Annual Reading for You

This Tarot reading was completed on April 24, 2023.

Get familiar with the energies you will be working with over the next 12 months. This foreknowledge may help you navigate your year in a whole new way. Enjoy the journey!

Please note the following:

- The picture from your reading is on the last page of this document.
- This is a lot of information to unpack, so just look at your foundation and then maybe ahead a few months. As the year progresses, it helps to look ahead a month or two and back a month or two.
- Many cards in the Tarot have an astrological influence as noted. They may represent a person in your life
 by way of birthday/astrology, but don't worry if you can't think of anyone with a certain birthday. The
 emphasis should always be on the meaning, or action, of the card. You may find the cards will relate to
 both (a person <u>and</u> a situation). They are "multi-layered" like that.
- You have "free will". The past is where've you been, and the present is where you are. Should you make NO CHANGE to your path, your outcome will likely come to pass as it is in this reading. If you don't like the potential outcome(s) seen in the cards, simply change up something along the way to give yourself more desirable results. When you're unable to physically change a potentially unpleasant situation, you should focus on changing your emotional response to the circumstances.

Overall Impressions

Overall, with the Page of Cups and the Emperor at your foundation/crossing it appears the year (May 2023 thru April 2024) will be marked with gifts of love and discipline or rules. The end of May could have you feeling a bit morose (post-travel blues?). June sees you putting in effort in your physical world. July is responsibility and feeling good about your efforts. August may force you to see things from another perspective, and September looks to be about new opportunities, beginning, and/or adventure. October may have you feeling a bit out of sorts at first (that 10 of Swords could also be Dave), but then you deal with rebuilding your foundations in the physical world (and deal with it well). November brings hope (if you'll allow it), and December, with the Hermit AND Judgement AND King of Wands is asking you to be courageous in your search for new opportunities in life. January 2024 is all about balance (wow! Two 2's and Justice - balance, balance, balance). February is wonky with transitions and possibly crisis; however, things seem to pick back up in March. April is all about stabilizing and manifesting in both your physical and emotional life. It appears you have the normal ups/downs of a year (more up than down) and no matter what, your foundation/crossing card will be there to stabilize and/or soften things throughout the year.

Annual Foundation

This is the card that translates the overall, or prevalent, energy for the year.

Page of Cups (young WATER sign – Pisces, Cancer, Scorpio). Pages bring energy and news into our life, and this Page of Cups brings the energy of positive interactions with things like love, inspiration and spirituality. You may receive good news regarding a relationship or loved one, or you may be the recipient of a gift of thought and caring. You could also begin a course of new psychic/intuitive insight through dreams, meditation, or other spiritual work. Cups are all about love and understanding, not only of the self and others, but of the deeper self as well which includes inspiration in bringing creative projects to life. This is a gift of love. Create something beautiful with it!

Annual Crossing Card

This card "crosses" the foundation. It can help or hinder you throughout the upcoming year.

The Emperor (Aries). FATHER/AUTHORITY. Keywords: father-figure, leader, guardian, establishing rules, guidance, discipline. This card can represent a father or male authority figure; somebody who guards us and guides growth through discipline, creating structure, and establishing rules. The Emperor protects us with stability and order. In that same vein, this can also be a call for you to become more disciplined in your life and take notice of relationships to authority in yourself and others. It may be time to take on a leadership role, managing or supervising a team or project. It's always a good idea to set limits when there are goals to be achieved; rules and stability are important to the situation. The Emperor is asking you to make wise decisions and create structure, rules, or schedules for success. Focus and act!

May 2023

9 of Wands (Sagittarius). DEFENSE. Keywords: difficulty, assuming ill will, stamina, strength, keeping up, drawing on hidden reserves, holding on, resolve, persistence, and conviction. I call this the "PTSD card". Having been through battle, the warrior is still standing; though, he is bandaged and bruised. Everyone knows he can keep up and has a deep resolve while he holds on in the face of difficulty. At the same time, he has been battling long enough to become overly defensive; therefore, he could be always on the alert (stressed) expecting "the other shoe to drop". It could be time to take a break for the sake of your well-being and that of your relationships. Let somebody else take charge while you gather your strength and look toward manifesting personal desires. Hold on to what you believe while you proceed with caution. You have the strength to see things through. Take care while protecting what is important. There is a need to overcome falling into negative patterns, so you may eventually reconnect with your dreams and goals.

Queen of Wands (Fire signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius. Birth dates: March 10 – April 10). This Queen represents the fire sign feminine (Leo, Aries, Sagittarius female), and she can also represent anyone born March 10 to April 10. As a person, this Queen is attractive, wholehearted, energetic, cheerful and self-assured. She offers an encouraging and commanding presence. Manifesting her darker side, she can be vengeful, domineering and tyrannical, easily turning against somebody she feels has wronged her or someone she loves. She's basically your best friend or worst enemy. The Queen tries to be helpful to those she cares for, so never be afraid to ask for assistance or advice from her as she's often generous with those she loves. But be cautious when opposing her ideas because she could turn on you. If we remove the character of this card, looking at Queen of Wands energy as a call to action, it's time to assert yourself and be creative, believing in your abilities. Tune into her natural understanding of healthy and unhealthy energy, so you may adapt and balance your own will and actions. This is an opportunity for regeneration and personal transformation if you will work with healthy energy. You now have the opportunity to be encouraging and commanding both with yourself and others.

5 of Cups (Scorpio). MOURNING. The 5 of Cups indicates a time of sadness as you let go of a person or situation. The feelings associated with this card are loss, defeat, hopelessness, grief, and sometimes even regret and wishing for what might have been. It's an emotionally-difficult card because you are being forced to let go. In many traditional tarot decks, the card shows a man crying with 5 cups around him, three of which have spilled. He must grieve for what he's lost, but once he can lift his head again, he will see he still has 2 cups that are full and something to be grateful for. This is a time of great emotional or spiritual upheaval which can lead to much-needed cleansing. Overwhelming emotions could restrict growth, and while the loss may be challenging, try not to focus on a lack of fulfillment or bitter memories.

June 2023

King of Coins (Earth signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn. Birth dates: December 12 – January 9). As a person, this King is enterprising, reliable, supporting, steady, patient, generous, clever, and competent. His dark side can make him dull, materialistic, cowardly, jealous, grasping, ignorant, stubborn and tedious. He is usually competent in math or technically inclined (or working toward that in some capacity). He is friendly and affectionate, and he may work hard for a good position in industry. He is solid and steady and can be a helpful craftsman and/or worker with numbers and measurements. He can master anything requiring attention to detail as long as he's interested. This is a gifted, although humble, individual, and he likely will not enter a battle unless he knows he has many on his side. This King may come across as ignorant because his earthy stubbornness refuses to give way to enlightened consciousness. Given enough information, he can eventually come around to reason. He is committed and intent on building something up, growing it, and really being able to enjoy the fruits of his effort. As a call to action, you should feel confident in material/physical success, using your business acumen to increase opportunities for gain in material and/or physical health. Be like the King of Coins (aka King of Pentacles), by harnessing and directing your physical resources properly. Commit your intent towards physical gain; however, you must be calm and patient with the process. Don't forget that same patience when your loved ones are acting out, and make sure to follow through on your commitments; not only to others but those commitments and goals you've made for yourself.

8 of Coins (Virgo). APPRENTICESHIP. Keywords: gaining knowledge, learning, increasing expertise, taking a course, finding out facts, diligence, effort, working hard, methodical, attention to detail, painstaking, careful. This card represents creating a change in your physical world (money, job, home, physical health) through conscious choice and determination. It's applying yourself fully to your physical/material growth by concentrating on the task at hand. You are creating stability and preparing for the future by studying, or learning a new skill, trade, or profession. Examples of this: adding bullet points to your resume, or gaining stamina in a workout. You may not be seeing much return yet, but you are on the right track for success. Your physical goal may seem far off, but you should persevere. Your determination, willpower, and organization will influence your growth. Now is the time to increase your expertise, gaining knowledge in your chosen field. The 8 of Coins (Pentacles) represents the influence of the will on the growth of your world. You can enjoy a change in your physical world (home, job, money, your health) through conscious choice and concentration.

Ace of Wands. EPIPHANY. Keywords: conception, creation, having a dream, inspiration, enthusiasm, optimism, confidence, healthy self-esteem, believing, courage, facing fears, going for it. As an Ace, this card represents the seed of energy and creation. With Wands, it's all about our ability to manifest creatively in our lives. This is that "ah-ha!" moment when you conceive a creative idea. How will you nurture it and help it grow? Opportunity is at hand, and this is a time to tap into Source Energy, harnessing vitality to create something new. Boldness and enthusiasm toward a desire could lead to an offer, gift, opportunity for advancement, or a synchronistic event. Remember that force may be used constructively or destructively. Now is the time to activate positive energy creating the foundation to attain your wants and desires.

July 2023

10 of Wands (Sagittarius). BURDEN. Keywords: assuming responsibility, being held accountable, no time to relax. This card represents a time of overextending, working overtime, being unable to say "no". You're taking on burdens and likely feeling as if you have no time to relax. You could be struggling, working overtime, fighting uphill and/or experiencing resistance. It's time to lighten your load for the sake of your health and wellbeing (physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually). It may be time to accept help from others otherwise you could continue to struggle. The 10 of Wands represents the culmination of our desires. When we get what we want, we still must work hard to keep it. This card is the burden of success and reminds us that "no" is not a bad word.

Queen of Swords (Air signs: Aquarius, Gemini, Libra. Birth dates: September 12 – October 11). This Queen is witty, astute, honest, experienced, observant, graceful, confident, fair/just, and intelligent. She has an innate understanding of fairness and right and wrong, and she is intellectually-adept, wise, and cunning. If she manifests her dark side, she can be deceitful, cruel, sly and unreliable; though, she will always try to justify her words and actions. She has a sharp wit and is usually a helpful counselor because she has a spiritual depth caused by prolonged struggles, mistakes, and karma. She will give it to you straight and with a diplomatic delivery. She is likely a widow or divorce or keeps her personal relationship very private. If this card is not a person in your life, but rather a call to action for you, then it's time to clear away that which no longer serves you and the highest good of all involved. Find humor in the situation and figure out the life lessons you're getting from it. It's time to adapt, integrate and communicate logically; reassess and rearrange your thoughts and processes. Make sure you know the facts, and take responsibility, doing what's right and fair. Don't be afraid to let things go which simply aren't working.

6 of Wands (Leo). RECOGNITION. Keywords: realization, triumph, success, vindication, acclaim, award, acknowledgment, healthy pride, self-esteem, positive ego. I see sixes as the "band-aids" in the tarot, following the chaos of the fives. Wands work with our ability to manifest and create in our lives. The Six of Wands is the triumph over the frustration of the 5 of Wands. It's a time when you may receive recognition for good work. You know you're on the right path for success, and you can come out on top. You may feel pride, positive ego and have a healthy and balanced self-esteem because of a job well done. You could be acknowledged or recognized for your accomplishments. This six is all about the creative and appropriate use of energy to bring success. You can feel good about basking in the glory of creation. Be gracious as you take the time to celebrate your accomplishments, and recommit to your dream(s).

August 2023

Temperance (Sagittarius). ALCHEMY. Keywords: consolidation, moderation, avoiding excess, finding balance, equilibrium, centered, combination, cooperation. I love that this card is quite often called "ART" in many modern Tarot decks because it's all about combination, consolidating, synthesis and finding "the right mix". Walk into an artist's studio, and you don't see art in the paints, brushes, easel, canvas, etc... It takes the artist (in this case, you) to bring all elements into play, creating something beautiful; however, too much or too little of one thing, and the entire project could be ruined. There must be a sense of moderation and balance at play. You're encouraged to try new things now while also maintaining your present security. Don't lose the essence of the thing when trying to find just the right combination. It's a time for gentle blending, not manic mixing, while you refine your masterpiece, developing a higher awareness. Temperance is the alchemy of your life.

Page of Swords. CHALLENGE. Pages are simple. They bring energy or news into our lives. This Page often represents challenging truths, delays, or messages being delivered with a lack of tact. The energy can indicate hurt feelings, formidable challenges, stern expectations, or a stringent mental test. It's a need to rise above emotional challenges (i.e. talking yourself off the ledge with reason and intellect). The Page of Swords shows up when there is a difficult truth to be faced. You can gain more power through use of intellectual processes and logic, thus learning to reason and communicate in a more mature manner. Be open to the process of reflection and understand that what you manifest in your life comes from your decisions, choices, thoughts and rationalizations. The Page asks you to seek truth and fairness above all else. Being of Swords, this card can also depict a young air sign in your life (Aquarius, Gemini, Libra).

The Hanged Man. SACRIFICE. Keywords: reflection, letting go, acceptance, release, ending the struggle, new perspective. The Hanged Man isn't hanging by the neck, dying. He is upside down and very much alive; however, he is being forced to pause and reflect on his situation. You're being asked to see things from a different perspective, and the sacrifice is often from within as you feel compelled to give up worn-out feelings, beliefs, old ways of thinking, addictions, or behaviors. You may need to look at somebody else's point of view, and you will gain wisdom by giving up outmoded ways of being. The Hanged Man waits in faith for fulfillment. Unexpected views, attitudes, or decisions are on the horizon. It's time to end the struggle, and let go of those things which no longer serve you. You will gain wisdom in voluntarily altering your perspective. Contemplate the moment and make peace with uncertainty.

September 2023

The Fool. NEW JOURNEY. This is the very first card in the Tarot. The deck is also known as "The Fool's Journey", so this is the very beginning. The Fool is spontaneity, impulse, carpe diem, living for the moment. He has faith and isn't afraid even though others may question his choices. The Fool has fearless enthusiasm and he is ready to take a leap of faith, letting go of worry, believing that everything will work out as he ventures boldly into the future. You are about to begin a journey, heading into the unknown, starting a new adventure, and taking a new path. The Fool used to be called "Folly" because the perspective of others may involve questioning your choices, but perspective is relative. While others may think it's folly, you believe that everything will work out just fine, and this is the choice/path you wish to embark upon. Just make sure to look before you leap because this card holds the energy of undefined potential. Go fearlessly and enthusiastically!

Knight of Coins (Earth signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn. Birth dates: April 10 – May 10). As a person, this Knight is kind, empathetic, practical, steady, reliable, determined, cautious and hardworking. If he manifests his dark side, he is ignorant, stubborn, obsessive, materialistic, greedy, pessimistic, one-dimensional, and unadventurous. He could have a talent for math or technology, or he may be working toward goals in a similar field. He probably needs constant motivation, or he will waste his talents, becoming lazy. When he's at his most industrious, this knight will take the time to do a good job. He will also empathize with those less fortunate. He usually has a love for animals and nature and will often be on a material quest because he values comfort and security. He will work hard if he can see the results. If this card is not a person in your life, but a call to action, the Knight of Coins (Pentacles) indicates that it's time to understand the value of observing and assessing the situation first. Patience will create the right timing and knowing when to act. You will see progress through planning. Make sure to honor your commitments, not only to others, but also commitments (goals) you've made to yourself. Finally, I always see Knights as harbingers of change. Because this is the Knight of Coins, there could be an opportunity for change in your material/physical world including work, money, home, school, and physical health. You could be making movement to a better understanding in one, or more, of these areas. You should take the time to assess the situation, so you will know when and where to act for the best outcome.

Knight of Cups (Water signs: Pisces, Cancer, Scorpio. Birth dates: October 12 – November 11). As a person, this Knight's positive attributes make him: romantic, imaginative, sensitive, introspective, intelligent, artistic, creative, and subtle. He could be offering interesting invitations or proposals and also inspiring creative and spiritual pursuits. His goals are geared toward that which makes him truly feel. He is at his best when he is driven by creative inspiration. If he manifests his shadow side, he can be a drama queen, temperamental, insensitive, introverted, emotionally merciless, and prone to flights of fancy. The Knight of Cups needs to be reminded to come back down to earth every once in a while. He can be emotionally unstable, moving from happiness to sadness very quickly. He is a dreamer and may need to be tethered to reality occasionally. All Knights bring change, and with the Knight of Cups, that change could involve love, emotions, close relationships, and your spiritual self. If he's not a person in your life, but a situation/action, he is asking you to keep your emotional and spiritual balance with new relationships and opportunities in love. He may be asking you to embark on a journey where you can open your heart, and get in touch with your intuition and instincts. Take this time to get in tune with your emotions and "gut feeling", improving their flow. It's time to care for the health and well-being of the heart and soul and making changes needed for that well-being.

October 2023

10 of Swords (Gemini). COLLAPSE. This is an unhappy card. When you see the imagery of this card, you can't mince words. Swords bring emotional struggle and strife. The 10 of Swords brings you to the completion of that struggle, often with a sense of suffering and bottoming out. This can be a period of darkness before the dawn. There is often a sense of martyrdom associated with this experience, feeling that you're sacrificing for another, taking a back seat in a situation, or being treated like a doormat. It can also be addiction to a substance or feeling. While plans may not work out as you expected, you must remember that you needn't be a victim of circumstance. Try to rise above your current situation(s). It's time to expand horizons and mental capacity to include all which cannot be seen or proven

on the physical plane, and it's time to stop relying on the intellect and the "truth" of the physical for every answer. Relying only on that which can be seen and proven can be mind-numbing and restrictive. Meditation and prayer, going beyond reason and getting out of your own head, can be very helpful now.

9 of Coins (Virgo). DISCIPLINED SUCCESS. Keywords: self-reliance, restraint, acting alone, on your own, achieving comfortable lifestyle, enjoying the fruits of your labor. The suit of coins works with everything in our physical world including money, home, work/school, finances, and even our body and health. Seeing this card is an indication that it's time to do something by yourself because your compelled to prove something to yourself (or others). Material/physical affairs are becoming organized and secure; however, you may encounter feelings of solitude and loneliness (which can be important at times like this). You must act with discipline and self-restraint as you work toward your physical goals, taking charge of your future and becoming more independent. Through your restraint and sacrifice, you are creating a pattern of success for yourself, and you can enjoy the richness of life. With the 9 of Coins (Pentacles) you may give the impression that you don't need anybody else as you work for your material/physical success; however, this means you get to enjoy creating success for yourself, on your own. Finally, don't forget nature's role in keeping you grounded and healthy.

Ace of Coins. FOUNDATIONS. Keywords: stability, support, prosperity, creating abundance, practicality, improvement, physical progression. Aces are the seed of their suit. With Coins (Pentacles), this Ace is creating a foundation for those things you manifest in the physical world like your money, home, job and body/health. This is a time to create solid foundations for prosperity in one or more of those areas including improvements or changes to feel safe, healthy, and protected into the future. The Ace of Coins could see you beginning a new diet/health regimen, moving into a home, a new job, new bank account, new property, etc... This is the beginning of something that can lead to positive future endeavors if you will energize and nurture it. Be sensible, and try to create a foundation where you feel stable, safe, and protected. The Ace of Coins also reminds you that spending time in nature can be valuable now. Ground yourself. No matter what, if you nurture these new seeds of the physical, they will blossom into something amazing!

November 2023

Page of Coins (Young earth sign – Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn). ASSETS. Pages bring news and energy which can be used as a springboard to action. The Page of Coins (Pentacles) relates to information or energy coming in relating to your money, job, property, home and/or health as a few examples. You could be taking on a new challenge in one (or all) of those areas, or you may embark on a new area of study. This page represents new growth which creates results in the physical world; manifesting something tangible from emotion or thought.. Now is the time to seed projects, bringing life and form to them through conception, determination, and intention. Pages are a more physical and communicative representation of the aces (seed of the suit), so you may be dealing with a lot of activity or messages during this time, and making decisions for improvements in your physical world.

3 of Wands (Aries). FORESIGHT. Keywords: inspiration, venturing into the unknown, expanding horizons, planning, being a visionary, cooperation, rallying troops. Abundance can be yours with the right help. Your plans are moving along with more opportunity for expansion, especially in cooperation with others. The 3's in the Tarot always denote "others". This card indicates having a goal or vision and trying to rally the troops, getting others on board with the idea to create something new or expand the potential of an endeavor. It's time to show leadership and set an example. I call this card "the cheerleader card" because it's all about working with others to get to the next stage or next level. Combining energies can give life to a new stage of being. The right teammate(s) could be helpful, but you also need to be confident and have the ability and vision to inspire and lead. Growth and abundance can be yours with the right help.

The Star (Aquarius). HOPE. Keywords: faith, believing, optimism, peace, healing. The Star indicates a deep knowing that everything will work out all right. It's a time for finding serenity and peace of mind through reflection. Be open to healing and rediscovering meaning, inspiration and purpose in your life. See the possibilities, and trust yourself. Forgive and move on. Take this opportunity to reflect and find refreshment, relaxation, peace of mind, and tranquility. Be open to healing through right thinking and gentle nurturing. This is an opportunity for renewal. The

Star shows there is a light at the end of the tunnel (and it's not a train coming at you). It's time to allow that light to brighten your path, so you can see everything will be all right.

December 2023

The Hermit (Virgo). SOLITUDE. Keywords: introspection, looking within, seeking, searching for truth, stillness, alone, seclusion. It is a time for introspection, seeking a deeper understanding. This is a search for truth on your own, without input from others. It's time to remove yourself from the "chatter", allowing yourself time to think, pray, and meditate to receive the answers because you're not getting them from the outside world. Look where nobody else would, separate yourself from the herd as you seek your truth. Use this period of voluntary solitude to commune with the Divine and become inspired. This is a time for reflection when distractions are limited; a time to explore and contemplate your true purpose, and then share it through example, lighting the way for others. Take your 40 days in the desert, but make sure to come back and share what you've learned.

Judgement. AWAKENING. Keywords: rebirth, transformation, a fresh start, absolution, forgiveness, sins washed away, inner calling, truth. Judgement is making peace with a person or situation and feeling as if you have new energy to handle further challenges which may arise. It's an indication of a time for rebirth while healing old wounds, releasing guilt and pain. Face yourself and let go of those things which no longer serve you and your situation. Pulling this card is validation that it's time to make a change, and it's time to act on that knowledge because things can no longer stay as they are. You're being offered a fresh start, a clean slate, but it will only come after difficult choices or experiences. Learn from where you've been, and make the most of your "right now"!

King of Wands (Fire signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius. Birth dates: November 10 – December 12). This King is creative, inspiring, charismatic, bold, active, and generous. We all have our dark side, and when manifesting his shadow, this king can be evil, cruel, bigoted brutal, and hasty. He may have to revisit issues for which he has taken action without much thought (i.e. charging into battle without his sword or armor). He is usually secure in business or profession and has strength (inner and/or outer) which can be felt by others. He is strong and generous but he can be quite impulsive (especially when younger). He can be a good man to have on your side, and a fierce enemy if he thinks you have wronged him or someone he loves. As an action, now is the time to harness and direct your energy with intention, paying attention so things don't swing out of balance. Practice committed intention, assertion, and action toward your desires. Wands are the suit of manifesting and the King of Wands has complete understanding of how to manifest through bold and creative action. It's time to be a visionary leader and an authority in creative endeavors. You are the master of the life which you have created (and continue to create in every moment).

January 2024

2 of Coins (Capricorn). PHYSICAL BALANCE. Keywords: juggling, multitasking, coping, adapting, flexibility, going with the flow. This can represent balancing the checkbook; balancing what's coming in with what's going out. Two's are "equilibrium", and Coins (Pentacles) represent all that we manifest in the physical world (money, job, home, health), so this is a time for balancing one or all of those things. You might feel as if you have a lot of plates in the air, but you won't drop them with your ability to adapt and be flexible. This could also be an important period for balancing diet and exercise, making choices for optimal health. Now is a time to understand the never-ending flow of energy; magnetism and repulsion, exchanging energy, and balancing matter. Work with familiar cycles now, things that are known to work. The 2 of Coins asks you to go with the flow, and try not to let change or disturbing influences upset your energetic balance because your intentions are becoming manifest. If you can spend time in nature now, it could be helpful in bringing you into alignment.

2 of Wands (Aries). DOMINION. Keywords: confidence, ambition, boldness, seizing the day, making your move. Two's are balance in the Tarot, and Wands are the suit of manifestation. Now is the time to balance your world by taking charge of what you can control, leading you to your desired outcome. It's time to be courageous! You are the master of your life (and domain), and this card indicates boldness and courage. It's a time of opportunity; seize the moment, and go for it! It's a great time to be authoritative with your dreams and desires; command attention, and gain

respect (mostly from yourself). Take control of your life, and manifest your dreams through a fair and equitable exchange of energy. You have options, and you are filled with creative force. It's time to activate your passion for adventure, and make a bold choice to expand your horizons as you seize your destiny. The 2 of Wands is an understanding of polarities in energy and learning to be a conduit in the balance.

Justice (Libra). KARMA. Keywords: balance, responsibility, accountability, impartiality, equality, fairness, understanding consequences, and cause and effect. This card indicates a need to weigh all factors, being impartial while making decisions. Justice is fairness and taking responsibility; it could also indicate that you're being held accountable. You could be forced to understand the consequences of things, and it might be time to acknowledge the truth of something. You must do what you know is right, finding equilibrium with a situation. Justice is seeing things from all angles and responding with truth AND diplomacy (not always the easiest task to offer truth which doesn't offend). You should know that the scales of life will be balanced no matter what. This card wants you to understand the duality of nature, as above so below, cause and effect. Lady Justice may also indicate you are experiencing dealings with a legal issue. Someone could be laying down the law. The truth will always catch up to those who avoid responsibility. She reminds us to take responsibility and do what we know is right.

February 2024

Death (Scorpio). TRANSITION. Keywords: ending, parting ways, completed chapter, elimination, rebirth, fate, the inevitable. There could be a feeling of moving into unknown territory, experiencing a sense of grief or loss as you leave old ways behind. Death is an important ending initiating great change, and it is inevitable. When things become difficult, remember that there is no growth in "the comfort zone". As such, this is a time of "growing pains" and releasing energy for that growth. The transition may feel necessary, often forced through circumstance. It's not so much "death" as REBIRTH! Death can allow you to leave the past behind and open to new opportunities. Clear away the old, so there is room for something to new. Allow this transformation to unfold. Endings and loss open new chapters in our life. Try to get closure, move on, and prepare to grow in this process.

The Devil (Capricorn). MATERIALISM. The Devil is associated with bacchanalian behavior such as overindulgence, misuse of energy, materialism, and ignoring the spiritual. This card represents bondage to the material, addiction, and obsession. It's overindulging the senses (eating too much, drinking too much, maxing out the credit cards, etc...). This could be a situation causing you to lack faith or to feel despair, doubt, and hopelessness. We are spiritual beings in a material world, so it's OK to indulge occasionally. Just don't stay on that path because it leads up a dead-end street. The name Lucifer means Lord of Light. While his darkness through ignorance is evident throughout this physical plane, this card is a reminder to look beyond the five physical senses, and turn back to the spiritual. Stop misusing your energy; look for the spiritual truth behind appearances, and get back on track. Keep your ego in check, and remember to look up and see the light.

The Tower. CRISIS. Keywords for this card: sudden change, upheaval, restructuring, destruction. It's also anger, release, explosion, emotional outburst, downfall, a humbling, and a blow to the ego. There can be sudden change or a feeling of being cast into chaos. The Tower brings information or events which can "rock your world" and throw you off balance. It shows that a rapid, life-changing situation is at hand. This is a time when upheaval may bring about much-needed restructuring. Sometimes The Tower can feel like a blow to the ego or a humbling of sorts. It's often a significant revelation, leading to change. Physical change could take place because of a mental or emotional transformation. Keep your ego in check, and have a backup plan. When the structures of your life are torn down, remember that you are making space to build something new.

March 2024

7 of Coins (Taurus). HARVEST. This card indicates a new cycle of material/physical growth with choices offered which can positively affect income and health. This is a time to take nourishment from your own creation or effort. The suit of Coins (Pentacles) relates directly to your physical world including your body health, financial health, home and work health. This 7 is evaluation, examination, taking stock, and reviewing. You might have choices available to you

after effort. If you put in a great deal of effort, your opportunities could be plentiful. If you haven't nourished the physical, your choices may be more limited now. The 7 of Coins is a time to see the results of your labor and reap the rewards of it. You may have reached a milestone in your money, work, school, home, and/or health, and you could be seeing results. If your seeds were well-planted and tended, your harvest could be bountiful, maybe even enough to share with others. If you haven't put in the work, your choices may be more limited now. This card represents physical growth through good honest effort and hard work.

3 of Coins (Capricorn). PRODUCTION. Keywords: teamwork, combining effort, cooperation, preparation, planning, organizing, scheduling, competence, ability. There may be activities within a group where you are being asked to help, or step up, because you have proven your skill and abilities. This could also include preparation and planning, organizing, and scheduling. You have shown a competence, and others know you are up to the task. There is a spoken, or unspoken, commitment and effort with others to create something; whether in the household, in the physical body, at work, school, etc... This is a time for "fertile integration"; understanding the interconnectedness of all things; the patterns of creation. Now is the time to combine with others to make something manifest. You've definitely shown your ability to work for the team!

2 of Swords (Libra). STALEMATE. I call this the "Scarlett O'Hara card" because, in the movie, when things got tough, she said, "I'll not think about that now. I'll think about it tomorrow." She handles things very well... when she must. But if she can avoid the unpleasantness of it all, she will at all costs. This card indicates a stalemate in affairs, refusing to decide or act, reaching an impasse. You might be avoiding a person or situation, or even denying your true feelings about it. A new approach may be needed because your feelings on the matter could be causing difficulty with decision-making. Don't hide from deciding, pretending it will just go away. Take the bull by the horns, and decide with the best intentions and awareness of consequences. You're being asked to make a decision after a period of measured thinking. The 2 of Swords is conflict through stalemate and peace through truce. We all deal with things in our own way and in our own time. Getting this card indicates that it's time to deal with it responsibly, using wisdom and fairness.

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4 of Coins (Capricorn). POSSESSION. Keywords: stability, caution, saving, protecting your material resources, resistance, conservation of energy. We're working with the material/physical here, and like all 4's in the Tarot, this represents a time of non-movement or even stagnation. In the extreme, this card represents a resistance to share, greediness, and penny-pinching. More often, it's a time when you must hold on to what you've got to pay for something later. This can be money/bills or even physical energy (i.e. I must go to sleep early to wake up for work tomorrow). It can also indicate a resistance to change regarding income, job, budget or diet/exercise. Make sure you're not falling into the trap of equating your emotional security with money or your self-worth with possessions. The rules we impose for our own well-being can be taken too far if your self-worth becomes deceptively associated with your possessions. Take this time out from spending energy to build abundance through awareness. But don't hoard too much of your time, money, and energy, or life could become cluttered. Try to go with the flow and allow movement of the physical from you, and back to you. You may need to work on trusting the Universe to help with providing for your needs as you let go of the false security in "things".

The Magician. MANIFEST. Keywords: personal power, intention, action, focus and concentration, will and wisdom. The Magician knows what he wants, and he is committed to bringing it into his life. He's "the man with the plan" and ready to act. He understands his intention and knows to make his moves with conscious awareness. He has the skills to affect needed changes in his life through his understanding of the creation process. You are being asked to act, but only if you understand your true wants and needs and are ready to commit to them. You have the skill to turn possibility into reality. Realize your potential and use your energy and talents with concentration, will, and wisdom. The Magician is deliberate manifestation. Now is the time to realize your personal power and your ability to create and manifest in your life. Remember, you're always manifesting in your life, whether you're concentrating on it or not.

2 of Cups (Cancer). HARMONY. Keywords: partnership, sharing, attraction, bonding, and connection with another. This represents the love, understanding, friendship, and attraction between two souls. It often indicates peace in your closest relationship(s) along with deeper connection and bonding with one another. It can bring you to a place of peace with a person through forgiveness or calling a truce for the benefit of all. This is an open invitation to love another, energizing a friendship or romance. Two's are balance and Cups work with our emotions, inspiration, love, and spirituality. The 2 of Cups is union, harmonious interaction, and the flow of love between you and another. This may also include cementing a relationship from yourself to Your SELF. Now is the time to find the balance in your love life which includes romantic, familial, friendly, and spiritual relationships.

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