

10 Great Answers to 10 Great Questions About
the Tarot

Introduction to Tarot

For Tarot Beginners and the Curious

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"Allow the message in the cards to empower your change."

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Foreword

The Tarot is a tool to bring your subconscious and spiritual knowledge to the surface where you can act on it – thereby creating a better life for yourself.

The Tarot works with your Spirit and your subconscious mind. Both of these elements *of* you hold surprising information *about* you – information that you may normally ignore or suppress. Tarot readings can make you cry – not because of a dire prediction, but because they tell you the truth.

The truth is a powerful thing. We hide from it more often than we care to admit! We're at times fearful of the truth because admitting it means that we must accept it. If the truth is hurtful, then we must do something about it. The Tarot uses truth to call you to action.

Unfortunately, many people use Tarot in an attempt to divine the future. If you believe that something is 'in the cards', that something is unstoppable, it means that there is nothing you can do about it! If it's going to happen despite your best efforts, you may as well resign yourself to a failed relationship, bankrupt business or other dire prediction.

When you use the Tarot to tell your future, you fall into failure instead of finding solutions. Using the Tarot to predict your future is self-defeating.

Tarot is best used as an information source. It draws out your truths so you can better deal with them. Tarot can make a situation painfully transparent – but letting it go or resolving to fix it is completely and totally your choice.

Discovering the truth about yourself can make you want to crawl into a deep dark cave. You always have the choice to crawl into that cave if you want, but fixing the problems from the depths of a cave is no way to create the life of your dreams!

When you use the Tarot to learn, grow and change, you tap into Spirit's desire. Spirit wants you to live a complete, joyful, peaceful life. You cannot create your dream life without tapping into Spirit's infinite wisdom. Tarot is the tool to use when you are tired of listening to your *own* bad advice.

I hope the following questions and their answers will dispel some of the mystery about the Tarot. The deck itself is only 78 picture cards. As always, the *magic* lies within you.

1. What IS the Tarot?

The Tarot deck of 78 cards is a comprehensive and visual manifestation of the collective consciousness. Tarot deck creators seek to represent issues we have experienced, are experiencing, or will experience in our lifetimes.

2. What do the cards mean?

Tarot decks are made up of the Major and Minor Arcana cards. The Minor Arcana cards are divided into two groups – the Pips and the Courts. The Minor Arcana has the same structure as a deck of playing cards. The Minor Arcana uses 4 suits, and each suit is made up of Ace through 10, plus four Court cards.

The Major Arcana cards tend to deal with spiritual ideals or passages. We may face Major Arcana issues as challenges or gateways during our lifetimes. How we deal with these major issues dictates the life lessons that will follow.

Pips and Courts make up the remaining cards. The pip cards represent life lessons. The pips, ace through ten of each suit, usually symbolize mental or physical battles of the mind, heart, and spirit.

The Court cards are 'people' cards. There are sixteen of them, four per suit. These sixteen cards correlate well with the personality traits we find within ourselves or others at different junctures. Therefore, the courts can represent individual people.

Court cards can also suggest personality traits that are beneficial in dealing with a present situation - traits you may want to consider incorporating into your personality (if only for a while) to maneuver skillfully through the latest issue.

When a Court card comes up, consider the possibility that it represents someone you know. If no particular person pops to mind, I read the card as personality traits that will benefit (or thwart) you in the situation.

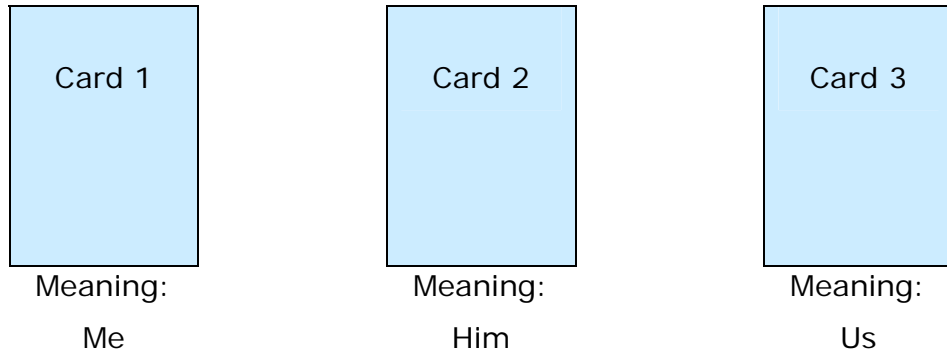
The court cards are the 'stickiest' cards in the deck. You will find as many ways to read them as you find readers. Over time, you will find a method that works best for you.

3. What is a Tarot spread?

A Tarot spread is the shape in which you lay out the cards and the assigned meaning you give to each card as you lay it out.

For example, you may wish to do a simple reading

concerning your relationship using three cards:



This is a Tarot spread. The meanings of each position add relevance and specificity to the one card that falls there.

You can do a one-card reading or a multi-card reading. Multi-card readings are not better or worse than a one-card reading, so don't feel that you have to start with a complicated spread to get the 'right' answer.

In addition, be creative when laying out the spread. Ready made spreads are wonderful and suit many situations, but nothing beats a spread you have defined for yourself.

Even a spread such as "Me, Him, Us" is enhanced by using specific names. In my situation, the spread would become "Kellie, John, Kellie and John's relationship." It is a subtle but effective change because it focuses your intention. Otherwise, the cards may show "me, my son, my son's and my relationship"!

4. HOW and WHY does the Tarot work?

The Tarot works like any other tool we have developed; it makes a chore easier. In this case, the Tarot makes the chore of getting to the heart of the matter easier. The Tarot is not magical as an object, but it seems to magically show what is in the heart and mind.

The Tarot combines your intention to get to the heart of a matter and the visual nature of the cards that open up the 'wordless' side of your brain.

Think about this: When you try to solve a problem, words can trip up the truth. How many times have you stared at blank stationery, feeling emotion, yet not knowing the words to convey it? No language, no matter how old or well-used, has a word for every emotion or thought. Sometimes, you have to turn off the words for the truth to flow to light.

When you read the Tarot, the 'feeling' hits you first

because the images speak directly to your emotions. Then, you find the words to describe the feeling (and that takes much longer than it took to actually feel the emotion). The Tarot helps you to translate what you already know from emotion into words.

When considering WHY the Tarot works, the first word that comes to mind is 'intention'. When you sit down with a deck of cards, you INTEND to find answers. You are in effect opening yourself to the truth. You 'give permission' to find the truth in whatever way it comes to you - in this case, you intend to allow the images of the Tarot draw out your innate knowledge.

5. What kinds of questions can I ask while working with the Tarot?

Well thought out questions are the best. The more effort you put into formulating your question, the more intent you are on finding the answer; your intention is important!

Refrain from asking questions only about another person. For example, questions such as "How does he feel about me?" are simply attempts to have the cards tell you something that you ought to be asking him.

The Tarot is not meant to do life's hard stuff for you. It is meant to empower you to the point where you feel good enough and strong enough to do the work yourself.

6. Can the Tarot tell me WHEN something will happen?

Under the right circumstances (such as specifying exactly what a number or suit means in relation to time) you can get a pretty good idea of 'when' to watch for a certain life-event or person to enter your life.

However, the Tarot is not a calendar, and it is unwise to use it to predict future events. Your future is not set in stone. Changing an action or belief right now will change the course of your future!

Sometimes, simply finding out that an event may occur causes us to change the way we do things immediately, and therefore, the 'when' becomes irrelevant! The event may not happen at all.

7. Is a Tarot reading always right?

The cards never lie, but YOU (or your reader) CAN MISINTERPRET the cards. When you read for yourself, make sure your question is one that you really want to have answered.

The veil between your conscious and subconscious mind

can be manipulated very easily by your desire. If you don't really want to know the truth, that desire can block your ability to read it in the cards.

8. What does it mean when the reading doesn't seem to answer my question?

Sometimes the cards don't answer the question asked. You will find that sometimes the cards give you an answer about another subject entirely.

One explanation is that your subconscious is so excited about being 'free' that it forces a more pertinent answer to fall in front of you. So you may get what you need, but not necessarily what you wanted.

A second explanation could be the strange interplay of the collective consciousness. As a reader, I have found that I am often going through (or have recently gone through) the situations that my querants ask about.

In reading for them, I get a clearer answer for and of myself. In a way, the querant's and my energies mix. The goal of Spirit is for the greatest good; so, if we share a common issue then the law of 'greater good' comes into play.

Spirit wants BOTH of us to be happy, and if we both need information on a similar subject then it is best for us both if I read the issue that comes out.

And a third explanation could be that the seemingly unrelated issue brought out is a part of the problem. Work on the issue presented, and you will find a solution to your problem.

Those are three possibilities. I am sure there are many more. When you read a spread that comes out this way, you can always draw a card or two (called clarification cards) and ask how the issues are related or why the cards presented this issue instead of the one you asked. Let the cards answer for themselves, so to speak.

9. Will another reading about the same problem give me the same information?

You would think so, but it doesn't usually happen that way. Usually querants ask the same question twice in quick succession because they didn't like what they saw the first time. They want the answer to change instead of going to work on changing themselves.

Don't hassle your cards! Wait at least a week between readings concerning the same issue. Take what you learned

from the first reading and put it into play. If you change something, one thing, your issue will change, too.

The biggest reason why two readings about the same subject rarely result in the same answer involves one fact: What you do right now can and will change everything. The simple act of questioning the deck beckons change.

10. What kind of information can I obtain from a Tarot reading?

The Tarot is best at helping you work through complex issues. Questions concerning relationships are a favorite (in my experience), but personal spiritual exploration is a close second. In short, you can use the Tarot to help you answer any question.

I have used the Tarot to help answer questions concerning creating my business. The Tarot can facilitate decision making. It has helped me define my market and understand how the decisions I am making will impact me and the business in the future.

Yes, the Tarot can answer yes/no questions. However, I don't like to let the Tarot make the decisions for me! When I have done yes/no questions for myself, I either follow the answer with a more in depth reading or incorporate a more in depth reading in the initial spread.

For example, Yes IF, No IF, and Maybe IF is a great spread for decision-making or any other type of yes/no question you may have.

One Last Note

The Tarot is a tool for guidance. It opens the flow of communication between your every day world and your spirit.

Using the Tarot to divine the future does not utilize it to your best advantage! Because of your free will, not even Spirit knows for sure what you will do tomorrow. You determine your future every second of every day. Your future can change in the blink of an eye.

Actually, it may take a little more than that, but not much more. If you continue doing things the way you have been doing them, the card in the future position will probably come to pass. But, if you change one action, one belief, one intention...the card in that future position loses some of its truth.

Use the cards to bring out the truth, and then work on creating the future of your dreams.



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Kellie Helget's mission is to help you find whatever it is you need to live a healthy, fulfilling, joyful life. She believes that the Tarot offers a unique way to get in touch with your Spirit and to hear a voice of wisdom and calm every day.

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Kellie would love to help you learn to read the Tarot for yourself by guiding you through a reading or teleclass. Email Kellie at TheLady@blueladymuse.com for more information or to ask your Tarot questions today!

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