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# INTRODUCTION

Imagine . . .

From the oldest cultures on Earth, ancient myths and legends tell of powerful, magical beings that have existed as our trusted allies, protectors, and advisors. It's said they've lived alongside humanity since time began, yet in another dimension separated only by a thin etheric veil. Angels, Faeries, Nature Spirits, and others walked between the worlds and beside us openly for a time. They served with us as co-creators of the bridge between the realms of the Spirit and those on Earth.

Some of them were deeply committed to the well-being of all sentient life on the planet and took great interest in the workings of humankind. They knew that all things that manifested on the Earth plane were conceived in the realm of the Unseen Infinite first. Their gift was to help humanity direct its life-force energy to create the most

powerful realities according to the order and higher dream of the Divine.

Legend says that we formed a Sacred Alliance with these beings to maintain balance between our earthly, visible world of effects and the unseen causal world of Spirit.

After thousands of years, humanity began to forget the Alliance, and in the necessary evolution of consciousness, new ideas came to influence the collective thinking. Great technological progress was made in spite of our mystical losses. Religious superstition and fear, materialism, and ideas of a mechanical universe wiped out our ability to connect to these mystical beings that were our friends. And so these beings faded away into the Hidden Realms, accessible only to a secret few.

A prophecy spoke of their return to the descendants of those who remembered them. Now the whispering of their ancient wisdom begins to awaken within us as our world has become increasingly out of balance. Some have come back from the Hidden Realms to

help us reclaim our highest good and have recommitted to helping us be the best we can possibly be. They guide us to create a life of peace, purpose, prosperity, and love and to restore balance and healing to our world.

As they faded away, the beings of the Hidden Realms made a promise long ago: if their likenesses and names were summoned, they would answer our call for assistance and guidance. And so to help summon them, I created these cards with the magical symbolism and images given to me in a series of dreams among the red rocks of spiritual Sedona, Arizona.

Invoke the cards' Divine power and use them well—only and always for the highest good—and they will show you the way to the Divine path for your destiny. Every person who fulfills his or her highest personal destiny creates a shift of healing for *all* living things.

Be reminded of the truth of unity in Spirit and among us all.



*All my blessings and hope that you may  
benefit from the wisdom hidden deep within  
you and reflected in the mirror of these cards.*

Love,  
Colette Baron-Reid



## HOW TO USE THE CARDS

When you first open the box containing the deck and guidebook, spend a little time holding the cards. Become familiar with the images and words presented on them. When you feel comfortable, shuffle the deck until it's well mixed, allowing the cards to be both upright and reversed. This will allow them to speak to you either as your Ally or your Challenger. Say a prayer to bless the cards. The best time to do so is after this suggested invocation meditation.

Close your eyes and imagine you're sitting in an ancient forest beside a small pond filled with lotus flowers. See a golden bridge reaching from just in front of you across to the other side of the water, which is hidden in a beautiful sparkling white mist.

Imagine a white dove with a scroll in its beak flying out of the mist toward you. See the bird drop the scroll into your

hand and watch it unravel. There is one word written on it:

### Remember . . .

You're being asked to remember a Sacred Alliance from long ago that requires your invitation for it to return. Give that invitation to the dove to bring back to the helpers in the Hidden Realms, requesting that they return and guide you on your path.

The dove flies back and presents you with a spiral of light that explodes around you in a beautiful, sparkling, glowing, white radiance.

Now say a personal prayer, and then you can begin your reading with the cards.

A sample blessing prayer:

*Let there be wisdom,*

*Let there be Light.*

*Let me be challenged*

*To open my Sight.*

*Let no harm ever be done,  
And remember that all life is One.  
With truth and with heart, may  
the highest be done,  
That all of the realms may heal in the sun.  
Show me only my highest good, and for the  
highest good be done.*

*Blessed be. Amen.*

## **The Purpose of the Cards**

Like all divination aids and oracle systems, these cards have a sacred purpose, which is to help you connect to the flow of Divine synchronicity. They are symbolic tools created to reflect the state of your present, the lessons of the past that still influence your choices, and the potential of the future. So when you choose certain cards, they'll reflect the issues relating to your life that you may or may not be fully conscious of.

The cards will provide you with insight, as well as questions to consider, as you seek to understand yourself and your purpose in the world. When you use them, you should do so with the intent of connecting to the vast, unlimited, Divine consciousness. They will guide you to make choices that are in line with your highest good.

These oracle cards are designed to help you get in touch with the patterns that have manifested in your life. They'll show you what influences have brought you to your current state and will shed light on the potential direction of future experiences based on the path you're currently on. They can also be used to help you change your way if you find that your current situation lacks clarity or if you're heading in a direction that's harmful.

Always remember that you have the capacity and the responsibility to shape reality in the best way possible, regardless of what challenges life brings. Destiny and Fate serve to bring the players together and set up certain situations on the playing field of your life . . . but you have to *participate* in the game in order to win it. The cards act as

your helpers, bridging the worlds of the unseen and the material. They illuminate your path as you walk your own special journey of life.

## How to Do a Reading

Say your prayer and quiet your mind; then think of a question. The best type doesn't result in a yes/no answer; rather, it is one that will provide responses to help you gain insight into your situation so that you can act in accordance with a card's message.

For example, questions may be phrased in the following ways:

- “What do I need to focus on today?”
- “What do I need to know about my relationship?”
- “What is the evolving nature of my situation?”
- “If I take this action, what will be the result?”
- “What wisdom is here for me today about my job or career?”

- “How can I improve my situation?”
- “What can I expect on the path I’ve currently chosen?”

It’s also important to note that these oracle cards weren’t designed to predict the future. Rather, they are meant to offer you the wisdom you need to create the best life *now*, which evolves into the most meaningful and productive future. These cards also invite you to go deeper into the question, and the motives behind asking it, as the Wisdom of the Hidden Realms is revealed.

Feel free to let your intuition guide you as you gaze at the cards. Allow your higher consciousness to show you the deeper meaning of your personal stories as they’re reflected in the patterns of the cards you choose. Remember that divination is about tapping into the world of the soul and receiving your answers in symbols, omens, signs, and the language of Spirit. Open your heart and see through the eyes of your infinite soul, allowing the magical

helpers of the Hidden Realms to reveal their wisdom in mystical, wonderful ways.

— For a **single-card reading**, shuffle the cards while focusing on your question. Cut the deck into three piles, facedown; then put them back together or fan them out in front of you. With your dominant (writing) hand, choose one card from anywhere in the deck. Flip it over, read the key words, and look up the full significance in this guidebook. Eventually you'll become familiar with the meanings of all the cards, and you'll be able to use your intuition to apply them to the question.

Each card has two meanings to interpret, based on its orientation: it will appear upright as an Ally and reversed as a Challenger. It's important not to see the Challenger in a negative light. Such cards come to help you do the inner work necessary to progress to your highest good.

**Sample 1:** Mary was uncertain about whether she was on the right track with a man named Bill she'd

recently met and had felt a romantic connection with. She spent much of her time feeling insecure, constantly wondering if he would call her. Although he'd been very attentive at first, he was now not as available due to a busy work schedule. Having been through a series of relationships with emotionally unavailable and ambivalent men, she was beginning to obsess that this one was the same.

Also, Mary usually dated men with a lot of money, and Bill wasn't that wealthy. He drove a Jeep, not a Mercedes. He worked as a building contractor, while her last lover was in the movie business.

Still, in many ways she felt intuitively that Bill was perfect for her, and that confused her even more. She asked the cards: "What do I need to know about my current relationship and my part in it?"

The card Mary chose was *The Hungry Ghosts* (which appeared upright as an Ally). As she pondered the message, she realized that her insecurities were being triggered because she hadn't really let go of those failed relationships from the past. Also, she was focused way too far into the future without really allowing this relationship to manifest on its natural course. This insight helped her understand that she needed to surrender to the Divine Plan for her life.

Mary resolved to change her behavior and not act so needy. Also, she decided to take an inventory of her past experiences so she'd be able to see her part in the patterns of her choices.

The other message in the card spoke to her need to look good to others. If her boyfriend had a fancy car and lots of cash, it would make *her* look good. None of the baubles and money she'd had access to from the other men

had made her happy (although the gifts *were* nice). She wanted someone who really loved her and would spend time with her.

Within a few weeks, Bill began to call more often. Over dinner one night, he told her how much he appreciated that she understood his busy schedule, how much he missed her, and how happy he was that he had more time now. As they were together more, Mary found that Bill was a kind, gentle, caring man who listened to her and took her needs seriously. He was fun, hard-working, and ambitious. She realized that she'd never respected the other men but saw Bill as a good, strong man who deserved her respect.

Mary is still dating Bill, and at the time of this writing, they're planning to move in together. The last time I saw her, she was very happy with her choice and deeply in love.

**Sample 2:** John was starting a new business and was exhausted from all the stress and strain that came with this responsibility. He was thinking of hiring a personal assistant. He had two people in mind: Jane and Thomas. He chose one card for each.

For Jane, he pulled *The Hawk Prince* (reversed as a Challenger). For Thomas, he pulled *The Camel Boy* (upright as an Ally).

When Jane came in for her interview, she mentioned that she was going through a divorce and that her husband was an alcoholic who was unstable. She also said that she was afraid to lose her home and that she was hoping the job would give her some stability. She was personable and had good qualifications. Other than her personal problems, she seemed perfect for the job.

Yet in pulling *The Hawk Prince* as a Challenger, John was being warned

that although Jane was very nice and her credentials were impeccable, the facts she'd revealed about her situation would potentially cause problems for him. He needed someone who would be there for him, not someone he'd have to emotionally take care of.

When Thomas came in for his interview, he seemed eager to take on the responsibilities as a personal assistant. He didn't have as many credentials for the job as Jane did and wasn't as obviously outgoing. He'd be doing a lot more on-the-job training in the first few weeks, as it would be his first time working in the type of organization John was running.

However, in pulling *The Camel Boy* (as an Ally), John saw it as an obvious sign that Thomas was the one he should choose. From Thomas he'd receive the help he required, and the Universe was communicating that this candidate was the right one for the job.

John hired Thomas and was immediately amazed by how outgoing and personable he could be. He was also incredibly efficient. John was very happy that the cards had provided him with the insight he needed to make the decision. He was a bit of a caretaker and would have found himself in a codependent enmeshment with Jane. Thomas showed him that he could have healthy boundaries and not pay more than a salary to get what he needed.

— A **three-card reading** reveals the present situation, the action needed to progress, and the potential direction of future events. Shuffle the cards while focusing on your question. Cut the deck into three piles and then mix them together. With your dominant (writing) hand, choose three cards from anywhere within the deck: one for the past, one for the action needed in the present, and one for the experience evolving from the present

action. Flip over each and read the key words. See if the cards are Allies or Challengers; then look up their full meanings in this guidebook. When you do so, they'll tell a story that will help you gain insight into, and objectivity about, your situation.

*Sample:* Althea was concerned about moving out of state. She was living in Los Angeles but was drawn to Portland, Oregon. She was worried, though, that a move might be just another “geographic cure.” She'd done this in the past, taking herself and her issues along to a new location and seeing no change in her life even though she'd physically moved.

This time felt different. Also, an old high school sweetheart, Tony, was living there. She'd always regarded him as the love of her life, and she thought that it would be nice to reconnect with him. She wasn't sure she could handle the stress of a big move, yet her inner

voice was calling her ever so strongly to at least visit Portland.

She chose three cards: *The High Lady of Love and Compassion* (upright as an Ally); *The Spiral Dancer* (upright as an Ally); and *The Diamond Dreamer* (upright as an Ally).

The first card made perfect sense: Althea needed to be compassionate rather than judgmental toward herself for her past choices, which had been experiences essential to her personal growth that had led her to the creative life she had now.

The second card—the action needed to progress—indicated that even though she saw this move as a step backward, it was not; rather, it was a move up and around. It was okay to go forward. The card's meaning also implied dancing with a partner, which brought a positive nudge to reconnect with Tony.

The third card solidified it for Althea, as the cost of living in Portland would be lower than in Los Angeles and would free her up to pursue her career goal of being a writer. She would have an easier time there and do better financially.

It was an easy decision to make.

At the time of this writing, Althea is packing to move to Portland, and she and Tony have rekindled a friendship. Who can guess what will come of that . . . only the helpers of the Hidden Realms know the truth.

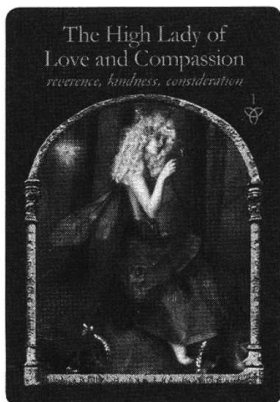


Descriptions of each card follow. May your path be lit brightly and your journey be prosperous, peaceful, and filled with joy. The Wisdom of the Hidden Realms awaits!



# THE HIGH LADY OF LOVE AND COMPASSION

*reverence, kindness, consideration*



## *Ally*

When the High Lady of Love and Compassion chooses to be your Ally, she brings you a deep and meaningful message: she reminds you that only Love is real. It is the sole unconditional and true power behind all means of manifesting out of the unseen into the material.

Love's greatest creative power is ignited by the conscious action of compassion. Generosity

of the heart, reverence, respect, and empathy for all living things bring you profound power to live a life of happiness and contentment. Love, compassion, and kindness to all must be the impulse behind your thoughts, feelings, and actions when your intention is to create a prosperous and abundant life. Unconditional Love will be returned tenfold.

The High Lady also reminds you that when she chooses to be your Ally, she brings you evidence that you're loved. All manner of synchronicities align in your favor.

If your question refers to a relationship, you're required to think of the other person and inquire what is in his or her highest good. Give selflessly without asking for or expecting anything in return, and let go. What is yours will come to you. Kindness always returns somehow. You will surely receive that which you give . . . in more ways than you can imagine.

### *Challenger*

When the High Lady of Love and Compassion appears as your Challenger, she gently

reminds you to snap out of self-centeredness. The ego has set a sneaky trap for you. You may have forgotten that to create an abundant life, you must be conscious of how your choices impact those around you. Are you trying to manipulate others to get what you want without consideration for them?

Is it possible that your good intentions are about helping too much, enabling another person to remain the same and preventing his or her growth? Sometimes it's better to let others hit bottom with their own suffering rather than trying to make it easier for them. Sometimes you need to be "cruel" to be kind.

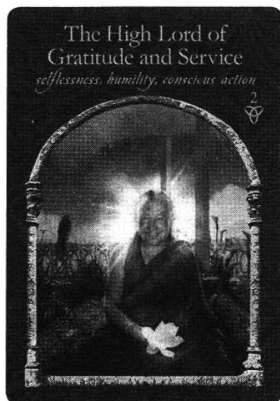
Be conscious that you aren't alone in this world. Begin to behave as if the God in all life—in every person—matters. Remember that the living world is a sacred community, and you're a magical and important part of it. But you're not the *only* one who counts.

The High Lady of Love and Compassion is waiting to guide you and be your friend and Ally. Think first of others and she will orchestrate your ultimate success.

## 2

# THE HIGH LORD OF GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*selflessness, humility, conscious action*



### *Ally*

The High Lord of Gratitude and Service has arrived to help you find your true purpose today. Feeling gratitude for each moment you experience, and loving what is and what has been, will remind you that every breath you take holds a deep and profound awareness. Through small actions and selfless service to another, you're automatically placed upon

your highest path, whether you're immediately aware of it or not. The presence of this Ally lets you know that you're on the correct path to fulfilling your desires.

You're also notified that your actions of service and attitude of gratitude will yield riches beyond your wildest dreams, as long as those riches aren't the goal you have in mind. Giving service with no thought of return is what's required of you today. This would also be a good time to write a list reminding yourself of all the things in your life and the world around you that you have to be grateful for.

If your question refers to a relationship, let gratitude be your guide. Be thankful for all you learn from this person. Truly, there are no friends and no enemies, just teachers along life's journey. Be grateful for the laughter and even for the tears. The attitude of gratitude is a magnet for true love in all forms.

### *Challenger*

When the High Lord of Gratitude and Service comes to challenge you, he signals a time

for deep self-inventory. Ask yourself if your desires are driving you to become more self-serving. Have you forgotten to help others? Are you so focused on arriving at your goal or destination that you've become isolated from the ones who care for you? Do your ambitions relate to making yourself special, apart from others, or better than they are? Have you become competitive, envious, or driven? The High Lord of Gratitude and Service challenges you to accept a gentle gift in the form of a new perception of wealth and ambition.

There is an ancient saying scrawled on an old stone wall: "True ambition is not what you believe it to be. No focus on winning a jeweled prize, no amount of pomp and circumstance, will achieve true prosperity. True ambition is the deep desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of the Divine in service to all."

You can also apply this to relationships. The impulse to have your own way or control how things will be serves only to push away the one you love. It creates an energy block

that repels your desired outcome so that it's far out of reach. Let go and let the Divine lead you to the highest outcome.

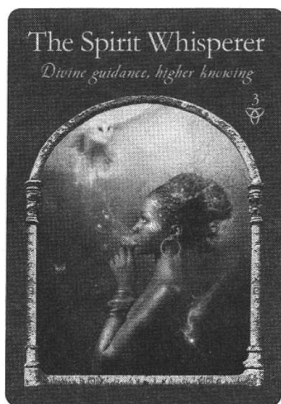
In a tiny, still moment of surrender, miracles are born. When you shift your perception in alignment with this High Lord, success will indeed be yours.



# 3

## THE SPIRIT WHISPERER

*Divine guidance, higher knowing*



### *Ally*

As an Ally, the Spirit Whisperer comes to you heralding the miraculous and the inspired. She whispers guidance from the Divine through your higher senses so that you can hear her wisdom and know her love for you. She is committed to helping you intuit the next right action and steers you away from trouble. The Spirit Whisperer keeps you inspired to move forward, always knowing—

just in time—the correct next step. She guides you to fulfill your highest purpose. When she appears, it's a sign of inspired ideas that, with continual action, lead to success! That's a very good omen.

If your question is about a relationship, the Spirit Whisperer speaks of soul connections, past lives, and great learning through mutual mirroring. She will whisper how long, how short, how deep, and how sweet the relationship can be. There were soul bargains made even before you both were born here, and an exploration is in order. You may move forward, but keep listening to the Spirit Whisperer for the lessons that the vulnerability of love brings.

### *Challenger*

The Spirit Whisperer warns that you're about to go astray and you need her guidance! Red flags are waving, and you must pay attention, lest you find yourself cleaning up messes you didn't even know you'd made. She challenges you to start again and trust your

intuition. In time you will be back on track. On this occasion you can't possibly go wrong since you're that much more aware of the possible challenges you need to step away from.

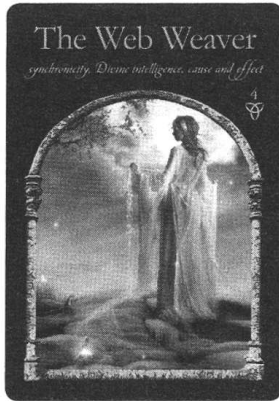
If this is about a relationship, you may be repeating something in your past that you don't need to relearn. Stay away, as this may end up a costly distraction. That said, lessons learned over and over make for great wisdom later.



# 4

## THE WEB WEAVER

*synchronicity, Divine intelligence,  
cause and effect*



### *Ally*

The Web Weaver rejoices that your creations are far-reaching and have positive effects on the many. Every action, every thought, every word and deed, is woven into the web of creation. When the Web Weaver appears as your Ally, she grants you the way to others of like mind and intention and lets you know you're not alone in your endeavors.

Just when you need to make a connection, like magic, synchronicity occurs. Music reverberates through the web and plays in harmony with your own. This is a sign to trust in the connectivity between all events. Magic is afoot for you!

If your query is about a relationship, the Web Weaver gives you assurance that meaningful coincidence comes through to give you reason to hope. Potential grows into reality with care and patience. Remember that the web reaches far and wide, and you're only capable of perceiving a small part of it. Trust and pay attention to the patterns you see play out in your life. All things will be revealed through the web.

### *Challenger*

The Web Weaver warns you to address your behavior in all areas. Where are you being dishonest with others and with yourself? Are you fearful that you'll be left out in the cold and abandoned if you don't relinquish control? Your strand in the web is beautiful

and unique, and you don't need to camouflage who you really are in order to manipulate results.

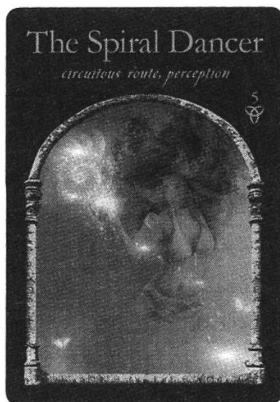
You're challenged to stand tall in all your perfect imperfections, see yourself truly, and allow the patterns of your life to be woven into the beauty meant for you and you alone. Keep in mind that if you do what you did, you'll get what you got. The web remembers everything. Do something different this time and watch a miracle. This applies to all your questions in this moment . . . for everything is connected.



# 5

## THE SPIRAL DANCER

*circuitous route, perception*



### *Ally*

The Spiral Dancer moves with her own rhythm and steps to music only she can hear. She takes you on a path that is winding and circular. She assures you that what you're experiencing as a setback is really part of an upward spiral. Perception is everything: you're not retracing your steps or going backward, but rather around and up. She says that you can be comforted, knowing that your path is

one of success, adventure, and experience. Follow her, for she dances along a magical way.

If you're asking about a relationship, keep on dancing and magic will soon happen. Also, it's okay to allow someone else to take the lead at this time. Make sure to let others know that you're open. Always remember that relationships are mirrors and will show you the past, the present, and the potential future.

All relationships have a destiny. Each is a sacred teacher with valuable lessons to share, even if it appears that the two of you are dancing in different directions. All the steps are perfect, even when you may seem to be stumbling. The Spiral Dancer is a reminder that destiny's true path is seldom straight.

### *Challenger*

It seems as if you're getting caught out of breath, going in the wrong direction. Sometimes you're so busy dancing to your own tune that you find yourself out of step with everyone else. Perhaps now is the time to regroup, sit down, and rest for a while until

the rhythm calls you to the dance again. The Spiral Dancer's is a gentle one, so be still and know that you're always loved.

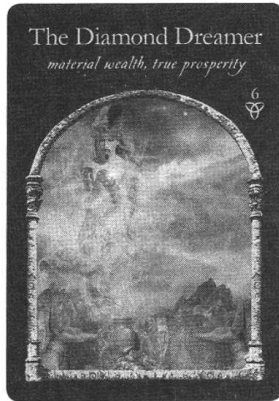
If your question is about a relationship, don't be too assertive now. This is the time to be receptive and allow someone else to take the lead and show his or her true nature to you. At the same time, be careful of being manipulated. You will know the truth about your situation clearly if you sit this dance out and observe.



# 6

## THE DIAMOND DREAMER

*material wealth, true prosperity*



### *Ally*

When the Diamond Dreamer arrives, he represents the successful manifestation of the unseen into the material. Be sure you truly want what you think you desire, for this Ally will commit to getting it for you. All manner of conditions will flow around you; messages from Spirit will serve to guide you toward achieving your heart's desire. If you want a house, you'll be led to it. If your priority is a

new job, with the right continual steps, you will achieve this. If you desire a more harmonious relationship, the measures needed to create this will be obvious.

A project finally pays off. Material gain and positive financial shifts may also be on the way. You will, indeed, see the tangible results of your ambition. The Diamond Dreamer also serves to guide you to the appropriate choices so that the unseen is awakened to move mountains on your behalf.

Positive communication is now possible in all your relationships.

### *Challenger*

The Diamond Dreamer challenges you to address your perception of the power of materialism. Do you focus on the material world above all else? Have you become hypnotized by the notion that it's the only reality? Have you grown too attached to "stuff"? Have you come to consider wealth only to be the accumulation of worldly goods?

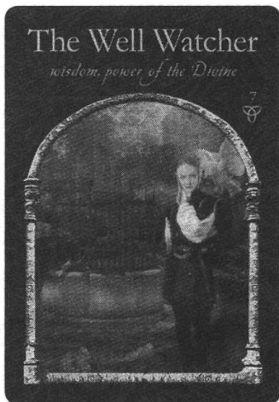
Now is the time to find value and wealth in the intangible spiritual experience. Before anything is seen reflected in the manifest world, it originates in the unseen, the spiritual, and the Divine Mind. Be careful what you wish to manifest, for you may not want to pay the price of keeping it once you get it.

The Diamond Dreamer also reminds you that disappointment and disillusionment are sometimes the way home to the truth of what's best for you. He may be here to tell you that when you don't get what you want, it's being withheld from you because something better is in store.

Be compassionate with yourself and others at this time. Let the Diamond Dreamer lead you to the highest dreams for your perfect purpose and true prosperity.



## THE WELL WATCHER

*wisdom, power of the Divine**Ally*

The Well Watcher signals the need to go within to contemplate the true source of power in the world—which, he reminds you, it is that of the Divine. This is a message to let you know that you're being called to the Well, and this unseen power will be there and will be yours to align with.

This affirmation and prayer will invite the Divine to bring miracles and resolution to

your life: "Thy will be done through me for the highest good of all and for the true manifestation of my purpose."

You will know the way forward by the still, small voice within. The Divine also may answer your call by sending others to help guide you.

### *Challenger*

The Well-Watcher comes to let you know that you've run out of steam. Self-will alone isn't enough to make things happen. All cannot be yours at this time. If you feel you're going nowhere, it's because you're meant to stay put. Willfulness can lead to your becoming like the bull in a china shop, creating havoc as you push forward.

Remember the sacred, creative Source of the water in the well. Drink some, be still, and contemplate the true origin of power. It isn't *you*. So drink deeply of the Wisdom of the Divine, and listen to the beautiful music playing through your life. When you've made conscious contact with your higher power,

you can move forward again, replenished and renewed.

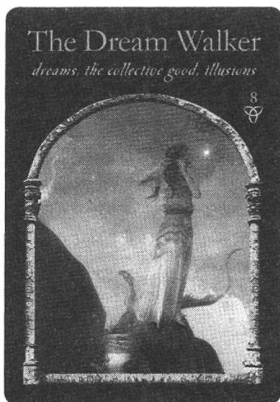
This is also an important time to restore harmony in your relationship, since you may be temporarily out of tune with one another. If there's a power struggle between you, remember that only the Divine has *true* power and you won't feel the need to struggle anymore.



# 8

## THE DREAM WALKER

*dreams, the collective good, illusions*



### *Ally*

When the Dream Walker is your Ally, dreams really can and do come true. Still, there are two kinds: those of the small Self and those of the Divine. Spirit has a dream for you that is yours alone, and all you need to do is ask and it will unfold like magic.

You also play an important and unique part in the Divine dreaming of the world. When you ask, "Is this the dream for me that

serves the greater dream?" the most beautiful vision for your life serves the highest good for others, too. Just the act of asking will immediately provide the answer.

The Dream Walker is beside you to help you move effortlessly through the illusions, observing the Truth and celebrating the waking dream of your life that results.

### *Challenger*

The Dream Walker challenges you to wake up from your restless sleep, in which you're not dreaming at all. This is the time to remind yourself of your passions and the aspirations you may have left behind. Perhaps you should reconsider and allow yourself your precious dreams again. Don't give them up. There is always a way they can return to you as long as you don't try to dictate the forms they take.

Another way the Dream Walker challenges you is when you're in the middle of a nightmare brought on by you or by others.

Wake up and don't struggle, for she reminds you that the Divine will lead you out of the bad dream and into a much better one. This, too, shall pass.

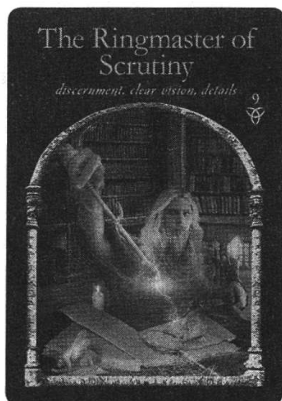
Be mindful that you have a unique and special purpose. You're always actively influencing your reality through your thoughts and reactions to life's challenges.



# 9

## THE RINGMASTER OF SCRUTINY

*discernment, clear vision, details*



### *Ally*

The Ringmaster of Scrutiny is all about the details. Look closely and pay attention to the smallest elements of what's being presented to you on your path. It's in these details, not the broad strokes, that you'll find the breathtaking beauty and perfection in what you observe.

This Ally is on your side to point to the deeper meaning of what unfolds in your life, and he reminds you that every moment counts. Staying present in this perfect moment, observing the minute things, leads you to manifest your highest good and greatest desires. Grand gestures are for other times. It's the smallest acts that really count now.

### *Challenger*

When the Ringmaster of Scrutiny appears as your Challenger, he warns you to observe your situation with discernment and clarity. It's time to see the flaws in the foundations you and others have built under you. It also seems that you may be getting caught up in the details of your dream when really it's time to leave them to the Divine. Perhaps you're worrying about the past and the future too much, forgetting that the dream is created in the Now time. Often the Ringmaster of Scrutiny also brings a warning to read the fine print and watch for hidden agendas when you're involved with others.

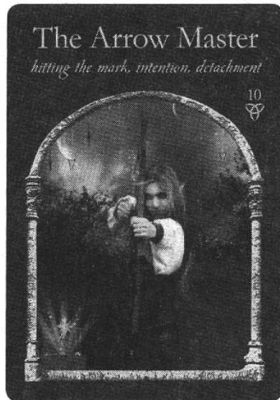
Don't worry—whatever your current challenge, things can be resolved as soon as you cultivate detachment and trust that the details will be taken care of once you turn them over to the Divine. The universe has an uncanny way of self-correcting when you get out of your own way.



# 10

## THE ARROW MASTER

*hitting the mark, intention, detachment*



### *Ally*

The Arrow Master appears to help you target your intentions and teaches you how to shoot straight for the stars. The message is to be deliberate about focusing your dreams and desires with intention and about aligning your intention with Spirit. Then let them fly on the wind, directed by the Divine, until they reach your goal.

The only way to hit the target is to allow the arrow of your intention to fly unencumbered by your eagerness to see it travel exactly the way you want it to go. You may think it needs to veer a certain way to reach your goal, but in the invisible realms, human power cannot make this happen. The Divine has its own idea of how the arrow flies and upon what wind it's carried. Nonetheless, if you don't shoot, you'll never score.

This is a fortunate message as long as you remember the Law of Detachment. If you do, then be assured that you're right on point!

### *Challenger*

The Arrow Master appears to let you know that if you continue on your present course, you could be shooting yourself in the foot. You're being challenged now to take a look at the motives behind why you want to reach your goal at all. Is this a path of true destiny or the lure of fantasy and ego desires? Are you setting your intention to win something away

from another or to get what you want whether or not it's good for all?

Remember, also, that life is not a competition. The concept of competition is flawed and encourages a perception of lack. Your time will come. Be very clear that you're pointing in the right direction, and don't chase your arrow. If your intention is to find an easier, softer way or a shortcut to your goal, it's time to give that up, since it won't work in the long run. Don't be seduced by quick, "get it now" ideas.

This is the time to ask for the highest intentions, to replace the old ones. Sometimes a new set of arrows and another target altogether are needed. Then you can never miss your mark.



11

## THE HAWK PRINCE

*Spirit communication, paying attention*



### *Ally*

The Hawk Prince appears with good news: He flies into your life to alert you that a message is coming to help you manifest your destiny! Expect a phone call, letter, e-mail, or conversation that lets you know the next step to take toward your greatest good, or to tell you that you've arrived at an important stage along your path.

The Hawk Prince is also the Ally for Spirit communication, so pay attention when you think you hear something important pop out at you on the radio, on TV, or in overhearing the conversations of strangers. Spirit is constantly in dialogue with you. Are you listening?

Stay open and expect Spirit to speak to you and show you the way to your prosperity in all aspects of your life.

### *Challenger*

The Hawk Prince challenges you to pay attention and listen to the warnings being sent your way. Are you pushing forward in spite of others' cautionings about the direction you're headed? Are you refusing to listen to your own inner voice?

Red flags are waving in the breeze, and you're being challenged to heed their message. When the Hawk Prince descends as your Challenger, it's an indication that something isn't quite right. Don't worry, though;

he always arrives just in time for you to let go of your old ideas and begin again. Spirit only wants the best for you!



## 12

# THE EAGLE KING

*the big picture, angelic help*



### *Ally*

The Eagle King is a sign that your highest destiny is within reach. You're on the right path now, even if you can't see where you're going. The Eagle King soars high above the mountains and valleys of life and is able to see the big picture when you seem to be lost in a bit of a fog. He makes a formidable Ally as he takes your prayers up toward the sun and

releases them to the Divine. They will be answered for the highest good of all.

It's a fortunate omen when the Eagle King decides to be your Ally.

### *Challenger*

The Eagle King challenges you to see a higher purpose to events. Not everything is meant to come to pass according to your specifications. If you can't see the forest for the trees, stand back for a while and let the Eagle King fly high on your behalf.

Perhaps it's time to speak to someone who has objectivity and an ability to see the bigger picture where you don't. Just remember that even when things don't go the way you expect, there's always a reason for the detour.



# 13

## THE SWAN QUEEN

*transformation, intuition, patience*



### *Ally*

The Swan Queen glides your way and asks that you look at your reflection in the events of your life. She gives you the ability to see the beauty that has transformed your life from ignorance to wisdom. The Swan Queen lets you know that it's time to go within and seek the answers in your own intuition.

Don't look outside yourself for answers now; the true power lies reflected in the still

waters within you. Now is the moment to meditate and ask for a vision. The power of psychic perception is inherent in you, and the Swan Queen will help you dive deep into your query to find the answers you seek.

This is also a reminder to allow time to transform ideas into reality. Nothing happens overnight.

### *Challenger*

When the Swan Queen appears to challenge you, it's time to stop doubting your inner voice. Don't let your analytical mind prevent you from seeing the miracles that Spirit places in front of you.

Another message the Swan Queen shows you in the mirror of your life is your fear of change. Why fear what's inevitable? Everything in life changes and transforms from one moment to the next. Holding on to the past only distorts and mangles the natural order of things.

If you can, in spite of your fear, be gentle with yourself and allow for change. Only beauty will come of it. Most important, a shift in perspective is what's called for now.



# 14

## THE HUNGRY GHOSTS

*obsessions, scarcity consciousness, attachment*



### *Ally*

When the Hungry Ghosts appear on your path, they may not at first seem like Allies because they represent your constant focus on the past and the consuming desire to know the future, which rob you of your true present. But, in fact, they are here in the service of alerting you to obsessive thinking and addictions: they're masters at magnifying repetitive behaviors.

The message is for you to examine whether you're doing the same thing over and over while expecting a different result. "This time will be different" and "I have control over this" are false statements and a sign of deep denial of the truth.

Now is the time to let go of that thinking. Surrender your will, your life, your heart's desires, and all that pains you to the Divine. Order will be restored in your world.

The Hungry Ghosts also bring understanding about the distractions of life that seduce you into forgetting what you really desire. They're asking you to become aware that what others want and what the culture dictates will make you happy may not be what's best for you.

Don't get caught up in outside appearances. All that glitters may not be gold—at least not for *you*. Look beyond the veneer and you will find the true substance in your life. You deserve nothing less.

### *Challenger*

When the Hungry Ghosts come to challenge, it's a sign that you've succumbed to the

\_fear of lack, which is whispering in your ear that you'll fail. Whatever it is you've intended, you've stayed too long in the desiring stage. Longing and yearning have become your constant state of mind.

Are you comparing your experience with others? Do you envy their success? Do you judge yourself only on your material accomplishments? Are you afraid that there will never be enough of anything and none of your dreams will be there upon awaking in reality? Perhaps you've turned to compulsive eating, shopping, working, or drinking to distract yourself.

Let go of the illusion of lack, and accept things as they are: perfect, abundant, meaningful expressions of the Divine. There will never be enough for the Hungry Ghosts that challenge you, for the only experience they know is scarcity. It's not your job to feed them. They will lose their power to haunt you. Trust in the abundance of Spirit.



15

# THE QUEEN OF THE LIGHT

*illumination, enlightenment, celebration*



## *Ally*

The Queen of the Light is a beautiful Ally and comes into your life to herald success in all your ventures. She illuminates the most important steps on your path and reminds you of your own brilliance. You're intelligent and inspired, and all your needs will be met. Remember that you're the instrument of the Divine shining through you in this world. You're on the correct path for your highest good.

The Queen also brings you insight into how you manifest your reality in the most miraculous ways. She promises that you'll be shown the next right action and celebrates you as you stand brilliant, joyful, and enlightened in the present time. You've worked hard to come this far. You can be proud to stand tall in your conviction that in your heart of hearts, you know the truth of your situation.

Rewards for your perseverance and willingness to learn are on their way. Gratitude and acceptance are key today.

### *Challenger*

The Queen of the Light challenges you to shine your light and not give in to fear. Are you hiding yourself for fear of rejection? Are you as afraid of success as you are of failure? The light of the Divine shining within you is the power that expresses through you. This, not your ego, is the authentic place of self-expression.

The Queen of the Light also challenges you to look at how you're affected by glitter,

glamour, and the superficial dreams of society. Are you mesmerized by false power? The material world is fleeting; nothing lasts forever. Make sure your intentions come from deep within you, and don't base them just on money or power or what you think love will do for you. Ask instead what *you* can offer, what *you* can give.

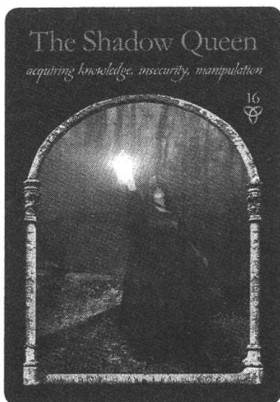
True wealth resides within peace, harmony, and a sense of purpose. Remember that Light isn't garish and cold, nor is it manufactured—it's warm and brilliant and natural. Give up the attachment to the outer goal, and if it's meant to be yours, it will surely come.



# 16

## THE SHADOW QUEEN

*acquiring knowledge, insecurity, manipulation*



### *Ally*

The Shadow Queen tells you that too many of the details hidden behind your circumstances prevent you from moving forward quickly at this time. She has come with a lantern to help shed light on what is concealed within you or your situation. This is the time to wait for more to be revealed.

Perhaps you lack clarity and the knowledge of how to proceed with the subject of

your inquiry. It's time to educate yourself a little more about your intention and then put that information to work for you. The Shadow Queen asks that you dig deep to gain strength and that you have the courage to ask someone "in the know" to shed light on your circumstances. She promises to send that person to you. Beware of moving too quickly in the dark, as you will likely trip and fall and have to start again.

### *Challenger*

The Shadow Queen gently asks you to address your innermost character flaws with compassion, for now it's time to bring your wounded self and hidden agendas into the light. You're seeing the tangible results of those aspects of your nature that have evolved in response to the difficulties in your life: they've been a means to help you survive.

Perhaps you're falling prey to insecurity masked as elitism and arrogance, believing that you know best; to comparing yourself with others; or to being fearful and self-sabotaging.

You may have been taught that manipulating others rather than being direct is the way to get your needs met. The Shadow Queen reminds you that manipulation in any form isn't the best method of getting what you want. Another meaning that can also apply is the possibility that you're being affected by someone else's wounded self. Perhaps *you* are the one being manipulated.

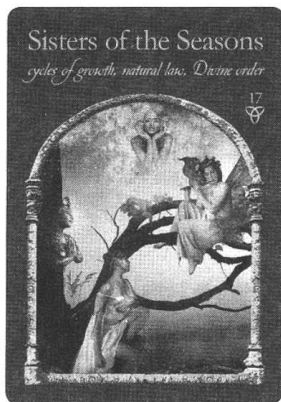
Whatever the case, it's time to take a fearless personal inventory and observe what part you play in the dramas and potential disasters in your life. When you come to the place of humility, forgiveness, and grace, then you may proceed again and walk into the Light. There is great value and strength in facing your own shadow in the realm of the Shadow Queen.



# 17

## SISTERS OF THE SEASONS

*cycles of growth, natural law, Divine order*



### *Ally*

When the Sisters of the Seasons meet you on your path, they remind you that everything has a natural rhythm that obeys a higher law. Just as the seasons magically pass, be reminded that the nature of birth, growth, harvest, and decay cannot be altered. So if you keep on your path with determination and discernment, allowing for the natural course of events to unfold, success is assured.

Divine appropriate timing is guiding your desires into perfect manifest form. This is a very good period to start new things, as you've moved out of winter into the beginning of spring. Continue with patience, and be aware of the rhythms of your opportunities. There will be periods when things slow down and begin anew, move into fruition, and then slow down again in a never-ending natural flow.

Be mindful of which Sister greets you, for she points directly at the next. Every moment counts now.

### *Challenger*

The Sisters of the Seasons send you a warning that you're trying to jump the gun and go from winter to summer without paying heed to spring, or skip from summer to winter without allowing for the possibility of autumn. Moving too quickly, looking for shortcuts, and artificially trying to prolong a hoped-for result will not yield what you

desire. There are no shortcuts. It's time to re-think your plans.

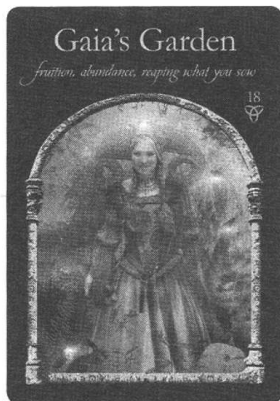
All four Sisters are Nature's cherished daughters, and all are important. Be careful of the difficulties they force you to endure when you try to trick them away from each other. Better to let Nature take her course. Her daughters will be very happy, and so will you if you let them express themselves in order.



18

## GAIA'S GARDEN

*fruition, abundance, reaping what you sow*



### *Ally*

In Gaia's Garden, you have everything you need to make your dreams come true. There is no shortage of anything, and you're constantly reminded of the Law of Supply. Gaia is the infinite Spirit manifest in all tangible things. She represents the abundance of Nature. When she comes to you as your Ally, she invites you to partake of all the blessings of Life. There will always be enough for everyone.

Success comes to you from the fruits of your intentions, and all is well with the world as a result.

This is also a sign to remind you to give thanks and maintain an attitude of humility and gratitude as your greatest good now manifests for you. Gaia's gifts are sweeter when you share them with others.

### *Challenger*

When Gaia appears as a Challenger in her Garden, she gently points out that you've forgotten to give back to the world. Or perhaps you've become lazy, expecting fruit to fall from the tree while you rest below its leaves. Gardens require tending, water, and food for the soil. Everything you have within you is needed in the world, so don't underestimate the power of what you have to offer.

Timely effort is called for when Gaia challenges you to help in her Garden. So ask not what you will get, but what you can give. You'll be pleasantly surprised by this change of perception. Be careful not to procrastinate

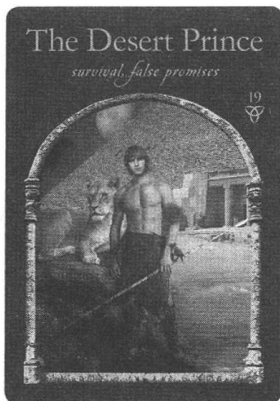
too much or the window of your current opportunity might close. Yet even if you do miss this one, as long as you're willing to help in the Garden, you will most certainly see another.



# 19

## THE DESERT PRINCE

*survival, false promises*



### *Ally*

When you stumble upon the Desert Prince, you receive a gift. The plant life that exists in the desert environment is well defended, tough, and succulent even though it gets little or no water. In spite of external conditions, extraordinary life can form and thrive.

Be tough, have courage, and dare to dream no matter what the circumstances. It may seem to be a hard time, but not only will

you survive—you will *thrive*. In spite of conditions, you'll succeed. Dry spells are also true tests of faith and courage. Expect nothing less than what is in your most precious dreams and watch miracles manifest.

### *Challenger*

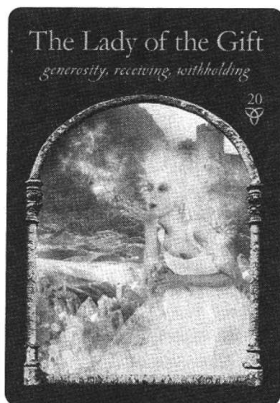
Don't be fooled by the beauty of the Desert Prince now, for you're being faced with a mirage. Sometimes you can't see the truth because your thirst for achievement and recognition may blind you to the true nature of your situation. Perhaps, too, circumstances prevent you from being able to see with clarity. Beware when faced with something that seems too perfect, miraculous, and easy. If you think it's too good to be true, *it is*.

Pay attention to false promises at this time. Don't be swayed by shortcuts and flattery. The best way out of this is to accept that every life has a desert period—just accept this for now, and cross it one step at a time. You will be led to green pastures and fresh, clean water with Divine appropriate timing.

## 20

### THE LADY OF THE GIFT

*generosity, receiving, withholding*



#### *Ally*

The Lady of the Gift brings a message of tithing. To be your Ally, she requires you to look at the nature and method of your giving to others. The world is your church, and you only need to distribute 10 percent of your wealth to others to ensure that the flow continues.

Yet, this doesn't necessarily mean giving money away, nor does it imply a direct action

of charity, even though the tradition of tithing is material. In fact, the kind of tithing the Lady asks of you isn't tangible or material at all. She's asking you to look at all human beings as important in the Divine scheme of things and show others that you believe in them.

Pay attention to how you treat people; and be mindful of your perception, even of seemingly "poor" strangers. If you see others as successful and abundant, and act as if you believe they have value, blessings all around are assured. Your belief in others has greater value than you could fathom. This alone guarantees your success long-term. Remember that you can only keep what you're willing to give.

### *Challenger*

The Lady of the Gift says that the act of withholding isn't welcome in her world. In fact, withholding information is another way to lie. Are *you* doing this? Perhaps someone is doing it *to* you: withholding something in

order to keep you manipulated and controlled so you believe deep down you're not quite good enough. Now is the time for you to address the concept of withholding. If you see this in any aspect of your life, it's time for a change.

Giving to others with the idea of getting something in return is also being warned against here. The best way out of this mire is to give with honesty and with an open heart—and without expectation. The Lady of the Gift challenges you to be generous and compassionate. You can always start again.



# 21

## THE WISE WOMAN OF WONDERLAND

*integrity, compromise*



### *Ally*

The Wise Woman of Wonderland brings integrity to thought, word, and deed. She lets you know that as long as you're in the flow of honesty and being true to your word, she keeps you under her protection and care.

When she appears as your Ally, she signals a time when honesty pays off, yielding greater dividends than you expected. You'll

be thankful that you remained faithful and loyal to your path. She reminds you that compromise isn't always an option. Stay true to yourself first and foremost. Although it may appear that you could lose something as a result, you can never lose what is truly yours.

### *Challenger*

When the Wise Woman of Wonderland appears as a Challenger, this is a sign that you may have compromised yourself out of fear. Have you been in denial about the truth of your situation? Have you sold yourself short rather than ask for what you really need? Have you given up your dream for another because you fear abandonment?

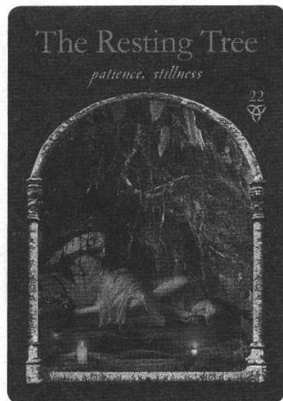
The Wise Woman of Wonderland is gently reminding you that you count. Claim your good and never settle for less. Be fearless and make it so! Why hang around for more disappointment when wonderful adventures and opportunities are waiting to unfold for you?



## 22

# THE RESTING TREE

*patience, stillness*



### *Ally*

The Resting Tree is a sign for you to stop focusing and planning and be at peace in the moment. This is the representative of nonaction and relaxation. Patience is the key to being with this Ally.

The Resting Tree asks you to slow down, sit back, and watch the roses bloom and the birds feed in the meadow. This isn't the time to forge ahead in any way. You may not be

taking enough breaks, so you're invited to be still and contemplate your good fortune, even if it means blessing the chaos in your life. This is a sign to allow everything to fall away except the stillness of the moment; it's like living within the space between breaths.

When the Resting Tree appears, it signals that you've done all you can for now and it's time to unwind and allow your story to unfold of its own accord. You've earned the right to rest and relax. Amazing ideas will come if you do. Remember the ancient saying "We do without doing and everything gets done."

### *Challenger*

The Resting Tree appearing as a Challenger asks you to consider if you're so frenetic that all you can think about is how stressed you are. Running around and overdoing anything only makes you into a human "doing," not a human "being." This is a sign to be careful or you may become physically ill, or at the very least, unable to enjoy your life.

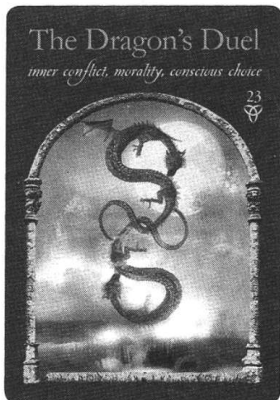
Be still. It's time to meditate and take time out or you'll make some mistakes that you may regret later. Don't worry; all those things you're trying to manage will still be there when you're ready to move forward again. Only then will you have a clearer head with which to think.



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## THE DRAGON'S DUEL

*inner conflict, morality, conscious choice*



### *Ally/Challenger*

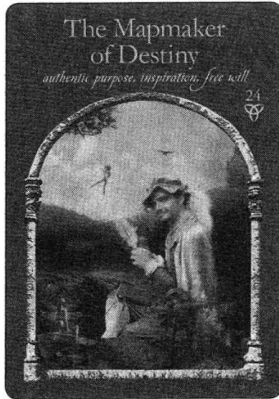
The Dragon's Duel takes place at the proverbial fork in the road. It's both Ally and Challenger at once, as it represents the tension of opposites. Even though the truth is that we live in unity, we experience the duality of faith and doubt, love and fear, right and wrong, black and white. This aspect of your current experience asks you to accept that although you may

be going one way, another may call to you to change direction.

Now is the time to inquire whether it's your ego or your soul leading you. There are always choices in life. Decision making also solves inner conflict. If you're torn between two dragons, the one that you chose to feed will be the one that wins. Which is it? If it's not the one that serves the highest of your intentions, deliberately feed the other and the duel will be won in your favor.



## THE MAPMAKER OF DESTINY

*authentic purpose, inspiration, free will****Ally/Challenger***

When the Mapmaker of Destiny appears, it's a sign that you're being given an opportunity to transform Fate into Destiny. At birth, each human being is given a unique map with myriad paths that intersect with one another. Your Map of Destiny shows all the places you're meant to visit, places where you will be challenged to evolve into the highest aspects of the Self.

Remember that you're a spark of the Divine come to Earth to experience Itself in human form. As such, your path is unique. It's also somewhat preordained, and Fate represents the events in your life that were meant to happen and that you can't change. Fate is transformed into Destiny according to how you respond to your circumstances. Destiny offers you the ability to make great opportunities out of fated experience, so free will and choice are possible at certain points on your map.

*Now* is one of those times. You're faced with a relationship or circumstance brought to you by Fate. How you respond will lead you into your perfect Destiny. Your Ally may assume the form of a soul mate come to heal your heart and be your companion. Perhaps your Challenger makes you face the things within you that must change in order for you to express your highest good. Maybe Fate brings you an Ally in the form of a wonderful new project . . . or a Challenger in the form of a failed business.

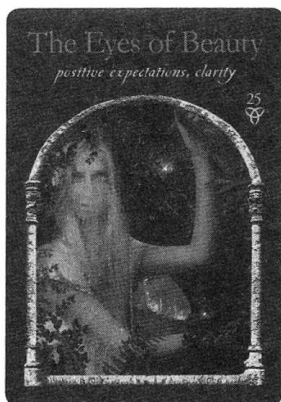
No matter which form they take, all are perfect expressions of Fate inviting you into your Destiny. Pay attention as your map unfolds now. And remember that Fate makes the map, but Destiny is determined by the manner in which you engage your journey.



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# THE EYES OF BEAUTY

*positive expectations, clarity*



### *Ally*

When the Eyes of Beauty show up as your Ally, they require you to examine your perceptions. Do you see the world as perfect and beautiful? Can you retrace your steps from your past to now and see the perfection in the way reality has been created?

Truly, perception is everything. A glass half-empty is the same as a glass half-full, yet so different according to how it's perceived.

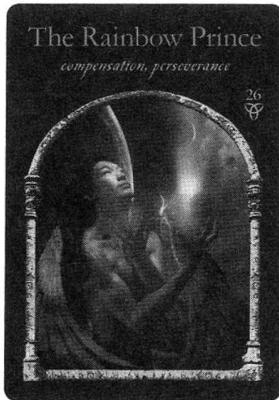
The Eyes of Beauty remind you that if you move forward with conviction, all is well now and always will be. You will see true prosperity as a result. Expect to see beauty and you will attract your highest good.

### *Challenger*

As a Challenger, the Eyes of Beauty are a sign that self-centered fear, expressed through harsh judgment, is behind your current circumstances. Are you seeing only the flaws in your circumstances or in another person? Are you looking at what is wrong instead of what could be made right? If you take some time to adjust your eyes and see things exactly as they are, you cannot help but admire their perfection.

Release your expectations and demands, and be with the truth of the way things are now. You're whole and beautiful and perfect, and what you observe is, too. It may not be exactly what you want, but perhaps in shifting your vision, you will find clarity and will see that it's exactly what you need at this time. A total shift in perception is what is required now.

## THE RAINBOW PRINCE

*compensation, perseverance**Ally*

When the Rainbow Prince appears as your Ally, he reminds you about the Law of Compensation and the Law of Receiving. After the rainstorm you've endured on your journey, the Rainbow Prince brings you a pot of gold, which is the result of your using all the elements of your inner Light and reaching into the sky until you touch the material realm from one end to the other. This isn't

always an easy process, and hard work must be rewarded by compensation. When you align yourself with the energy of giving the highest value, your compensation is inherent in the act itself.

But the message here is more than that: the Rainbow Prince says to keep your sights on the sky after the rainstorms that may have upset your life. Follow your bliss to the pot of gold waiting for you. Perseverance pays off, and your reward will be greater than you can imagine.

### *Challenger*

The Rainbow Prince is telling you that you need to address how committed you are to your path. Have you been giving of yourself only as a means to control the situation? His gentle advice is to practice giving fully of yourself, devote all your attention when you're with someone, and be completely present in all areas of your life. When you do so, you will receive more than you're trying to get by being the way you are now.

The other warning is that you may be giving too much and not allowing yourself to be compensated. This may keep you in victim mode, always looking for what's unfair. Perhaps it's time to stop giving so much and instead be willing to receive. It may not be comfortable, but you deserve it, so why not allow it? Let yourself be vulnerable. Therein lies great strength.



## THE SACRED UNION

*partnership, romance**Ally*

The Sacred Union is all about beautiful, true partnership. It shows you that Spirit is listening and is always by your side, helping you co-create your greatest desires and manifest your destiny. When you receive this Ally, know that you're never alone on your path. Partnership with the Divine is yours whenever you need help.

The Sacred Union also represents the coming together of all kinds of harmonious alliances: friendship, family, business, and of course, romance. No matter what the form, this message pertains to the value of partnership and reminds you to observe the gifts bestowed upon you by this Sacred Union. This is a very positive omen.

### *Challenger*

The Sacred Union as your Challenger warns you to be careful of your associations at this time. You may be entering into a situation that will cause more aggravation and drama than you can handle.

Be mindful, as well, of addictive tendencies in making partnership commitments. Are you choosing from an obsessive need to distract yourself from moving forward in your life? Are you ignoring your red flags in order to change the course of events to suit you? Could it be possible that you're the recipient of mixed messages?

This is a time to put a little distance between you and your query. More will be revealed to help you make the correct choice to support your soul's growth.



## THE ICE QUEEN

*ideas preserved, nonaction, entitlement*

*Ally*

The Ice Queen has come to block your movement for your highest good. Let your ideas be preserved until later. You can thaw them out and use them at another time when they will best serve.

The realm of the Ice Queen is the place of nonaction, and now is a perfect time to take a look at how far you've come and to ask yourself for a reclarification of your highest goals.

Not all your plans can be accomplished at this moment. In fact, putting them on ice allows for the perfect timing later on. Don't be too hasty in trying to reach your goal. An even better one will present itself if you surrender and spend the winter with the Ice Queen.

Perhaps, too, you're trying to do too many things at once. This is a good occasion to choose only one thing to focus on and let the Ice Queen put the others in the deep freeze until a more appropriate time. She'll let you know when it's time to let them thaw.

### *Challenger*

When the Ice Queen comes to challenge you, she asks you to look at the illusion of ownership. Do you believe you truly "own" anything in this world? For example, do any of us really own land . . . do we own ideas? Or is it that we have simply laid claim to something we believe we're entitled to? Even inspiration is borrowed from Spirit and shared by all in the Field of Divine Consciousness that permeates everything. Others have thought

of even your most ingenious ideas somewhere else in time . . . and so what?

Life incarnate is short. When you transition, you take nothing with you from the material world. The Ice Queen calls upon you to release your hold on your relationships, your belongings, your home, and all aspects of your life. Let life flow as it will.

Everything is impermanent. Once you recognize that, everything is seen as the living miracle that it really is, and you won't be frozen into self-induced limitations. It's time to let go of ownership in general and be grateful for and enjoy what you've been gifted with.



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## THE PHOENIX

*resurrection, surrender to change*



### *Ally*

The Phoenix appears as your Ally to celebrate your journey and to ensure your ultimate success. This is true even if it appears that you've just passed through a metaphorical experience of death or are currently enduring a perception of failure in your life.

Death and rebirth are related when you enter the realm of the Phoenix. Seen in this light, nothing truly dies, but rather changes

from one ending directly into new beginnings. The Phoenix is constantly reinventing itself and rises up whole and new and even more powerful with every death it experiences. This could signal an end of a relationship—or of a dynamic within one—or an end of a job, a project, or even a life.

Perhaps no failure is involved, but it's time for a complete overhaul of your circumstances. You may be tired of what you're doing, or you may know intuitively that it's time to move on and try something new. Whatever the case, a death of the old and a celebration of new life are called for! Whatever you do now will indeed be a successful endeavor, for a rebirth is imminent!

### *Challenger*

When the Phoenix challenges you, it's really just a gentle reminder to let go and let what doesn't work fall away. Maybe you're not allowing things to change because you're more comfortable with the familiar, even if

you know that it's not the best you could create for yourself.

Fear of change is a crippling experience, as it works against Nature itself. The task at hand is to allow for an ending, as it's timely and right that you do so for the highest good of all. In surrendering to the fundamental purposeful change, you will most definitely find yourself in better circumstances. The action needed is *allowing*. A rebirth is assured.



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## THE CHESS QUEEN

*trust, strategizing*



### *Ally*

The Chess Queen has all the tools you need to aid you in your quest for a life of purpose, peace, and prosperity. When she arrives as your Ally, you're given the task of asking Spirit for a vision of your life. Ask, also, to know the right actions to ensure your part in this process of unfolding. Then, with a sense of trust, allow the strategy to be given unto you by the Divine. Are your own goals and

desires in alignment with the Divine Plan for your life?

This is a reminder that there is *your* plan, and then there is the *Divine* Plan for your life. When you're in alignment with the latter, all manner of messages are delivered to aid you in taking the next right action for your life. The Chess Queen says that you will win this game as long as you let Spirit choose your moves. Follow your bliss and the inspired messages delivered by your soul. You cannot lose when you enter the realm of the Chess Queen and she appears as your Ally.

### *Challenger*

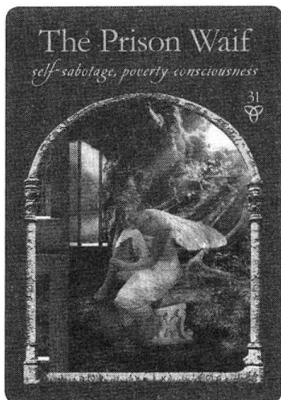
When the Chess Queen arrives to challenge you, it simply means that you're living too much in your head: planning, scheming, and strategizing what your future will look like and how and when it will unfold. Remember the saying "Man plans and God laughs"? You cannot know the power and beauty that is meant for you until you let go and ask for Divine guidance. The laws of cause and effect

apply here. Don't dictate what you want, as your wants may be not in your highest good. Ask instead for the miracles set aside for you and you alone.

What does Spirit want for you? Perhaps it's time to let go and turn your life over to the care of a Higher Power. You can never lose when Spirit plays the game of life on your behalf.



## THE PRISON WAIF

*self-sabotage, poverty consciousness**Ally*

When the Prison Waif arrives in his realm as your Ally, he comes to remind you of the Law of Paradoxical Intent. Your own self-sabotaging thoughts and hidden beliefs are, in fact, preventing you from your highest good. You might believe that you're doing all you can to manifest your reality, but perhaps you're giving in to thoughts such as the following:

- *I can't do this.*
- *I'm unworthy.*
- *I'll fail, so why try?*
- *I don't deserve this.*
- *I'm unlovable.*

In fact, you're locked in a prison of your own making. That's good news, because it means you have the key to let yourself out. This is a sign that you need to spend some time with yourself addressing those beliefs that counter your hard work to get ahead. You can change them if you want to. You don't *want* to stay in prison, do you?

Take inventory of your thoughts, let yourself out of jail, and spend a few minutes outdoors in gratitude. It's time to let the sunshine in.

### *Challenger*

Are you a prisoner of worry, distrust, cynicism, and fear? Do you constantly tell yourself that there's not going to be enough? Or do you see only lack and poverty wherever you look?

Perhaps your expectations of negative results and repercussions serve to keep you imprisoned by your own thoughts. Do you feel that you're not allowed success in life? When the Prison Waif comes as your Challenger, he warns you that you're now seeing in your life the results of those negative thoughts and expectations.

If you don't like what you see, it's time to transform the way you see it. If you aren't happy with your life, change your thoughts: that alone has the power to change your life. Difficulties are learning curves right now. Just remember that this prison won't hold you for long. Take the time to learn about mistakes; the lessons ensure later and greater success.



## THE SUN DANCERS

*joyful activity, celebration of life, abundance*

***Ally***

As your Ally, the Sun Dancers celebrate you now and remind you of the laws of success and praise. Anything you place your attention on will manifest an experience, so the laws are always perfect. Expect the best and praise it in advance. This unleashes the magic of mystical magnetic energy, drawing circumstances to you to create the reality you envision.

Give thanks in advance for the grace and goodwill of the Divine. Be willing to dance the victory dance as if your greatest dreams are realized, and watch how easily things begin to fall into place. Stay positive and leave the timing up to the Divine. All things are possible now. Dance the joy of being, and celebrate your life and abundance today!

### *Challenger*

Beware of losing yourself in your dreams of the future when the Sun Dancers come to challenge you. Their message is sweet and simple: stop what you're doing and go have some fun. Celebrate what is and don't worry about what will be or what could be. Be here and now . . . just *be*, just for today.

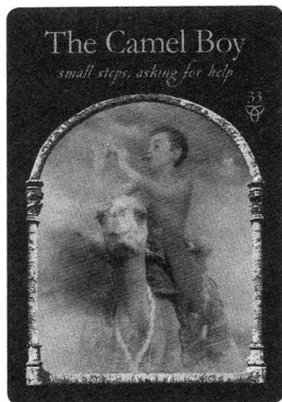
You will find your answers, but only after you've made time to play. Tomorrow, after all, is another day, and the sun will rise again to shed its warmth and light on all that needs clarity. You can count on it.



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## THE CAMEL BOY

*small steps, asking for help*



### *Ally*

When the Camel Boy comes as your Ally, he reminds you that asking for help will bring in the right people to ease the burden of your life. Perhaps a wise person appears to give you advice. Maybe you're moving and suddenly a couple of friends offer to give you a hand with your packing. Or you want information about someone and you just happen to run into his former partner, who gives

you the knowledge you need to make the decision you've been weighing.

No matter the issue, this is a sign that if you ask, you will receive what you need. Synchronicity is engaged when you request assistance. The Camel Boy never lets you down when you ask for help in lightening your load. Now is the time to do so—and to expect to get it.

### *Challenger*

The Camel Boy challenges you to stop the course of action you're on and get busy with mundane chores. Nothing can happen right now to move you forward in your inquiry any more quickly. This is the time to chop wood and carry water. Attend to your home, wash your car, and "declutter" your closets. A spring-cleaning is in order! You may also need a spring-cleaning of your thoughts. Meditation would help, too.

That said, if you do all the small things now, the big ones are accomplished as if by

magic—and always when you've stopped trying to do it all at once and all by yourself.

Another message is a warning to stop attempting to accomplish everything single-handedly, expecting that no one will ever come to help. Try *letting* them. Now is the time to relinquish control.



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## THE WINGED WISE ONES

*angelic help, miraculous aid*



### *Ally*

Always Allies and never Challengers, the Winged Wise Ones represent the aid of all the angels. When you enter their realm, know that your sincere prayers will be answered according to the will of the Divine. This also represents Divine intervention and the potential of miracles to heal and transform as if by magic.

Have faith, whatever your circumstances: Heavenly beings are watching over you. The Winged Wise Ones give you a glimpse of the future by offering messages whispered on the wind. These are translated within you as inspired thought, instantly unraveling the past and revealing the present.

Be aware of the Higher Consciousness in you. This is a good time to observe your thoughts through meditation. Who is observing those thoughts? That Self is kin to the Winged Wise Ones, who have come to help you soar.



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## THE LADY OF LIGHTNING

*surprises, sometimes shock; total paradigm shift*



### *Ally*

As an Ally, the Lady of Lightning brings powerful forces of change into your life. She tells you to expect a sudden shift in your circumstances. Perhaps a situation you weren't anticipating arises and offers you the opportunity of a lifetime, or a series of "Aha!" moments culminates in a pivotal flash of insight causing everything to change "just like that." Maybe someone enters your life and pushes

you to new heights. You may have a brilliant idea that hits you like lightning.

Be prepared; change is imminent, and a total paradigm shift may be upon you. Don't resist the changes, as this kind of lightning isn't something you want to fight. Great things are happening when the Lady of Lightning appears.

### *Challenger*

Unpleasant news, an unexpected shock, or an overall sense of powerlessness are the aspects you may experience when the Lady of Lightning appears as your Challenger. This is a time when you may be forced to make a change you don't want to make. A situation may suddenly turn in a different direction than you'd hoped it would.

This is a sign of difficulty and unwanted surprises. But consider the idea of a thunderstorm and how beautiful and charged with electricity the world is after it passes. It *will* always pass, because that is the nature of the

storm. Your difficulties will, too, as that is the way of things as well.

In the realm of the Lady of Lightning, it's prudent to engage the Law of Nonresistance. Relax and wait out the storm in the shelter of your faith and goodwill, trusting that all will be well even if it doesn't seem like it in the moment. Wonderful new life has an opportunity to grow when the storm passes. The Lady of Lightning would much prefer to be your Ally anyway.



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## THE RIVER QUEEN

*flow, letting go, natural movement*



### *Ally*

The River Queen flows into your life as an Ally to remind you about the concept of allowing and the Law of Nonattachment. Remember that all rivers come from the mountains and run to the sea to be absorbed by the larger body of water. There the liquid evaporates into clouds that rain on the mountains to continue an endless cycle of fluidity.

The River Queen requires *you* to be fluid and to let go of rigidity and perfectionism. You will travel far as long as you let go and let flow, even maneuvering around the greatest blockages like water streams around big boulders. No obstacle can hold you back now if you're willing to surrender to the natural flow of events. Be easy on yourself and others, and watch how smoothly you move forward. You may be surprised where the river takes you.

### *Challenger*

Turbulent waters and rapids to cross are directly ahead for you. You have no boat to navigate now; it's just you in the water, going where it takes you.

That said, although the River Queen is your Challenger here, she has no intention of letting you go under. Even when there's a waterfall ahead, there is no reason to fear. The River Queen will help you over it so you can splash down again in the gentle waters of the

river below, flowing with renewed purpose to the sea.

Be fearless now and go with the current of events. This can be an adventure!



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THE METAL KING  
*discipline, armor, boundaries*



*Ally*

The Metal King is strong and arrives to lend you his impenetrable shield of protection. No matter who sends you criticism or jealousy, you will not be hurt.

This Ally also prompts you to think about setting healthy boundaries. When you do—no matter how uncomfortable that task may be—everyone will benefit. He asks you to make sure you know where you end and another begins.

Others' emotions are *not* yours, no matter how empathetic you may be.

Another of the Metal King's messages is to remind you how important it is to have a healthy sense of self-esteem. It's a good time to shine and be proud of what you have accomplished.

### *Challenger*

Be mindful of codependency and enmeshment when the Metal King comes as your Challenger. He's inviting you to address how overwhelmed you may be around other people. Do you pick up their feelings like a sponge? Do you feel you need to heal *them* so that *you* feel better?

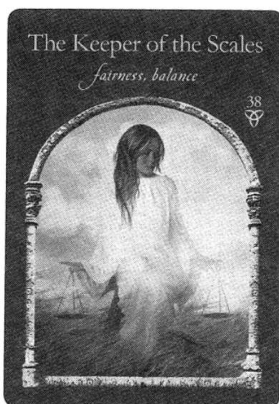
Get grounded. Be clear about your own personal boundaries, and restrain yourself when you feel like jumping in to help without being asked. This is also a warning against forming unhealthy relationships in any area of your life.



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## THE KEEPER OF THE SCALES

*fairness, balance*



### *Ally*

The Law of Harmony is enacted when the Keeper of the Scales comes to you as an Ally. Align with her as the law states, making conscious choices that create balance in your life. When you do, you also magically align with the abundance of the Universe and the powerful forces of synchronicity. This creates conditions and possibilities that lead to the fulfillment of your highest intentions.

Harmony begins with the self and then resonates outward to others. You're in harmony with yourself when you nurture yourself with love, respect, and acceptance, always fully taking responsibility for your actions. Only then can you be in harmony with others. This is because love is the central force that connects all of life and aligns you with like-minded others.

Another message is restoration and the positive, fair resolution in all disputes, including those involving the legal system or other important exchanges. The Keeper of the Scales is a just and kind Ally, always making sure balance is activated on your path.

### *Challenger*

Events are turning your life upside down, and you may be dizzy and confused. Are you feeling that life is unfair for you right now? Do you believe others are getting ahead and leaving you behind? Could your ego be throwing things off? Your pride and self-centeredness may be weighing down the scales.

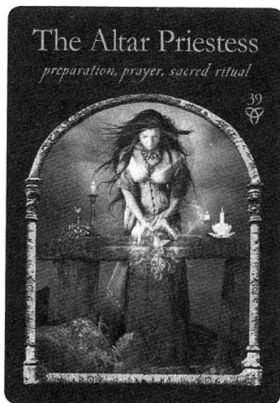
Another message could pertain to the behavior of others throwing your life out of whack. Are you around drama that causes you to become ungrounded or caught up in it?

The Keeper of the Scales says that it's time to take a break. Do whatever is necessary to bring yourself back into balance. Let go of all people, behaviors, or conditions that bring you into disharmony. You will be very grateful when balance is restored and you're off the roller coaster.

Remember that what goes around, comes around. Justice will be served one way or another, and harmony will be restored.



## THE ALTAR PRIESTESS

*preparation, prayer, sacred ritual**Ally*

The stage is set, and the world is waiting for you to take your place in sacred meditation and prayer. As your Ally, the Altar Priestess brings the ritual of reverent interaction with the mundane world. You're being required now to see everything as sacred, all of life as a meditation, and every action as a prayer of devotion. When you're able to perceive the

world in this way, your question will lead you to the appropriate answer.

If all is sacred, how can anything be wrong? Ask how you can shift your consciousness to see your circumstances through the eyes of the Divine and you will realize how perfect and sacred everything is right now.

### *Challenger*

Are you degrading yourself in any way or lessening the importance of your impact in your world? Have you allowed someone to dishonor you? Have you failed to stand up for your beliefs in order to get something you want? The Altar Priestess warns that continuing on this path could bring you trouble, as you may be aligning yourself with lower ideas as your companions.

Another message she brings you is this: never sell yourself short when it comes to your intuition. You're always led to the highest ground when you follow your inner guidance.

An important responsibility is brought to you when the Altar Priestess comes as your Challenger. You're being required to be a spiritual warrior and to have courage. Be ready, respect yourself, and believe in your purpose, as you're being chosen to be the embodiment of the Sacred in the world. In essence, you're challenged to be the best you that you can be out there. You can do it, and Spirit is counting on it.



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## THE FIRE PRINCE

*optimism, aggression*



### *Ally*

When the Fire Prince arrives as your Ally, he lets you know that he represents the invisible forces behind all manner of manifestation, and he brings you the gift of optimism. You will be rightly inspired to move forward and take confident and assertive action to reach your goal.

Envisioning the path of the highest good with an optimistic outlook, the Fire Prince

also brings you the gift of a miracle. Things come together as if by magic to create the reality you seek.

You have every reason to be hopeful. Move forward, knowing that you have everything you need and more. Just remember to share the enthusiasm, believe in others, and be optimistic for them, too, and your good fortune will multiply.

### *Challenger*

There are a couple messages delivered by the Fire Prince, so take heed as one or both could pertain to you now. Be mindful of starting a fire you can't put out. Aggressive action results in loss; slow down and don't be so eager to reach your goal. Stay clear of someone else's unbridled ambition and aggression as well. If you think you could get burned, you most certainly will—unless you remove yourself from the action.

When the Fire Prince arrives as a Challenger, he could also be warning you to be careful of burnout. This might pertain to

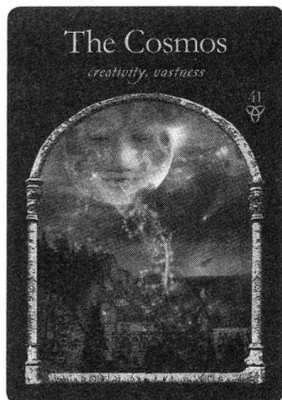
workaholism or obsessively focusing on something you want, excluding all else. You may be afraid to let go, but you must. If you keep going the way you are, truly you won't have any energy left, nor will you see your way through your path. It's easy to get lost in the dark where there is no flame to light the way.



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## THE COSMOS

*creativity, vastness*



### *Ally*

The Cosmos appears always as an Ally and never as a Challenger. Creativity in all forms is represented by the Cosmos. This is a sign to place your attention on creative projects . . . they will be successful. Remember that all of life is creative, and you're always co-creating with the Divine.

The Cosmos also represents the principle of infinity and the vastness of the energetic

exchange of consciousness influencing all living things. This teaches us that every intention we set is, in fact, contagious, with the power to influence others. We're entangled at our deepest energetic place, so we can't help but have an effect on others—from an individual level to a global one.

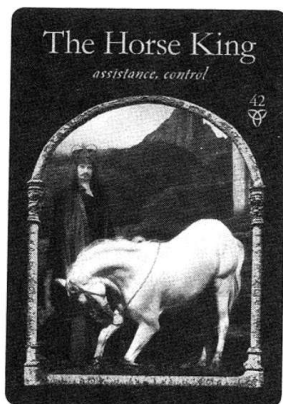
This is a sign to remind you to open up to the well of creativity deep within you and be mindful of your thoughts and actions: both are influencing your outer world. Most important, keep taking action toward your goals, as the Cosmos responds perfectly to manifest your highest Destiny. Expect to be inspired and to meaningfully touch others with all that you create!



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## THE HORSE KING

*assistance, control*



### *Ally*

The Horse King always comes to lend you the power to go the distance, forging ahead whatever the weather. You will most certainly reach your perfect destination with this noble Ally. He lets you know that some person or circumstance brought through synchronicity will certainly appear to help you with your endeavors. You aren't meant to go this part of the journey alone.

This is also an important time to delegate authority to others so that they may assist you. Currently you're magnetic to powerful people who are in a position to help make your dreams come true. The Horse King asks that you remain open to those who are sent to aid you. You can be assured that you will be lifted up and will ride high in victory.

### *Challenger*

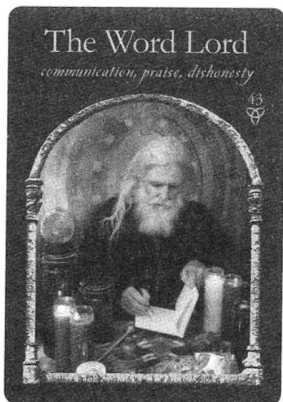
The Horse King wants to know why you think you can do everything by yourself. Keeping control of everything around you is counterproductive and exhausting. You may lose an important opportunity if you insist on being stubborn. The Horse King is patient, however, and will wait for you to come to your senses and accept the help you need. You won't be able to reach your goal otherwise.

Yet the Horse King says that all it takes is a decision to jump on his back, ask for help, and graciously allow yourself to be carried to your destination. Let go of control and amazing things can happen for you.

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## THE WORD LORD

*communication, praise, dishonesty*



### *Ally*

The Word Lord rules communication of all kinds and lets you know that positive interactions can be expected when he arrives as your Ally. He only speaks with positive words and praises all he sees. He reminds you of the laws of Abundance and Praise. When you bless the world, it blesses you back. When you say affirming, supportive words, they carry an energy that returns to you in physical form.

Remember that each one has power and will resonate into the Universe, seeking its reflection in manifest form.

Your body responds to praise, as does everything in the world around you. Praise it for its inherent health and beauty. Applaud yourself for everything you do, as even the tiniest accomplishments are important. Praise your bills: give thanks for the services you enjoy, and watch the ability to pay them increase as you align with Spirit's increasing power.

This is also a time to remember the powerful practice of affirmations. Write them down and speak them aloud as a spiritual exercise. Say it is so—and it *will* be. It's a very auspicious sign when the Word Lord chooses to be your Ally.

### *Challenger*

When the Word Lord appears as your Challenger, he gently warns of untruths, denial, and unsupportive thoughts and words in any area of your life. If you've been dishonest in any way, it's time to make amends. Change your tune; otherwise, your impact on the world

will not be as effective as you would like. Even if you were to be successful as an immediate result, there would be a price to pay later.

If others are being unsupportive toward you, know that it's *them*, not you. Don't take this world personally. Remember that you don't have to engage others when they project their own fears and negativity onto you.

Another message here is about how you speak about yourself. Do you say self-deprecating words? Do you minimize yourself so as not to intimidate others? Do you refer to yourself as less than beautiful? Time to change those unconscious statements now! It's not difficult to change things, as we are always given a choice to make new decisions. As long as you remain positive and supportive, the rest will quickly melt away until all you perceive is the highest good for all. All you need is a desire to change and be positive and the Word Lord will help you win the game of life!



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## THE LADY OF THE MIRROR

*reflection, nonjudgment*



### *Ally/Challenger*

The Lady of the Mirror is both Ally and Challenger, asking you to see yourself in the mirror made by the events in your life. She represents the powerful force of the Law of Attraction and reminds you that what you *are* is what you *attract*.

This isn't to say that you need to blame yourself for inviting transgressions or if you find yourself a victim of a big-picture event—

say, a war. This is a distorted interpretation of this law. Certain events are fated to test our faith.

Rather, find yourself within the web woven through your life—your relationships, opportunities, desires, seeming failures, and successes. Observe how you've responded to life's challenges, great and small, and be aware of what is familiar in the present. Release all judgment, and accept things exactly as they are with love.

The Lady of the Mirror asks that you honor every part of your story as essential to your highest unfolding. Can you see yourself as being exactly where you need to be on your path? Do you love what you see in the mirror? Can you perceive your part in your reactions and the motives behind your current inquiry? You will find your answer in a thorough and honest self-appraisal.



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