



# Olympias' Tarot Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Coffee with Oly on BlogTalk Radio**  
Weekly show every Sunday, 2:00pm(mst)  
[www.blogtalkradio.com/Olympias](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/Olympias)
- **10/9 - 10/10 HarvestFest 2009 in Amarillo, TX, Amarillo UU Fellowship**
- **American Tarot Association**  
[www.ata-tarot.com/](http://www.ata-tarot.com/)
- **Tarot Certification Board of America**  
[www.tarotcertification.org/](http://www.tarotcertification.org/)

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## Tarot and the Present Moment

By: Mita Bhan, Psychic Tarot Reader and Holistic Healer [www.mitabhan.com](http://www.mitabhan.com)

Down the ages the wise ones of yore have reminded us time and time again about the power that lies in the present moment.

Yesterday's gone, tomorrow hasn't arrived it, our only destination should be at the point where we stand, right here, right now. The present moment is where maximum peace can be attained, and the most effective actions can take place. If we were to live in the past all the time, ruminating about regrets, what if's and what happened, we'd only end up wasting the potential. Same goes for living in the future. If we tell ourselves we'll only be happy when we make a certain amount each month, or buy that car, we're becoming imprisoned by thoughts that are not rooted in the now.

But we aren't perfect and most of us aren't enlightened enough to stay in the present moment. It's hard to stop our minds from wandering back and forth in

time. And it's easy to worry. And when we look around for answers, we often find ourselves chained to a probability.

Take for example a depressed person seeking happiness. "When will I be happy?" and someone tells her after 3 years, 3 months and 3 days. What is she going to do till then? Wait glumly?

Or someone who's finding it difficult to move on from a broken relationship. Refusing to meet other people, she replays the memories again and again and cries. The past replays itself and a countless opportunities to move on, start a new relationship pass her by.

It is all about now because that is all we have to help ourselves. Start simple. Start practicing by living in the present moment, for just a few minutes each day. Right now as you read, pay attention to your breath, how

your body feels, what thoughts go through your mind. Slowly externalize your consciousness to where you are sitting, how it feels, and who's around you. There you go.

To make a conscious change for example if you want happiness, look for it right now. Find one thing that is around you that you appreciate or are thankful for. It could be a beautiful painting hanging in the wall in front of you. Or a welcome cup of tea lying next to your computer. Try practicing this once a day and soon enough you'll find yourself filling up with positive energy, small, but not insignificant.

The Tarot too points at ways we can change right now. It doesn't guarantee instant success or results, but it does show a path to more peace and joy. By making small, significant steps towards finding joy right now.

## Fortune Telling Laws Tested

Livingston Parish, LA., New Iberia, LA., and Casper, WY, have all lifted bans against 'fortune telling'. A case to watch this year comes from Nick Nefedro (a gypsy) and the ACLU against the county of

Montgomery, MD. Nick claims the law is nothing more than persecution of Gypsies, who have long been stigmatized as nomadic thieves and con artists. The Nefedro family has owned and operated a half-

dozen fortunetelling businesses in the Los Angeles, CA and Key West, FL areas. He was denied a business license in MD in 2008 and has been fighting ever since. Given the current trend, Nick should win his case.



**What is the divination from the tone of a person's laughter? (answer on Page 4)**



Death from the Tarot of the Holy Grail, by Lorenzo Tesio & Stefano Palumbo

<http://www.aeclectic.net/tarot/cards/holy-grail/>

"If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is - Infinite."

~ William Blake

## Historical Tarot Tidbits - Knowledge

The Tarot cards must be considered (1) as separate and complete hieroglyphs, each representing a distinct principle, law, power, or element in Nature; (2) in relation to each other as the effect of one agent operating upon another; and (3) as vowels and consonants of a philosophic alphabet. The laws governing all phenomena are represented by the symbols upon the Tarot cards, whose numerical values are equal to the numerical equivalents of the phenomena.

As every structure consists of certain elemental parts, so the Tarot cards represent the components of the structure of philosophy. Irrespective of the science or philosophy with which the student is working, the Tarot cards can be identified with the essential constituents of his subject, each card thus being related to a specific part according to mathematical and philosophical laws. "An imprisoned person," writes Eliphas Levi, "with no other book than the Tarot, if he

knew how to use it, could in a few years acquire universal knowledge, and would be able to speak on all subjects with unequalled learning and inexhaustible eloquence." (See Transcendental Magic.)

Excerpt from 'An Analysis of Tarot Cards', by Manly P. Hall Excerpted From The Secret Teachings of All Ages (1928)

<http://www.e-tarocchi.com/tarotarticles/manlyarticle.php>

## Pick a Card...Death

**"I am free and unshackled from my past. I look ahead, not behind for my future ...."**

The Death card refers to transformation as a direct result of change (by choice or otherwise). Scorpio is the astrological sign associated with the card. Expect to be renewed, reenergized, and open to new ideas and ways with this card. In the reverse,

Death can symbolize stagnation, procrastination, missed opportunities, a withdrawal or isolation from life and others, and an over-all tiredness coupled with depression. This is usually due to the seeker unwillingness to give up the 'dead' items in their life and be proactive; rather than sit and wait for things to happen to them - victimized. While the

card does not refer to a physical death, the seeker needs to avoid a self imposed limbo in their life and move forward. Break through the fear of the unknown and consider it an adventure to be embraced. If a seeker is having problems and not able to cope, I do recommend professional, health services to help them through this transition.

## Coffee with Oly

**"What do I do if a card tears?"**

A lot depends on how you look at it. With my oldest and favorite deck, I use a good quality tape and carry on. With others, I'll get an exact, second deck and cannibalize as needed. For others, I don't use the deck to read with any more and keep it just for

show. Some people feel its bad luck to throw out a deck. I would prefer to burn it myself if I ever want to be rid of deck (it hasn't as yet).

Don't gift a deck (damaged or missing cards) to another person or reader, unless you know they are a collector.

Some other readers would never consider letting anyone

else have one of their decks, so gifting is out.

Yet, I treasure one deck from the 1930s that I bought on eBay. I don't know the history of who owned it beyond the loving care shown to it. I'd like to think the previous owner knows how much I value it and treat it tenderly.

**Happy Shuffling!**



# OMG! I LOST A CARD!

By: James Haliburton, CTC

I was shuffling my favorite standard deck, the Sola Busca Tarot, while listening to my favorite talk show, Coffee With Oly, and something just seemed to be off with my deck. I figured they needed to talk, so I needed to pull out a few cards for myself, and I got back....gibberish. They were frantic.

So like trying to figure out why an infant was crying, I started to see what was wrong. None of them were soiled or bent. I had read from them recently. I wasn't getting a "bad vibe" for any relatives. So I started to count and got the worst number back imaginable...77.

CRAP! I was a card short. So trying to calm myself down and not add to the deck's panic, I counted again...slowly...77. So I looked back in the bag...no card. I back tracked...no card.

Now it was time to panic!

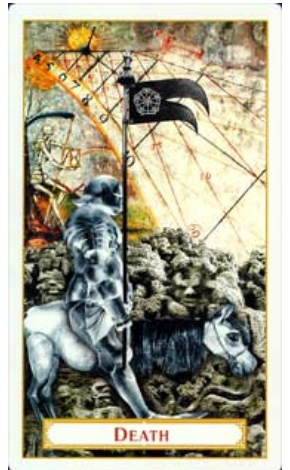
I decided to see what card was

gone. Which lamb and been left? Who was screaming at the others to be found? So I put them all back in order and soon figured out who it was, the Knave of Pentacles. I immediately turned all of my psychic energy of finding that card. I got out the pendulum and started walking around my home systematically. The pendulum pointed to the loveseat. I leapt at it and found my card wedged between the springs and the back pillows, slightly bent. I petted it and kissed it and said it would be ok. I put it where it belonged and put the deck away.

It is amazing to me how much time I used to find this card. It probably took over an hour. They aren't alive per se. I have at least 5 other decks I could have used until I found this missing card. Why was I so obsessed with finding the card? After some reflecting, I came to the answer. It was because I had developed a relationship with my cards. We had made a

pact. They would help me and I would keep them safe. To read with them without all members present and accounted for would have been a breach of that pact, and to read with another deck until the card appeared would have been a betrayal. Before I had found the card, I had already decided that I refused to buy a new copy of that deck if the card never showed again. I understand now that it was because that new deck wasn't this deck. It wasn't MY deck.

So for those who have done this, know you are not alone, and it is ok. We all go a little crazy when we are missing a card, and we do so because we will always mourn and wonder about the card that got away



Death from Tarot of Prague

By [Alex Ukolov](#) & [Karen Mahony](#)

<http://www.aeclectic.net/tarot/cards/prague/index.shtml>

## Contest - Do You Know Your Divination?

Each issue, a question on divination will be asked. The first person to email Oly with the correct answer will win a FREE 10-card Tarot reading (a \$25 value). The reading will be done either by phone (you pay for the call to Oly) or on America OnLine/AIM.

The questions are not designed to be easy but rather to get you using your noggin and the Internet. It is also hoped the research experience

will generate interest and questions about various forms of divination, the history of divination, use of oracles and really obscure information that you can amaze your family and friends with the next time you sit down to dinner.

Remember if you won within the year, please give someone else a chance.

Congrats to Bajabeachie from AOL for knowing that 'aleuromancy' is

the form of divination in where answers are rolled into balls of dough and cooked; similar to modern fortune cookies.

This issue's question is... what Tarot deck is celebrating it's 100th birthday this year?

**Happy Fall !!**





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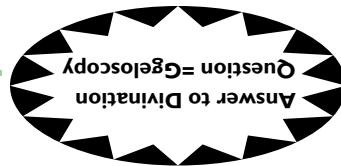
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**Guest writers are welcome as well as Tarot related questions for future issues. Please submit directly to Olympias.**

**Past issues are available free at Oly's website.**

**Oly is available for private readings by phone or online. Free, live readings are gifted on Oly's weekly blogtalk radio show.**



## Spread 'EM!

The Dragon Rose Spread as published in the 2009 Summer Edition of the American Tarot Association Quarterly Journal.

This spread is designed to be used for specific questions, especially those concerning personal relationships.

The Unfolding Petals are the most revealing cards in the spread. Card 6 hangs over the client's head. Usually this card is the focus of the entire reading. Card 7 shows hidden issues or core conflicts with the issues presented by Card 6. If a trump card occupies the 6th position, the reading involves a critical question or turning point in the client's life.

The Budding Flower: Cards 1 & 2: current thoughts and emotions

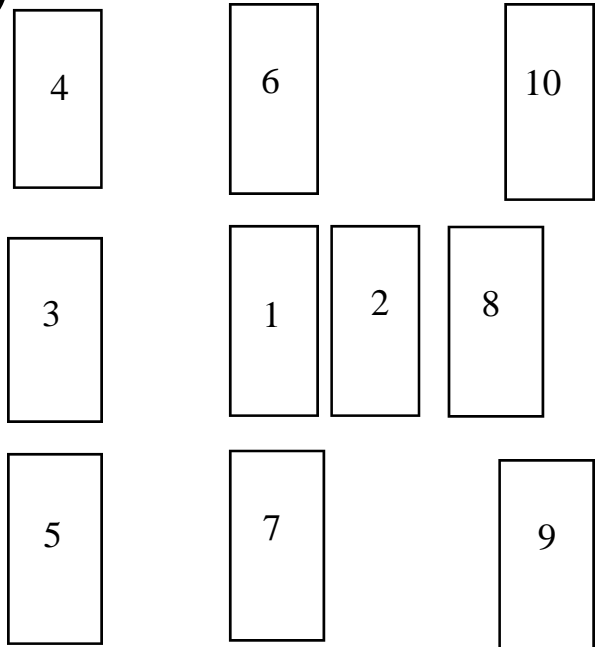
Petals from the Past: Card 3: recent connection with others. Card 4: past

events that influence the present. Card 5: past emotions or relationships that influence the present.

Unfolding Petals: Card 6: current phase of development (take note of the numeric designation of the card)

The Blooming Flower: Card 8: Immediate future. Card 9: outcomes with relationships or future actions of others. Card 10: long-term future.

The Blooming Flower cards may focus on the same issue, or may point to other incoming elements or events about



which the client is unaware. Suit elements and high or low numbers matching cards in the Petals from the Past sector will show if the Blooming Flowers are known or unknown factors in the future.