

Tarot Cards

Tarot cards have been used in divination in many cultures throughout history. When you first look at them, you may think they are a very ornate deck of playing cards. You wouldn't be far off.

There are four different suits each containing four court cards and ten numbered cards. That's where the similarity ends.

There are also 21 Major Arcana cards. These are the cards you have probably heard about, *The Fool, The Lovers, Death*, are examples. One card can mean one thing for you and something entirely different for your friend. It depends on the layout of the cards in relation to one another and to the reader.

Card layouts and reading interpretations can vary by reader. I use a particular layout that seems to work for me. Other readers I have seen use different cards and different layouts. Generally speaking, the meanings of the cards are similar from one deck to the next and from one reader to another.



Tarot Journey

People often have several questions when I tell them I read Tarot Cards. First, however, I get the "look". The "look" initially says to me, 'Can she read my mind? Can she tell that I wasn't really paying attention to her?'. The answers are 'No' and 'Yes'.

This pamphlet was designed to answer the most common questions. Of course, others always crop up and I gladly address them.

Enjoy.

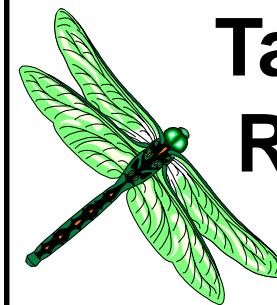
Bumbled Beginnings

My interest in Tarot Cards really kicked in while I was on Spring Break in 1991 - an appropriate beginning, if you know me. I was in New Orleans - a fitting place to leap into the unknown - and had just had my palms read. A friend and I went into a mystical shop to have our Tarot Cards read. I was fascinated. The proprietor sold me my first deck and told me that I would be famous for this one day; people would seek me out. I thought "blah, blah, blah, whatever."

Here I am!

It wasn't until about ten years later that I realized I could enjoy this and provide entertainment for others. I studied the cards, acquired several other decks, tried different divination methods including Runes, and started reading cards for my friends.

That's the abridged version.



Tarot Card Readings

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*For entertainment
purposes only.
Please don't live your
life based on what
I see in the cards.*



Frequently Asked Questions



Q. *How many decks are there?*

A. There are hundreds and hundreds of Tarot decks. Each culture defines its own. Even different artists create decks that express their unique style. I would create my own deck, but I can't draw. I could make the Stick Figure Tarot, I guess. I presently have six decks.

Q. *What are other ways to read fortunes or divine?*

A. Many different divination methods exist. Again, it may depend on culture or religion. Tarot is common. You also have palm reading, tea leaves, Runes, iridology, auras, crystal ball gazing, psychics/mediums, to name a few.

Q. *Can you tell me my future?*

A. You will sit in front of me and absorb every word I have to say! You will be amazed and thrilled and want to tell all of your friends about Madame Pauline!

Q. *Is this Black Magic? Are we conjuring the Devil?*

A. I have studied Tarot for several years and have found it to be entertaining, thought provoking and beautiful. Take a look at the cards - the artwork is quite stunning. I often explain that many cultures try to find answers to those questions that don't seem to have answers. While I have been moved by readings, my own and others, I don't recommend taking the process too seriously. Of course, I don't recommend taking life too seriously either.

Q. *Will you tell me anything bad?*

A. While Tarot was, and still is in many circles, used to divine the future, I prefer to think of it as a means to help you answer questions or sort through problems and issues. When I ask that you have a particular question in mind, I prefer something a bit soul-searching, if you will. "Will I win the lottery," won't be answered, but "What steps should I take in improving my money situation?" may offer a better reading. I am not psychic and cannot tell if you are going to die tomorrow or ever. I merely read and relate what the cards say to me. Even cards that sound bad don't necessarily bode poorly for you.

Q. *How many readings can you get at any one time?*

A. I don't know of a rule about simultaneous readings; however, in my experience, only one. More than one reading doesn't generate anything accurate. In fact, it often confuses the situation.

Q. *Can you read your own cards?*

A. Absolutely, and I often do. That's one of the perks I enjoy.

Q. *Are you a witch?*

A. Take my glass of wine away and ask the question again.

Q. *Will I go to hell if I get a reading?*

A. Feeling guilty? If you go to hell, it will likely have nothing to do with me.

Q. *Am I going against Christianity and God if I get a reading?*

A. As with most things in life, a Tarot card will only have as much power and meaning as you allow it to have. I use the cards to help sort through problems I subconsciously have the solution for. Often, the reading reinforces what I already know but am afraid to admit.

Q. *How accurate are you?*

A. It depends on who you ask. I have been accurate for me and others, as well. Tarot card client confidentiality prevents me from discussing this further. I will say that people often discuss the readings the day after because they are amazed and thrilled.

Q. *Why do you use crystals?*

A. Crystals seem to keep me grounded. They also seem to make people less nervous about the reading. Each crystal has a particular significance. Most of mine deal with psychic and healing energies.

Q. *Are you psychic? Can you tell that I have just peed my pants because I'm nervous?*

A. I am not psychic. If you've wet yourself, it won't take a psychic to tell.

Q. *What's up with the dragonfly?*

A. I like them. They represent good luck, among other things. If you don't like them, you can kiss my behind. You'll find one there too.