## How this book works

- This book covers the 21 major Arcana (I cover the court-cards & minor arcana in a separate book; details on my website; <u>www.maddyelruna.co.uk</u>)
- The book includes a printable crib sheet for **all the cards** in the deck, allowing you to **start reading today**.
- All you need is a pack of tarot cards, ideally The Rider-Waite deck, or a deck based upon the Rider Waite (not Thoth or Oracle cards!)

## HOW TO READ CONFIDENTLY

The best way to learn the Tarot cards is to start reading them for yourself. At the back of the book is a simple crib-sheet I designed. It allows you to read a daily 3 card spread.

Alongside, your daily (well most days- life can get busy) spread. There are detailed study notes here for each of the major arcana cards.

## THIS BOOK IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU;

- Understand the story & symbols on each card.
- Relate the information to your life.
- Connect with your intuition.
- Read the Tarot cards confidently!

It is the result of teaching many, many students. I have listened to their feedback and created the book they demanded.

I am a dedicated tarot reader, teacher, and author. If you have any questions about my book or anything written here, please ask. Just head to my website & get in contact. www.maddyelruna.co.

## THE STRUCTURE OF THE TAROT PACK.

The Tarot breaks down into three main groups of cards;

### Major Arcana

Cards 0-21. Named cards (e.g. Justice, Wheel of Fortune)

The Major Arcana reflect the typical experiences encountered on a journey of selfgrowth. This aspect of the cards is referred as "The Fool's journey."

Each card also represents a specific archetype;

"... deep and abiding patterns in the human psyche that remain powerful and present over time." Archetypes are universal, and "fundamental structures of the psyche". (C.Jung)

A Major Arcana card usually reflects your psychological processes and is always important. Issues represented by the Major Arcana are often unavoidable (though not always) though tarot can help us to deal with them in a smooth and helpful way.

#### Minor Arcana

These cards represent the world around us, and how we interact with the world. A Minor Arcana card could represent our family, home, job, body, friends, relationships, hobbies, etc. Or how we are relating/dealing with this part of our life.

Difficult Minor Arcana can often be avoided, once we understand their meaning and why they are in our reading.

They are the challenges and experiences of everyday life.

#### Court cards

They often represent specific people in your life, OR

They could represent you, especially the roles you play when interacting with the different people in your life. (e.g. mother, leader, victim, party girl, sensible one...) A role is similar to an archetype, but more focused on our relationship with others rather than our innermost self.

Often the court cards suggest embracing a particular role (strength, analytical, selfconfidence) will help you resolve a particular area of your life.

# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST OF THE MAJOR ARCANA'S

The fool will pop up, as always, when he will. Numbered 0 he is not the first.

At its simplest, the first major arcanas refer to the initial stages of a person's life; from conception through to independent adult life.

- 1. Magician; seed
- 2. High Priestess; womb
- **3.** Empress; birth, a mother's love, babyhood
- **4.** Emperor; father figure, restrictions, and rules placed on your behavior (toddlerhood)
- Hierophant; joining the wider society, connections outside society (school & groups, etc.)
- 6. Lovers; intimate relationships outside of your family (first love...)
- 7. Chariot; forging your way in the worlds as an independent, unique adult.

As we take a closer look at the cards, consider everyone's basic psychological profile is a unique combination of the first four cards;

- $\Box$  Which of these cards can you happily associate with?
- $\Box$  Which can you identify with, but have slight issues with?
- □ Which cards make you feel uncomfortable?
- $\Box$  Which cards do you project on to others?
- $\Box$  Which archetype do you revert to in times of stress?

These cards are powerful and important archetypes that can be found weaving together through the history of humans in all our myths and legends. They have numerous names from different cultures, and I see the high priestess as containing crone and virgin archetypes. All of the major arcana cards are archetypes, but in my experience, these four are the most easily understood on a personal level.

"Archetypes are identical psychic structures common to all...which together constitute the archaic heritage of humanity" (C. Jung)

The Hierophant is a complicated, but a very important card. It explains how we connect to that "something" bigger than ourselves, which Jung called our "religious function".

This is best described for me in the last verse of a poem by Philip Larkin;

#### Water

And I should raise in the East

A glass of water

Where any angled light

Would congregate endlessly.

### THE MAGICIAN "I WILL" (MASCULINE, ACTIVE)

**Associations;** Consciousness, creation, will-power, action, determination, mastery, trickster, ego, "I," beginnings, new ideas, potential, optimism.

Advice; You have a dream, a hope, a plan (however small). Take a deep breath. Now make it happen!

Warning; Are you feeling blocked or trapped by circumstances, or yourself?

Question; What is magic?

**Symbolism;** Here is a card laden with symbols, but most visible are the symbols of the four suits on the table in front of him.

#### These represent;

□ The four suits and their steps in manifesting (inspiration, emotional connection, spoken word & physical action).

 $\Box$  The four directions of the compass (representing physical manifestation).

□ The four ritual tools used by neo-pagans (Wicca, some druids, hedge witches, etc.)

For me, the four symbols represent the magician using every level of his being to focus and create his desire.

There is also a touch of the dramatic here, someone using props, clothing, and ritual to help focus the mind.

The raised hand (with wand) and the lowered hand to the earth also have different meanings that build upon each other to give depth; (try standing in this pose,

breathing out as you open your arms)  $\Box$  It reminds us of "as above, so below" OR  $\Box$  As within, so without (what I hold in my unconscious is how I will find my life)

□ It is as if he is a "lightning rod" for divine/universal power. There is stillness to this card, as he is awaiting divine inspiration, that rush of creative energy, a burst of enthusiasm. All of the above are reasons why this is a card of synchronicity, of looking for luck and opportunities.

The lemniscates (infinity symbol) is a reminder that we are all pure energy, and that we are a part of the creative process, whether we know it or not.

The while lilies & red roses remind us that the key to success depends on working both on a spiritual and physical level.

**In a reading;** this is a card of luck & success at the beginning of a venture. It reminds us we have the ability to realize our dreams. In a blocked position it suggests confusion, lacking the vision and determination needed.

### THE HIGH PRIESTESS "I AM" (FEMININE PASSIVE)

**Associations;** Dreams, memories, the unconscious, inner wisdom, intuition, reflection, stillness, potential. Something hides. Possibilities.

**Warning;** Are you too withdrawn from the "everyday" world, OR are you so busy with the everyday world that you can't hear your intuition?

**Question;** Can you perceive the whisper of your soul? The sound of all those who have walked before you? The song of the universe?

**Symbolism and meaning;** Two pillars; yin & yang, any two opposites. It is from the merging of opposites that creation occurs. The B & J are references to Solomon's temple, reminding us of tarots' links with Free Masons, Christianity, Knights Templar (and the cult of Mary magdeline)

Triple moon crown; this reminds us of the threefold Goddess; Virgin (high priestess), mother (empress), crone (moon) and how we are all ruled by the cycles of nature.

Veil; Behind the veil is the sea, which represents our unconscious/collective unconscious and connection to the spirit world. Look at her robes; they almost seem to be water themselves.

By meditating with the high priestess we enter a state where we can connect with our own unconscious, and perhaps beyond...

The Tora scroll represents the memory of our ancestors communicated through the myths and legends left to us, as well as our own unconscious;

"Unconscious holds a perfect record of all experience, and therefore has a perfect memory. Not only does it retain all the experiences of a single personality, but it holds a summary of the race experience" Paul Foster Case

The pomegranates are an important symbol. They link to the feminine principle of the womb (potential). But more importantly they remind us of the myth of Persephone and Demeter; When Persephone was kidnapped by Hades, God of the Underworld she ate 3 seeds of a pomegranate, meaning she would need to return to the underworld each year. Here we have a clear link with the underworld.

The need to retreat, to be still, quiet and contemplate. The vibrancy and energy of the magician and empress needs the stillness of the high priestess for balance. The seed needs the dormant dark earth before it germinates.

**In a reading;** A "virgin" is an independent woman, not defined by being a daughter, wife or mother. Find the space to look within yourself. Make your decisions from your own wisdom, do not be defined by others expectations.

Do not linger too long in the underworld, it is important to enjoy the creative manifestation of the empress too.

High priestess in a blocked position is reminding you to get on with life.

# THE EMPRESS (LADY) "I CREATE" (FEMININE, ACTIVE)

**Associations;** Mother, abundance, passion, creativity, nurture, nature, compassion, harmony, pregnancy & birth, healing, beauty, spouse & family.

**Warning;** (such a beautiful card, has a destructive force too) "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned"

"smother" love trying to bring her off-spring back into the womb.

Cruel, controlling, spiteful "step-mother" archetype, horrified by her child overshadowing her.

Question; Are you creating the life you desire?

**Symbolism and meaning;** This woman represents the earth and all of her creation. She is the materialism of life, loves, dreams and desires. She lives in the moment, fully present.

Venus glyph; represents spirit (cross) made flesh (circle)

Red roses on her dress; remind us this is a physical, sensual card.

12 starred headdress; Madonna, vessel, womb, queen of the heavens.

Most myths talk about life forming; first from nothing (fool), then two opposites (magician & high priestess) merging and all life flowing forth (empress)

The landscape is very fertile, but also balanced. We have corn, planted and harvested by man (old John Barley corn), woodland, and a fast flowing river with a water fall. This is a landscape which is natural, but which mankind has farmed. This is a man working with nature. Compare the flowing river (life being lived) with the still reflective pool of the high priestess. The Empress reminds us of a life lived according to the cycles of nature, of harvest & conception & birth & seasons.

We can work with these things, but they have their timings which are not controlled by us.

The Empress is not about power and control; she is about relationship, cooperation, working with the natural laws and energy. She is about growth and abundance.

**In a reading;** Often represents a time of creative passion, abundance, being in the flow of your life; when things just seem to go right. A reminder to spend time simply having fun! May represent healing and health (look to diet, herbs and natural holistic health) When paired with an ace can represent a birth (of an idea or baby!)

When blocked/negative; most often suggests you are using a wound to block nurturing your own needs. Creating a self-fulfilling failure. Maybe warning against cruel and controlling people- yourself or others.

# THE EMPEROR (LORD) "I ORGANISE" (MASCULINE, PASSIVE)

**Associations;** "logos" logic, self-discipline, language & communication, laws and structure of society, father, authority, stability, judgment, organization.

**Warning;** Watch out for issues with authority. You remain responsible, whether you follow the rules or whether you break them.

Question; Are you aware of who is control?

Symbolism & meaning; The Emperor represents our logical mind.

If the Empress is about rampant creativity (a rambling 1000 line poem) then the emperor is the logical, analytical editor who prunes back the dross leaving the best (a 50 line masterpiece)

The emperor rules over language. By naming and classifying things, we can order, understand and perhaps control them.

If the magician's powers were the tools in front of him; the emperor's tool is his reasoned and logical mind which can communicate and record using words.

The emperor is an authority, our father figure from childhood. Our self-discipline, the laws of our land, and any organizations we fall under.

For the emperor to work for the benefit of his people he must reign with his consort ( the empress) they are a pair.

The emperor may be the law of the land, but he is still ruled by the laws of nature (empress). Remember Old John Barley Corn. Note the (usually) cube like nature of his throne.

A cube represents the earth, all that is manifest.

The ram's horns link the emperor with Aries and Mars; sheer force of will. Aries is the first of the zodiac, reminding us of the Emperors pioneer spirit, he will seek to build a system and organize out of chaos.

The emperor holds no weapon! He has no need, he rules by force of will not physical aggression. There is a strange compulsion within groups of people to comply with the perceived norm, a need to fit in and be part of a bigger group; this is the power of the Emperor.

He had many names over the years; Zeus, Jupiter, Arthur, Herne, Frey, Osiris. He is the original Sky Father whose consort is Mother Earth.

**In a reading;** The simplest reading of the emperor is that you need to find all his qualities within you to succeed. Self-discipline, organization, taking responsibility for your life.

It could also refer to people/organizations which hold authority over you.

Often it refers to domination; do you allow yourself to be dominated? Or do you dominate others?

# THE HIEROPHANT (POPE, HIGH PRIEST) "FACE OF THE DIVINE"

Associations; Traditions, structured learning, study, teaching, a mentor. Establishments, organization & leadership. The need to connect to something "bigger" than yourself. Internalized feelings of right and wrong (beware misplaced guilt)

**Warning;** Beware the hierophant turned inwards, feelings of guilt and naively following those in authority. Question; What is your bridge to the divine?

**Symbolism & meaning;** Hierophant is the name given to a Greek priest who specifically led ceremonies focused on Demeter & Persephone, therefore directly linked to high Priestess. Translation of Hierophant "He who shows the sacred" Translation of Pontiff, Latin "pontifex", bridge.

The Hierophant is a bridge between you and the Divine, it may be a specific person, a wisdom tradition, an informal collection of like-minded people, or a book that speaks to you (e.g. The Prophet by Kahil Gibran).

Consider the two monks, one with white lilies (spirituality) & red roses (physical manifestation) reminding us that spiritual development needs the commitment of our body and soul.

The keys are a reference to the powers invested in the pontiff (the keys to heaven and earth). Have we given someone else the keys to our potential, or do we hold them ourselves?

There is a certain feeling of pomp to this card. Many people use ritual to get them into the right frame of mind to connect with their spiritual self or the divine. Our minds are so busy dealing with the everyday, sometimes it's hard to enter a sacred space. There is nothing wrong with props and rituals, so long as you recognise them for what they are.

If the high priestess is our experience of the divine (spirit/soul/unconscious ( then the hierophant is our understanding.

An intuitive reading of tarot belongs to high priestess. Understanding of the symbols and wisdom of the cards is the hierophants' gift.

**In a reading;** Now is a good time to seek wisdom from a structured study, being part of an organized group, tradition or a teacher. Watch for dogma overtaking your life, sticking to the orthodox path even when it feels wrong. You are still responsible for your actions, even within a group. Are you called to teach, or lead yourself?

### THE LOVERS "I CHOOSE"

Associations; Love, relationships, unity, choice, surrender, synthesis.

**Warning;** Beware destructive and controlling relationships, the inability to make a choice, or being so focused on your ego and the need to control that you will not surrender to "love".

Question; Are you aware that every moment is a choice?

Symbolism & meaning; The simplest meaning of this card is relationships.

No judgment is given of that relationship (which may or may not be sexual), look to its positioning and other cards if you want to understand the relationship.

It is, however, most likely to refer to a long term partnership which is based on love, and will help you to understand yourself better.

The most significant meaning of this card is choice. Some decks show a man choosing between two women (often thought of as his mother & lover). Many decks show Adam and Eve, with the trees of life and knowledge (to "know" someone was to have a sexual relationship, thus having children and beginning the cycle of life, love and death (to be separate from God and fully incarnate)

So many people believe that they do not have choices, but listen to the stories of survivors of the holocaust and many say the key to survival was to realise that their attitude was their choice, and feeling they still had some choice kept them sane and strong.

Now consider that all three figures represent you. To make a wise choice you need to consider your feelings (woman), your thoughts (man) and your highest guidance (angel).

When we base our lives on the principle of love (in its widest sense), we are released from ego and life takes on a different quality.

Sometimes this card may be asking you to give up control and surrender to love, life, or the flow of synchronicity. "Love requires surrender, and surrender requires choice" (Philip Carr-Gomm)

Many traditions consider we grow and live more as we wrangle with choices, to be engaged in life to make choices, not just coast along with what everyone else is doing. Jung believed it was only by facing our conflicts we could find peace.

In a reading; Consider what level of the card is indicated;

- □ a relationship
- □ being fully aware of all the levels of yourself (thoughts, feelings, instincts etc)
- $\Box$  the need to make a choice.

 $\Box$  The need to surrender (release control)

### THE CHARIOT "I SUCCEED"

**Associations;** Triumph, success through your efforts, controlled will, and desires. Our outward persona; the social mask for the outside world. Travel & transport.

**Warning;** Make sure your strong will doesn't become too dominant 9there is a touch of hubris about the figure)

Question; Do you know where you are going?

**Symbolism and meaning;** The chariot combine the first 6 major arcana cards, and it shows you have integrated their energies into your psychology and are on the road to success!

1 (magician) the main figure IS the magician (even if female)

2 (high priestess) duality of the 2 animals

3 (empress) the star headdress or canopy

4 (emperor) the cube nature of the chariot (compare to throne)

5 (hierophant) the triad nature of the figure & the two animals

6 (lovers) the "yoni" & "lingam" joined beneath the wings, yin/yang symbol or similar.

The whole chariot can be seen as your mind, with the black and white animals your fears & desires, the main figure is your ego or "self" driving forward and creating the life you want.

"The self-uses the individual psyche as a means of conveyance. Man is propelled, as it were, along the road to individuation" Jung

The four posted canopy in many cards reminds us of the four of wands, suggesting the charioteer feels self-confident and secure in who he is. Chariots have many associations; as a vehicle of the Gods, a weapon of war, or a procession of victory as well as a vehicle to "carry me home."

**In a reading;** Most usually means success, through your own determination, selfdiscipline and hard work. Watch out for an overdeveloped desire to succeed 9win at all costs) if paired with tower, devil, 10 of swords, 5 of swords, knight of wands/swords etc.

Notice that in many cards the chariot does not look mobile, this can suggest becoming set in your ways, and the mask you have crafted to help you succeed is starting to rule you.

Sometimes the chariot can simply mean a journey, or refer to transport (or transport problems...to quote Adam Ant "car, car, car, car, car, car. Trouble")

### **ELEMENTAL SPREAD**

This spread is useful when you would like advice and guidance from the tarot, but perhaps don't want to focus on predicting what could happen. It is a great tool for any sort of project; from moving house to learning a skill.

**As usual;** have a clear question or area of your life in mind. Phrase the question in a way that asks for guidance; e.g." How could I best build my business?" Shuffle and when ready pull four cards face down.

**Card 1 fire (wands);** This card is the seed of your idea and contains the whole reading in it. If it is a difficult card consider pulling three clarity cards asking for clear advice. This card refers to your intuitive function. Are your plans in tune with your intuition? Or is your intuition trying to tell you to adjust your plans in some way? What is my intuition telling me?

**Card 2 water (cups);** This card refers to how you are feeling about your question. If you are feeling negative or fearful this can have big implications in the outcome. Try to find out if your fears are well grounded, or based on a general lack of selfconfidence. It is useful to read the card in this position based upon how it makes you feel. How am I feeling?

**Card 3 air (swords);** This card reflects your mind. Is it harmonious and focused, or worried and chaotic? Do you need to practice a little self-discipline and start clearly planning, or is it a more dreamy and introverted card suggesting you are still at the "daydreaming and brainstorming" stage. Do you think you will fail? This card is a reflection of my mind...is it calm and focused?

**Card 4 pentacles (earth);** This card refers to what you should actually be doing about your question. Sometimes the answer is "nothing yet". If it is a difficult

sword or cups card, perhaps you should be doing something constructive to focus your mind and feelings? If it is a court card, it will suggest the best psychological approach. What action should I take?

- $\Box$  Is there a general pattern & flow to the reading?
- $\Box$  Is one position (or more) blocked? What can you do to help this?
- □ Does the reading reflect your understanding, or are you surprised?

# STRENGTH "FORTITUDE"

**Associations;** Courage, believing in yourself, doing the "right" thing, (even if you don't want to), integrating your "negative" side into something useful, being at one with your wild side, compassion.

Advice; Now is the time to use courage and gentleness to win the day.

**Warning;** Are you self sabotaging? (Low self-esteem, fears restricting your choices, addictions etc)

**Question;** What is strength?

**Symbolism;** Perhaps most importantly (in almost every card) a woman is shown "taming" a male lion. She is not holding a weapon and shows no sign of fear.

Often the lion represents the animal, masculine, wild, desire driven side of ourselves. The woman is not seeking to kill her wild side, nor to rationalize and understand it. She accepts herself, her strength, her faults, her wildness, and her desires. Throughout the Tarot we see the message of "balance and integration" as being the way forward.

Perhaps the lion can be seen as our "weaknesses" those parts of ourselves (addictions, fears, desires) that interfere with how we would like our life to be lived. The woman's acceptance and nurturing of her weaknesses is an important life message;

"You can only improve your strengths so much if at all.....find your weaknesses and work on them. Be grateful for your strengths, but work on your weaknesses" (H. Beckwith) Again we see the lemniscates, and this is a person working with strengths and flaws on every level of their being; physical, emotional, intellectual & spiritual. It is also a journey that we keep traveling until we die, we are never perfectly integrated. Even the strongest of us remains a flawed human being.

The background is a bright, sunny day, and she wears garlands of red roses (symbol of manifestation). This is not some deep spiritual journey, but a journey that will influence day to day living, work, family etc. It will bring practical benefits.

Notice how "at the moment" the card is, the woman seems completely absorbed in her communication with the lion. Trusting herself and her Gods. We are at our strongest when we act with such focus and integrity.

Look at other cards, there is a sexual nature to this card, if backed up by other cards.

**In a reading;** This is a card of self-esteem, courage to face what you would rather not and inner strength. This is a card where "feminine" virtues; passion, empathy, compassion and love will build a strength that will win the day.

**In a negative aspect;** perhaps you will feel weak, or maybe your emotions and passions will be out of balance. Be gentle with yourself; see it as a mistake to learn from.

### THE HERMIT "INDIVIDUATION"

**Associations;** Withdrawal from daily life, searching for answers, self-reliance, meditation, teachers & teaching, self-examination, patience, self-reflection, being alone.

Advice; Find some quiet time for contemplation.

Warning; Are you feeling isolated?

Question; If no-one is with you, do you know who you are?

**Symbolism;** The Hermit can represent a teacher. Someone who has walked a path to get where he is; experienced life, overcome adversity, picked himself up when tired and kept going. If you are seeking a teacher to help guide you, find someone with experience rather than certificates. Find the "scarred shaman".

The Hermit stands alone. We live in an extrovert dominated world where to fit in, to be a part of something defines who we are. Our society is caught in "participation mystique." "Participation mystique consists in the fact that the subject cannot clearly distinguish himself from the object...(or person, group, idea, job)" C. Jung

The hermit is journeying towards individuation; "to become wholly oneself" when to be alone, is to be complete. To have reached any degree of self realization is to become detached from others, separate from the group. The hermit will rejoin society but as an individual.

As the number 9 the hermit can be seen as the birth of the individual (often something we will experience many times in our life...)

He has his staff to support him (his intuition & spirit) and a lantern to shine light on the path, to guide him and others. Note the 6 pointed star. This is the unity of the masculine and feminine (yin & yang) which he has found within himself. He has found his "soul mate" within himself.

I often imagine the Hermit has climbed the mountain to be able to look at his life with clarity and perspective, judge how he is doing, and decide where to go next. You can gain this perspective from your own wisdom, from friends & guides, from Tarot, and from taking a break from your daily routine. (especially if paired with 8 of cups)

**In a reading;** A call for a time of introversion or solitude; even if only for a short time. (unplug your phone, switch off social media, turn off the television & radio...)

A guide, someone who will help you along life's journey; or yourself as a guide for others. Fear of loneliness or a reminder that it is time to seek the company of others. Peter pan complex, time to grow up and face your responsibilities

### THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE "CENTRE"

**Associations;** Change, seasons, patterns in life, random events & synchronicity, fate, luck, often a change for the better (look to other cards)

Advice; Find the still center within you.

Warning; Life is change, adapt and survive!

**Question;** what is fate?

**Symbolism;** (and there is so much symbolism!!)

The four book reading figures in the corners (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John) link this card to the world (21), Christian mythology, the four quarters of the year & the four elements.

The sphinx with the sword reminds us neither Odephius, Bilbo Baggins, nor you can escape destiny by using wit. Sometimes we have to work with the cards we have been dealt with, do the best we can with what fate has given us. (Odephius won his Mother's hand in marriage by answering the sphinxes riddle)

The Anubis & snake simply represent the opposing positive (yang) & negative (yin) principles that are fundamental to life, and portrayed throughout the Tarot.

The wheel is split into three separate wheels;

- The outer wheel has the words "tora" (tarot) and "God" (Jehovah).
- The middle wheel has symbols representing the four elements of the minor arcana.
- The inner wheel is divided into 1/8's, representing the pagan wheel of the year.

Imagine the wheel representing your psychology;

- The outer rim moves fast, constantly changing. This is exciting, but if you take these experiences too deeply to heart they can be overwhelming (a true extrovert learns here)
- The middle circle has movement & variety, but has less extremes and theoretically a slower pace. This is the middle path, of most use to most people, most of the time.
- The inner wheel is the axle, a still centre spot. A true introvert learns here.

Neither introvert nor extrovert is "better", they are simply different. As we mature we should be able to integrate both functions, although most people will still favour one or the other.

**In a Reading;** "This too will pass", as surely as day follows night, seasons change. Good times & bad, all things change.

Sometimes things that seem random are part of a larger pattern we simply don't understand. If life is moving too fast, find your still, inner centre spot. Think of the wheel as a map of your psychology. Can you step from the fast moving outer wheel to the stillness of the centre?

Can you maintain the equilibrium of the even paced middle wheel?

Do you have an understanding & acceptance of fate?

### JUSTICE "KARMA"

**Associations;** Fairness, honesty, doing the "right" thing, understanding the full consequences of your actions, responsibility, compassion, balance, karma, being in the moment, connecting to your past & future. Can refer to legal issues.

Advice; Act with integrity.

Warning; Every thought, word & action is returned to you.

**Question;** Do you believe there are spiritual/psychological rules that offer "justice"?

**Symbolism;** The first thing that strikes me is that justice is a woman. (Not reflecting modern or medieval society; until very recently judges were exclusively male). I think justice is a woman to remind us that justice, to be right, cannot be rigid. It must react to the information available, it must have feeling, it must be flexible. It must reflect typically feminine virtues.

The sword balances out the feminine figure. Justice must also cut through lies and illusions. Justice must bring a logical and carefully thought through conclusion. Swords have two sides. Justice will find against the guilty – even if it is you!

The two pillars and cloth (reminding us of the high priestess) suggest that justice is about more than fairness amongst people or the law of the land. You need to decide for yourself what (if any) spiritual laws "punish" bad behaviour. If someone knowingly and willingly hurts someone else is there a psychological or spiritual price to pay?

The scales are an interesting image. Take a moment to consider how scales work. Two opposing bowls are connected and always affect each other. We are in a constant relationship with the universe. Personally, I believe how we act, think & speak will always influence the future we are creating. Life is an ever changing equilibrium as we move through life continually adjusting who we are.

**In a reading:** Personally when justice crops up it usually refer to karmic issues and is a reminder not to get caught up in ingrained behavior patterns, but to try to act with absolute authenticity and integrity – even when the situation is difficult, and someone is really "pressing my buttons". There is a sense that you will get what you deserve – so consider the consequences of the consequences, and try to act with as much honour as possible (and that does not mean as a door mat).

It can refer to "the law of the land" & legal issues as well, depending on the question and position. I rarely read reversals, but if I was asking about a legal question I might turn the cards face up until I got to justice, then deal the next four cards. I would read these five cards as my "legal" reading and would read the cards as reversed if that's how they were dealt.

### THE HANGED MAN "SURRENDER"

**Associations;** Surrender, looking at things from a different perspective, not rushing, sacrifice. Things not going as fast, or how, you expected- but they work out anyway. Meditation, positive visualization, shamanism and occult practices.

Advice; Look at life with no expectations or preconceived ideas.

Warning; This cannot be rushed.

**Question; Do you agree?;** "A practical occultist knows that there is no difference between the energy that takes form as thought and that which takes form as a diamond." (Paul F. Case)

**Symbolism;** Well, he's upside down! At its simplest level, this simply means looking at things from a different perspective. This might mean making changes to your routine, asking different people for advice, or simply being more open minded. There is a sense that it is better to be you and different than try to fit in.

"Hanging around" (hanged usually refers to a death sentence..) there will be a period of waiting. Look at the other cards to see if you should embrace this, or if you could make different decisions to speed things up.

Hanging on a world tree; this is symbolic of shamanic travel. Odin hung on the world tree for nine days and nine nights. Celtic shamans visualized a pole representing the world tree- which they used as a map to take them to different worlds. Both meditation and shamanism involve stilling the "monkey" mind and taking your consciousness to another realm. Your unconscious, the collective unconscious, or elsewhere (depending upon your belief system)

"hanged" - suspended

"man" – Sanskrit root; to think... suspend thinking. (through meditation or journeying)

There are many different commentaries as to the man's body position. Paul F. Case's makes the most sense to me. The legs form a number 4(logic and understanding) they are above the arms forming a number three (emotions). This suggests that we should accept the evidence of the world around us, stop imagining we understand the world. We all have pre-conceived ideas about the world around us and will seek to make the evidence fit our expectations. The hanged man suggests we suspend everything we thought we knew about the world and look again with no expectations at all.

In a reading; You need to decide what level the card is addressing;

Mundane; things will take a little longer.

Practical; You need to try a different approach, fresh ideas.

Spiritual; suspend your mind and explore your unconscious (or beyond) for inspiration.

I find the hanged man a very strong and exciting card. In a reading, though, telling clients (or myself) to have patience and not force the issue can be the hardest advice given.

### DEATH "CHANGE"

**Associations;** Change, release, letting go. Breaking old habits and patterns. Transformation. Cutting yourself free from destructive attitudes, situations, and people.

Advice; Accept change with a trust and hope that lessons will be learnt and better things will come.

**Warning;** Change is coming, trying to maintain the status quo will only cause pain.

Question; Is your life so perfect that some change would not be welcome?

**Symbolism;** For me, one of the most striking and interesting symbols in the Rider-Waite deck is the white rose. Anyone with interest in history will associate this with the house of York and the Plantagenet line (the House of Tudor executed most of the male heirs.) Mythology relates that the original rose was white, only being stained red later (by the blood of Venus, Aphrodite or Christ depending on the myth) Thus a white rose is a "bloodless" rose, leading us to the kenning "death makes a man pale" (i.e. dead). The skeleton (as well as being a symbol of death) is a symbol of the universal nature of death. For under our distinctive skin, hair, body shapes etc; our skeletons are remarkably similar regardless of race, color or sex.

Again we have the twin towers and the image of a sun setting (or rising, we cannot know) for me the image is clearly that "death" is not the end of the journey, just a doorway on the way.

Death is riding a horse, reminding us that he cannot be out run.

Whenever you see multiple people in a card, consider how they can represent different parts of you. There is no one complete way of explaining what these figures mean, but here is one way.

King with his fallen crown; Accepting that some changes do not fall within your control.

Little child; Greeting change with hope and trust.

Older girl; Often seen as "strength". Even understanding what changes death will bring she has the inner strength to surrender to death with grace.

Hierophant; By connecting with his religious and spiritual side the hierophant welcomes death as the release and transformation it really is.

**In a reading; Change;** It is important to realize that even a welcome change brings with it fears, sadness and worries. We are creatures of habit who enjoy the illusion of control. So often the appearance of the death card reflects the transition process, when we are shedding our old and outworn ways – but still unsure of what will replace them.

In a blocked or difficult position the death card would suggest overwhelming fear of change, preserving the status quo; even though it is not serving us.

Sometimes the card may indeed be indicating death, but often it is grief of a lost one, fear of death, or even relating to someone the client knows who is coming to terms with terminal illness.

"To accept the fact that you perish in time, is a sort of victory over time" Jung.

### **TEMPERANCE (FFERYLLT) "INTEGRATION"**

**Associations;** compromise, integrating different parts of your life (especially inner & outer), different parts of your psychology to become whole. Serenity, living in the moment.

Advice; Try to find compromises

Warning; Check for imbalances in your life.

Question; Do you follow Aristotle's "meden agan"; nothing in excess?

**Symbolism;** Firstly that's one big angel! His (it seems more masculine, but that is uncertain) wings will not fit in the picture, his figure is dominant and the main focus of the card. The wings seem to fire like to me (balancing the water in the picture) and appear exceedingly strong. This card is all about blending and integrating opposites; hence the fire and water apparently symbolized.

We still have the twin peaks (mountains now) with sun image, but they seem closer and with a clear path.

The badge on the angel's tunic is an upward triangle (fire) contained in a square (earth), this card is about the manifested fire of spirit in a physical form. There is a lot of energy packed into a seemingly calm card. The circle with the dot in the middle is the astrological glyph for the sun and is placed on the third eye. This is an inspiring, powerful and peaceful card. When you are grounded, yet feel the vibrancy of your spirit the way becomes clear. Life is magical, and things seem to happen with ease and perfection. It is almost impossible for humans to maintain the integration needed to sustain this state, and after having tasted the enjoyment of this state, it is hard to lose it. This fall from grace is clearly illustrated in the next card.

Now take a close look at the pouring of the water from the cups. It is an impossible task when working with the laws of gravity (feel free to try.) The two cups illustrate the way to a magical life is always to blend the opposites of your life, finding the right measure is the secret to success. When you find the right combination life seems effortless (right diet, right partner, right job, accepting the wisdom of your dreams, etc.) of course we are ever changing beings and what is "right" now may not always be so.

Importantly the angel has one foot in the water (our unconscious) and one foot on the earth. To be truly balanced it is important to ground our hopes and plans, not simply dream them.

And of course the smith "tempers" (makes hard) the steel by heating and then quenching with water.

**In a reading;** I find this to be a positive card, suggesting that things are coming together nicely.

It is time to let go of rigid beliefs and to blend compromises to find a new, harmonious, way forward.

In a blocked/negative reading it suggests excess (and heading to addictions) or a toxic mix in your life.

## READING

I call this my "snapshot" reading, it is very simple but infinitely varied according to what you need to know from the Tarot.

- First consider one area of your life that you would like more clarity & advice on (e.g. work, money, partner, etc.)
- Calmly shuffle and deal face down three cards. These reflect how this area of your life is now.
- Spend a moment considering these cards.
- Now deal another 3 cards above (leaving the original 3 in place) these reflect the resources you have about this area of life (it could be skills, people, etc.)
- Now deal a final 3 cards. These reflect the outcome. If they are not the outcome you hoped for- look carefully at the cards (especially resources) to see if you can make changes to improve the outcome. Remember I don't think the tarot only predicts the future- but how you are going to deal with the future.
- Sometimes a seemingly simple question can be full of your fears and emotions which are then reflected in your reading. For example, I did a reading about money- which came up as fraught with worry. Because, I have always worried about money, regardless of how much I have! When I read for "will we have enough money to cover our outgoings" then the reading was much more positive as it was a reading more focused on the practicalities, less on the emotive issues of "enough" and "money"!
- PLEASE NOTE THE TERM **LIKELY** OUTCOME. THERE IS TIME AND ROOM TO MAKE CHANGES!

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## THE DEVIL

**Associations;** Limitations, addictions, attachment, repression, sexuality, humor, trickster, having a good time, drunkenness.

Advice; Look at your life honestly, see through illusions.

Warning; Watch for addictions.

**Question;** When you find yourself thinking you "have to" do certain things, question why.

**Symbolism;** This card closely resembles the pictures in The Hierophant (the face of God) and The Lovers (Choice). And yet the "people" stand with their backs to the devil, seemingly unaware of his brooding presence. The Devil often reflects a time in our life when we feel cut off from our "God" (whether that is our higher guidance or other). We feel unable to make a choice, restricted in our freedoms due to fear, lack of clarity, addictions & attachments.

We may feel "possessed" by something out of our control. This may be obviously bad; spending, gambling, alcohol etc. Or be masking as something useful, a smothering mother, dominating wife, controlling husband or political zealot.

The burning torch is held downwards, the background is black, and the devil has bat wings. This card is all about "being left in the dark"; choosing ignorance over responsibility.

The Devil can also refer to our own "shadow self". Those characteristics that belong to us, but we deny (jealousy, greed, fear, bigotry, etc.). The usual way to deal with unacknowledged shadow aspects is to project them on to other people. The linking of the Devil with a goat leads us to the idea of a "scapegoat". Someone who bears all the shadow elements for us (in olden times this was literally a goat that would be sacrificed to atone for the sins of the group).

"Our own individual emotionalism, bigotry, vindictiveness, violence, and confusion (not recognized and dealt with in our personal lives) now burst forth on a massive scale as world wars, riots, conflagration, and general destruction. For it is a truism of life that when negative aspects of ourselves are not recognized as belonging to us on the inside, they appear to act against us on the outside." Sallie Nicols

The Druid-Craft representation of Cernunnos is suggesting you awaken to the realization that you are a powerful individual. It is not named the Devil because Druids do not see sexuality, abundance & material things as evil. They are an important part of this world when we integrate them into our life responsibly.

There is also a strong link between the Devil and the Gods Pan & Dionysus, both noted for their love of a good time, humor, tricks, parties and drunkenness. Sometimes a good laugh and a bit of fun is the most powerful way to lighten a situation.

#### In a Reading;

- Are you using something as excuse to "let you off" doing something you would really like to do?
- Are you allowing someone else (or an organization) to "pull your strings"?
- Do you have addiction/attachment issues?
- Do you realize only you are responsible for your life (not your schooling, your parents, the government, etc.). How you respond to problems remains in your control.

- Are you integrating your "shadow side" into your life, it can be a tremendous strength, or are you creating problems for yourself by projecting your problems onto people around you?
- Is it time to lighten up life with a good party or a belly laugh? (an episode of "Bottom" always lifts my spirits...)

## THE TOWER

**Associations;** Unexpected change, acceleration of events, crisis, breakdown. A new understanding ("illumination"), breaking old patterns. Loss (of job, house, relationship) which will hopefully lead to better things.

Advice; You might as well embrace change; it's coming

Warning; Don't try and cling on to a status quo that no longer serves you.

Question; Breakthrough, breakdown or both?

**Symbolism;** Well it's a tower! Towers can serve many purposes, vantage point, to bridge the gap between heaven and earth, to protect or imprison.

Towers can represent organizations/groups (The Holy Roman Empire was referred to as "The proud tower") or reflect our own mind. Beliefs & assumptions that we hold central to our life could be challenged. Whether this is a "secure" job, family issues or on a psychological basis.

This tower has a crown on top, a "crowning glory" if you like. Time to consider what in your life is so important, so rigidly held that it is now entrapping you.

Many people continue with an easy but unsatisfying life for a long time, preferring comfortable to content. The tower changes all that. It suggests a crisis that will force you to re-evaluate what is really important to you. Although this is bound to be difficult. Face it with courage and honesty and you are likely to look back and be glad of the opportunities the tower brings you.

The fire in the tower is a cleansing process, removing the dead wood and allowing for new things to grow in your life.

The figures falling (some say flying but that doesn't work for me) are male & female. This is a shift that will affect both your unconscious & conscious brain. How will it feel? You will have that "heart sinking moment" when you realize you have to face this change!

Lightening. A powerful, natural force that myths associate with the Gods (think Zeus and Thor). It is a symbol of destruction, but also of divine energy. In a myth to be struck by lightning is to be "touched by the hand of God" (Sallie Nicols) It is illuminating, a psychological breakthrough, a "Damascus moment". Inspiration strikes, you have a realization that changes your life.

The "yods" seen falling with the figures are a symbol that out of the destruction of the crashing tower something new will have the chance to grow. There is a blessing with the tower. However painful the process may feel there is feeling of liberation.

#### In a Reading;

- Something is changing, probably fast and unexpected.
- You face a crisis that will force you to look at your life with fresh eyes.
- You realize that something in your life has been trapping you, and feel inspired to make changes.
- Inspiration strikes.
- Rows, arguments, big release of energy and pressure.

## THE STAR

**Associations;** Hope, optimism, blessings, wishes, self esteem, calm after the storm, clear inner view, peace, hope, gifts from the spirit.

Advice; Everything is working out just the way it should.

**Warning;** Take time to reconnect with your inner spirit, then things will flow again.

**Question;** What is your wish?

**Symbolism;** There is no more feminine symbol than a pool of water held by the gentle earth. The woman is pouring the water onto the earth and back into the pool. The pool (as with all water) represents our unconscious, our dreams, our connection with others on a soul level.

The water being poured onto the earth reminds us to take action to create our dreams and wishes. Do one small thing each day to make your dreams come true.

The water being poured back into the pool reminds us of the importance of working on our inner path. As she pours the water into the pool it will flow out, subtly changing the movement of the whole pool of water. So too with dream and unconscious work. As we start to work on this subtle level (whether with dream diaries, Tarot, positive thought, shamanism, etc.) It Will have an effect on our lives, and most probably a much wider affect. It is the "ripple effect" hard to see, but very powerful none the less.

The eight pointed stars are reminiscent of the points of a compass, and of course, stars have long been used as a navigation tool. This card is named The Star, not the pool or the Lady. We all need to turn our focus to our hopes and dreams. Not our fears. For what we focus on we will create in our life. Time to "wish upon a star" and then wake up each morning ready to work at making that dream come true. It sounds like a Disney film, I know. But many of those films are based on much older tales!

The tree is a reflection of the woman pouring water onto earth and pool. Because the tree grows equally downwards as upwards.

The woman is supporting herself on her left knee (connected with our feminine, intuitive side). Her strength comes from her trust in her own inner strength.

The bird could simply be a bird, now a fluid reinterpretation of the Tower, a connection between heaven and earth. Or. It could be an Ibis, a bird sacred to Thoth, connected with Hermes and the Magician.

#### In a reading;

- A real message of hope, optimism and things working out very well.
- If you have problems and difficulties in life; focus on what you would like to happen, don't focus on fears and difficulties.
- Have confidence in yourself.
- If this card is coming up in a blocked or warning position; it is asking you to focus on which ever of The Star's gifts you feel are lacking; hope, optimism, tranquility, self-confidence or inner work.

## THE MOON

**Associations;** Reflection, dreams, unconscious. Confusion, delusion & illusion. Desperation, depression, fear & madness. Hormones & cycles. Unsettled.

**Advice;** Now is a powerful time to work with your unconscious, bringing your dreams into manifestation.

Warning; Things may not be as they seem.

Question; What are you rally scared of?

**Symbolism;** The moon gives no light of its own, and it reflects the sun's light. Whenever something is reflected it is distorted, more difficult to understand & reversed. So often the Moon will crop up as a warning. We are not looking at things logically; we do not have a clear view of the problem. We are reacting from fear and confusion. Look to other cards to see if advice is offered.

Waite described the crayfish emerging from the water as our deepest, primal fears. Our nightmares starting to grow real from the shadows (or for Dr. who fans the hand under the bed) But the moon does not suggest these fears are real. If the moon shows up other cards are needed to see the issue clearly.

There is clearly a path, leading from the crayfish and onwards. We need to keep living our life, despite our fears. The dogs (one dog & one wolf) howling at the moon seem over large, till we walk towards them and recognise them as allies that only appear threatening due to our fearful state.

I see this pool as being beyond the veil (in the high priestess & justice), you are working with your unconscious here. Which is very powerful, but you must bring that wisdom through into the physical world. You need to walk back through the twin pillars (represented as towers) and step into the new day.

We need to have the courage to walk between the twin guard towers. Most of the rest of the world is bound by rigid structures to give them a false sense of security or importance, but we walk past.

And on to the path. It is a clear path, but the terrain is rough and we will find ourselves in a valley with no clear view, walking hard up hill, and at times running so fast we will find it difficult to stop. A bit like life. The Moon reminds us to keep our wish (found with The Star) in mind and to power though the pitfalls and minor defeats.

The path originates from the water. All great achievements must start with the internal vision of what we wish to achieve; "accomplishment is made possible by the exercise of imagination, for imagination is what makes clear and definite our desires and aspirations. Mental images are the patterns, which we pass into subconscious, the builder of the body and the controller of all functions." (paul F. Case)

The yods falling from the sky remind us, yet again, that even if we do feel unsettled and slightly scared- this will bring blessings as we have the courage and faith to face our fears and continue our journey.

#### In a reading;

- Pay attention to your dreams, and information coming from your unconscious (or beyond).
- Beware that you may be in a confused state, and not fully aware of the facts. Look to other cards for advice if this resonates with you.

- Hormonal issues, lack of sleep, depression, feeling slightly mad....
- Yes you may be experiencing fears and confusion, but stays focused and keep moving towards your goal. After the night a new day will dawn.

## THE SUN

Associations; Clarity, joy, happiness, play, optimism, vitality, renewed energy, improved health

Advice; Enjoy the happiness, get outside, play & have fun.

**Warning:** I don't see a negative side to this card, you may feel slight depression or lack of clarity, but the sun is ever reliable. The clouds will pass and the blessings of this card will come to you.

Question; What makes you happy? Go do it...

**Symbolism;** At its simplest level the Sun card reminds us that getting outside in the sunshine; whether to garden, walk the dog or simply read a book is an excellent way to boost happiness. Even looking out of the window for a moment at the clouds clears the mind and lifts the spirits.

The sun's energy is the original source of life's energy on this planet (with very few exceptions). Plants photosynthesise using the sun's energy and form the start of the food chain for the animals of the planet. The bright, bold sun represents our connection with that life source; whether we see that as a divine energy or deity. Throughout the ages to have a direct link with the divine energy suggests we are in a state of "Grace", "blessing" or "Awen". When life simply flows because we are doing the right things, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Often the Sun in a reading suggests happiness, clarity and a feeling of contentment.

Throughout the Tarot we see the quest to integrate the different parts of ourselves. Note the suns rays; alternating straight (masculine) and wavy (feminine). The sun is representing the wholeness and contentment we feel when life is balanced and integrated.

The sunflowers (traditionally thought to turn to face the sun) represent the Hero (that's you) seeking the truth and divine connection within his life.

The naked child reminds us of the qualities we find in children; hope, trust and perhaps most importantly (assuming a secure family background) their ability to play. Children have a tremendous ability to be open minded, try different things – and enjoy their failures and successes as part of the process. I am constantly amazed at my children's ability to play, find enjoyment, anytime, anywhere with – almost anything. What a tremendous learning tool this attitude must be. I think much of a child's ability to play lies in their feeling of security and trust; that their parents (or responsible adult) will protect them, that the world is basically a fair and safe place. For me the wall represents this feeling of safety, it links us to the ace of pentacles and the "garden of Eden" or paradise.

The red feather is the same as the fools; this is the fool on his journey to happiness and individuation.

The red flag symbolizes vitality, energy, good health, and passion.

#### In a reading;

- A sense of optimism, success & happiness relating to the question or life in general.
- Clarity, a clear idea of where you would like to go, and how to achieve it.
- Good health, improved energy levels, high vitality.
- Gratitude- count your blessings.
- Go and do something that makes you HAPPY.

• I don't think the sun can be read as reversed or blocked. I a blocked/warning position it just reminds you to spend time doing something you enjoy. Relax and have hope.

## JUDGMENT

**Associations;** A new beginning, realization, liberation, awakening & freedom, making a decision, hearing your soul call. Taking responsibility for your life.

Advice; Follow the message of your soul's song

Warning; Don't procrastinate on this, or try to think your way out.

Question; What are you waiting for?

**Symbolism;** For me, the most important symbol in Judgement is the horn. We have seen light used as a symbol so many times (sun, moon, star, shadow) now we have sound. The horn is blown by the angel (which could represent your higher guidance or a divine connection), and the most reliable reading for me of Judgement is "a calling". You hear with clarity your soul calling to you. There is no mistaking this; you can't shut your ears like you can your eyes. You will know what it is you are meant to be doing; whether this is a mundane question (which job should I take?) or a big life question.

The day of judgment is a story from the Bible. When the angel's trumpet will awaken the dead, and the just will re-awaken to "heaven on earth". So many of us create our own mini life crisis' and drama's due to self-limiting behaviors, childhood and social conditioning & not being honest about what we really want to do with our life. This is a moment (often repeated at different levels throughout life) when old karmic patterns are broken; and life seems to start again with an easier and happier model (perhaps a woman who has chosen a run of abusive boyfriends seeks help, breaks the pattern and falls in love with a lovely man).

The people are literally opening their coffins, ready to step out. If something (job, house, partner, fear) has been restricting you, this is the time to step up and step

out. The card Judgment (rather than death or tower) suggests you've already done the hard work; the soul searching and difficult psychological work. You are ready for this change.

The St. Georges cross; this is not the martyrs cross (as seen in the 6 of cups). There are no victims or martyrs created by your choice. The equal cross also represents the four elements of the minor arcana, the four tools on the magicians table, the four points on the compass. Your decision to follow your calling will impact not just on the psychological or spiritual level; it will impact your day to day life as well. You are creating a better life for yourself.

Judgment "comparing ideas to find the truth" (The chambers dictionary)

#### In a reading;

- There has been a shift, a change within you. Recognise this and make changes in your life to reflect this.
- A calling, you just know something.
- Breaking free of old patterns.
- A new beginning, a clean slate.
- Making a decision.
- If it is in a blocked/warning position; all the potential of the card is there- but you are procrastinating & making excuses.

## THE WORLD

**Associations;** Successful completion, protection, natural ending s& new beginnings, power, happiness, bliss, knowledge.

Advice; Step into life with a light heart, this is a genuine blessing

Warning; Success is delayed, but still very possible.

**Question;** Do you "know thyself?"

"identification with the central reality of the universe, and such knowledge, is really the acme of practical power." *Paul F. Case* 

**Symbolism;** The four evangelists remind us the wheel of fortune. Patterns, cycles, karma & surviving the difficult times by connecting with our calm inner self. The World in a reading suggests you have broken the old patterns and karmic cycles that were holding you back, and are now stepping into a new stage of your life; liberated from such negative levels. If Judgment was the breaking of karmic cycles, The World is stepping into your new, liberated life.

The wreath is traditionally a sign of victory and success. But it is made by the hands of man. It is not a tree or flower, someone has taken nature's bounty and created something with it. The world reminds us that whatever we are handed at birth (family, genetics, time & place of birth) we create our life by living it. Professor Stephen Hawkins is a classic example. Despite having a terrible illness that creates a prison of his own body; he is a world famous scientist. Sometimes your odds are irreverent; it's what you actually do that matters. The world is a sign of success, regardless of background or chances.

Throughout our tarot journey, the cards have illustrated that balance, equilibrium and integration are the keys to happiness. Often The World is illustrated as a hermaphrodite, a classic symbol of integration. "She" is looking neither back nor forward and usually carries two wands. If the magician is "I" then The World is "I connect".

The purple shawl; We all need some masks and social lies to hide behind as we go about daily life. Maybe other people aren't ready to hear our truths yet. The light shawl suggests that this is someone who is authentic and honest, but will use social niceties when needed to smooth situation (think the king of swords instead of the queen of swords.)

The foot position links the card to the hanged man. For me, the reverse of the World is only that the conclusion will take a little longer, but the strength of the card is so powerful that it will come.

#### In a reading;

- Everything works out for the best.
- Sustainable success.
- Realizing your power.
- If it shows in the past position it often indicates an ending that was beneficial (even if it was painful at the time) e.g. divorce, redundancy, moving house etc. There is a suggestion that it led to better things.

## How to use my daily 3 card spread

Using the whole pack, shuffle, focus on your question- "how should I best be today" (you can of course read for the next day, or week ahead if you prefer.)

This is an advice spread, not an outcome spread.

## WHEN READING THE CARDS-

- 1. Gaze at the cards; see if any inspiration, feelings & understandings come to you.
- 2. Then look through my crib sheet- look to see how this enhances or defines your intuition.
- 3. Write a note of the cards, and any message, meaning or advice.
- 4. At the end of the day (or week) read through your thoughts, and add any extra understanding that hindsight has bought you.
- 5. Your journal will become an excellent resource for your Tarot wisdom.

## $My\ 3\ card\ advice\ spread$

(And it does not use reversals- all the cards are read the right way up)

Card 1 (center) - Overview of that area of your life right now.

Card 2 (to the left)- Something to be aware of, more likely to be a warning.

**Card 3 (to the right)**- Advice- This is how you should best be to move towards success in what you asked about.

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## "Crib sheet" for maddy's three card reading – Suit of swords (Ace-10)

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
1	Accept that things are not	Optimism, Bursting with	Go for IT!
	moving as swiftly as you	energy, new ideas,	
	hoped.	inspiration.	
2	Relax, & trust,	Anxious anticipation of	Make a decision, commit, then
	sometimes things take a	success. A positive, if	go for it!
	while to happen.	anxious, card.	
3	Things will come	Things are going well	Have confidence in yourself.
	together- have hope.	"hopeful anticipation"	Be positive, be Bold!
4	Don't over indulge or	Happy home, joy,	Take the time to enjoy life,
	descend into laziness	celebration and trust.	celebrate the good things.
5	Don't get drawn into	Debate, discussion,	See the opportunities in the
	petty arguments.	competition and wrangling	challenges.
6	Your goal may be	Victory and success!	When you act with confidence-
	important- but that does		you are a magnet for success.
	not justify "any means"		
7	You must be decisive;	Be your own, unique self.	Follow your instinct and you'll
	don't procrastinate.		be great.
8	Stay focused, there's a	Synchronicity- it's out of	Things are moving quickly-
	lot happening- keep an	your hands.	trust your instincts, they are
	eye on the details.		going well.
9	Don't keep expecting the	A card of healing, taking a	Make sure you take a break,
	worst to happen.	break and being well	look after yourself.
		prepared.	
10	Put something down!	Having a lot to do –you can	You have a busy period ahead,
		maintain this for a while.	and the strength to cope.

### "Crib sheet" for maddy's three card reading – Suit of wands (Ace-10)

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
1	Accept that things are not	Optimism, Bursting with	Go for IT!
	moving as swiftly as you	energy, new ideas,	
	hoped.	inspiration.	
2	Relax, & trust,	Anxious anticipation of	Make a decision, commit, then
	sometimes things take a	success. A positive, if	go for it!
	while to happen.	anxious, card.	
3	Things will come	Things are going well	Have confidence in yourself.
	together- have hope.	"hopeful anticipation"	Be positive, be Bold!
4	Don't over indulge or	Happy home, joy,	Take the time to enjoy life,
	descend into laziness	celebration and trust.	celebrate the good things.
5	Don't get drawn into	Debate, discussion,	see the opportunities in the
	petty arguments.	competition and wrangling	challenges.
6	Your goal may be	Victory and success!	When you act with
	important- but that does		confidence- you are a magnet
	not justify "any means"		for success.
7	You must be decisive;	Be your own, unique self.	Follow your instinct and you'll
	don't procrastinate.		be great.
8	Stay focused, there's a	Synchronicity- it's out of	Things are moving quickly-
	lot happening- keep an	your hands.	trust your instincts, they are
	eye on the details.		going well.
9	Don't keep expecting the	A card of healing, taking a	Make sure you take a break,
	worst to happen.	break and being well	look after yourself.
		prepared.	
10	Put something down!	Having a lot to do –you can	You have a busy period ahead,
		maintain this for a while.	and the strength to cope.

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
1	Letting go of past hurts, allowing you move forward.	Love overflowing, inspiration, and happiness.	New, happy emotions; love, friendship, creative venture
2	Arguments are 80% past issues being triggereddon't argue about past hurts.	Equal, respectful relationships- creating magic.	You will achieve much, with another.
3	Make time for friends, they can be very uplifting & inspiring.	Friendship, fun & celebration.	Enjoy life with an open heart.
4	It's o.k. to feel bored and stuck in a rut, that's when inspiration strikes!	When we wait for a while, in peace; inspiration strikes.	Time to focus on "inner work" meditation, dreaming, visualization (duvet day)
5	Stop. If you have feelings of sadness- take the time to feel them today.	Feeling sad. Maybe about a past issue, or something you wish you had done?	Release you're your past sadness, put on a smile and start a new day.
6	Judging today a failure because it doesn't match your memories?	Sweet memories of happy days, perhaps feeling nostalgic?	Inspired by your memories; create a great day.
7	Don't waste all your days dreaming, time to take practical action now to make it happen.	A card of day dreams, contemplations and imaginings.	Honor your need to day dream, it is an important part of creating and manifesting.
8	Do you fear to committing to something; a person, project or hope?	The only way to get true perspective (and decide whether to persevere or let go) is with a little distance.	Try and get some space alone, listen to & trust your intuition.
9	Treat yourself to a day of distraction and confront your problems with a clear mind tomorrow.	The wish card. Enjoy life and life will be more enjoyable.	Optimism and good cheer will bring great blessings.
10	Spend time with those you love, enjoy your blessings.	Happiness, love, joy and fulfilment	Spend time with those you love, enjoy your blessings.

## "Crib-sheet" for maddy's three card reading- Suit of Cups (Ace-10)

## "crib sheet" for maddy's three card reading – Suit of pentacles (Ace-10)

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
1	If you asked about job, money, health, home etc be patient things will sorted.	Great blessings for health, home, job, money A new start in any of these!	Success, happiness and a sense of peace concerning physical matters (job, money, health)
2	Are you avoiding an important issue?	Life's a bit of a juggle right now.	Relaxed, calm focus will help.
3	Are you procrastinating?	A "work" card, creating something amazing. Not necessarily paid work.	"work" that satisfies on all levels- do you know what this refers to?
4	Be prudent & pay attention to details.	A card of financial security. In times of chaos useful; but reminding you enough is abundance.	Your finances and health are enough.
5	Fear of loss should spur you on!	Fear of loss. Make sure you accept help when it is offered (you are worth it)	Focus on being financially honest- incomings & outgoings.
6	Beware of you (or others) using generosity as a subtle means to control.	You have enough money & some left over; enjoy.	Be generous, and accept others generosity.
7	Perhaps you've worked hard, and are not happy with the outcome? Take a pause and consider what next.	A time to reflect on what you've done. Enjoy your harvest.	Your hard work will be rewarded with a good harvest & the seed of a new idea.
8	You need self-discipline right now.	A "work card" Apprentice; self-discipline & hard work.	Lose yourself in your "work" (not necessarily employment!)
9	It is o.k. to accept help from others.	Security, self-confidence, abundance & independence.	Enjoy your success; you've worked hard to get here.
10	Practice appreciation not accumulation.	Abundance, stability, firm foundations.	Financial abundance (even if only finding a lost £20 and enjoying spending it!)

## "crib sheet" for maddy's three card reading – Major Acarna 1-7

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
1 The Magician	You are struggling to find a clear vision of what it is you want. Create that clear vision.	I will The start of something, you have strength of will & determination to make it happen.	With your strength of will power, optimism & determination anything is possible.
2 The High priestess	Perhaps you have spent too long contemplating, time to get on with life.	I am Quiet introspection, connecting with the "divine" and inner self.	Spend some time in quiet solitude connecting with yourself.
3 Empress	Nurture yourself, value yourself. All good things start with you.	I create Rampant abundance, creativity, passion and fun. Represents "mother"	A reminder to have some fun, follow your passions. Enjoy.
4 Emperor	Are you allowing others to dominate you, or are you dominating others?	I Organize Organizations, authority & self-discipline Represents "father"	You need to be logical, self- disciplined and organized.
5 Hierophant	Watch out for dogma ruling your decisions	Face of the divine The pontiff represents the bridge to the divine, how we connect to our Gods.	Now is a good time to connect with your spiritual side, using the wisdom of others (groups, study, books etc.)
6 Lovers	Surrender the micro management, go with the flow a little.	I choose Every moment is a choice, even if we are unaware of it.	Be pro-actively aware of all the choices you have today.
7 Chariot	Rein it in a little, with all that drive to succeed you need a break.	I succeed Triumph, success, forging ahead through your own efforts.	Yes. Go for it. Make the effort- it will be worthwhile.

## "crib sheet" for maddy's three card reading – major arcana 8-14

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
8	Use the "feminine" virtues	Fortitude	Be bold.
strength	of compassion, kindness and	"Courage in	Be courageous.
strengen	empathy to help.	adversity" Doing what	Feel the fear and do it
		you believe is the	anyway.
		right thing, even if it's	
		scary.	
9	Try to tune into your	Guidance.	Is someone offering you
The hermit	intuition (spirit guides,	From yourself	good advice, support and
	higher guidance) for some	(intuition) or a person	guidance (or are you being
	advice.	offering you support	called upon to play this
		and guidance.	role?)
10	You are trying to resist	Change.	Things are changing for
The wheel of	change. Let go and trust.	If you feel unsettled	the better.
fortune		find the still spot with	
Tortune		in you, prepare to	
		adapt.	
11	Don't expect the world, or	Fairness	Things will work out
Justice	others to be "fair". But still	With justice you get	"fairly" whether that is to
	try to act with integrity	what you deserve.	your advantage or not.
	yourself.	Reaping the seeds that	
		you have sown.	2.5.1
12	Things might take a little	Looking within	Make space for your
The hanged man	longer than expected.	Try looking at things	spiritual life (yoga,
		from a different	meditation, tarot etc.)
10	Ver en hereine en te	perspective.	Essing sharps with
13	You are hanging on to a	Release	Facing change with
Death	status quo that no longer works.	Clearing away of old	acceptance, hope and trust.
		things that no longer	Letting go.
	Let Go!	serve you. (though	
		change is always difficult)	
14	Excess extremes	Moderation	Things are coming
	Excess, extremes. A toxic mix of stress (or	Moderation & balance	together nicely.
Temperance	people) in your life.		Keep the balance.
	people) in your me.	in all things.	Reep the balance.

## "crib sheet" for maddy's three card reading – major arcana 15-21

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
15 The Devil	Are you using something as an excuse to "let yourself off"?	Control Something is controlling, trapping you. (job, fear, guilt, a person, greed).	Stepping free from what was restricting you.
16 The tower	Avoid being fixed and rigid; adapt to changes as they happen.	Unexpected change Unexpected change, loss and disruption. "Illumination" a sudden understanding or awareness.	Be prepared for a flash of inspiration that might force you to make changes.
17 The star	If things seem difficult- still focus on your hopes, and don't make fear based decisions.	Hope Hopeful optimism. A genuine blessing.	Embrace optimism, hope, self-confidence and good cheer. Smile.
18 The moon	Suggests a state of confusion due to fear/illusions & delusions. Stay focused- it won't last long.	Fears The moon reflects (and there for distorts) light. To understand this- try reading mirror writing.	Pay attention to dreams, hunches & intuition. They will offer invaluable insight.
19 The sun	Spend time doing something you enjoy, it lifts the spirits.	Joy Confidence, playfulness, things going well & you feeling good.	Get outside; play, sing, dance, have fun. Laugh.
20 Judgement	You know what you want to do- stop procrastinating.	Knowing Knowing what you want to do (right now, or with your life.) If you haven't realized it yet- be still and hear your own heart.	You know what you want to do Now do it!
21 The world	A slight delay, but things will work out successfully.	Successful completion Everything working out for the best.	Success! Be confident, things are working out well.

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
King	People are drawn to	Inspirational	Trust that your vision
Wands	your energy- make		will inspire you and
(ENTP)	space for you too.		others!
Queen	Don't over-ride	Because I can	Today you will get
Wands	everyone with that		what you want- due to
(INTJ)	strong persuasive will of yours!		attitude and determination.
Knight	Ground all that	Allons-Y	Jumping in with drive,
Wands	enthusiasm, you must		determination and a
(ENFP)	act upon your enthusiasm.		smile
Princess (page)	Watch out, this page	Free spirit	Your energy and
Wands	becomes easily		optimism are
(INFJ)	discouraged.		contagious, and will win the day.

## "crib sheet" for maddy's three card reading – Court cards; wands & cups.

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
King	Don't repress your	Chivalrous	Put your feelings to
Cups	feelings for too long,		one side to do what's
(ESFJ)	honour & express		needed. (but not for
(LSTJ)	them.		long)
Queen	Are you focusing on	Agony aunt	Use your skills as a
Cups	nurturing others to		natural counselor and
(ISFP)	mask your own		healer to help smooth
	needs?		the way.
Knight	Be careful, you may	Charmer (Byron)	Express yourself;
Cups	be so focused on your		write, paint, sing,
(ENFJ)	dreams you fall over		create
	your feet!		
Princess (page)	Don't be easily	Dreamer	Your openness and
Cups	seduced (by an idea, a		trust will help others
(INFP)	person, a dream)		to work with you.

### "crib sheet" for maddy's three card reading – Court cards; swords & pentacles

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
King	It is O.K. to change	Truth, tempered by	Be logical, honest and
Swords	your mind	wisdom	compassionate.
(ESTJ)			
Queen	Soften your words a	Truth, regardless	Speak up for yourself
Swords	little		with honesty.
(ISTP)			
Knight	Rein it in a little, that's	GO!	Believe in yourself,
Swords	too focused & too fast.		your focus &
(ENTJ)			determination.
Princess (page)	Are using your skills in	Truth seeker	Use your curiosity,
Swords	communication to		inquisitiveness and
(INTP)	remain detached and uninvolved?		humor today.

	Take care (card 2)	Main focus (card 1)	Advice (card 3)
King	Beware becoming	Worldly success	Find contentment and
Pentacles	over focused on the		enjoyment in everyday
(ESTP)	finances and practical.		life.
Queen	Life doesn't have to	Earth Mother	Common sense, good
Pentacles	be over managed.		hearted, tea & cake
(ISTJ)			nurturing.
Knight	Don't get stuck in a	Careful Planner	Failure to plan is to
Pentacles	rut!		plan to fail
(ESFP)			
Princess (page)	Take a break from	Study	Pay attention to the
Pentacles	your own high		details.
(ISFJ)	standards (of perfection)		

## EXPLORING THE MAJOR ARCANA... SOME LAST THOUGHTS..

• Hopefully you are keeping a journal (or at least a list) of your readings. Do certain Major Arcana cards keep cropping up? Spend a little time contemplating what the cards are telling you. Very often its clear practical advice, that perhaps you are ignoring?

When I am over working I will keep on getting Temperance- balance. And because I don't readjust my life it can get quite dominant. As if no other question can be answered until I have sorted out the balance in my life.

The Emperor can dominate my life when I am avoiding something that needs to be dealt with. He is self-discipline after all!

• Is there one (or a couple of the cards) that you just **don't like**, **don't get**, or on reflection a card you always overlook? These cards will tell you a lot about yourself. Always look deep when there is a card you don't like.

Before I wrote the course (that became this book) I thought I "knew" The High Priestess. I thought it was an easy, obvious card. Part of my process of writing was to meditate on each card, to really study each detail. When I took the time to really look I realized that the High Priestess is another face of the Norse Goddess Hel. Some-one I have worked with at great length. I felt as if I saw the card for the first time. The strength, depth, complexity. I was amazed I had never seen it before.

If you really want to learn tarot, you need to (over time) really get to know every card in the deck. Don't rush. You can start reading straight away.

But it's worth starting with those cards you overlook or don't like!

#### • Stalked by the Devil

I had a student once who got the Devil every single time she read the cards. It was beginning to be a little daunting.

So I sat down to read for her. Sure enough- there was the Devil center stage! Every question she asked (Will we move house, Will I go self-employed..) somewhere in the spread was the devil.

Now at its simplest the Devil means excuses. SO I asked here "Why don't you just get a few flyers done?"

"Oh I'd love to, but" was the answer to every question I posed.

I'd found her Devil!

#### • Numbers

I haven't really explored numerology in these books, because I wanted to really focus on the pictures in the cards themselves. But as well as names, the Major arcana have numbers.

If it is a double digit number reduce it to a single digit (i.e. 10; 1+0=1) So if you get 2 aces, the wheel (10) & the magician (1) in the same reading that is a lot of ones, and at some level these cards are all saying the same thing. Look for the connection between cards with the same number.

#### • Asking for help

And don't forget, the cards are powerful symbols. They do far more than simply predict. They can create change in themselves.

Needing a little self-discipline? Pop the Emperor on your desk.

Want to develop your psychic connection? Meditate on the High Priestess

Feeling a little down? Put the Sun on your mantelpiece.

#### • Don't overlook the obvious

It's easy to get caught up in the deepest spiritual meanings. Sometimes the cards are crystal clear. "Will I find love" My client asked. High Priestess, followed by the hermit.

Two cards showing an individual, "Not for a while, no" I said.

#### • Look for the relationships between the cards

You'd be amazed at the number of times the fool & the world figure closely in a reading. An ending clearly marked, with the opportunities of a new beginning. This could be a dramatic life change (divorce, house move, redundancy). It can also be a deep psychological change. I think of this as finishing one soul contract, and being released to work through another. If all the cards indicate dramatic endings and change, yet nothing outward is reflecting that. Inward changes are just as dramatic, only sometimes not as obvious.

#### • Difficult cards

Let's be honest, the visual imagery in most decks of the Tower & Death is not the most hopeful. If you are reading for someone else and either of these cards features (possibly more depending on your deck) Please go straight to them.

Deep down your client may be worrying about redundancy, or an ill Mother. Nothing will matter until you get to that card.

With the Tower I always point out that it might mean unexpected change, but handled right there is the opportunity for things to improve. I may well do a whole spread on how to handle the Tower if a client seems worried.

And after all-whose life is s perfect that a little change couldn't bring in an improvement somewhere?

With Death I always start with "Death has many meanings, apart from physical death"

The only physical deaths that have shown in the cards when I have been reading for clients are deaths that were expected. Then the reading is a chance for the client to explore the death of a loved one, or even their own death.

I always allow my client to lead that conversation; it is a very sensitive subject that I would only handle when the client has initiated.

Only several occasions upon seeing the death card a client has identified "Is that my Grandad, he's ill right now" and I have used the opportunity to explore their feelings around the subject, looking at what support their Grandad needs. Personally I do not "predict" death as such.

#### • Major Arcana & people of influence

It sounds simple, but at times the Major Arcana reflect people in a client's life who have influenced the position they are in now. I have read for woman in abusive marriages, and there in the past is the Emperor. Dig a little deeper, and their father was abusive too.

A woman, exhausted with trying to over-achieve, there in the past is the Empress "Was your mother an over achiever?" "My Mother was formidable, she excelled at everything"

Of-course the influence can be inspiring, I read for a successful Doctor, and the Hierophant figured heavily in his reading. He had an inspiring teacher at school, who changed what he believed he could achieve in life.

#### • Reflection of Self

The most powerful, dynamic, and empowering way the Major Arcana can help is to reflect our deepest states. To help a client understand how (and perhaps even why) they are shaping their life in this way- for I believe we all shape our lives.

The High Priestess may be a deep and powerful card, but at heart she is self-contained, introverted and perhaps even lonely. If you come to me looking for love, and the High Priestess dominates your reading I will ask "You may be looking, but do you really want to let someone into your heart right now?"

#### **READING THE PYRAMID SPREAD**

# This is my "go-to spread", and if you book a reading with me this may well be the spread I use.

The key is always to find the resonance between the cards.

Find the story, the core message, the symbols and meanings that are shared.

#### PRE-SPREAD

A useful exercise to ensure **focus and connection** is to have a "pre-spread".

Shuffle the deck, and when ready deal three cards face up.

This summarises what the whole reading is about.

Look for patterns in these three cards; symbols and meanings that resonate or tell a story. Look for the common core to all three cards.

Once you have expressed your understanding about the pre-spread, ask the questioner for feedback and their understanding.

Now make a note of these cards, and shuffle them back into the deck.

#### **PYRAMID SPREAD**

Shuffle, cut if you like, and deal **face down** the pyramid spread

10
8,9
5, 6, 7
1, 2, 3, 4

Within any one larger reading there are several mini readings. As you turn over each mini reading;

- Read for each individual card
- Read for the cards with in the mini reading (resonances between the cards)
- Read for the resonances & story between the mini readings.
- Pay particular note to any cards that pop up from the pre-spread.

#### MINI-READING ONE; CARD 6

This is the card that most represents the questioner now. It should be compared to the three cards of the pre-reading to give extra depth.

#### MINI-READING TWO; CARDS 1,2,3,4

This is the past leading up to this point. It may be a mixture of recent and older past, but it will have a relevance to card 6.

It may be a mixture of psychological & actual events.

Turn one card over at a time; reading each card as an individual card.

Then read the four cards as a mini reading.

Then relate this mini reading to the pre-spread & card 6.

#### MINI-READING; CARDS 5& 7

These cards add depth to how the questioner is feeling/what they are facing now.

They need to be read as adding a deeper meaning to card 6, and then read in relation to the other mini readings & pre-spread.

As each set of cards are revealed you are looking at how they add layers of meaning to the previous cards.

#### MINI-READING; 8,9 &10

This shows a possible future. I always stress that our future is unwritten. If these are difficult cards then the point of the Tarot reading is to offer guidance as to best deal with them (major arcana) or perhaps avoid them (minor arcana)

As before. Turn each card up and read individually first.

Then read as a trio; looking for the common thread, the story that ties them together.

Then relate to all the other mini readings; including the pre-spread.

#### SUMMING UP

Now scan the reading for balance, using the crib sheet from earlier. Does this add to or deepen your reading?

Now look for any separate mini-readings that emerge from the overall reading (often there can be a clear left and right hand split with the pyramid)

Offer a summing up statement condensing your message into a simple statement.

Check with the questioner (if reading for another) to see if they have any more questions on this reading, would like any further clarification or have any feed back to offer.

#### POST SPREAD

Gather all the cards together and shuffle.

There are two post spreads I offer.

### <u>POST SPREAD ONE; IF THERE WERE A LOT OF DIFFICULT CARDS, ESPECIALLY IN THE</u> <u>OUTCOME POSITION.</u>

Then I read three cards focused on advice and resources. This means even if the three cards are difficult ones I would read them in a positive light, or as advice.

e.g.

Tower- illumination

Devil- humour

5 of pentacles- fear of loss is driving you on etc.

(This is very useful, often I have seen the 8,9 &10 of swords as outcome. Shuffle and deal these cards and as they are focused on advice, not outcome, they leave the client feeling empowered and hopeful.)

#### POST SPREAD TWO; IF THE READING IS GOOD OR BALANCED.

Now the three cards are bringing together the entire reading.

There might be a slightly different energy as the tarot reading itself may have offered the questioner more hope &clarity.

## Pay particular attention to any cards that have already appeared in the previous readings.

If you are reading for someone else always check for their feedback that they are comfortable and resonate with what you have said!

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