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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/19 - 6/22 Summer Solstice in Cloudcroft, NM
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- 9/20 - Pagan Pride Day in Lubbock, TX

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New UK Laws and Psychics

By: Olympias

The new UK laws against psychics are incredible! Under the Fraudulent Medium Laws of 1951, the intent to defraud had to be established against the psychic. Now, it seems a psychic has to *prove* what they do is real. In most instances, that is difficult at best. How does one prove the existence of the spirit world, ghosts, energy work, divination, etc...? How will this impact the work of spiritualist churches and other religious organizations? Shall all religions also be forced to prove the existence of their supreme being? If they can't, will their lucrative businesses be taxed or be shut down?

Experiences are cheapened to

nothing more than 'anecdotes'. This measuring rod of imperialistic bigotry is ridiculous. Not everything is 'proven' in white light of *cynical* tests. Emotions cannot be validated in a laboratory experiment, and neither can many modern astrophysics theories. In an article on the new laws, the office of Fair Trading says that enforcement of the sanctions are "more likely" to target foreign mass mailings rather than individual psychics. But where are the assurances? The laws are centered on "reasonable expectations of the average consumer". What and how is 'average' to be legally defined and scientifically proven? This smacks of a modern 'witch hunt'.

This is not to imply that I don't think fraud exists. Trickery and falsehoods exist in all industries and beliefs.

From reading the article (listed below), I also have to wonder if the "prove it" challenge will be expanded and also applied to alternative religions as some sort of litmus test of acceptability? When the weather announcer makes repeated mistakes, shall they be jailed for up to two years? After all, it is weather divination (all that money and equipment and still errors). I finally have to ask; is this really necessary?

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/magazine/735408tr9.stm

Tarot & Psychology

In the book 'Tarot and Psychology; Spectrums of Possibility', by Arthur Rosengarten, PhD, he explains Tarot to those who may want to learn to use it properly for the greatest good - individuals who desire greater spirituality in their lives, including the benefits of psychological insight and depth, without the baggage of

affiliation that invariably accompanies any single set of beliefs. Tarot, operates on many levels of profound meaning from a purely non-affiliated platform in the truest sense. Tarot makes accessible to awareness a full spectrum of psychological and spiritual possibility with little preference for its user's qualifications or beliefs.

Rather magically, Tarot captures the heartbeat of experience. This fact alone should make the deck of human possibility immediately relevant to helping professionals who deal with the heartbeats of experience daily.

<http://www.paragonhouse.com/Publicity/tarot.htm>



What is the divination of reading an egg white called? (answer on Page 4)

Strength from the Hanson-Roberts Tarot

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



"Modern morality and manners suppress all natural instincts, keep people ignorant of the facts of nature and make them fighting drunk on bogey tales."

—Aleister Crowley
(British Occultist)

Historical Tarot Tidbits - Occult Significance

I will say a few words on the occult and Qabalistical signification of these wonderful Tarot Cards. It has been long known that the ordinary 52 card pack was susceptible of some peculiar numerical significations, e.g.: 52 Cards in the pack, suggest 52 weeks in the year. 13 Cards in each suit, suggest 13 lunar months in the year, 13 weeks in the quarter. 4 suits in the pack, suggest 4 seasons in the year. 12 Picture Cards in

the pack, suggest 12 months in the year, 12 signs of the Zodiac.

Furthermore, if we add together: The pips on the plain cards of the four suits = 220, the pips on the 12 picture cards = 12, twelve picture cards reckoned as 10 each = 120, The number of cards in each suit = 13; we shall obtain the number of days in the year = 365.

But concealed behind their

apparently arbitrary and bizarre designs, the Tarot Cards contain a far more complicated system of recondite symbolism. We find the number ten multiplied by the mystical number four, and combined with a primitive hieroglyphic alphabet of twenty-two letters.

~ S. L. MacGregor Mathers, 1888, (<http://www.sacred-texts.com/tarot/mathers/mtar02.htm>).

Pick a Card... Strength

"The lesson that I symbolize is old and nothing new,

Learn to tame your beast inside and your spiritual self comes through...."

Strength is astrologically associated with Leo and deals with spiritual activity. This card speaks of great courage, and the higher nature of a person over the more baser qualities. Strength can relate to the

physical, mental, and spiritual condition of the seeker in relation to the other cards. It can also mean victory in an event, usually due to the seeker sticking it out to the conclusion and not giving in or giving up to others.

I see this card a lot in spreads where a seeker does not realize their own inner strength and that by enduring, they gain

the victory they seek.

In the reverse, this card can relate to coping with a health issue and/or a deteriorating health condition, abuse, addictions, and ill health related to stress (which the seeker needs to control).

The seeker must realize that they create the balance or turmoil in their life. They must not overreact.

Coffee with Oly

"Should I use the same deck I read with to also work spells?"

I don't personally use my Tarot decks for spell casting. However, if I were to do this I would be more inclined to dedicate a deck strictly for this purpose rather than use one of my decks that I use for divination. There are cards

(especially the Trumps) that could easily be associated with magickal intentions such as; Lovers (self love as well as relationships; the Emperor (authority in life issues), Justice (for legal matters), Tower (to bring about endings so new experiences are possible). The pips could be used as each suit designates: cups (relationships),

wands (communication), swords (challenges), pentacles (money, honors, promotions).

There is a book all about this application titled, 'Tarot Spells', by Janian Renee and published by Llewellyn's New Age Tarot Series. I recommend anyone interested in knowing more to check out this book for examples.



The Tarot Is A Guide

By The Fool, markboston@blueyonder.co.uk

The Tarot is a life guide. It incorporates every emotion, thought, feeling and aspect of our existence. It deals with the intellect the intuition and the heart. Ever been told that there's 'no manual to life' and that the only way to learn is by trial and error? You've been misled! That manual is...the Tarot. You've no doubt heard the Tarot associated with evil and all things demonic. This does have a ring of truth as anything can be used for good or evil purpose; it depends on the individual. For years I steered clear of the Tarot because of the bad press.

The Tarot isn't prophecy and it isn't fortune telling – it is guidance. You either take the advice in a reading or not. Ultimately you are in charge of your destiny. Your life is literally in your own hands. Guidance is the key word. Just think how much more confident you'd be if you knew that the path you are traveling is the right path based on your own decision. When I do a reading I always ask the

seeker to ask a question they can't answer for their self. I tell them to picture reaching that fork in the road with more than one way to proceed; there's your question.

How many times did you end up down a blind alley, wasting time, energy and sanity? Yeah, me too! The Tarot cannot give you a yes or no answer simply because life issues are rarely so simple. You can ask, "Will I be rich?" You will have to make the effort and do the work 'to be rich'. There's no genie and no three magick wishes. You must bring something to the table. Life must be worked at so when asking the Tarot for guidance, YOU have to offer up something in return. You have to make the conscious decision to improve, change direction, or start afresh. The beauty of it is that the Tarot, if you listen, will guide you. It is truly spellbinding. How does it do it? Magick - pure simple natural Magick. Yet to ponder its workings too much leaves more

questions than answers. I believe you shouldn't accept anything blindly, so questioning is constructive and an open mind is essential.

Is it faith? Some say you have to believe in order for it to work. I believe this is true. If you didn't have faith that exercising will make you feel fitter, you wouldn't do it. Therefore, if by having faith, you did exercise and got the desired results, then you'd believe. The Tarot is a powerful tool and is there for anyone and everyone. It gives you back your personal power and 'Soul Sovereignty'. Many people read cards. There are as many methods as there are decks on the market. My way may not be another's way. Try not to get too caught up with the differences in approach. Finding our own way is the greatest form of development. The feeling that you've accomplished something by standing on your own two feet is very rewarding and extremely good for the soul. the light to shine..



From Tarot of Methamorphois by Massimiliano Filadoro & Luigi di Giammarino

<http://www.aeclectic.net/tarot/cards/metamorphosis/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

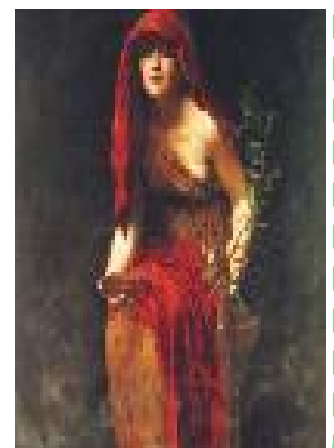
will generate interest and questions about various forms of divination, the history of divination, use of oracles and just to have really obscure information that you can amaze your family and friends with the next time you sit down to dinner.

Congrats to Angeleno and Star-walker for knowing that 'botanomancy' is the form of divination that involves writing messages

on a leaf or leaves.

This issue's question is... Name the form of divination that involves reading fingernails in the sunlight?

Good luck and enjoy!



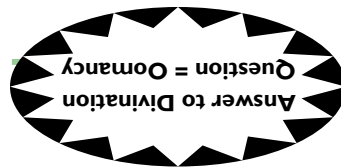


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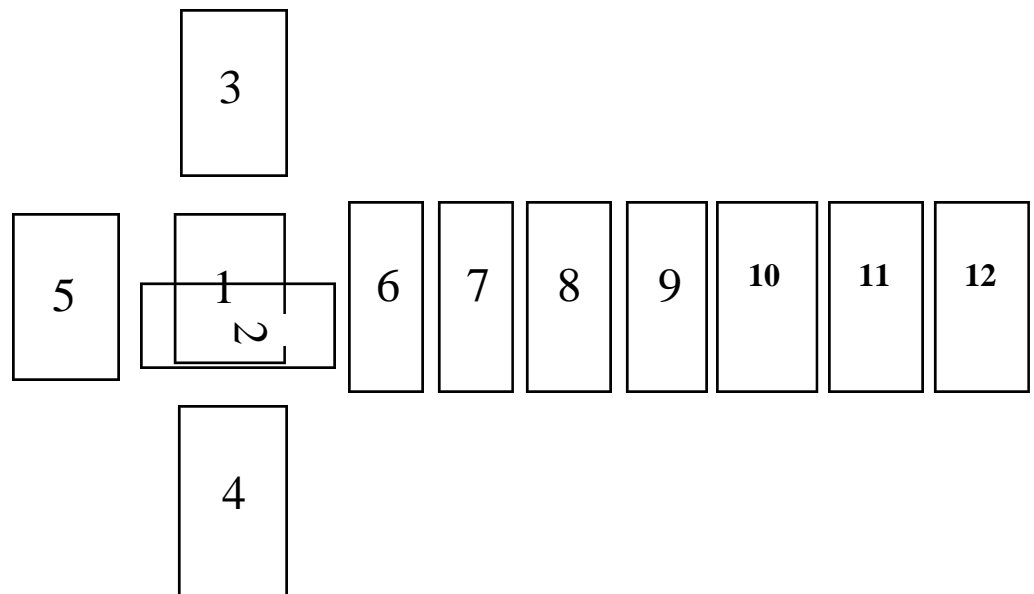


Spread 'EM!

The Sword - for events
 ~By James Haliburton, CTR ~

This spread is only able to show the most likely path that the situation will take as well as the most likely outcome. Warn a seeker of this and explain that should the situation change, that the outcome may also change and that the series of events will also change.

- Card 1-the situation
- Card 2 – the way the asker is handling the situation
- Card 3 Things that are working to alleviate the situation
- Card 4 –Things that are working to aggravate the situation
- Card 5 – What caused the situation to come to pass
- Cards 6- 11 – the series of events and changes that will occur



because of this situation that will help the situation run its course and reach resolution.

Card 12 – how those involved will be after the situation solved.