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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/19 Enlightenment 4 in Las Cruces, NM
http://www.witchvox.com/vn/vn_detail/dt_ev.html?a=usnm&id=56188
- 6/19 - 6/22 Summer Solstice in Cloudcroft, NM
www.tarotbyolympias.com

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Discrimination Ok in Toronto, Canada

By: Oly

I was disgusted to read of the Miss Toronto Tourism Pageant officials rejecting Ms. Stephanie Conover (2007 Miss Canada Plus) as a judge because she is Wiccan and among her hobbies she listed Reiki and Tarot. The pageant director was quoted in a letter as saying, "Our board of directors has eliminated her as a judge as tarot card reading and reiki are the occult and is not acceptable by God, Jews, Muslims or Christians. Tarot card reading is witchcraft and is used by witches, spiritists and mediums to consult the dark world." The letter went on to express hopes of Ms. Conover's repentance.

Canada has compared itself with the US, often claiming

superior outlooks on multiculturalism and tolerance. This event is a wake up call reminding all *sane* people that we still have far to go to stop religious nuts, wielding fear tokens, from degrading business, industry, education, and government.

Once again the esoteric interests are relegated to the dark alleys of "e-vil" by the oneness of theocracy. This is nothing less than religious prejudice and bias. The bulk of the people I read for are moderates from many religious traditions and sect. Many own a Tarot deck, whether or not they use the cards. Should they all be 'outed' and persecuted per

the interpreted, religious dogma of another or board?

I agree with the American Tarot Association's response to the Toronto witch hunt, "There are millions of Tarot readers worldwide. They are business executives, doctors, lawyers, teachers, housewives, writers, engineers, students, and any other profession that can be named."

I wasn't aware that a personal spiritual quest would automatically be labeled as a public, condemnable act with the Judeo/Christian/Islamic religious dogma as the weapon. This is unbecoming of any first world nation.

Shame on you Toronto Tourism Pageant!

Spring Tarot

2008 was a hard winter for many folks. This Spring, I suggest cleaning/clearing your Tarot and life just as you Spring clean your home. Cleanse your deck(s) and their carriers in whatever fashion you prefer. Put the cards in order and do a complete reshuffle for each deck. As you shuffle, think about the season's promise of renewal. Do not let your mind wander to your responsi-

bilities, past memories, check lists, etc... Manifest your thoughts for the present as easier time. Conjure up the smells of Spring, the noises, the beauty, and tastes. It is best to shuffle awhile until you feel they are well mixed. I usually shuffle at least 30 minutes. I also sing while I shuffle - up beat or seasonal songs. By doing all this, you re-energize your deck(s) as perhaps

yourself. So much about your life is about your attitude and perception. The more you help yourself, the more you can help others.

So take the few minutes out of your busy life and do this for your Tarot and you. Also pamper yourself and your senses for making it through the winter.

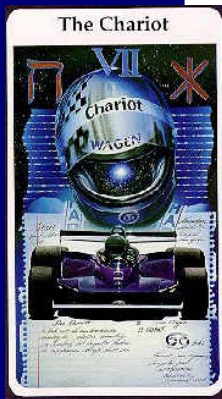
Happy Shuffling! **Olympias**



Divination by randomly throwing open a book & reading?
(answer on Page 4)

The Chariot from the Rohig Tarot

<http://www.aeclectic.net/tarot/cards/rohri/>



"Now, occultism is not like mystic faculty, and it very seldom works in harmony either with business aptitude in the things of ordinary life or with a knowledge of the canons of evidence in its own sphere. ."

--Arthur E. Waite
(scholarly mystic)

Historical Tarot Tidbits - Symbolism

by P D. Ouspensky

No study of occult philosophy is possible without an acquaintance with symbolism, for if the words occultism and symbolism are correctly used, they mean almost one and the same thing. Symbolism cannot be learned as one learns to build bridges or speak a foreign language, and for the interpretation of symbols a special cast of mind is necessary; in addition to

knowledge, special faculties, the power of creative thought and a developed imagination are required. One who understands the use of symbolism in the arts, knows, in a general way, what is meant by occult symbolism. But even then a special training of the mind is necessary, in order to comprehend the "language of the Initiates", and to express in this language the intuitions as they arise. There are many

methods for developing the "sense of symbols" in those who are striving to understand the hidden forces of Nature and Man, and for teaching the fundamental principles as well as the elements of the esoteric language. The most synthetic, and one of the most interesting of these methods, is the Tarot.

(~ courtesy of <http://www.sacred-texts.com/tarot/sot/sot01.htm>)

Pick a Card... The Chariot

"I am the self of defense and protection in darkness. I am the measure used with others as friend or foe. Wear me as a mask for others to see; for you to hide behind and think. I share in your successes and failures..."

The Chariot correlates to the astrological sign of Cancer and refers to the receptivity of the seeker. The will manifests as a

force especially in times of conquest. This can be seen as a warrior card. It is also a card of self control and personal triumph. Like nervous energy, the Chariot wants to be a part of what is going on (usually involving people, situations, or managing circumstances). The Chariot seeks advantages and takes opportunities. On the down side, be careful letting

your Chariot run amuck as it can be very overbearing towards others in order to have your way. Don't swallow your words too often or the Chariot can go into protect mode and speak out. Physical sports are also a good idea to allow your Chariot an arena to play, win and lose in manner that is not threatening to careers or relationships.

Coffee with Oly

"How often should I have a reading?"

A Tarot reading is a snap-shot in time, all things being equal. If you constantly get readings about one situation, you will confuse yourself with all the information. It can be an overload. Situations are often dependent upon actions or non-actions; very much like the

domino effect. A seeker can have this same problem if they become a "reading junkie" and constantly get readings from as many readers as possible (or allowed).

I advise seekers to take good notes or record a reading, watch for events to unfold, and refer back to the notes. In this manner, the seeker has the

choice of greater control their own actions.

I therefore recommend that a seeker only have a reading no more than once a month. This allows time for some events, people., and situations to progress.

Also, I prefer general readings for a macro view rather than specific questions.



Reading for Family and Friends

By *Medea*, Reader and Priestess of the Temple of Hekate's Torch

Any reader who has read for the public begins to recognize the different types of people who come for readings. There are those in a crisis, in love, out of love, the virgin, or newbie. Then there are those seeking spiritual guidance, and the 'regulars' for their periodic "peek". There are 'obsessers', the curious, the skeptics, and those who search for anything avoid personal responsibility. Family and friends will fall into some of these categories. After awhile it can diminish the gift of reading and being read. Reading for family and friends carries liabilities. It is only human nature to have aspirations, concerns, and opinions about the ones we love. Reading for anyone opens up doors and secrets about the personality and the mind set of the seeker. There are some things about people, especially those we care about, that are best left unknown. Although many readings are not remembered, the knowledge lingers on a gut level. It can color the relationship between

friends and family members and even cause rifts. There is also the burden of having to tell what you see knowing this is not what the querant wants to hear. No one wants to be the bearer of painful news. This can diminish the effectiveness of the readings. There are times too when information may cause pain to the reader themselves, depending on how close the reader is to the querant and how that news will affect the reader her/himself.

There may be ethical concerns. There is almost always some rabid member of the family, who proclaims (usually loudly) that the reader will be divinely punished for using of the occult. Yet, that same family member will ask for a reading when some crisis or curiosity snags them. A reader should ask their self if they should read for someone (family or not) who seems hypocritical?

There is also the tendency for querents to blame the reader for

the result of a correct reading. The reader said their lover would be unfaithful, he was, therefore, it must be the reader's fault. It can be uncomfortable and even hurtful when a reading involves a friend or family member. And it can hurt the relationship between the reader and the person. This is not a concern when reading for strangers or the casual acquaintances.

It is up to the reader to decide who and what subject to read for. Many of us are sometimes (often) compelled to read on some level. During those times, it is unlikely the information will be distorted by the reader. But readings given to family members and friends under these circumstances can seem to be blunt, or uncaring.

Although reading the tarot is not something which should be dictated by 'rules', it may be best to read mostly for strangers and casual acquaintances. It does keep the peace.



From A Passage in Time Tarot

<http://www.aeclectic.net/tarot/cards/passage-in-time/>

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

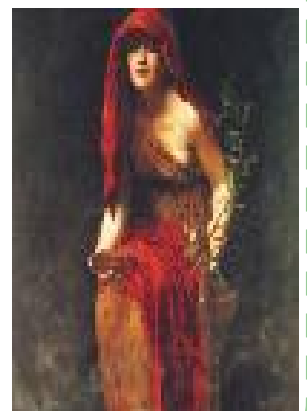
will generate interest and questions about various forms of divination, the history of divination, use of oracles and just to have really obscure information that you can amaze your family and friends with the next time you sit down to dinner.

Congrats to Sassi for knowing that 'sciomancy' is the form of divination that involves spirits and ghosts.

This issue's question is...

Name the form of divination that involves writing messages on specific tree leaves? The leaves are read reading either by length of the drying duration or by which leaf is first to unroll over steam.

Good luck and enjoy!



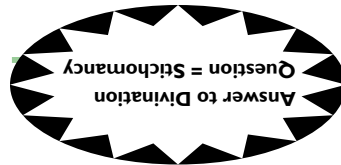


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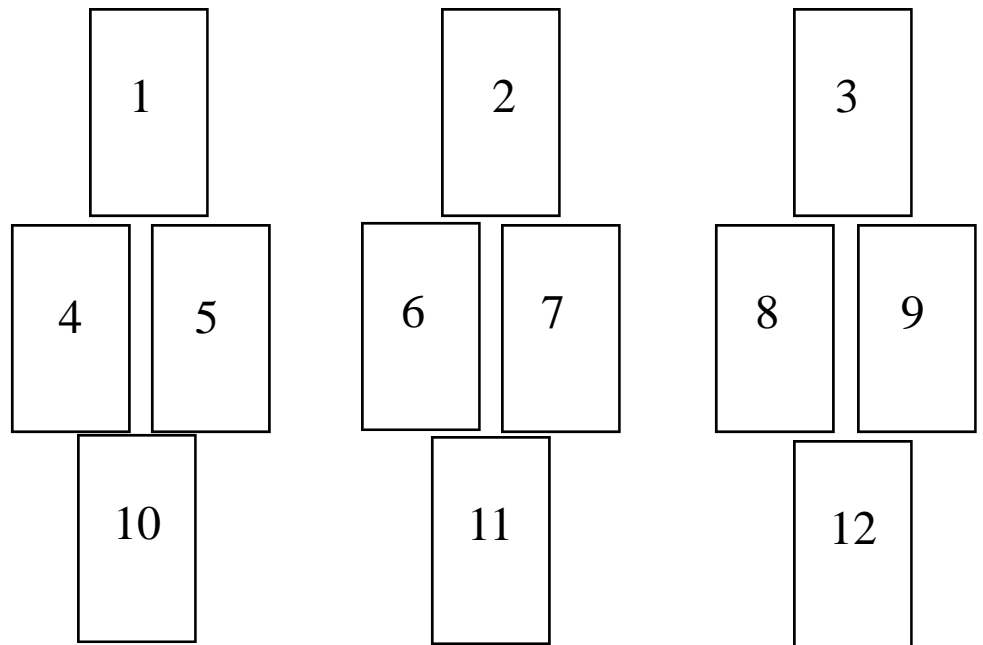


Spread 'EM!

Promoting Balance in Life Spread

With thanks to Alekto for sharing her 12 card spread. I have tried this spread and found it very insightful.

1. Shuffle the deck thoroughly or until you feel it is enough. Make three piles of cards.
2. Designate the first pile as "Emotional or Mind"; the second as "Spiritual or Spirit"; the third as "Physical or Body".
3. Take one card off of each pile (cards 1,2 and 3) These cards designate the current state of your balance.
4. Under the first card lay two more cards, side by side (cards



5. Under these cards lay one more card (cars 10,11 and 12). These cards will designate an action or actions to be taken.

