destiny Apresyan (En-Ru)

['destini] n

1. 1) судьба; доля, участь

strange [fortunate] destiny - странная [счастливая] судьба

to settle smb.'s destiny - решить чью-л. участь

to be reconciled to one's destiny - примириться с судьбой

to start on one's destiny - пойти по пути, предначертанному судьбой

every man has but one destiny - у каждого человека (только) своя судьба

he was carried along by destiny - его вела судьба

2) неизбежность; рок

inevitable destiny - неотвратимая судьба /-ый рок/

a number of people have met sterner destinies - со многими судьба обошлась ещё суровее

- 2. (Destiny) миф.
- 1) богиня судьбы
- 2) *pl* Парки

destiny

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des-tiny [destiny destinies] BrE ['destəni] ** NAmE ['destəni] ** noun (pl. des-tinies)

- 1. countable what happens to sb or what will happen to them in the future, especially things that they cannot change or avoid
- the destinies of nations
- · He wants to be in control of his own destiny.
- The contemporary hero is one who stands out against the crowd to fulfil a personal destiny.
- 2. uncountable the power believed to control events

Syn: fate

• I believe there's some force guiding us—call it God, destiny or fate.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French destinee, from Latin destinata, feminine past participle of destinare 'make firm, establish'.

Synonyms:

luck

chance • coincidence • accident • fate • destiny

These are all words for things that happen or the force that causes them to happen.

luck • the force that causes good or bad things to happen to people: • This ring has always brought me good luck.

chance • the way that some things happen without any cause that you can see or understand: • The results could simply be due to chance.

coincidence • the fact of two things happening at the same time by chance, in a surprising way: • They met through a series of strange coincidences.

accident • something that happens unexpectedly and is not planned in advance • Their early arrival was just an accident. **fate** • the power that is believed to control everything that happens and that cannot be stopped or changed: • Fate decreed that she would neverreach America.

destiny • the power that is believed to control events: • I believe there's some force guiding us— call it God, destiny or fate. **fate or destiny?**

Fate can be kind, but this is an unexpected gift; just as often, **fate** is cruel and makes people feel helpless. **Destiny** is more likely to give people a sense of power: people who have a strong sense of destiny usually believe that they are meant to be great or do great things.

by ...luck/chance/coincidence/accident

It's no coincidence/accident that...

pure/sheer luck/chance/coincidence/accident

to believe in luck/coincidences/fate/destiny

Example Bank:

- He came to Paris and found his true destiny as a poet.
- He wanted to take control of his own destiny.
- He was driven on by a strong sense of destiny.
- Her destiny lay in that city.
- It was a decision which could have changed my destiny.
- · No man can escape his destiny.
- She felt that she had fulfilled her destiny.
- · She had to find her destiny on her own.
- She set up her own business because she wanted to be in control of her own destiny.
- She was convinced that sooner or later she would fulfil her destiny.
- Something was about to happen that would shape her destiny.
- The time was right for him to meet his destiny.
- There's not much you can do but accept your destiny.
- the destiny that awaited him
- I believe there's some force guiding us— call it God, destiny or fate.
- The destinies of five nations were decided at the peace conference.

destiny Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

des'ti ny /'destəni, 'destɪni/ BrE * AmE * noun (plural destinies)

[Date: 1300-1400, Language: Old French, Origin: destinee, from Latin destinare 'to fasten, fix']

1. [countable usually singular] the things that will happen to someone in the future, especially those that cannot be changed or controlled **SYN fate**

sb's destiny

- Nancy wondered whether it was her destiny to live in England and marry Melvyn.
- 2. [uncountable] the power that some people believe decides what will happen to them in the future:

She always had a strong sense of destiny.

THESAURUS

what will happen to somebody/something

- sb's/sth's future what will happen to someone or something: He knew that his future was in films. | Shareholders will meet to decide the company's future.
- fate someone or something's future used especially when you are worried that something bad could happen: The fate of the hostages remains uncertain. | The show's fate lies in the hands of TV bosses.
- destiny what will happen to someone in their life, especially something important: Sartre believed that everyone is in charge of their own destiny. | He thinks that it is his destiny to lead the country.
- the outlook what will happen, especially concerning business, the economy, or the weather: The economic outlook looks good. I Here is the weather outlook for tomorrow.
- prospect the idea or possibility that something will happen: the awful prospect of another terrorist attack | Prospects for a peace settlement don't look too good.
- fortune what will happen to a person, organization etc in the future used especially when talking about whether or not they will be successful: Fans are hoping for a change in the club's fortunes. | Two years ago, my financial fortunes took a turn for the better (=they improved). | In 1680 he decided that his fortune lay in the theatre.

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