



TAROT CARDS: AN INTRODUCTION

LEARN THE TAROT CARD MEANINGS
AND HOW TO USE TAROT CARD SPREADS

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Foreword

There are several people who believe in Tarot card readings while others have huge faith about reality and do not rely on such cards. Some say that Tarot card readings is one of the best ways to know one's future, but what people really don't know is that these readings are just the possible outcomes of which card they have chosen in a deck of cards. The readings can be true or something that you need to prove in the future. Get all the info you need here.



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Chapter 1:

Introduction

Synopsis

When people hear Tarot card readings, they always foresee a woman in a robe and a deck of cards in front of them. However, that is not really what Tarot card readings are about. In fact, these readings were not meant to tell your future or fortune.

According to a known source, the most powerful source of facts or information is your inner self, and your goals in life can be achieved by pursuing them. But, what does it mean? Are Tarot card readings not true and unreliable? How will you believe on such readings?



The Basics

Basically, there are two forms of Tarot card readings and they are open reading and question reading. In question reading, you will address a certain question. Tarot card readings were not made to answer a yes or a no question. Majority of people who believe in these readings say that Tarot must be used to guide and help you in making decisions by yourself, not to use it to make your decisions. That is the reason why your questions matter a lot and based from the statements of experts, you should keep your choices open, find the best and considerable level of detail, be positive and neutral.

Open readings, on the other hand, address the huge aspects of one's life instead of a specific issue or question. These readings are typically done when you are just about to enter a new stage of your life like graduating from college or getting married. You may also consider this type of reading if you want to cover a general area of your life including your career or health, but this may depend on your hired Tarot card reader.

In the next chapters, you will get more ideas about Tarot cards, their basics and how they work. You will also learn the warnings about Tarot card readings.

Chapter 2:

Tarot Card Basics

Synopsis

Anyone can easily learn how to read Tarot cards, but it does take time to master it. The length of your learning process may depend on the resources you use when learning how to read them, but there is an effective way to learn reading Tarot cards, and that is by focusing on what you need to do.

Apart from the materials you need to use, you also need to take note of the different things that may play an important role throughout the process.

Moreover, for you to read Tarot cards effectively, you should know your goal or purpose why you are doing it. Higher concentration of your mind is also required in the process.



The Tarot Deck

There is a wide collection of Tarot decks available today. There's no standard or required number cards of decks. While the cards' types, their meanings and the suits are the same, the pictures or illustrations may vary widely. Decks can be based on different themes including nature, dragons, fantasy, animals, etc.

The most common decks were used is Rider-Waite deck that was created in year 1909 by a prominent member of an occult group. The artist of the Tarot cards was Pamela Smith. Normally, a Tarot card deck is composed of 78 cards and is considered as definitive.

However, according to a Tarot card site, there's no definitive Tarot deck. The typical Tarot deck is composed of Major Arcana and Minor Arcana.

Minor Arcana

As compared to the traditional way of playing cards, Minor Arcana of a Tarot deck consists of 4 suits. Instead of spades, diamond, clubs, and hearts, the suits are wands, cups, circles or pentacles, and swords. Every suit has a meaning. The cards that belong to these suits are numbered from one to ten. They also consist of court cards which are the queen, king, page, and knight. The Minor Arcana, as the name suggests, represents the practical and more minor daily highs and lows in one's life.

Major Arcana

The Major Arcana, unlike Minor Arcana, isn't associated with the suits. Rather, they include the picture cards which represent concepts, ideals, and principles. They are numbered from 1 to 21. The 22nd card which is the "Fool" is marked as zero. The cards in Major Arcana represent long-term, strong energy or huge events in the different areas of life.

Major Arcana Cards: Death, The Hanged Man, Temperance, and The Fool

Seeing one Major Arcana card shows a certain subject in a reading and getting a Minor Arcana card talks about the same subject in the next reading. This means that the subject is becoming less essential to one's life.

Meanings

Probably, the trickiest process of reading Tarot cards is memorizing or remembering each of their meanings. Memorization may be simple for some people, but for others, they find it difficult most particularly if they find it hard to record the details in their memories.

All cards in Major Arcana are numbered from zero to 21. It starts from the Fool and ends in the Universe or the World. The Major Arcana cards are said to be the easiest cards to remember and to read

as their titles show their meanings. For instance, The Fool represents an individual who does not think before he/she decides or speaks because he/she is too confident of him/herself.

Nevertheless, if this is your first time to learn reading Tarot cards, always find a good book that will provide you a guide on the meanings of Tarot cards.

The Lovers, for example, can mean a choice which one has to make rather than to have an affair or another romance. When you are memorizing, always memorize the cards' positive meanings before you start to learn the reversed meanings.



Chapter 3:

What Are the Meanings of the Pages in Tarot?

Synopsis

Believers use Tarot cards to predict the future as well as to gain insight about the current events. Standard Tarot card decks contain a total of 78 cards with 56 Minor Arcana cards and 22 Major Arcana cards. The Major Arcana cards contain The Hanged Man, The Lovers, and so on while the Minor Arcana cards are categorized into four suits including swords, cups, pentacles, and wands. Every suit is composed of 14 cards, and these cards are numbered from one to 10 consisting of four face cards. The so-called pages in Tarot are among those face cards.



The Meanings

Meaning of Wands' Page

The meaning of page of wands card shows a young boy who looks up at a big, blooming wooden staff he holds. He stands in a desert and his clothing has a salamanders' print. The illustration shows three things: optimism, not losing oneself, and growth or change. The salamanders and desert also suggest the fire element which is attached on the wands' suit. The card also means opportunities for change, optimism renewal, and remembering oneself or hope.

Pentacles' Page

The picture on pentacles' page features a man who walks between the blooming flowers, trees and plowed land yet stares only on a big golden disk he holds. The page shows curiosity as the boy examines the coin, while the illustration in which he walks between a land that is already bloomed and ready for planting represents doors of opportunities to learn more. Learning may be practical or even spiritual.

Cups' Page

The cups' page highlights a young man who is dressed with prints of floral, has a scarf, wears boots to protect him from the water behind and holds a cup with a fish on it. The meaning of the page hints about

the bohemian nature, artistic pursuits, and creativity. However, the fish on the picture represents the inner self or spirit in mythology. The young man's surprise on the presence of the fish symbolizes accepting the upcoming future surprises.

The Page of Swords

The swords' page shows a picture of a man that stands on the rocky ground with a sword pointing towards the clouds above him. The illustration also includes water and trees in its background as well as a strong wind that blows through. The young man's expression is ready and attentive. He is also prepared for any battle. The card represents air or a turbulent process to learn or replace new ideas by seeking out answers.



Chapter 4:

How to Interpret Tarot Card Combinations

Synopsis

Tarot cards are considered as an ancient form of art or divination which is predictive. They are also used to guide one person when experiencing tough times or facing complications in life. For instance, laying out the Celtic Cross' spread exposes several atmospheres which surround a question. The outcome of the reading will be shaped once the questions are narrowed down like knowing the past which may have influenced the present situation.



Steps on How to Interpret Tarot Card Combinations

There are several steps that you may take into account when interpreting the combinations of Tarot cards. Whether you are still learning or want to master Tarot card readings, the steps below can be of great help:

To begin the interpretation, spread the cards by observing the layout. Count cards that have common features before you start the reading.

Look for Major Arcana cards first. These cards are those with numbers 0 to 22 which show the range of the start of a karmic experience. For those who do not have any ideas about karmic experience, it is the one that you have no control over and may intervene your fate.

If from the ten cards you laid out 4 or more Major Arcana cards, this means that there is a presence of force in the place that will cause things to occur based on the action you've taken in your past. Based from what happened, there would be several pieces that will complicate the situation even if you do nothing.

Count the aces' number in the reading. If there's one or more, indications are the results of the beginning. If you got Ace of Rods in your combination, then this suggests a new growth. But, if you got Ace of Pentacles, this represents a new course of security. Ace

of Cups means emotional involvement and Ace of Swords signify new challenges in the situation.

When interpreting, always observe the pages, as they indicate the experience that will be gained. However, it may not come in your present.

Pages in the combination show practice, education, sparring, planning and ideas that will be taken. However, this not just the end of the reading unless the final result shows otherwise.

Count numbers of every suit in the Tarot card reading. Each suit that has cards will serve as the guide of the force. If the card is cups, then the reading of the combination can be about relationship.

If Pentacles appeared, then the readings may guide you on financial or business matters. If the combination or reading has many Rods as compared to other suits, this means that there is renewal of life. If Swords dominate, this means that you have to plan regarding your quest and be ambitious.

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Chapter 5:

How to Use Tarot for Wealth & Luck

Synopsis

Many people are curious about their future because they want to know what their lives would be in the next coming years. If they see any mistakes or something that they don't like, they will do something to change it, so their future will be according to their plan.

Knowing the future or how your life will turn out to be can give you peace of mind. Tarot cards have been used by many people across the globe to know their future and guide them when making decisions.

Tarot cards can also guide someone in luck and wealth. With the use of Tarot cards, you can easily assess your present and have a chance to create better decisions.



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