

Time and Fate

My understanding of time and fate comes from my study of Norse Mythology and the runes. The three Norns are considered to represent the past, present, and future;

Urd: Representing all that has been, or "to happen, came to pass" (verda)

Verdandi: Representing the present moment, "happening, taking place now, **becoming**" (present tense of verda)

Skuld: Representing the future, "debt, need, duty, obligation" debt here does not only have the sense of something owed, it could reflect the concept of something invested as well. Perhaps a more suitable word would be **consequences** - leaving room for the future to either have something of benefit, neutral, or negative.

A simple way of understanding the Norns, time, and prediction.

If I usually drink a bottle of wine on a Saturday night- then the habit is formed (Urd) and I am likely to drink a bottle of wine this Saturday night, though I still have a choice (Verdandi). If I drink the bottle of wine then the consequence will be a hangover (Skuld).

Tarot allows us to connect with someone's timeline and understand the flow enough to make an intuitive prediction. There is always room for a change of mindset, or a different choice to be made in the present moment (which is why I always read the present moment as advice).

Our future is hugely influenced by the choices, mindset, and habits of our past.

Fate

There is a balance between accepting your “fate” or that with which you were born into (genetics, politics of your home country, parents etc) but also your ability to change your future as long as you work with in the lores of the universe.

I have included an extract from *The Twisted Tree* (by Rachel Burge) which also explores fate.

...“We were in the shed, setting up her old loom.

She pointed to the vertical lines of the yarn fixed to the wooden frame. “There are circumstances in our life that cannot be changed: when and where we are born, who our parents are.” She tugged hard at the yarn. “This is the warp. It’s fixed, see?”

I nodded, and she placed my hand on the lines running across the frame from side to side. “This is the weft- the yarn that goes over and under the warp. This part we can change.”

I looked at her, confused, and she hugged me close. “A person who has a poor start in life can still weave a good tapestry, if they make the right choices.”

She whispered, “Strengthen what’s there, my child, and no one will notice the holes. “ *The Twisted Tree*, Rachel Burge

You’ll notice my spreads (almost always) read from the past, to the present, to the as yet unformed future.

You understand and validate the past.

You understand, validate, and make the very best of the present moment.

Which gives you the understanding you need to give a “best shot” at predicting the future- if you choose to.

But there are three things to consider here:

We all have free will. At any point, anyone can change their mind. This makes it hard to predict for anyone who is unstable and means no prediction is ever 100%.

There are “lines of fate” certain universal lores that will influence your reading, and have to be followed. (Someone can’t suddenly run a marathon with no training).

The more people are involved in a situation the harder it is to read and be accurate- because they all have free-will to change. Except when there is a mass consensus, and a lot of people are all connected and in tune with the same goal.

The interplay between timing and fate, prediction and accuracy is something we will explore later on in the course

It worth thinking about your thoughts on fate, pre destination and free will.

Do you believe we are born with a soul path or purpose?

Do you believe we have free will? Or are certain things pre-destined?