

HOROSCOPE

**ARIES**
(MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Ignore comments made by coworkers. Try not to rely on help from others. Find a way to consolidate. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.

**TAURUS**
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

There will be abrupt changes at home. Find something constructive to do. Time for long awaited relationships to begin. Your lucky day this week is Friday.

**GEMINI**
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

You will face difficulties while travelling. Emotionally, things may not run so smoothly. Someone you like may be receptive. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.

**CANCER**
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Look out for yourself. Be careful not to overspend. Read through documents before signing them. Your lucky day this week is Wednesday.

**LEO**
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Anger will lead to grief. Your partner needs reaffirmation. Your support and concern will help. Your lucky day this week is Monday.

**VIRGO**
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Changes will not be easy for youngsters. Spend time with relatives. Mingle with those who help you get ahead. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.

**LIBRA**
(SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Avoid confrontations at all costs. Your intellectual charm will win hearts. Work quietly behind the scenes for best results. Your lucky day this week is Wednesday.

**SCORPIO**
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Try to keep an open mind. Time to make a fresh start. Social events will be plentiful. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.

**SAGITTARIUS**
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Put your ideas into action. Talk to your partner about future plans. Avoid taking work-related decisions. Your lucky day this week is Wednesday.

**CAPRICORN**
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Know the difference between lust and love. Invest in conservative financial prospects. Things at home will be stressful. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.

**AQUARIUS**
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Your irritability may drive your loved ones crazy. Profit from investments can be expected. Start networking for official purposes. Your lucky day this week is Friday.

**PISCES**
(FEB. 20-MARCH. 20)

Children might be on your mind. Make special plans just for two. Don't expect support from your partner. Your lucky day this week is Friday.

WISDOMTOOTH

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The virtues of mothers, and motherly emotions, as well as their great necessity in the lives of children are extolled upon quite frequently, and rightly so. But often underrated is the equally critical role of fathers, especially in the emotional lives of their children, even more so their daughters.

The difference between a good father and a bad one is simple — good fathers are present, and are embodiment of the basics that a good man should be. But are they perfect? Far from it. Even doting daughters are often perfectly aware of their father's human flaws, yet the realisation takes away nothing from the wealth of love between the parent and child.

Good fathers, in my opinion, are like those colloquial oak trees, a strong shelter against anything the world can throw, a child's first window to the outside world, to forever tint its perception. Be it social pressures, school bullying, or life threatening danger, the lengths that fathers go to protect their children, and to support them, are well-established, even in fairy tales, and life itself. Just think of Belle's father, remembering to pick her a rose even while lost in the forest, and always encouraging her!

Fathers are also significant to the development of self-esteem and worth in their daughters. Basically, dads form the

base that strong daughters grow on. Not to take away the pivotal roles that mums have in children's upbringing, but in case of women, the father's role is far more subtly ingrained into the very essence of the daughter, especially when it comes to body image. In my personal experience, two very small incidents with my dad, during my early teens, left an impact so profound on me, it shaped my very perception of self. On one occasion, I was being "persuaded" by the gaggle of girls at home to "humanise" my "Monica in Barbados" hair, but Dad said he thought it was perfect, and just like his! That is perhaps why, even today, in its diminished-to-nothing, and hence much easier to control version, my hair is my own favourite feature! Is it gorgeous? Eh. Do I love it? Yep.

Robin Gazi, doting father of the button-cute and mischievous three-year-old Shayera, says his favourite part about being her father is getting to see her guilty smile. This indulgence, we take for granted as daughters, and I speak for many, for sure.

