

TAROT READING : How Does It Work?

Whilst anyone can do a tarot reading, a Discerning Wisdom Emerging from Love Reveals Information of True Understand

Tarot, there are many different theories on this, which is the fancy way of saying that no-one really knows how Tarot works!

Some believe that God, a Spirit Guide, an Angel or some higher power delivers a sort of universal knowledge via the cards. Others believe they are plugging into an energetic set of records that some call the collective unconscious or Akashic records etc.

Another theory, the theory of synchronicity, suggests that some almost mystical 'power' or natural law or principle provide some with the information that is most in need at any one time. Tarot cards, being so visually descriptive and fundamental in their meanings, could be seen as a good medium that opens a door for this information to flow through to the One performing the Reading.

Some believe that the Tarot cards have absolutely no 'fortune telling' ability, rather the person asking the questions selectively interprets the cards to fit their life situation, and gains value in doing so.

And with Tarot of course, there are plenty who think it's all a load of BS, and the reader just tells the person asking the question what they want to hear, or just makes something up that sounds good.

Some would say that it is immaterial matter how Tarot Card Readings work! Tarot readings can help provide people produce a clear reflective view of their past, present and future in a fresh way. This can help to reflect on experiences, and hence gain a fresh prospective on the life.

Some assert that Tarot Card readings help to produce a clarity of mind, help to feel more relaxed and thus decisions and choices can be made more easily. Tarot readings can help to get in touch with intuition that in the end is the best guide when it comes to making those difficult choices and decisions.

Enjoy life, and if the odd consultation of the Cards helps you to make some sense in a clouded world, then it's got to be a great thing.

The Tarot is a deck of cards that originated over 500 years ago in northern Italy. The early Tarot symbolism was deeply rooted in Medieval and Renaissance Europe, and over the centuries it has grown to incorporate everything from Astrology and Kabbalah to Runes (which predate the Tarot by 1000 years) and the I Ching (which predates the Tarot by 2500 years). Today, the Tarot is far and away the most popular tool for personal growth and spiritual introspection in the West.

Read more about the *History of Tarot Cards*.

Each card has a unique meaning and significance for each person. The cards can be used to gain insight, clarity, and achieve greater control over issues involving relationships, life changes, family, career, health, spirituality, and dreams.

From the late 18th century until the present time the tarot has also found use by mystics and occultists in efforts at divination or as a map of mental and spiritual pathways.

Psychoanalysis

The mystical tarot has indeed come a long way from its humble origins. In the field of psychology, Carl Jung (1875-1961) even pioneered the use of tarot cards in analyzing the Subconscious.

Carl Jung an early US therapist attached importance to tarot symbolism. He may have regarded the tarot cards as representing archetypes: fundamental types of persons or situations embedded in the collective unconscious of all human beings. The theory of archetypes gives rise to several psychoanalytical uses. Since the cards represent these different archetypes within each individual, ideas of the subject's self-perception can be gained by asking them to select a card that they 'identify with'. Equally, one can try to clarify the situation by imagining it in terms of the archetypal ideas associated with each card.

More recently some have suggested that the tarot cards are a pictorial representation of human development from infant to adult. In another view the tarot cards may be viewed as a blueprint for the human race as it matures.

Tarot reading revolves around the belief that the cards can be used to gain insight into the past, current and possible future situations of the subject or the One asking the question. Some believe they are guided by a spiritual force, while others believe the cards help them tap into a collective unconscious or their own creative, brainstorming subconscious.

Though certain core themes persist seemingly unchanged, the divinatory meanings of the cards are derived from many sources and can vary significantly based on the time period and culture which produced the deck. It is generally accepted that the Reader is required to develop their own personal understanding of the meanings of the cards, using the commonly recognized meanings as a rough guide and a starting point. Others start with a Teacher who give an initiation directing the student into their own Heart to start reading immediately; like some fish are born swimming.

What is Divination?

Since time immemorial, humans have sought to predict important events before they happen. Early man studied the night sky, weather patterns, and animal

behaviors to identify signs and patterns, then interpreted the subtle nuances supplied by nature to foretell upcoming occurrences. Gifted individuals found they could read signs and symbols easier than others; these individuals became the medicine men and women, shamans, oracles, druids, and gurus that others sought out to assist them with spiritual matters. Over time, cultures around the world, such as Egyptians, Celts, Romans, Native Americans, and Chinese, developed diverse rituals and traditions for divining the future – these traditions form the basis for divination methods used today. Simply stated, divination is the practice of predicting the future using specialized tools and rituals. This article explores some of the various divination methods that have survived into modern times.

Divination (from Latin *divinare* "to foresee, to be inspired by a god", related to *divinus*, divine) is the attempt to gain insight into a question or situation by way of an occult standardized process or ritual. It is an integral part of witchcraft and has been used in various forms for thousands of years. Diviners ascertain their interpretations of how a querent should proceed by reading signs, events, or omens, or through alleged contact with a supernatural agency, most often describe as an angel or a god though viewed by Christians and Jews as a fallen angel or demon. Divination can be seen as a systematic method with which to organize what appear to be disjointed, random facets of existence such that they provide insight into a problem at hand. If a distinction is to be made between divination and fortune-telling, divination has a formal or ritual and often social character, usually in a religious context, as seen in traditional African medicine; while fortune-telling is a more everyday practice for personal purposes. Particular divination methods vary by culture and religion.

Divination is often dismissed by skeptics, including the scientific community, as being mere superstition: in the 2nd century, Lucian devoted a witty essay to the career of a charlatan, Alexander the false prophet, trained by "one of those who advertise enchantments, miraculous incantations, charms for your love-affairs, visitations for your enemies, disclosures of buried treasure, and successions to estates", though most Romans believed in dreams and charms. It is considered a sin in most Christian denominations and Judaism, though some methods, especially dream interpretation, do appear in Scripture.

Divination in the Bible

On the one hand, verses like Deuteronomy 18:10-12 clearly forbid any acts of divination, describing them as something detestable to God. Leviticus 19:26 says "You must not practice either divination or soothsaying." But Exodus 28 gives members of the priestly class the use the Urim and Thummim to divine the will of Yahweh before times of sacrifice. So here we have No avoid and on the other hand we have yes if you are a priest! Your Choice, I think!

