

This guidebook will show you how to use the 54 cards in the deck to help yourself on your life's magical adventure. Remember that you never journey alone, and you can never be lost with Spirit as your constant companion, showing you True North. Use these cards in a manner of reverence to the vast Consciousness that is your partner in co-creation. Greater intuitive awareness, self-mastery, and the fulfillment of your deepest desires are only some of the wonderful gifts that are in store for you. Let *The Enchanted Map Oracle Cards* be your faithful guides as you find the magic and meaning in the story of your life. Your best life awaits!



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Introduction



Welcome to a magical and unique way to explore your life's journey and gain wisdom and insight about where you've been, where you are now, and where you're heading. What do fate, destiny, and the forces of synchronicity and Spirit have in store for you? These cards were designed specifically to empower you to find answers to these questions . . . and more.

All of my oracle-card decks are inspired by, and are derivations of, ancient divination systems such as the Tarot, Norse runes, and the I-Ching; and are modernized for you to use today, with language that you can understand. Each one has a different and specific theme. Although I created *The Enchanted Map* oracle system

as a companion to my book *The Map*, it can also be used as a stand-alone intuitive-guidance tool.

The themes of these cards are related to a journey, representing the symbolic places you might visit, the conditions you may encounter, and the allies and challenges you could meet on a metaphoric map that tells the story of your life. However, the symbols in this oracle system are metaphors for your inner life, not your external one. Your thoughts, feelings, beliefs, memories, and intentions create the “places” you inhabit or visit throughout your journey. These places are archetypal and universal, even if they have a deeply personal meaning for you.

We’ve all experienced stormy emotions and the sunny elation of joy. We’ve all met a sabotaging Goblin within us who will steal our “firstborn” and refuse to relinquish power until we name him and accept his hold on us. Yet as an oracle, each card will also have a personal message for you that will help you gain wisdom.

It's most important to note that nothing is static. Life is about movement and evolution, uncertainty as well as security, loss as well as love, treasures along with challenges. Secrets are uncovered and beauty is revealed even in the darkest places, if you're willing to see your life as an ongoing adventure. It's my intention that these cards guide you through that Enchanted Map so that you'll never be lost again. May this deck show you how to find the magic and meaning in the story of your life and empower you to create your best life now . . . so that your future is one of inspiration, authenticity, wisdom, and love! Your destiny awaits!

In love, gratitude, and service.

Colette Baron-Reid



How to Use the Cards



Imagine . . . between the visible and the Unseen is a guiding force that some call Spirit, the Holy Will, the Divine, the Field, or Consciousness. This force is ever-creative, causing shifts and changes in the world—in your world—transforming *you* as the journey of your life evolves. You are part of that Consciousness, too: influencing, dreaming, deciding, loving, choosing, and intending as you send out your own intentional signal, like an integral note in a symphony. Using these cards will connect you to the larger Consciousness. When you choose one, it symbolizes how you're in alignment with this vast intelligence that can show you what you're unable to see or understand unaided.

Before you work with these cards, you should familiarize yourself with them. The beautiful artwork is clear and evocative, with layers of deep and deliberate meaning, so spend some time looking at the illustrations and become aware of your response to them. Read this guidebook and learn the stories that these cards tell. Then, when you're ready to do a reading for the first time, shuffle them 11 times as a ritual to signify opening the sacred doorway between the world of form and the invisible causal energies that influence that world.

Please do this meditation before you begin:

With your eyes closed, listen to your favorite meditation music. Breathe deeply and relax.

Imagine that you're looking out from a sacred temple, standing in the doorway between two large white pillars of energy. In front of you are 11 steps that lead to the beginning of a winding pathway gleaming with living

energy. You can see that it wanders through many different landscapes: a wild forest, an icy and barren land, a mountainous region, stormy fields, and sunny meadows. Everything here is alive. Even the trees know you and can speak to you.

An angel arrives and hands you a beautiful compass.

She says, "Use this and you will never be lost again. Always know that True North is Spirit, which is the magic in the world. Orient to Spirit and expect to see miracles everywhere. Spirit is the true reality, the only truth."

A white owl flies toward you with a happy expression on its face.

The angel laughs. "Go with your new friend and be well. The adventure awaits!" The angel hands you a small box.

Open it . . . here are your cards!

Now imagine that the owl circles you and you become surrounded by a beautiful white light . . . and slowly feel yourself being brought back to this

*reality. Take your cards in both hands
and speak these words to them:*

*“I bless you, and in the name of Spirit,
I ask for your guidance. Show me what
I cannot see, confirm what I know,
and help me that I may serve the
highest good of all!”*

The Purpose of the Cards

These cards are meant to become your personal guide to explore the path you're on, chart a new course, retrace your steps to understand how you got to where you are, or perhaps choose another destination altogether. They'll provide you with insight, as well as deeper questions to consider as you seek to understand yourself and your purpose in the world. They'll help you with all aspects of your journey: the relationships you engage in, the work you do, and the lessons you must learn in order to explore the sacred contract you made

when you chose to come here as a spirit and take human form.

As with any divination system, these cards can be used as a predictive oracle, but their greatest and most powerful purpose is to empower you to make conscious, creative choices and know the next right action (or the consequences of a choice you may make). These oracle cards were devised to help you see the patterns that repeat throughout your life, and provide guidance on how to shift any that are self-sabotaging.

The cards show you the continuity of your steps and remind you that life is meant to be an adventure. They prompt you to recall that whenever you're confused about your experience, you need to consult your intuition. If you're willing to bypass reason and logic and draw upon your imagination and inner knowing, you can enter another place of self-discovery where you're able to shape your reality.

The more you use these cards, the better you'll understand their messages, as you develop a dynamic relationship with

them and add your own meanings to their wisdom. And the more you exercise your conscious awareness and commitment to co-create your life, the more magic you'll begin to see, with synchronicities beckoning to you along your adventurous journey on your Enchanted Map!

How to Do a Reading

Always approach a reading as a sacred act of inquiry. Never ask frivolous questions; otherwise, the cards are likely to send you on a wild-goose chase. The same will happen if you pose the identical question over and over again, hoping to get the answer you want.

The cards are your sacred helpers, bridging the worlds of the unseen and the material. So when you begin, say your prayer, blessing the cards and thanking them for their guidance. Quiet your mind. Then think of a question that doesn't require a yes/no answer.

Here are some examples of appropriate questions:

- What is the nature of this situation?
- How will this situation progress?
- What do I need to know or focus on today?
- What do I need to know about my relationship?
- How can I best serve the highest good in this situation?
- What can I expect from this relationship/job/person?
- What is the next right action that will help me progress on my path?
- If I take my intended action, what will be the result?

These cards are meant to strengthen your intuition and help you trust it more. Allow your higher knowing to show you the way, and don't be afraid to ask again if the answer isn't clear. Your relationship to the oracle cards will grow and only get better over time.

Sample Readings and an Explanation of the Positions

Each of these cards has a general archetypal meaning, and also a slightly different one based on position and orientation (*upright* or *reversed*). Upright, the cards represent the purest and most positive energy. Reversed cards require you to look at the shadow side of what they represent, and encourage you to be aware and conscious. Perhaps you have to make a difficult choice? Regardless, receiving a reversed card will always lead to a positive and supportive result. Reversed cards are powerful and should never be seen as negative; rather, they serve to shed the most light on your areas of inquiry.

So, for example, if you choose a **one-card reading**, you'll interpret a single card, determining how its meaning applies to the situation you're asking about. If you do a **three-card reading**, the same card will mean something slightly different depending on its placement in relationship to the other two.

Unlike a one- or three-card reading, a **six-card reading** features a "challenging" position: the card in that spot must be interpreted as a call to a particular action you must take. That said, it's always valuable to know *all* the potential meanings of the cards. You may gain insight from a card even if it's not placed in the position that would seem to make the most sense. Let your intuition guide you as to its true meaning for you.

The positions are all explained in the sections that follow. Feel free to create your own spreads or visit my website (www.colettebaronreid.com) to learn about more complex ones and their in-depth explanations.

Here are some examples of the various ways to work with these cards:

ONE-CARD READING

Tara was feeling unsure about her relationship to Jack. He was busy all the time, and she felt ignored. Lately, she'd been thinking, *He's not the man I thought he was.* But she cared for him and wondered where the relationship was heading, so she asked the cards:

"What do I need to know about my relationship with Jack?"

After shuffling the deck, she closed her eyes and prayed to receive guidance for the highest good of both of them. Then she chose a card. (A card can be selected from anywhere in the deck once you intuitively feel that it's time to do so. There's no right or wrong way to choose: off the top . . . or from the bottom, the middle, or anywhere in the deck is okay!)

Tara chose the *One-Ring Circus* card.

As this card is about independence, it “woke” Tara up. In fact, when she considered this message, what came to mind intuitively was that Jack was trying to become financially independent, and although they’d spent a lot of time together initially, he was paying less attention to her because he was working. Seeing this behavior as healthy, she felt that perhaps she needed to be more understanding. *Plus*, she thought, *maybe I’m placing too much importance on his constant attentiveness*. She decided to pull another card with this new attitude in mind.

Tara chose *Come Together*. This card relates to romance, love, and marriage—a truly fortunate sign!

THREE-CARD READING

In a three-card reading, the positions are:

1. The past influence
2. The present point of vantage
3. The probable future destination

Jillian was a single woman living in New York City. She'd been lonely ever since her divorce and wanted to know why she hadn't met anyone special. She was ready to date, having been in therapy for five years, but so far she hadn't encountered a single situation with romantic potential. On the night she was to go on a blind date, she was understandably apprehensive. She asked the cards to reveal what she could expect with this man all her friends were raving about.

The cards she chose were:

1. *Stuck in the Mud*: being stuck, immobilized, unable to move forward
2. *Intention*: a positive outcome for desires that have been placed in Spirit's care
3. *Wide Open*: receptivity and nonattachment

Jillian was surprised by how accurate the cards seemed to be. The first card spoke

to her and how she'd been feeling. The reason she'd gone into therapy was that she'd felt immobilized by her divorce and afraid to move forward because this failed marriage had been her third abusive relationship. Her movement had been restricted, but essentially this had served a very good purpose, allowing her to look around and do healing on herself.

The second card reflected her positive intention. She had changed, and her intention was clear, as was her faith that the right guy would come into her life!

The third card reminded her to be open to new possibilities without being attached to the form they might take. If her intention was clear and her faith solid, then why should she expect the worst? She decided to be open to a new kind of man, maybe a nicer one than she'd been involved with previously.

She went on the date with an open mind and heart, and it led to a relationship with a wonderful partner!

SIX-CARD READING

In a six-card reading, the positions are:

1. The past influence
2. The present point of vantage
3. What you resist
4. Unexpected help
5. The next right action
6. The probable future destination

Kim lost her job when her company downsized. She had been there for a long time and felt betrayed by her boss, who let *her* go after she'd helped him break the news to others.

Kim was 50 years old and had grown tired of corporate politics. She'd always wanted to become a baker, but due to pressure from her parents, she'd gotten her business degree and had become an accountant. She was at a crossroads and afraid, but was certain that this layoff was a sign that she should consider a different

path. Should she look for another accounting job, perhaps with a different type of company, or take a risk and start an organic bread company?

She formed her question for the oracle:

“What can I expect if I pursue starting up a bread business instead of applying for another accounting job?”

These are the six cards she drew, in order, and their meanings:

1. *Bone Collector*: reclaiming lost or stolen power
2. *Mountain*: getting around an obstacle
3. *Slow and Steady* (reversed): slow movement
4. *Magical Map Shifter* (reversed): a person/thing/event that appears to change your life
5. *Coming Apart*: diverging paths
6. *Field of Dreams*: a place of pure potential

Kim was deeply moved by the first card, representing the **past influence**. She had lost the courage to start something new, but the message of the *Bone Collector* assured her that she could find it again. This powerful being represented the place within her that still stored the courage and talent that she felt had been stolen from her because of her loyalty to her parents' wishes that she become an accountant and their criticism of her dream of running her own business. By aligning with this ancient wise Spirit within her, she could reclaim these lost parts of herself after all!

In the second position of the spread, representing the **present point of vantage**, was the *Mountain*. Kim realized that she was perceiving her life as a giant mountain she couldn't possibly climb and that the stress of the decision was overwhelming her. The message of the card was to take one step at a time, but that with each step, she would find herself closer to her goal.

In the third position, representing **what you resist**, Kim saw how *Slow and Steady* (as in "slow and steady wins the

race") would follow the *Mountain*. She recognized that she didn't have to jump into her new business feetfirst. She could take her time and plan her course carefully. She'd been feeling that she had to do everything immediately and make overnight decisions. This card reminded her that in spite of her fear, faith was what had to lead her. As a reversed card, it also warned her to be careful and not be impulsive about her actions.

The *Magical Map Shifter* (reversed), in the position of **unexpected help**, reminded her that her boss may have betrayed her by letting her go in the manner he did, but the layoff was truly a blessing in disguise. Her boss reminded her of her father, and many of the unresolved issues that her father's passive-aggressive behavior triggered in her. Seen in this light, her boss was a powerful change agent, shifting her map.

In position five, signifying the **next right action**, the card *Coming Apart* confirmed that it was indeed time to leave her job and begin her new career, but she didn't have to do it all at once. The cards

told a bigger story! She decided to take a part-time job in accounting and ready herself for starting up her organic bread business.

Last, she got her confirmation from the sixth position, which indicates the **probable future destination**. She would reap what she sowed in her *Field of Dreams*! It was a positive affirmation that her dream would come true.

The Soul's Intention

Each card depicts the soul's intention, as well as the other positional meanings discussed in the previous section. You can ask, "What is my soul's intention regarding the present situation?" or you can contemplate the last card you draw to gain deeper clarity, as it will reveal that if you look within, you can answer the question of why something is happening. The soul's intention is for you to grow, and it will show you the lessons you must learn in order to evolve into who you're meant to become.

Here's an example:

Donna was having problems with her husband, Vince, who had lost his job and was drinking too much. She wanted to buy a new house, but she recognized that until he found employment, that dream would have to wait. It frustrated her, and she didn't understand why he wouldn't go right out and seek another job. He began to remind her of her father, who had been an alcoholic and drank himself to death. She developed anxiety and started to act in ways that were controlling, projecting her fear onto Vince.

She asked the cards:

"What is my soul's intention regarding this situation?"

Donna drew one card: *Deep Freeze*. This card indicated that: (1) her dream was meant to die temporarily, and (2) she needed to recognize that something had died in her husband and he required the "winter" to hibernate and regain his strength until it was "spring again." She couldn't

rush him. *Deep Freeze* was also reminding her that she hadn't really dealt with her father's issues and how they had affected her. She needed to slow down and let the past go so that later, when she was ready, she could be reborn. Her husband was *not* her father, and she had to put her fear and need to control him "on ice."

After a calmer couple of months, during which Donna surrendered to the situation, her husband got his "game back on" again and went for, and secured, an even better job than the one he had lost. He'd needed the time to come to peace with his loss; and she'd needed time to get in touch with her feelings, examine her relationship with her father, and forgive him. Her soul's intention brought her circumstances with her husband that helped her heal the past, in spite of how uncomfortable the situation was for a short while.



Whenever you do a one-card reading, that card should be interpreted as being in the position of **present point of vantage**, but you may wish to do a multiple-card reading for more clarity. Once you learn the meanings of each card and the positions, feel free to be creative and make up your own new spreads, with certain positions having specific significance for you. You'll be amazed by how the cards come alive for you!

May your path be lit brightly and your journey be prosperous, peaceful, and filled with joy. The Enchanted Map will show you the way!

Please join me at www.colettebaronreid.com, where you can find more detailed help with using these oracle cards, connect with others, and deepen your capacity for expanded joy.





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Bone Collector

*"You are whole and have everything
you need within."*

Upright

When the Bone Collector appears, she is asking you to look closely at your circumstances to see if you're fully present or

reacting out of past conditioning and unconscious expectations.

Whenever we're wounded, especially when we're young, it's as if something essential is stolen from us. We adapt, and accept a particular version of the truth that then sets us up to behave a certain way in the future when faced with a situation that reminds us of the original event. What we know about ourselves thus becomes influenced by a perception of limitation.

You may feel unworthy or without courage; you may see yourself as flawed or unlovable, or expect to be criticized. No matter what your question, the Bone Collector reminds you that the truth is that you are a powerful being with limitless possibilities. She has kept safe what was stolen from you in the wounding, and is here for you as you reclaim it now. You have everything you believe you lack, and the Bone Collector is your inner resource. Act *as if* you have what you need and you'll find you have it after all. Anything is possible. With awareness, the wounds of the past need not define you.

Reversed

The past has a way of repeating itself when you haven't learned the lesson inherent in the original situation. You're faced with this now. The Bone Collector is here to challenge you to see yourself as a whole being and not one who is perpetually trying to heal an old wound. You'll repeat the past if you don't reclaim the things you believe were lost.

The information you seek lies in your history. Familiarity in this case isn't an invitation to dance the old dance once again; instead, it is a call to retreat and choose differently. The Bone Collector has a message: "If you do what you did, you'll get what you got." Her warning is delivered with kindness, for she has deep love and respect for you. She will protect you.





2

Gentle Gardener

*"Be your own person.
Be a conscious co-creator."*

Upright

The Gentle Gardener is visiting you at this moment in your life to remind you that your thoughts, feelings, and beliefs

create the reality you experience. She is the embodiment of the energy within you that is sent out into the field of co-creation and ensures that all that you are is reflected in the world of form. Are you aware of your thoughts? What is their quality?

Believe in limitless possibility and you will see miracles unfold. The Gentle Gardener guarantees the integrity of everything you send out into the world. Stay positive and expect a wondrous return. Your garden is abundant with beauty.

Reversed

Do you harbor resentments? How often do you reinforce negativity by affirming lack and limitation? Every time you send out a desire for something but secretly harbor a belief that you're undeserving of it, you plant weeds in the field of your dreams. When the Gentle Gardener appears in the reversed position, she reminds you to be aware of any negative thoughts or selfish motives. She encourages you to step back and pay close attention to what

thought-seeds you send out into the world. Weeds choke the life out of your beautiful garden.

No need to fret, however, because once you recognize this, you can always remove a bad seed and replace it with a healthy one! Forgiveness is your most powerful restorative tool.





3

Wizard of Awareness

"Your soul knows best: be still and observe."

Upright

Mindfulness is about being observant, and remaining neutral about what goes on in the world around you. This applies to the environment *within* you, too. If you struggle inside yourself, stepping into an

observer position gives you a new, powerful perspective that neutralizes any discomfort or overexcitement. You have the capacity to see things clearly now, unencumbered by opinion or desire.

Wearing the world as a loose garment requires you to adopt a sense that nothing that happens to you is personal. People come and go; experiences evolve from one state to another in a continual shifting and change no matter how much you want things to stay the same. The Wizard of Awareness asks you to give up your need to define or limit what you're experiencing now. It's *all* good! Let it be, and watch the miracle unfold without any direct influence from you.

Reversed

The Wizard of Awareness comes to you in this position to warn you that too much force behind a desire for a specific outcome robs you of a true and full experience. Step back, take your energy away from your

situation, and focus on gratitude for the ever-changing conditions of life.

Are you, perhaps, trying to control the outcome of something because you don't trust in your highest good? Meditate, be still . . . and your answer will come without any effort on your part. Be a neutral observer and you'll see how this moment is but a small marker on the Map of your life's journey.





4

Spirit of Place

"Authenticity is the essence of power."

Upright

Our ancient ancestors believed that every place has a Spirit looking after it or embodying it: just as we have a soul, the plants, trees, birds, mountains, and rivers have their own essences.

When the Spirit of Place arrives in your reading, it says that the answer to your query is in the overarching theme of your circumstances. Is your question about a struggle? The answer is to relax and let go of your need to control the situation. If your inquiry relates to finding love, then *embody* love rather than long for it. Once you find the essential truth that underlies your question and then name it, you'll discover the answer you've been seeking. Your greatest power is your authenticity.

Reversed

Don't get entangled in details or desires that obscure the truth of your situation. Step back and ask yourself, *What is the real nature of my inquiry?* Even exquisitely seductive hidden agendas cannot conceal this. *Trust your intuition*, the Spirit of Place is whispering in your ear. You hold the power to tell the truth—first to yourself, then to the world. You can always distinguish between an essence that is true and one that is “synthetic.”

Be honest with yourself, and remain willing to let your situation be revealed for what it really is and not what you want it to be. An apple can't become an orange, just as a dog can never be a bird. Are you trying to change someone or something to suit your agenda? Only when you see things as they truly are will you find the real treasure.





5

Goblins

*"Fear is an illusion. Choose love today.
Forgive yourself and others."*

Upright

Goblins are born when you're wounded and something essential is lost in that experience. From that point on, as you forget

your wholeness, they remain with you in the shadows. There, they remind you of what brought them into being, by mimicking your own voice, tricking you into believing that you're unworthy, victimized, or unlovable. They hold you hostage through low self-worth, self-sabotage, and the feeling that you're lacking what you need.

If Goblins pay you a visit, know that they represent the shadow of your own self, or someone else's, and that they're leading you into a potentially reactive situation. A *Goblins* card's appearance is an opportunity for growth, however, and a signal that you must love yourself. No human is without flaws. The Goblins' message is that you must release resentments and negative self-talk. Within you is the spark of the Divine. Ask Spirit to help heal you. Miracles can and do happen. Let go of the negativity.

Reversed

It's often difficult to deal with someone else's issues, because they impact your

own. No one is perfect, but in this case you're particularly vulnerable to being manipulated. Don't take this world personally. When the *Goblins* card arrives reversed, it's a sign to step back with detachment. Don't let other people's "stuff" lead you into reacting from an old wound. Love yourself unconditionally. Set boundaries and your Goblins will fall asleep. Love is the only answer.





6

Mountain

"You have the capacity to flow around any obstacle. This is the time to adapt."

Upright

Sometimes you'll come across what appears to be an insurmountable obstacle, like a huge mountain that separates you from

your success. You might think that climbing it or chiseling away at it is the answer . . . but why take such a treacherous, tedious approach? Be like the rivers that flow around mountains naturally. You'll move past this obstacle relatively quickly if you choose the easy way around. This is the time to adapt to your circumstances. If you do decide to climb, remember to take one step at a time, opting for the next right action.

Reversed

There is an obstacle to your inquiry. This is not the time to move forward. Wait a while. Be patient, and a way around the Mountain will be revealed. Pushing forward isn't in your highest good. Don't try to climb too high to grasp the prize that seems out of reach . . . because it *is*—for now! If you exceed your limits, you'll find yourself tumbling down, and you'll get hurt. Remain open to a new possibility rather than stubbornly forging ahead.





7

Into the Unknown

"Trust . . . and all will be revealed."

Upright

Life is an adventure, and often, new opportunities will arise that you won't know how to deal with. This is one of those times. You're required to trust that this new phase will reveal wonders and miracles as you

step into unknown territory. Imagine that you are not only a path finder, but a path *maker*. Whatever your inquiry, trust that you'll be safe. Stay aware as you discover new and marvelous territories and valuable treasures.

Reversed

Inexperience plus overconfidence can lead you into a dangerous situation for which you're unprepared. Always remember that wisdom comes from experience. Keep an open mind and enter this part of your journey with alert eyes. Don't assume you know this territory. You may not recognize what is hidden by camouflage. This is not a time for careless adventure.





8

Come Together

"Love needs to be shared."

Upright

Love needs to be expressed. Drawing the *Come Together* card is a sign that you're on the path to discover the nature of this

emotion in all its forms of expression—romantic, familial, unconditional, spiritual. In each instance, there is another being involved. Love involves a give-and-take between you and a significant other, a relative, a friend, an animal, and/or Spirit.

This card assures you that love has come calling and seeks a partner in its dance! Know that you are cherished. Like a magnet, you're attracting love into your life! This is the time for harmonious, caring partnerships.

Reversed

When the *Come Together* card appears reversed, it is a sign that perhaps a love connection is unbalanced. Is intimacy being withheld from you, or are you withholding it from another? Longing and yearning are often mistaken for love—when in fact they are signs of *lack*. Perhaps you've been doing all the emotional work and pouring your water into an empty well, to the point that now you are also depleted. Know this: True love will not be denied you. What is

truly *for* you will never walk *past* you or require this much energy. Drop the agendas, the fight, the need to win . . . and allow love to flow through you. True love will always find its reflection in another.





9

Storm Fields

"This, too, shall pass."

Upright

An uncomfortable chaos is surrounding you. Things that you've left unattended may be the cause of some conflict. Pent-up energy needs release, just as a storm in nature must break, for these events occur

when the electricity between opposing forces stirs things up and creates temporary disorder.

Not all storms are destructive. Rather, they serve nature by bringing rain to the ground and wind to the trees, enabling seeds to be widely distributed and continuous growth to be ensured. Just remember that whatever is being stirred up inside you—or between you and another—will benefit you later. The sun will shine again, and new growth will be observed. Don't be afraid to shake things up a little.

Reversed

Now is not the time to engage in any activity that brings unwanted chaos or drama into your life. This kind of storm can be destructive, and you'll regret your actions later. Hurtful words will be carried on the wind and bring a tornado of betrayal, anger, and unnecessary angst.

Find shelter. This turbulent weather will pass, and your house will be untouched.

Say no to drama. Wait till the storm blows over—only then will you be heard.





10

Rock Bottom

*"Surrender and acceptance are the
keys to freedom."*

Upright

As difficult as it may be to accept, it seems that you've reached a point where you can go no further in the same manner

in which you've been doing things. Perhaps you've hit a proverbial brick wall, or experienced a deep sense of loss and don't know where to turn. The old way of doing things must be discarded fully in order to move onward and upward. A new direction and a new strategy are called for.

The only way out is through surrender. Accept things as they are, and admit that you have no idea what to do next. If you wait in that heartfelt moment of release, then a stairway will appear, like magic, and all manner of synchronicities will show you the way to higher ground. The *Rock Bottom* card is a sign that a miracle is about to occur, but only if you let go completely.

Reversed

Reversed, this card is the symbol for addiction in all forms, subtle or obvious. Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results will never provide you with what you desire. At this

moment there is nowhere else to go, and you're facing the *end of the road*.

If you fear change, be *willing* to change. Surrender your wants to a higher power. Ask for truth, and allow humility to be your guiding force from within. You will always get what you need. You are only a victim of your perceptions. Take heart, because you can't sink any further. The only way to go from here is up, and wondrous things await you!





11

Balancing Act

"You are calm within, no matter the fluctuation of outer conditions."

Upright

There are times when things seem a bit topsy-turvy, and it feels as if you're juggling a thousand balls in the air. Perhaps

you're unsure of your footing. Now is the moment to evaluate which areas of your life need balance and then restore equilibrium. Choose harmony over discord, and great success will be yours. You'll find inner stability when you choose a balanced, focused, and level path.

Reversed

This is a time when it's important to address the areas of your life where there is discord. Are you fixated on getting your own way? Are you obsessed with one thing, neglecting essential matters that require your attention? Taking your own inventory is a necessary step toward rebalancing your life, and it's the only way to reach an equitable solution. Adjust yourself to the conditions of your environment that you have no control over, and balance will come much more easily. If there is to be fairness, it must come from *you*.





12

Slow and Steady

"Slow and steady wins the race."

Upright

Remember the old cliché "Slow and steady wins the race"? This is a time for easy movement, unhurried steps, and a steady heart. Trust that taking life at a more leisurely pace will give you greater access

to your dreams. Slowing down allows more contact with the juicier elements of your life. Savor them.

Reversed

Pushing things forward impulsively will not only prevent success but potentially cause more trouble than you're prepared to handle. Moving too quickly will only yield unripe fruit with a bitter taste. Slow down. Breathe. Meditate. You're not a human doing, you're a human *being*. Just *be*.

Everything will work out if you can apply the brakes and become more aware of what's happening in this moment. A calm focus on the now, breathing in the beauty of your surroundings, will restore your power to consciously co-create your world. All fruits ripen in their own time.





13
Solitude

*"I am comfortable in my own skin, as I
detach to replenish my soul."*

Upright

Meditation is required when you receive the *Solitude* card as a sign. Empty your mind of superfluous thoughts, and

allow stillness to flow through your whole being. This is not an advantageous time to ask questions or push forward in any way. Rather, it's a period for a conscious retreat. What's called for now is to step back and take your focus off of your life and your troubles. You'll be surprised by how things sort themselves out once you've replenished your energy by means of a much-needed rest and time-out.

Reversed

Too much solitude results in isolation and separation. Now is the moment to get together with friends and join in the merriment! Hiding out will lead to loneliness and negative thinking. Separation at this time isn't a healthy choice.

Are you in a situation in which you feel alone? You need to share this, not keep it to yourself. By joining in with others, you'll hear what you need to know, because Spirit finds ways to speak through them without their even knowing it. You have the key

to let yourself out of this prison. You are
loved . . . and never alone.





14

Ride the Wave

"Right now, success is easy and effortless."

Upright

You can be assured that you're entering a time when you can ride the wave of abundance. The tide has turned, and you can put your "surfing" skills to the test! Everything

that you know—all your talents, coupled with your hopes and dreams—will carry you forward. People and circumstances have come out of the ocean of potential and possibility to take shape in a wave of spectacular activity. Know that you're definitely on the right path!

Reversed

You may be mistaking a rogue wave for a fun ride. You can only coast for so long before you hit the shoreline with a smack! The tide is ebbing, and your activities are now preparing you for when that wonderful wave comes in for you to ride. You're meant to learn how to be a strong swimmer now. Don't worry—preparation ensures a successful result! However, you must wait patiently for the right moment to come. Now is the time for conscious preparation and skill building.





15

One-Ring Circus

"You are capable and competent!"

Upright

Independence is key now as you step into your journey today. Others may not have the vision or resources that you need.

Recognize that all the wisdom you've acquired along the way makes you particularly competent, capable of moving forward with assurance. Self-reliance is important.

Another aspect to consider is creating and maintaining clear boundaries between you and another. Be discerning about your partnerships at this time. When you know who you are, and have a healthy sense of where *you* end and others begin, you're able to enter into the best kind of relationships and will attract people who mirror back your wholeness. Interdependent relationships are always mutually supportive, stimulating, and transformative. You can achieve anything at this time.

Reversed

If you think that the sun won't rise without you, then it's time to change. Perhaps you believe no one will be there to help you, or you expect that you have to do all the work, emotional or otherwise. This is a fear-based idea and only serves to

alienate you from others by taking away their right to participate.

Receiving the *One-Ring Circus* card may indicate the misuse of power. Give it up, let go of the need to control how the wind blows, and let others play their part. You don't need to be invincible, have all the answers, or be the savior. Things will get done if you step out of your own way.

Yet another meaning for this card suggests that someone else may be trying to control you. This needs to be addressed. Don't be afraid to set a boundary—this is a wonderful step to interdependence. Consider the example of two trees planted side by side sharing the sunlight equally, neither overshadowing the other.





16

Rescue

*"You are always safe and secure,
and free to be yourself!"*

Upright

Asking for help isn't easy for many successful people. However, that's what you need to do now as you expand your life. If

you find yourself troubled, you can expect help with whatever issue is at hand now. You need only ask, and assistance will come your way.

The most important support you can expect is from Spirit. Get into a right relationship with the Divine and you'll see that many conditions line up as if by magic to provide you with all the help you need. Ask and you will receive. There is no need to fear. Safety is a place within.

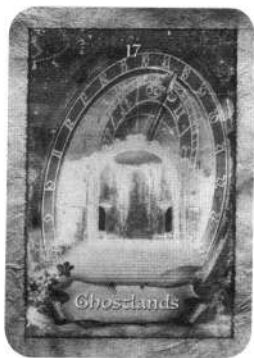
Reversed

Are you trying to rescue another? Do you believe your love can change someone and miraculously heal this person? Or . . . are *you* waiting to be rescued? Do you believe that someone will sweep you off your feet and take away all of your troubles?

Reversed, the *Rescue* card cautions you against romanticizing your situation right now. Look closely and see reality as it is rather than the illusion of how you'd like it to be. You need to step back and rescue yourself. Trust that Spirit will guide you to

expose the illusion so that you may discern
the difference between truth and fantasy.





17

Ghostlands

*"You can learn from the past and
imagine a beautiful future, but you
must live in the here-and-now."*

Upright

Whenever you set your sights too far ahead, you run the risk of losing your footing, for rarely do the present and future match up exactly on the Enchanted Map that is your life story. The future has no substance right now; it is a place that has no grounding as of yet. You can't live there, yet you can take measured steps toward a goal or dream. These steps are important now.

The same goes for nostalgia. You can look into the past wistfully and remember beautiful moments or revisit lessons learned. However, you can't live there, nor can you go back and change what was. Yesterday is gone forever. Live fully in the present. The "now" is the most powerful place to put your attention. Its magic reaches out in every direction, further than the heart and soul can see.

Reversed

When the *Ghostlands* card appears reversed, it's a sign that you're wandering in

an emotional or intellectual place with no real substance. There is no point longing for that which has already gone or hasn't happened yet. Perhaps you've created a fantasy of "the good old days" or some elusive, utopian destination that lies somewhere in the future when *this* or *that* happens to make things better.

Live one day at a time. Each day is a new beginning filled with truth and beauty. Stay away from the Ghostlands of past and future—avoid nostalgia and longing for something better. Find joy in what is present in your life today.





18

Magic Stream

*"Everything is connected through the
universal flow of consciousness."*

Upright

Every experience you have seems to have its own life story, with a beginning; a middle; and eventually, an end. However,

there is danger in seeing events as separate from one another, since in fact they are all part of a continuity and a greater evolution.

Like an ever-flowing Magic Stream, your experiences filter through the whole world, one leading into another, informing and influencing still more. Inspiration, invention, and revelations rarely come to just one person. The collective awareness is a shared storehouse of potential. When you remember you're part of the fluid continuity of life, you become a channel for great inspiration. Allow the magic to flow through you and carry your dreams into reality. Your success will benefit many.

Reversed

In a reversed position, the *Magic Stream* card represents swimming against the current. There are times when effort and sheer willpower result in victory and celebration, but this isn't one of them. You can't force inspiration, and you can't manufacture creativity, lest you borrow too heavily

from others' ideas. Neither can you make someone love you or orchestrate a series of events that might place you in a more favorable position.

Now is the time to drop the "trying" and jump into the stream and float. Immerse yourself in the experience of being fully present with whatever is true for the moment. You'll never step in the same river twice anyway.





19

Dragon's Lair

*"You are always protected and
Divinely directed."*

Upright

You have a remarkable internal warning system that lets you know when things are out of alignment. You're about to enter

dangerous territory, so tread carefully and be aware of your surroundings.

The path you're on now is one that will challenge you to the core. That said, peril is also exciting and exhilarating, like the danger you feel before you enter a new relationship, knowing that you'll be changed forever. A life lived fully isn't lived only in safety. A new experience is calling to you, one that will test your courage. The choice is yours, but there is greater value in risk taking than remaining unchallenged. New territories are waiting to be discovered.

Reversed

Red flags shouldn't be ignored. Don't be seduced into learning a lesson that will hurt your heart. Temptation and intrigue abound, but be careful, because you can't win this particular challenge. Heed this gentle warning about wanting and longing; and the fantasy of belonging to someone, something, or an identity that has no true substance or longevity. Ignore this alarm and you'll wander in circles near

the edge of a dragon's lair. Choose another path, for your treasures lie elsewhere.





20

Flying

*"You have the power to see things from
a higher perspective."*

Upright

If you were a bird flying high in the air, what would you see? When you soar above

life's challenges and opportunities, a new perspective becomes available.

Today you have invisible wings that allow you to swiftly bring your circumstances into alignment with your highest purpose. This is a sign that your waiting is over, that all your hard work has paid off and the things you hoped for are no longer beyond your scope. You have the ability to reach for the stars and find one with your name on it. Spread your wings and soar. The angels are waiting for you.

Reversed

When you see the *Flying* card reversed, it is a gentle reminder that there are times to take flight and times to remain grounded, and for now you must avoid overreaching. There is still work to be done before you earn your wings.

Be patient. What you seek will not be out of reach forever. Remember the story of Icarus in Greek mythology, whose wax-made wings and overconfidence brought him too close to the sun? He perished

because he didn't realize his limitations. Humility is a great power, and now you must exercise it. Doing too much, too fast, too soon only serves to prevent a beautiful flight later on.





21

Field of Dreams

*"Your thoughts, feelings, and beliefs
are always engaging the vast field
of pure potential."*

Upright

This is the perfect time to harness the field of vast potential not yet realized in your life. Great abundance is yours if you're willing to do the work alongside the Gentle Gardener.

Be clear about your thoughts, feelings, and beliefs. Concentrate on your best life regardless of the temporary outer conditions imposed upon you by the greater world, which has its own story to tell. You have a basket full of seeds that are quite powerful, for your talents are Divinely inspired and will indeed lead to a great harvest to be shared with others.

You will reap what you have sown. Dream big, dream beautiful, take action, and tend to the garden of your life . . . and experience the extraordinary.

Reversed

Are your dreams your own, or are they really someone else's? Have you chased money, possessions, or prestige? Have you

placed security above fulfillment? Has approval-seeking played a major role in your motivation to succeed?

This is the time for you to assess the validity of your dreams, your talents, and your willingness to be a channel for inspiration and creativity. Don't be afraid to enter the Field of Dreams, for you can always clear the ground for new and better things to grow. Nature has a way of self-correcting if you're willing to act with authenticity. The power to create is inside you.





22

Intencion

*"Deliberate, clear intentions have the power
to change your world."*

Upright

Your objectives will be fulfilled at this time. Inspired intentions are like magic arrows shot into the sky. The universe is

bringing you a gift, showing you that you're hitting your mark. Recognize that you're not the one who has to do all the work, however; others help you co-create reality. You connect to the power of your intention, sending it out into the field, then allow for synchronicity to work its magic. Perhaps the good intentions of others will inspire you to send out beautiful ones of your own. Own the life you want to lead, and live deliberately, with clarity and detachment.

Reversed

Are you clear about your intentions, or are you in a foggy state of denial about your true motives and/or ambitions? This is the time to step back and gain perspective and clarity about your direction. Check your motives and ask if they are sincere. Are you pursuing some goal blindly, without asking its cost? Good intentions are being misinterpreted. Now is a time

for self-evaluation and self-nurturing. You will benefit greatly if you take time out to regroup.





23

Golden Palace

"There is always enough."

Upright

The *Golden Palace* card represents good fortune, ambitions fulfilled, wealth, and prosperity. It may also indicate emotional fulfillment, as perhaps you're entering a

time of happiness that's long overdue. The message here is that self-worth isn't measured by what you have, no matter how abundant your life is. Instead, it comes from what you *are*, how authentically you're living your life, and how much love you're willing to share. Granted, receiving this card does indicate material gain and a furthering of tangible rewards. But things come and go, and knowing your true value leads to even greater riches now. Share the wealth.

Reversed

Let go of your tight hold on what you believe security should look like. Now is the time to conserve your energy and count your blessings. Resist the pull to become miserly. There will be enough money, love, youth, food, and shelter to go around. A mind-set of fear and lack will shut off the flow of true abundance. Trust in the tides, because the flow always returns from the ebb. "Chop wood, carry water," as the

Chinese proverb says. Practice faith and the treasure will be revealed. In fact, you'll find it in plain sight.





24

Stuck in the Mud

*"You're being invited to stop and savor
the wonder of your life."*

Upright

Becoming stuck is sometimes the only way to trick yourself into slowing down and looking around you. In fact, this is a

sign that you need to shift your focus away from what you're doing and place your attention elsewhere. Struggling will only get you to even muddier places.

Now is not the time to move forward, but to *observe*. Clarity about your circumstances will come a little later. Stop and find the joy in what you've been overlooking. Soon you'll be out of the mud, but for now, be still and know that Spirit has a plan for you.

Reversed

When this card is reversed, it reminds you that you're stuck due to your obstinate desire to get what you want, when and how you want it. Perhaps it's uncomfortable to admit that the course of action you've chosen for yourself isn't right for you now. Even so, you have a choice. You can struggle in the mud and get nowhere; or take a moment to observe where you are, then step out, wash away the dirt, dry off, and find other things to do. A much better ad-

venture awaits you. You'll know when it's time to embark upon it.





25

Metamorphosis

"You are in the process of deep and beautiful change."

Upright

Butterflies earn their wings through great effort. The process of change is often painful, for it is never without losses and

sacrifices. If you are to transform from one form to another, a part of you needs to die.

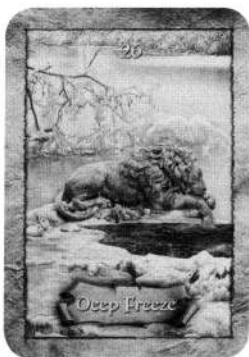
Letting go isn't easy, especially when you're used to thinking a certain way about your life and how you live it. Just as a snake sheds its dead skin, or a caterpillar "dies" so that a butterfly can be born, you're required to release your old ideas and embrace a necessary change so you can live your best life. Perhaps you're being asked to let go of low self-worth, a dream that no longer serves you, a relationship that is draining, or unhealthy habits. Despite your fear, you must accept that this is a transformational time for you. There will be some loss involved, but you'll love what you become.

Reversed

There are times of chaos and darkness that occur, much like the growing pains experienced by the caterpillar who is in the process of becoming a butterfly. There is a tendency to expect the worst when the first signs of difficulty arise—when

something is taken away, or unwanted circumstances come to challenge you to let go of old ideas about how life is supposed to be. You are not a victim. Rather, you're experiencing the temporary discomfort we all must go through before the beauty is revealed.





26

Deep Freeze

"Everything has its season. Now is the time to put activity on hold while you rest."

Upright

The cold winter beckons you to slow down and put a "freeze" on things that are not yet ready to bloom. It's time for

regeneration and hibernation. Forgo ambitious activity. A “pregnant pause” allows ideas to gestate; projects to shift and change; and relationships to go through a dreamy state of being, not going anywhere—not needing to.

This is also a time to put all your arguments on ice. Nothing beneficial will come from any of them. Self-care is the most important activity now . . . so reflect, read a good book, or get a massage. Rest and dream.

Reversed

Nothing you can do right now will amount to anything substantial no matter how much you try, push, manipulate, or cajole. Life wants you to take a break. You need to do this now, lest you become exhausted and be *forced* to rest. What you need will be there for you when you emerge in the springtime. For now, winter has its own ideas for you. Wait for signs of spring.





27

Home

*"You are comfortable in your own skin.
You belong."*

Upright

Peace, security, safety, belonging, and all the features one would want from "home" are indicated now. The *Home* card

represents an invitation to experience what it's like to be secure in your own skin, to live comfortably no matter what is happening in the world around you. It is a time for opening your eyes to your tribe of like-minded people, or one special person who makes you feel like you've come home.

Home is love, and love is all around you now. Whatever your inquiry, you are where you're meant to be and will reap great benefits by staying on this path regardless of where it leads. Home will always be with you—it is where the heart is.

Reversed

If you don't feel at home, it's time to do a thorough and fearless inventory. What are you hiding from? Are you afraid of being yourself? Do you feel that you don't belong where you are? What if you chose another path? Does your understanding of home perhaps dictate that such a place must be unsafe, unstable, or unfulfilling?

It's time to love yourself and create a new sense of safety and security within. You might have chosen a situation that is familiar and led you back to the original source of your pain. No matter, because this is an important and powerful invitation to a new you. Say no to the pain of the past; say no to the voice of your inner critic, no to those who want to dim your light to make themselves brighter. Choose a new home. Take refuge in knowing that beauty and a true sense of belonging lie ahead.





28

Movement

*"You are in a time of positive
forward motion."*

Upright

This is the time for positive momentum as you come out of a period of restriction. You're in a stage of new adventure

and discovery. You may feel compelled to take a trip, change your hair, or move your home or business. Regardless, you can't remain where you are anymore. You feel compelled to go forward. No matter what your inquiry, you will see your dreams take form and doors previously shut begin to open as if by magic.

Movement is also a state of mind. The fog lifts, and you now know the actions you need to take. This isn't the time for fear. Let it go and move forward.

Reversed

Do you feel as if you're walking in circles, seemingly not getting anywhere? Consider the spiral that travels up and around. Two steps forward, five steps back—even backward movement helps you progress and reach your goal. You may need to revisit some of the places where you forgot to look for treasure.

Another message is this: Lessons need repeating for those who refuse, or are

unable, to learn them the first time. Consider this another invitation to mastery.





29

Coming to Life

*"Something beautiful is being
born in your life."*

Upright

When you look at your life, can you see how you've grown and evolved over time? Perhaps you've shed "skins" and identities

and created new ones, or at the very least matured in your ideas about yourself and the world you inhabit. You know things take time, and Spirit's timetable is rarely in sync with your own.

This card indicates that a long-held dream is beginning to show signs of life. You must try not to coax it along, or shape it according to your desires. Spirit knows the best form for the manifestation of this dream, and your life can become even better than you could possibly imagine. Now is the time for reverence and awe. Allow the contours of your path to be carved by the hands of the Divine. All you have to do is show up.

Reversed

The *Coming to Life* card is a gentle reminder to get out of your own way, to let go and let Spirit lead. New life is unstable in the beginning and needs gentle care. Farmers don't go into their fields and pull up the shoots of plants to see how they're

doing. They know that everything has its own cycle of growth.

Let nature take its course. Find other things to focus on right now. Simplicity and small steps are the order of the day. When the time is right, you will see the miracle.





30

Making a Choice

*"You're required to come
to a decision now."*

Upright

You're faced with a dilemma or a fork in the road and must make a conscious choice regarding the next right action. Whatever

that choice is, you must take responsibility for it—yet you needn't be afraid. You may not have all the answers right now, because the way ahead can't be known until you've embarked and traveled a few steps.

Trust your intuition. Ask for a sign from Spirit and you will be led to the right path. If you remain conscious and aware, your choice will be the right one at this time. Life is always about learning. Success lies in choosing consciously, guided by intuition and Spirit.

Reversed

This is not the time to abdicate responsibility for your life. Letting others choose for you doesn't make things easier. Don't compromise because you're afraid of facing the consequences of your choices. Even if you've opted for a difficult path, you can always make another choice in the future. There is great power in reclaiming your ability to choose. No one can take that away from you no matter what. Don't give your power away. If you're willing to

be rigorously honest with yourself about your motives behind your choices, you may see the need to change things. You can change course and choose another route. Just be willing to clean up what you've left behind.





31

Dry Desert

"Dig deep for inspiration and truth. Now is the time to become resilient and adaptable."

Upright

Is your life presenting you with opportunities that seem to yield nothing? Have your ideas dried up? Does it feel like you're

on an endless journey through a dry, hot, lifeless desert? This card reminds you that there are times when you're meant to become resilient as you journey through harsher circumstances. You're being required to conserve your energy—until, after consistent effort, you reach the oasis you're searching for.

Consider the creatures that live in these conditions: they have adapted to thrive in spite of the outer environment. In a desert, water—essential for life—can be found deep underground. Go deep within yourself now . . . find your truth there. Let Spirit sustain you while you locate the real Source. Whatever it is you're asking about will not be found in the conditions you're in until you move past the surface of things and choose to do the real work and discover the answers deep within you. This may not seem like the most productive time, but looks are deceiving. This is a most important place to find what's truly right for you!

Reversed

The subject of your inquiry is barren and can't give you anything right now. No matter how beautiful and seductive the shimmering glow of a mirage, this is an illusion. When the *Dry Desert* card is reversed, it is a warning not to be hypnotized into thinking you will achieve your desire. This well is empty. Consider the gift here, though . . . know that while this is not the right place, person, or circumstance for you at the moment, it means that something much better, more fulfilling, and life sustaining is coming. Celebrate the warning and be grateful.





32

Magic Prayer

"Speak your prayers. listen for the answers. act in faith."

Upright

When you see the *Magic Prayer* card, it is a reminder that your prayers *will* be answered. Spirit is always waiting to help

you—and to *heal* you—when you're in need. That said, the best prayer is: "Thy will be done through me; thy will and not mine be done."

Conscious contact with your higher power is achieved through the ritual of prayer and meditation. Speak and listen to the Divine force within the field of creation. Surrender your wishes and desires to Spirit. You may not get what you want, but you will surely get what you need. Your destiny awaits you. As long as you keep in conscious contact with your higher power, be assured that you are on the right path.

Reversed

Self-will that goes unchecked can bring difficulties. Reversed, the *Magic Prayer* card is a sign that you mistakenly believe that *your* way is the only one. Could the path you're on be leading you to a place of regret, or could you be pursuing something that just isn't good for you? If so, you may be facing a painful lesson—and a lonely one, too. Perhaps it is time to pray, and

meditate on your highest good and the highest good of all. Spirit may have other plans for you. Be assured that they will be better than any you could ever dream up.





33

Peaks of Joy

*"Your life is filled with happiness.
so share it with others!"*

Upright

Joy is yours today! No matter what your inquiry, you will be happy with the results. You're coming closer to a sense of

achievement, and you've worked hard for it. You're surrounded by true companions, and events that are synchronistically arranged to bring you to the next level of your life. The world is singing a beautiful harmony. Life is exhilarating and hopeful. Let gratitude fill your heart and remember to share your happiness. Joy is contagious!

Reversed

Do you rely too heavily on your material achievements when you assess how happy you are? Perhaps you say, "I'll be happy when I meet the right lover/make the right amount of money/reach my ideal weight [and so on]." Why wait to arrive at the perfect destination before allowing yourself to experience sheer delight?

This is a day for joy! Take a walk, listen to the songbirds, scratch a kitty's head, play with a dog, look at a baby . . . and be in awe of life, which leads to a true sense of bliss. Be alive, be grateful, and know that happiness is an inside job.





34

Spark

*"You are a clear channel for
Divine creativity."*

Upright

There is a spark of creativity in you, and you have every reason to move forward with optimism and hope. Open

yourself to inspiration and allow life to show you its beauty and your part in co-creating it. This is the perfect time to give birth to an idea, start a new relationship or job, or begin any endeavor. Attraction is high as you connect with others who can co-create joyous experiences and join with you in expressing the finer aspects of life. Watching a spark turn to a flame and stoking that fire is a gratifying activity.

Reversed

Sometimes your fire gets doused by others who don't want you to be all that you can be. In that case, you need to move away from the "water," lest things get too damp.

The *Spark* card in reverse position may also indicate that you're allowing yourself to be so consumed by a thought, feeling, or situation that you're in danger of becoming completely burned-out. Compulsion and impulsiveness must be tempered now. Rest by a warm fire. Let things die down a bit. Then you'll see if the true spark will

still be there. If not, you can always light another fire at another time.





35
Education

"Life is filled with lessons. Be teachable."

Upright

Wisdom comes from participating in life, not just reading about it. This card suggests that you might not have enough knowledge about what you seek, the direction to take, your circumstances, or the

nature of your inquiry. Important information is coming. Now is the time to go to school, ask a person who might know more than you do, or find a teacher or a course of study so that you can more clearly understand what the next right action must be.

Sometimes life unexpectedly sends you to an unfamiliar school, and you must learn by experience. Now is a time to be teachable, open to changing your preconceived notions. Be a student, and be willing to state the most powerful mantra of all: "I don't know—yet."

Reversed

Stubbornness, and the desire to know it all and be right no matter what, will not get you what you want. Or could it be that you're afraid to be seen as someone who knows less than you're supposed to? Could you be flying through life by the seat of your pants, hoping no one will notice you're skimming the surface of things?

Life is filled with lessons—some bitter, some sweet. A strident lust for certainty

will never bring you the wisdom you seek. Pretending to know more than you do won't make you wise. Be assured that not knowing is a magical place to be. All manner of mysteries are revealed. Be open. It's okay not to know.





36

Commitment

"A true commitment is a responsibility of the heart, mind, body, and soul. This is a good time to make one."

Upright

Partnerships formed at this time are harmonious and powerful. The *Commitment*

card also indicates the natural evolution of a relationship from its inception to a literal or metaphorical marriage. At the very least, there is a promise of fulfillment in some form. However, you must be conscious of what you're committing to. Be clear about the nature of your commitment and your responsibility to it.

Others are more willing to enter into partnerships at this time. Remember that your partnership with Spirit—and the highest version of your own self—will engage the highest self in another.

Reversed

You may be walking into a commitment or contract you will later regret. This isn't a good time to sign agreements or make any choice that would tie you up for a long period. If you're in a relationship, you may not receive the commitment you desire. Don't despair, for something much better awaits you.

Now is also the time for agreements to be broken. Remember that "rejection

is God's protection." What hurts you now leads to wisdom later.





37

Cleaning House

*"It's time to clear the clutter to make way
for better things."*

Upright

When you see the *Cleaning House* card in a reading, it's time to de-clutter your life. Get rid of unwanted things in your

physical home, and release what you no longer want or truly need. Is there any unfinished business you should address? Thoughts, memories, and emotional baggage must be swept out of your house as well. Your conscience must be clear for you to move freely in the world.

Celebrate a spring-cleaning and feel the freedom as you make way for much better things. Look at what you've resisted discarding and be honest about its value. *Be honest.* Clean house.

Reversed

Why do you hold on to things that remind you of the past? Is your home cluttered with objects that bring up unhappy memories? Do you have a tendency to attract broken people who need to be fixed? If you're involved in this type of emotional project, stop right now and "clean house." Being needed isn't going to get you what *you* really need. That said, even if you initially resist letting go of excess physical

or emotional baggage, you'll feel amazing afterward.

Let go, and let the universe bring you something better. Make space. The universe doesn't like a vacuum and will respond to your housecleaning by filling your home with what will best serve you.





38

Heal the "Ouch"

"Forgiveness is the healer of the soul."

Upright

This is a time for great soothing of the heart, body, soul, and mind, as this card indicates that healing will be prevalent in your life now. If you feel drawn to study the healing arts, you'll be successful in

developing your natural capacity to restore others to wellness. However, the message may be that you're being called to change your behaviors in order to heal the earth. Perhaps you'll switch to a cruelty-free diet, eating less meat; or perhaps you'll pay more attention to how much water or electricity you use. You're asked to be conscious of your footprint on the sacred earth and all of life and to commit to the healing path.

The *Heal the "Ouch"* card may also be an indicator of old wounds and broken bonds being mended. Reconciliations are possible now. Let bygones be bygones.

Reversed

Reversed, this card is a message urging you to make amends for any harm you've done to another. Appraise yourself honestly. How have you been selfish, greedy, or inconsiderate of others? Have you harbored resentment toward those who have harmed you in the past? Practice deep and radical forgiveness. In order to be free—to know healing—you must surrender your

old hurts and begin anew. Forgiving yourself and loving yourself is important, too. Be humble and willing to admit to your weaknesses. Know the imperfections of the human personality. Walk tall as you take the path of the shaman, the wise elder who is willing to go into the shadows to bring healing light to old wounds.





39

Protecting Treasure

*"You are always protected and
Divinely directed."*

Upright

Although this is a time of great risk, know that at a fundamental level you are able to move forward safely and securely.

The proverbial nest egg is safe and sound no matter the fluctuations in the world. Guardian angels and other guides are whispering to you, making you aware of their protective presence.

Your loyalty is an important theme now. Nurture that which you hold dear. This is a good time to strengthen bonds of friendship and ensure their integrity. If you feel tested right now, know that a true and loyal heart always achieves its aim. Take refuge under an angel's wing. You are not alone and have no need to fear. Embrace your courage.

Reversed

Do you too easily give your loyalty to those who haven't earned it? This is a time to assess your personal loyalties and discern whether they're being returned in kind. Some relationships are made for convenience, and some favor one side over the other. Vulnerability born of fear may lead to being taken advantage of. Perhaps the imbalance in your relationships is due to a

conscious choice you've made. If so, make sure you aren't being hurt by the arrangement. If you believe you've found some kind of protective refuge, be aware that there may be a price to pay.

You may also need to reassess whether you're compromising yourself in any way to achieve what is an illusion of safety. Be true to your dream and remember that the angels will bring the right people your way to further the path of your highest good. Remain cautious, and be conscious of the give-and-take in all relationships and projects at this time. Don't give away the farm for a smile.





40

Follow the Leader

"Every life is a teaching tool for others. Your authenticity and honesty are an example to those around you."

Upright

You're being called to lead others by example. Your wisdom has been earned as a

result of your bravery in the adventure of your life. The experiences of battles won and lost, places discovered, tears shed, and joy revealed have placed you in a unique position to be of service to others.

Your suffering has been crystallized into a talisman of wisdom. Now you must share it. By being fully authentic, you'll lead others into the light. You'll be required to divulge some things about your past so that you may help someone else. Lead with love. There is another message here as well. Look to those whose great character and accomplishments you admire. Emulate the leaders you respect. You will then in turn have more to offer.

Reversed

Reversed, the *Follow the Leader* card offers a gentle push to get up and take the lead. In a relationship or partnership, be the one to voice what must be said. Muster your courage and speak your needs aloud. Affirm what you like and what you feel.

Don't just hope for someone else to fix the problems you see.

If your inquiry is about a career or project, you must take the initiative to draw up a proper plan; and if it's about a personal relationship, you must be clear about your intentions and desires. Boldly begin a discussion about how things really are and how to make the situation work for the highest good of all. Do this as soon as possible. You may be pleasantly surprised by the results.





41

Unexpected Visitors

"If you expect the unexpected, you'll be prepared for miracles."

Upright

Detours, surprises, and paradigm shifts . . . expect the unexpected. No matter how detailed your plans are, and how clear you

believe the road ahead to be, there are times when the best plans are waylaid by unforeseen circumstances. At first, detours may seem inconvenient, but a surprise turn of events signals that the adventure of life is beginning to get interesting. No one can plan for synchronicity—for fate and destiny to meet—except Spirit, who knows what you can't comprehend for now. Life is full of surprises, so stay on your toes and enjoy this exciting new adventure you weren't expecting. There is a plan for your life that may not match up with your agenda.

Reversed

Unpleasant news is only unpleasant when you resist accepting what is. Sometimes the thing most desired is kept away from you because it's not for the highest good of you or others. Sometimes there is loss or disappointment due to a destiny whose pattern can't be understood yet. Change is something that may be forced upon you, like bad weather that threatens a

boat. Adapt to the shift in conditions, and think how beautiful the sky will be afterward. Accept what is—and a more fulfilling path will soon be revealed. Remember that if you expect the unexpected, nothing can come as a shock.





42

Wide Open

"You are free to express your uniqueness to the world and share in all the bounty of life's endless possibilities."

Upright

All manner of opportunities are presented to you at this time. The *Wide Open*

card is a signal that you're able to truly manifest your dreams and that your goals are in sight. Don't remain small and contracted. Instead, expand your horizons beyond what you believe to be your limitations. You have a unique voice that needs to be expressed in the world. The universe is supportive of new ideas and approaches at this time, so speak up and speak out.

This card is the sign of the maverick who freely roams the wide-open space of possibility. Allow for a greater vision to replace old ideas as you dream a grander dream.

Reversed

Envy, jealousy, and possessiveness are the character flaws to be careful of at this time. You or someone else is closed off, unable to remain open to new ideas or intimacy. Heed the gentle warning that too tight a hold on what or who you love, or what you aspire to, will choke the life out of that which you desire. Open your heart and loosen your grip, for what is truly

yours can never be withheld from you. If another is shutting you down, let that person be. Don't try to force a door—or a mind—to open.





43

Details, Details

"The most powerful patterns are created within the tiniest details. Pay attention."

Upright

This is the time to be aware of the fine print in all areas of your life. Look at the details and leave the broad strokes for another

time. When this card appears in a reading, it's a sign to finesse a project, make small but meaningful gestures, or add a personal touch to your correspondence.

Be aware that what you need to know lies in the details. If you're entering into an agreement of any kind, pay attention to them before, not after, when it's too late. Clarity and transparency are key. You can gain great understanding by observing the minute body language, offhand remarks, and fleeting facial expressions that reveal the larger picture.

Reversed

Heed the gentle warning that perfectionism will not lead you to what you desire, but instead will steer you away from it. Nothing will be good enough when you become obsessed with being perfect. No one can ever measure up to your scrutiny, and nothing that you can ever do will assuage that general feeling of not being up to par. You're perfect already, just as you are.

Reversed, the *Details, Details* card challenges you to accept things as they are in all their imperfections—to step into the world and engage it without any expectations. You are exactly where you're supposed to be.





44

Strength

"Your true strength comes not from self-reliance alone, but from a sincere faith in a higher power."

Upright

The strength to accomplish even the most daunting tasks is yours at this time.

You can connect with and channel the power of the universe. The *Strength* card indicates that your ideas are being tested and refined and your relationships are being deepened. No matter what happens, nothing can move you off the course of evolution. As the potency of your connections becomes more obvious, you're able to harness the creative energies that are available to you.

Have courage and dive in, for magic is in the process of finding a form to take. When you remember that real strength comes from a combination of your efforts and reliance on a higher power working *through* you, all is possible. You can do anything now.

Reversed

When you see the *Strength* card reversed, pay particular attention to your health, for this indicates that your body, mind, and spirit need strengthening at this time. Exercise, rest, and proper nutrition are necessary to keep you in balance. Don't

deplete yourself through overwork, as now is the time for building your stamina.

Perhaps you feel the bonds weakening in a relationship. If they are in danger of being broken, they may need repair. Attend to them before the burden gets too heavy. Be strong, face the reality of your relationship at this time, and give it your attention, for any fragile threads may give way. Let go of whatever robs you of your life force, and trust that something better will take its place.





45

Sad Embrace

*"Loss is a part of life. Let go and allow time
to heal you."*

Upright

You may be entering into a period where loss is a theme. Perhaps you're having to let go of a long-cherished dream. If

so, take heart, for this ending may have been for your highest good. A better and more powerful dream will be realized in your life if you can accept the loss.

Relationships based on faulty foundations are meant to end at this time. Disappointment is a form of perception. If your expectations weren't met, a sense of loss arises, along with sadness and grief. Express these emotions. Tears are like healing rain that can restore life to a parched inner landscape. Growth is always assured. Whatever the loss—however great it is—let go, and experience your feelings so that you may soon see what beauty lies ahead.

Reversed

Are you suffering over your suffering? Do you feel that life is treating you unfairly and that you've been robbed or deprived of what you're entitled to? Do you long for a love that eludes you, or the success that has been bestowed upon others? Righteous anger and a sense of entitlement lead to a trap of ego. Your suffering and loss will

pass if you let them. If you hold on to your perception of unfairness, then you'll find yourself in its tight grip, unable to breathe freely. The only solution is to drop your victim stance and embrace the sadness so that it may dissipate naturally in time.

Trials and tribulations build character, which is its own gift. Find something to be grateful for, and take responsibility for your part in all matters. However painful it may be to sit with your sadness, remember that you are loved and will not be left adrift forever. Have faith, for this, too, shall pass. You are not a victim, only a traveler on a hero's journey. It's okay to be disappointed for now, but know that someday you'll look back and see great value in this experience.





46

Coming Apart

"Now is the time to take separate paths."

Upright

The *Coming Apart* card is a sign to put an end to what is no longer working for you. Has a commitment been broken? Perhaps you need to break a promise, or change course because you took on more

than you could handle. This is a perfect time to reassess your goals and values. Are your actions in alignment with what you believe in? Have you created a partnership that is not mutually beneficial? Separation, dissolution, and dispersion are all in focus now. If someone wishes to break away from you, don't chase the relationship out of a sense of fear. The price you'll pay will not be worth the prize. Separation brings good fortune.

Reversed

A situation is unraveling, and your best plans are leading you into a tricky maze. Your challenge is to separate out the elements of this puzzle to get a better perspective on what happened. You may have lingered too long in a place where you didn't belong anymore, seduced by a temporary solution.

As you untangle yourself, it's important to maintain a sense of humor. Don't fret. You will learn something valuable that you'll need later when faced with a more

dangerous situation. Breathe . . . and know
that you are loved.





47

Sacred Pool

"The world is a reflection of your thoughts, feelings, and beliefs. Embody the love you wish to see in the world."

Upright

When you look into the mirror, do you like what you see? The *Sacred Pool* card asks

that you focus on self-love and self-esteem. We are all works in progress, so a detached self-examination made with rigorous honesty is called for now.

Reflect by the Sacred Pool and be at peace with yourself. Can you see how far you've come and how magical your life is? Do you notice the spark of the Divine shining through your eyes? When you're conscious that you're the embodiment of Spirit, it becomes easier to respect yourself and act in good conscience . . . then you'll reap the greatest rewards.

Your unique service to the world is not only needed but *celebrated*. See the love within you, and know that if you cast it upon the waters, it will return to you tenfold. Be at peace, for you are beautiful and loved. Act with surety and confidence, and success shall be yours—whatever your inquiry.

Reversed

It can be difficult to overcome denial when there is a reward for staying where

you are. If you can't accept and love yourself, you remain trapped, wearing a false mask of victimhood. The benefit of embracing denial and the victim's mask is that you never have to take a real risk.

Dimming your light serves no one. Turning away from the truth that is reflected in the stillness of the Sacred Pool keeps you in denial, doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. Such vain efforts lead to a tedious, boring existence. Take the risk and shine your beautiful light into the world. Look in the mirror and see the truth. Surrender the need to self-sabotage.

Remember that you have a responsibility not just to yourself but to the Divine spark within you. Courage is not the *absence* of fear. Accept the discomfort of seeing with clear eyes and you'll soon find that wondrous adventures are waiting for you. Step into your magical life. Take the leap of faith.



and sensing that moment of truth when you feel the inception of new life. It is an "Aha!" moment when everything makes sense.

Perhaps you recognize a soul mate, or are conceiving a baby or an idea. The *Wishing Well* card awakens you to the presence of unseen forces that enable new beginnings. Divine intelligence activates the field of possibilities where new life is co-created in a magical way. Neither you nor anyone else can know how or why this happens. It just does.

To that end, you can't control the process of growth. Rather, you must step aside to be a channel for higher forces and relinquish any attachment to how this new creation should appear, or when. Form your intention, and take action by dropping the coin into the Wishing Well; then trust in Spirit. Prepare to be amazed.

Reversed

This is not the time to force anything to happen in your life, especially whatever

seems to be eluding you. You can't demand that the universe provide you with what you want. Unmet desires can burst into a destructive fire of obsession.

Step back, breathe, and take your attention away from what you want. Ask instead for what you *need*. Only the Unseen knows how to align desire, inspiration, and its manifest form. As the coin disappears into the mystery of the dark pool at the bottom of the well, have faith. Don't engage in wishful thinking. You must co-create with Spirit, not make demands. You may yet get what you want.

Never forget that life is filled with choices. Make a wish, but be open to the enchanted way in which Spirit fulfills your desire.





49
Talisman

"A lesson truly learned is crystallized as earned wisdom. You have all you need for the success you seek."

Upright

Wisdom allows you to recognize traps on the road and familiar patterns that you

want to avoid. It also enables you to quickly gather information about where you are on your journey. It helps you recognize your allies and know how to find the best routes along the way. Now you're at a place where you know the right things to do and the best choices to make. You really can't commit a mistake. Whatever your inquiry, great fortune awaits you, for you have the wisdom to arrive at the right decision. You've learned your lessons and earned the right to your success.

Reversed

A reversed *Talisman* card warns that you must be aware of the repetitive patterns in your life. Sometimes the things that feel most familiar carry with them reminders of what you don't want to experience again. Yet here you are, faced with an important choice. You can move forward cautiously, or you can look for another path that will take you in a new direction. Consider this: If you've fallen down a hole a few times, why wouldn't you walk *around*

it this time? If you know where the hole lies, treasure that wisdom.

Although the universe is unlimited, every individual path has some limitations. Accepting that not all avenues are available to you at this time is a powerful realization. That said, you don't have to retrace your footsteps either. No matter what, you're on this path to gain greater wisdom, regardless of the choice you make. This is the time to ask others who have been here before for advice and assistance. Their wisdom will awaken your own.





50

Compass

"As long as you orient your compass to True North—the direction of your higher power—you will never be lost."

Upright

You're entering uncharted territories right now and can expect wonderful new experiences. To stay on the highest path of your destiny, you'll need to keep your compass pointed to True North. Only Spirit, or a higher power, can serve this function. Money, property, prestige, romance, and other material achievements can't help you find your true path. They are simply things you may experience along the journey.

Know that Spirit is working in your life, so even if you feel lost temporarily, it will be easy to find your way. Have faith and trust, for your compass, with Spirit as True North, will ensure that you'll never be lost—even on a starless night when all seems dark.

Reversed

What is your higher power right now? Whatever you constantly focus on long enough *becomes* your higher power. If

you worry about financial insecurity, materialism is your idol; if you obsess over a relationship, that is your god; if you're concerned about your weight or your looks or your status, you've lost your personal power and your way. Nothing but Spirit can be your guiding force. You'll never truly find what you seek if these worries and distractions are your constant focus.

Surrender . . . and shift your compass. Be still and watch as the needle points to True North. Align yourself and you'll easily find your way back to where you're meant to be.





51
Moonlight

"Your intuition allows you to see beyond the mundane, logical, and analytical. Follow it."

Upright

Moonlight beckons. Come, and trust your intuition to lead you into places that may not seem logical. Your hunches will

be right on target. Resist “second-guessing” yourself, for your alternative perception is especially sharp right now. You can see beyond the surface of things and truly read between the lines. This is a good time to use oracle cards or other systems of divination to gain information.

Remember that the language of intuition is a symbolic one. It comes subtly through a hunch, a “tingling,” a clear sound, or an animal or object crossing your path. Spirit is sending you messages to help you now. Success is yours if you follow the signs.

Reversed

Too much analyzing is getting you nowhere. Stop overthinking things. You may be exhausted from second-guessing yourself all the time and losing your footing.

Are you insecure about your ability to make good choices? Step back and regroup, and enter into a more trusting relationship with the flow of life. Don't become overly concerned about perceived mistakes. How

will you learn to dance if you don't occasionally take a misstep? On the moonlit pathways, you can discover love and truth and wondrous things. There is nothing to fear but fear itself. Go play, have fun, stay open, and trust.





52

Magical Map Shifter

"Spirit orchestrates everyone's destiny."

Upright

When the *Magical Map Shifter* card arrives, it comes with a mission—to make you aware of the people who come into your life to impact your personal growth. Perhaps you may meet a soul mate whose presence

invites you to be the best “you” that you can be, or someone who leads you out of difficulty and into a place of safety or success.

Pay attention to those individuals who cross your path today and cause you to reflect on your journey. Be awake and aware, and you’ll recognize them for the important change agents they are. Your whole perspective about who you are and why you’re here will shift. The *Magical Map Shifter* always initiates you into a better version of yourself.

Reversed

Reversed, the *Magical Map Shifter* card may bring you the opposite of what you seek. Perhaps you’re in denial about your situation and refuse to see the truth. Or maybe you’ve been traveling down a path that has constantly led you to a field of poppies, where you fall asleep and dream of desires that never find their form. To *have* the life you really want, you must match its vibrational energy and resonate

with it. Sometimes our greatest hurts and disappointments are what awaken us to our need to shift to a higher frequency.

If your heart aches because someone is breaking it, this discomfort will lead you to a more authentic life. Don't linger in the pain, or blame the Magical Map Shifter for alerting you to the illusion you clung to. Know that treasure lies elsewhere and can be recovered once you've healed the wound that is reflected in those who come to you as catalysts for growth. As you experience yourself transforming into the highest version of yourself, you'll come to understand that you're *always* fortunate when you meet up with a Magical Map Shifter.





53

Listening

"An open heart will hear the message."

Upright

When this card appears, you're being reminded that there is a time to speak and a time to be silent. Now is an occasion for listening. Pay attention not only to what is being spoken, but also to what is not

being said at the moment, for the deeper message is not always obvious. Listen with your heart, not just your ears, and you'll find clarity. Receiving the *Listening* card is a fortunate sign and ensures a greater understanding of your circumstances.

Reversed

Are you feeling that you're not being heard—that perhaps your needs aren't valid, that your song will go unsung? Now is the time to bring your message to the world. Speak up . . . it's time for your voice to resound throughout your sphere of influence. This is a moment to say what you mean and ask for what you want.

In the reversed position, *Listening* has another meaning, too. It also asks you if you're refusing to listen to someone else, preferring to hear what you want instead of what's being said. This is the time to get out of denial. Reversed, this card always brings freedom if you heed its advice!





54

Encouragement

*"You are receiving a nudge
in the right direction."*

Upright

This card tells you that you're being gently encouraged to step into your power, into the dream of your life. New things are

out there to be explored, and the nurturing power of the universe is giving you a nudge in the right direction. You will get the help you need and won't be alone in your quest. Every step you take right now is supported by the wisdom of the universe! You are on the right path . . . keep going.

Reversed

A misstep isn't the end of the world. You've fallen into a trap of false courage, and only humility will lead you out of it. Perhaps you weren't listening to your intuition, and now you're in a jam. Being too self-reliant, without knowing the ropes, has brought you to this place. Don't become too discouraged. All is well . . . and you can always start again, take another road, and surely discover new territories where love really blooms. Just remember to rely on your higher power. You can't always get what you want, but Spirit knows your needs. Something better waits around the corner.



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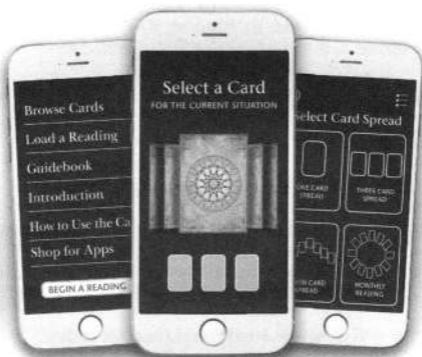
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