded, with a rudder to steer destiny by. Fortuna is that part of you which directs the affairs of other people without any clear vision that you are doing so. It's your philosophical side.

Fortuna at
The Victoria and
Albert Museum.
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