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Twins and Astrology

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Identical charts, different destiny

Do twins share the same destiny because their horoscopes are identical? Would they have comparable personalities because they share the same astrological chart?

The subject of twins seems to have been puzzling many astrologers, but the question becomes, should we at all look for similarities just based on their identical chart.

Looking at the issue of twins sharing the same horoscope and consequently also expecting they would share the same personalities or destiny becomes a non-issue, as we should not even expect for twins to be sharing identical character and destiny, at least not for sole reason they were born with identical horoscopes.

We should especially decline this type of thinking in case of Four Pillars of Destiny and Nine Star Ki, because these systems are not astrologies in the strictest sense.

Yet, to many people, the subject of twins and astrology has been one of the more puzzling and subtle topics in their pursuit to understand fate and destiny.

I would like to here propose a consideration that may at least inspire you to focus away from the mere Time aspect of astrology or horoscopes of twins.

This seems necessary, because it is the Time aspect that has in more than one way kept the focus of attention away from what fate and destiny actually pertain to. Time is merely a prerequisite for a chart to come into effect, but it is otherwise not much more than the finger pointing to the moon, it is not the moon.

You must not confuse yourself over, or be caught up too much in, the Time aspect, while the Time aspect decides on the chart, little will it decide on the life of the person. What twins have in common is the time of birth, and this should tell you how somewhere around here any other comparison should stop.

The Time factor at first breath is what fixes the chart, the imprint, but we are not looking at imprint of character or fate at all. We are looking at something much different.

It may happen that Time of birth may be identical for Twins, but Time may also be the only factor binding the two people, while fate and destiny of both people may take its own course right after birth. The Time factor may then be one of the more insignificant factors Twins have in common, where it comes to understanding what causes destiny and what causes difference in fate between twins and this for obvious reasons.

Astrologers will usually point to the Time aspect to show how horoscopes of twins are identical, but it is the same Time aspect that confuses us when we see twins experience dissimilar fate and destiny.

To solve this, we need look beyond the scope of the Time factor to see what else, besides identical astrological charts, twins have in common.

Just consider a tree producing just only one fruit or a tree carrying several fruits. In case of the first, all of the tree's effort may be invested to sustain that one fruit, in latter case the one source will need be devoted over all fruits and it is a misconception to then believe that this sharing will be equal. One of the *Nineteen Principles of One Infinite Universe* – at the sole basis of our understanding of Yi - has it that: 'Nothing is identical' (also read the article: "Binary Model of Creation").

Twins have in common that their system developed inside the same mother at the same time, both of course then trying to tap into the same source Qi, the same blood for their physical development. They shared the same source of Qi and blood.

“Nothing is identical” tells us how one embryo may be relatively more Yang, the other embryo then relatively more Yin.

So many questions may arise concerning twins. How then do we solve that one of them be filthy rich, the other one perfectly poor. One of them successful and strong, the other perhaps floating about on waves of bad luck. Maybe one of them even died at a young age.

Just concentrating on horoscopes of twins, we will be never able to solve this, and we should perhaps not even try to. Where twins are concerned, I would be inclined to consider certain biological and physiological factors, much more than the aspect of timing.

Just looking at timing, we will not be able to satisfactorily justify similarities in twins, just as much as we will not be able to justify certain differences in personality or destiny.

We may get stuck whenever we declare (and then try force upon) certain types of character traits to be true for a 9 Fire person, while we would do the same for a Fire Daymaster, while we must understand that character and temperament here are secondary. A 9 Fire person or a Fire Daymaster is merely code for a *Heart Qi motivated* – driven – person. However, to then say that the Heart meridian in this person more typical motivates this person is one thing, for as long as we still understand that by the Heart meridian being charged, of course all other meridians would have been charged also, in whatever proportion.

Therefore, rather than personality, by assessing any horoscope we are actually looking at organ and meridian energy. Character and temperament are then no longer fixed magnitudes, rather these become the *resultant* of a certain type organ and meridian Qi, in itself prone to change according to our ever changing personal magnetism, the ever changing environmental currents. If we regard Four Pillars of Destiny or Nine Star Ki to be astrologies, while perceiving character and temperament - our personalities - as fixed entities, what we are looking at is the effect, not the cause, the resultant, rather than the source. Our assessing fate and destiny may then become fragmentary, as we would be merely focusing on symptoms.

We say: “Organs produce emotions” and also: “What lies innate must externalize”

All collected elements in a birth chart would signify a person’s biological-physiological imprint. It remains to be seen what temperament will then be released from within the person, it also remains to be seen what choices the person will make in the face of challenges. We cannot predict this just looking from the horoscope, as we need take the person, rather than the initial chart, into consideration. The birth chart hosts no information about constitution or condition.

Besides identical – indistinguishable - DNA, same genetic makeup, no twins share the same immune system, rendering each one different in responding to disease. By extension also rendering a different response to problems, resistance against destiny if you will.

There is the nine months between conception and birth and during this period of time each one of twins will develop according to its own course. Either embryo will

respond in its own specific way to environmental factors, mother's food intake, blood pressure, position in the womb, keeping to its own growth and development rate.

We can check for similarities and differences after birth by checking fingerprints and crown. These are made up of spirals, signifying one of twins to be more Yang, the other to be the more Yin.

A mother carrying one embryo only, can devote all of her Qi potential to this one child. There is no sharing of her resources as she then becomes a source for the child to build his physical body without the child having to share any of this.

The embryo may then freely tap into all of the good and may have a chance to decline the bad. A dynamic dance between mother and embryo may come into effect, where the play is between both their Yin and Yang magnitudes, while a lot of the mother's excess energy may yet be devoted into the placenta. It is a matter of development by means of biologic transmutation based on attraction and repulsion between Yin and Yang.

On the scale of Yin and Yang and in order for us to enjoy good health and good fate, it is said that our personal magnetism should be a little more Yang than Yin.

Prenatal Qi will be stored up in the Kidney, as if it were a spiral and we will then as a matter of speaking wind down this spiral during the course of our lives, while our destiny may follow accordingly. Two arrows may be released from the same bow at the same time, but we must not expect them to be hitting the same target.

Therefore, in order to tackle the issue of twins, keep in mind that Yin attracts Yang and Yang attracts Yin, while Yin and Yin repel and Yang and Yang repel.

One single embryo can then 'identify' with and readily and exclusively tap into all of the mothers' resources – protein, calcium, natrium -, extracting only the best without any disturbance and later this may also help him to live out his astrological chart to the full and enjoy clear destiny. The child tapped into his mothers' best Qi available at that time and from this the child may build a strong 'resistance against destiny', i.e. gaining momentum and rendering a helpful tool to overcome limitations of Time and Space imposed on us in this game we call Life.

But, as always, astrological chart and fate are not synonymous.

Our first breath is what triggers our astrological chart. Our initial breath triggers our Triple Heater and this then triggers the other meridians and body systems.

It has been assumed wrong that twins should be sharing one and the same destiny, as they do not. Some people are displeased to find that one of twins is successful, while the other half seems a failure in life. Charts may show archetypical similarities, but they are two different and authentic individuals, with perhaps only their astrological charts in common. This is circumstantial, notional and the mere astrological chart may not be what will lead us to understand their factual destiny.

It becomes misconception to expect that two identical horoscopes should produce identical personalities. It is also a misconception that fate relies on astrological timing alone. Fate is in the entire build up of our physical and emotional makeup, blood being the denominator.

In trying to assess personality, character, temperament, fate and destiny of a person, we need a reliable mirror. The birth chart of the sibling may then become one of the least reliable mirrors.

Also, while at the subject, there may be an additional philosophical problem surrounding our idea that twins should have the same type of lives. The question arises, should we even wish for them to share the same miserable life, or should we even wish for them to be equally successful. The trouble here may be also, how do we define a good life, or, why would we at all desire for a 'good' life. We cannot desire merely good things in life, as this would go against the laws of Qi.

For example, how can we petty one of twins, only because it seems this person was to tap into more problems in his life than his sibling, while we are well aware that it is problems we need in order to develop into authentic human beings. The human organism needs to survive, manifest and achieve and this happens over opportunities and challenges.

Our astrological chart merely identifies the relative structure of our astrological potential. Similar charts may show we are sharing the same roof, it did not say the other person was sleeping in the same room or even making the same decisions.

All apples hanging from the same tree can't be equally strong and tasty. Our constitution, physical and emotional condition, talents for attracting certain destinies - or our ability to withstand, our resistance against, certain destinies if you will - largely originated from our tree.

Consequently - not at all ignoring genetic influence of father that may be more evident in either one of them or yet other factors even -, one way I came to look upon twins is they shared the same blood having come from the same mother, but however much they shared the same blood, evidently dividing the source in much dissimilar ways between them. It is only logic and a biological reality, meaning, rather than we would be gazing at a person's astrological chart, we are being given a quick preview into his initial biological-physiological imprint, *but true at time of birth*.

Much in keeping with Yin-Yang law of attraction and repulsion and during the course of pregnancy, either embryo may then have extracted more of mother's Yang Qi maybe, consequently leaving less Yang Qi for the other. Within the then available spectrum of Yin and Yang, if two phenomena are competing for the same source, surely one will benefit more than the other.

If one of twins had heavier bones, it may mean he had been able to extract more of his mother's calcium, somewhat leaving the other with 'second best choice'. You may extend this while you reflect on what else may be going on during pregnancy in the dynamic world we call womb.

The whole process may have left one of them with the stronger Kidneys, so vital Qi, meridians and what have you, maybe one of them then being more resistant to waves of destiny.

Yin attracts Yang and Yang attracts Yin. Money is Yin, so in order to attract money, we would need be proportionally more Yang than we are Yin. It could then happen that the richer of twins was the one having collected more of the Yang Qi, rendering a more or less natural ability to go out and find money and assets. The more Yin of twins could be then attracting more of the environments' Yang, for example in the shape of problems, all of this notwithstanding their identical birth charts.

Their identical birth charts may be telling us a lot, but not which one of twins would be more Yin or more Yang, it does not host information about either one's health, at least not in the sense that we can assume they share identical health prospects.

Another of the Nineteen Principles of One Infinite Universe says that "Yin in its extreme produces Yang, Yang in its extreme produces Yin". It is a matter of then also understanding how to classify Yin and Yang, either physically or metaphysically. What may appear to be physically Yang, may at the same time be metaphysically Yin and vice versa, but seen from different perspective.

Moreover: "Yin and Yang combined in varying proportions produce the phenomena, powers of attraction and repulsion representing the degree of difference or similarity".

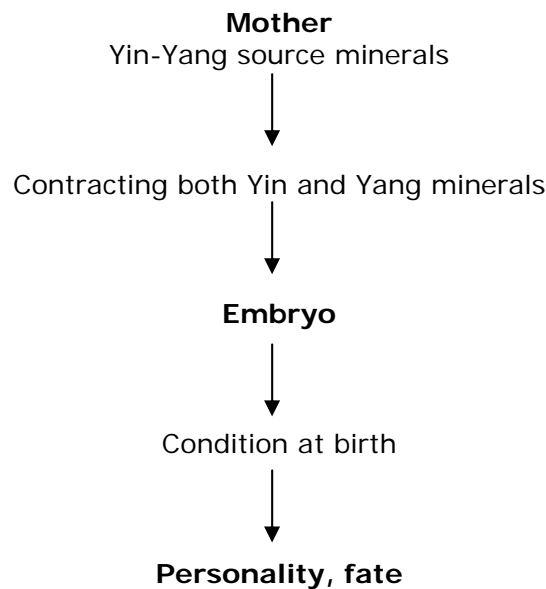
And lastly: "Great Yin attracts small Yin. Great Yang attracts small Yang".

All then becomes a logarithmic spiral, by which we know how the Liver meridian energy may be Yin, but it will produce the Liver organ which is Yang. Then, the resultant organ will in turn host a certain proportion Yin or Yang (momentum), by which it will then manifest itself, for example by releasing excess energy through aggression or compassion, which we may then once more adjust by introducing whatever Yin or Yang measures.

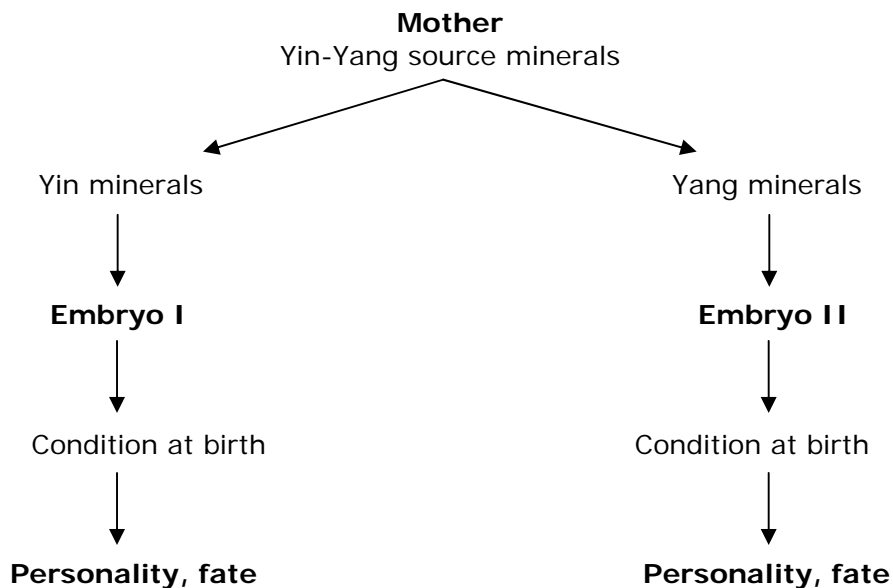
For as long as we still regard Four Pillars of Destiny or Nine Star Ki to be mere astrologies, we will not be able to tackle this issue, as we may be simply keeping our mind focused squarely on the wrong magnitude: identical time of birth. The time of birth may be like the finger that points to the moon. In other words, the time of birth may be what has been keeping us locked in a Red Herring.

Of course, here we will be able only to reason highly *illustrative*, but if we were to project this on a time line – and pull this into the dynamic world of ever changing attraction and repulsion between Yin and Yang forces - we may see a relative dvd emerge where one of embryos may be dynamically pulling in blood and Qi in slightly different magnitudes relative and proportionate to his basic Yin or Yang makeup. You may then just imagine how the more Yang embryo may have been able to tap more into the relatively Yin vitamins, while the Yin embryo may be able to tap more into the relatively Yang minerals. If this is stretching your brain a little too much, it is because in itself schemes such as this are overly simple and out of context as there would be much more to pregnancy, health and life that can be caught within just one article or along just one line of reasoing. Yet, at least all of this may invite you to expand your thinking away from the mere time factor of birth charts where it concerns your assessing personality and destiny of twins.

ONE SINGLE EMBRYO



TWINS



Therefore, regardless of 'same' horoscope – and we may extend this to 'identical' house charts as in Xuan Kong Feng Shui -, what our astrological charts may not show is in what way our personal Qi (will) resonate(s) with the environmental Qi, at any given time.

Our astrological chart may reveal a lot, but it does not tell us we had to share our potential with a sibling, or what would have been the (dis)proportionate sharing.

Twins may very well be polar opposites not the least bit answering to assumptions of astrological determinism or reductionism, (one of them) perhaps not living their lives up to 'astrological expectation'.

One brother may then be a more Yin type, the other brother the more Yang type. Together they probably make the perfect couple, but for the rest their destinies should not be mixed up astrologically.

It is only perfectly imaginable that one of them should then be the successful one because of his inborn ability to 'tap into Qi' smoother than the other, but would it not be equally imaginable that the less successful of the twins was still the one living up to his greatest potential, while the 'successful' one still hasn't a clue about authenticity or choice.

What is a 'hundred percent' here, what is vital Qi here, and what is a good destiny?

On a side note, and much more unconventional, can we identify the 'good life' by comparing the 'successful' and the 'criminal' twin and proclaim the latter to have a less desirable destiny, or was destiny about doing-the-right-thing-at-the-right-moment-in-the-right-place-in-the-right-mind and would it then be conceivable that the criminal, but with a true sense of 'dream', was the one showing 'desirable' destiny.

Irrespective of the similarity of their astrological charts, surely each one of twins would be autonomous from the moment of his or her initial breath, making his or her own choices, his arrow taking his own course, hitting his own target.

At one point in my life and in a quest to understand destiny, it occurred to me how each one of us shares the same cosmic rights, which could very well translate into the right to live or die when and how, the right to be a failure or successful, be healthy or sick, or become a priest or criminal. Priests sometimes become criminals, criminals sometimes turn into priests, even when they are one of twins.

We may not assume twins would be experiencing similar destinies, arrive to the same decisions, relate to their environments in any identical or even similar way or even assume similarity in the way parents, siblings and educators - or Life itself -, treats them.

Both, having been faced with the same choice of either turning left or right, may have decided on a different gate.

Research has shown striking similarities in twins, yet research has just as well shown their lives have been as wide apart as can be.

Twins may have nothing more in common than their ancestors and their initial breath. What has been stored in blood and Qi for either one, remains obscure and lies at the very heart of our ability as fate readers.

Surely the last thing on the subject of twins has not been said and the subject is vast and interesting.

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