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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/10 - 10/11 Harvest Fest in Amarillo, TX

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So, What Is A Tarot Consultant Anyway?

By: HOPE, Certified Professional Tarot Reader (CPTR), TCBA

The most daunting part of attempting to earn the credential of Certified Tarot Consultant for me was the writing of this article. So what the heck is a Tarot Consultant? My mind reeled, what is a Consultant? UGH! So I asked peers, and those whom I respect in the Tarot Community; one answer was a laugh and the statement "Why, you are of course." Another reply was "You are already doing it so why do you want to certify?" Heck, more questions rather than answers, more for me to muddle through.

So, I stewed, and I brewed, and I simmered, at last I decided to consult the tarot. I pulled out my handy dandy Tarot Nova Deck (By Dennis Fairchild, Illustrated by Julie Paschkis Publisher: Running Press Book Publishers) asking "Why do I want or need to certify as a Tarot Consultant? The card I pulled was the Empress card. Ok, a Keyword for the Empress is Nurture. Certifying would be beneficial as it would nurture my skills. The number on the card is three; a number of growth and expression. Certifying would allow me to grow my skills and aid me in my expression of these skills. The Empress is an earth card, fertile and full of potential. Certifying will help me

reach my potential. Venus is the ruler of the Empress card; I should certify because I love tarot and tarot gives me great pleasure. In looking at the picture on this particular card I notice that her heart chakra is fully open, as well as her crown chakra. Certifying as a Tarot Consultant would help me give back the love I receive from reading the cards; the open crown chakra indicates that my spirituality would blossom. The Empress card always sings to me... a song by the Byrds called Turn, Turn, Turn:

To everything
(turn, turn, turn).
There is a season
(turn, turn, turn).

And a time for every purpose,
under heaven.

Ok the time is right! I need to do this.

Reciprocity, what fun!

So, what does consult mean? Webster's Dictionary defines consult as "ask advice from", it seems that I, as a Tarot Reader, consult the tarot, and my clients consult me for help with life's problems, how fun is that! Webster's Dictionary defines consultant as an "expert who is called on for professional or technical advice or opinions." Yikes....an expert? Back to the Webster's.... An expert is

someone who is "very skillful; having much training and knowledge in a special field." Aha, a glimmer of understanding at last!

At last my definition of a Tarot Consultant!

If I needed a new floor put in my home what would I want, no expect from the person doing it? If I needed my plumbing plumbed, what would I expect? It was thinking along these lines that helped me solidify my definition of a Tarot Consultant.

It seems that a Tarot Consultant must have **training**, and must be **committed** to life long learning of Tarot and must be an available resource that can be called upon for a variety of issues. (The Hierophant)

A Tarot Consultant must provide **added value** with the ability to add layers of meaning and interpretation upon the textbook keyword meanings of the cards by incorporating other divination systems such as numerology, astrology, chakras, kabala etc. (Temperance)

A Tarot Consultant must be **clear** about the fee structure; there should be no hidden fees, no unpleasant surprises, no extra charges

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What is the divination concerning chance meetings with animals or objects?

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Hermit from the Guardian Tarot

By Jeff Mincevic

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

“I don't really believe in palm readers and crystal balls and tarot cards, but I respond to the need for them.”

—Stephan Jenkins
(Actor)

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for additional or unwanted services. (Sun).

A Tarot Consultant must be **objective** and allow the cards to speak for themselves rather than push their own opinions and agenda's on the client. (Justice)

A Tarot Consultant must be **creative** and be able to implement their creativity. (The Magician)

A Tarot Consultant must be able to **facilitate** or “smooth the process” of a reading by speaking in understandable terms, foster-

ing independence, and creating a calm supportive atmosphere. Part of this support would be referring the client to other professionals should the need arise. (The Star)

A Tarot Consultant must belong to a professional organization; adhere to a **professional code of ethics** and does not participate in unscrupulous or unethical behavior. (The Emperor)

So there you have it, the seven bullets of a Tarot

Consultant! Seven, the number of the Chariot, a card of progress, movement, and change; a card of intuition, and the unconscious mind; Seven a number of faith.

Perhaps above all else a Tarot Consultant must have drive, spiritual strength, a willingness to focus both outwardly and inwardly, and possess great amounts of faith; faith in self, faith in the client, and faith in the process!

Pick a Card... The Hermit

“Remember the wisdom of reflection has always been to Know Thy Self....”

The Hermit refers to *responsiveness* and correlates astrologically to Virgo. The traveler takes a pause on the road of life to reflect and consider where he/she has come from and all that was faced to get to this moment. Take responsibility for your actions!

Do not be hard on yourself when you look within. It is not to judge or condemn, but rather a time to take a macro review and apply the wisdom gained from knowledge and experience, to the future. We all have ouches from life; its unavoidable. Take care that you do not make excuses for your actions or this taints your wisdom and affects how you

will deal with and be seen by others.

You are your best friend and worst enemy. You cannot hide from or lie to yourself. Bend to the lessons and don't be bitter.

The student becomes the teacher. The Hermit passes on what they have learned with others to ease their own emotional, self critique.

Coffee with Oly

“What is a good beginner spread to use?”

There are so many types of spreads; some easier than others. I don't find one card readings very helpful (too little information). I have seen one or more decks used at a time (too much information and too hard to relate trends). I am personally fond of 5-9 card

spreads. 5 cards relating to the person, past conditions, current conditions, outside influences, type of action to consider in the present. 9 cards (same 5 as above) with alternative course of action, people's influence, keep an eye on, and likely result.

In essence, it doesn't really matter what spread you use as

long as you have firmly set in your own mind and understanding what each position will represent to you. So design your own and stick with it till you are comfortable, then try other layouts and/or expand your own. Keep in mind there is *no* one spread to use and no one way to read a spread. **Happy Shuffling!**



Appropriate Questions for a Reading

By: Cindy Wilson (Olympias), CTGM

I have learned there are questions that should not be asked in a reading. I believe that some life events are fated, while much of life is left to choice.

I have never seen good results from asking, "Am I going to die soon?" A person could worry their self sick wondering if the reader is correct. People need to remember that divination is not an exact science and no reader 'knows' everything (and if you find one who says they do. - run!).

I did read for a friend who wanted to know if her mother (who was suffering with cancer) was preparing to pass. She explained that her mother had rifts with other family members and she want to know about how much time she had to try and help her mother make peace with them. I found her request most honorable and told her she had about 6 months. I didn't hear from my friend for many months. She wrote me finally to tell me that most readers never know the good they do for

a life or in this case, a family. In having an approximation, she and her mother were able to work through problems with family members, and one another. They were all with her when she quietly passed in peace and love. I've kept that letter to this day to remind me that sometimes, there is a need and a good reason to break a rule.

I have a moral problem when someone asks about a possible cheating partner or wants to spy into the life of another. I don't believe that divination should be used to gather information that could later be used as ammo against another. I rarely will do these types of readings except under certain circumstances.

I remember the first fair I ever attend (a real baptism by fire), and a woman, with her friend in tow, said after her reading that I did not mention how her husband was cheating on her. I looked back over the spread and could not see any mention of

this. I was withholding I told the woman I did not see this in the spread. She went on to castigate me for not being able to state something so obvious to her. I finally had enough and told her that while I did not see her husband cheating, I *did* see her indiscretion with another's husband, and that the men (who were friends) were discussing the matter and coming clean with one another. Needless to say, she was flabbergasted and a cat fight ensued when she confessed to her friend that she was having an affair with *her* husband.

In retrospect, I should not have allowed the woman to goad me into offering some proof of my abilities. Shocking a seeker isn't a good idea since the general reaction is usually fear.

In conclusion, a word to the wise... Readers, consider well what information someone is really asking for in a reading. Seekers, use divination to assist you in *your* life and choices.



From the Golden Dragon Tarot

By Jean-Louis Victor & Marie Delclos

<http://www.aeclectic.net/tarot/cards/golden-dragon/>

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 just to have really obscure information that you can amaze your family and friends with the next time you sit down to dinner.

Congrats to Sassicat for knowing that 'onychomancy is the form of divination that involves reading fingernails in sunlight.

This issue's question is...

Name the form of divination that involves reading urine bubbles?

Good luck and

Happy Halloween!



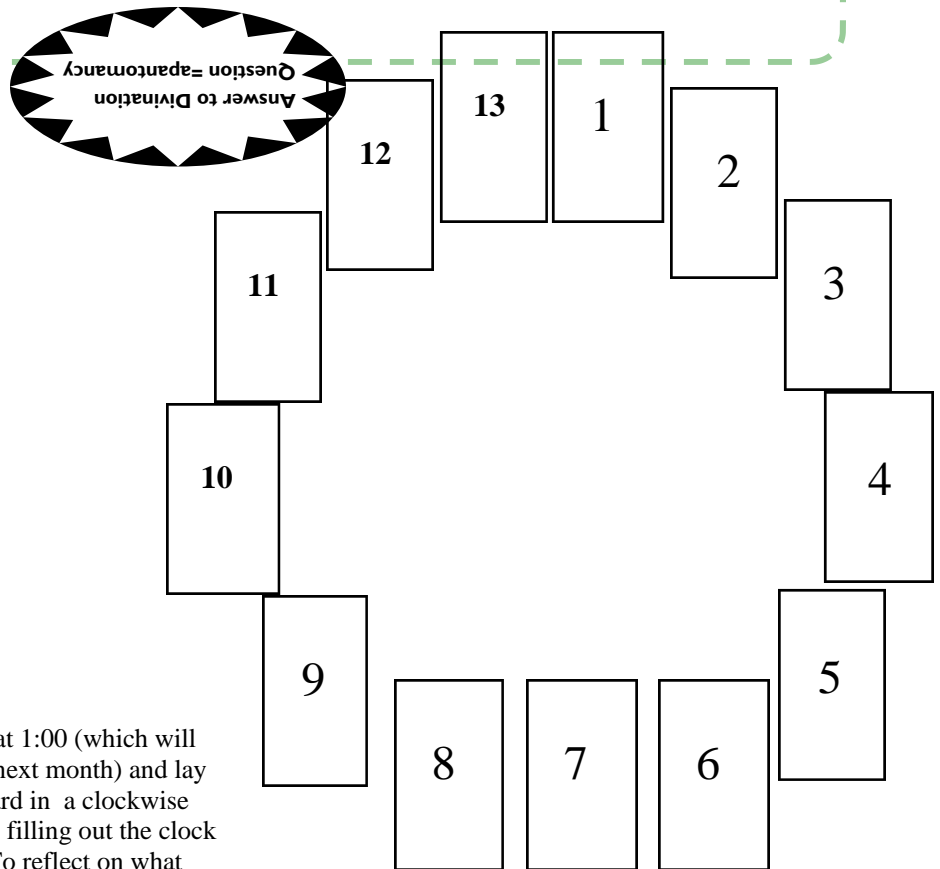


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Spread 'EM!

The Clock Face (or the Wheel of the Year)
 ~By James Haliburton, CTR ~

This is a spread I tend to use either on my birthday or at the New Year so that I can either see how far I have come or how the next year will progress.

I have found that in order for a person to evolve and transform, one needs to look at both where he or she has been as well as where he or she is going. Enjoy!

Card 1: the asker
 Card 2-13: major events (physical, emotional, or spiritual) that the asker will experience. Each card signifies one month.

To read forward one year, start with

card 2 at 1:00 (which will be the next month) and lay each card in a clockwise fashion filling out the clock face. To reflect on what has happened the previous year, place card 2 at 12:00 and place counter clockwise filling out the clock face.