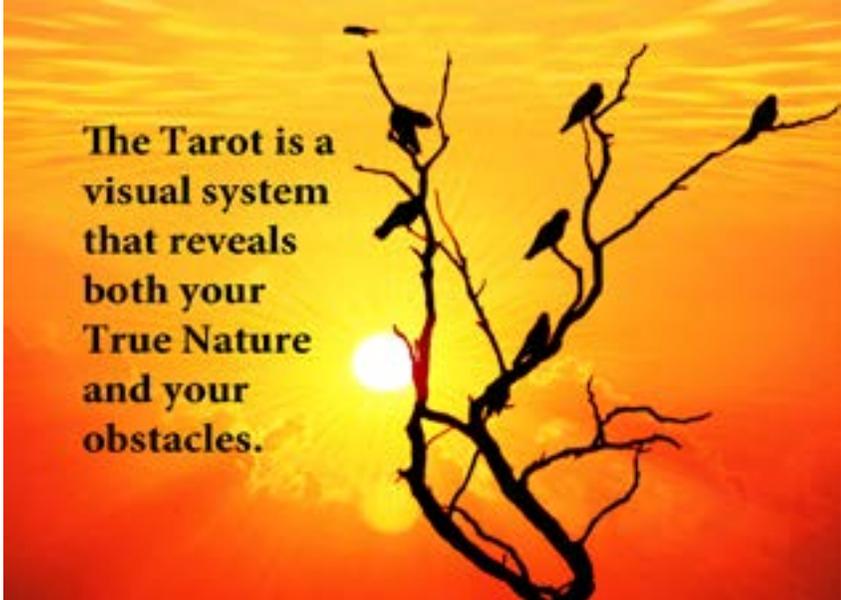


# Introducing Supportive Supernatural Symbols

One has only to know and trust  
and the ageless guardian will appear.”

*Joseph Campbell*

Throughout history we have wanted to understand the circumstances of our lives and our relationships with others. We have had a profound desire to know ourselves on the deepest levels, to make sound decisions, and to receive guidance from the Divine.



The Tarot is a set of universal principles that provide a visual system which reveals both your True Nature and the obstacles

to living from this Unified State of Consciousness. Traditionally and cross-culturally these archetypes communicate all the aspects of existence. Through these rich symbolic mirrors you can receive messages about where you are at present, an external issue, a relationship, your career, and an inner psychological state—in fact all aspects of your evolutionary journey.

In the following pages, you will touch on how to tap into inner guidance and awaken internal allies. This book was written for you to draw assistance from the symbols of your soul's journey as each card is like a magic talisman.

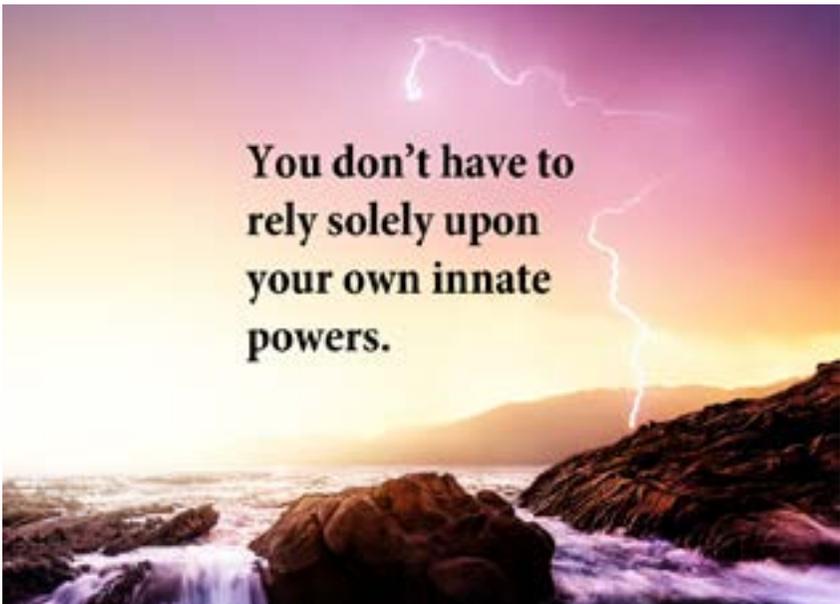
As you explore the visual symbols of each Tarot card, you are given different components that add to your understanding of its meaning. After the visuals there are: a short meaning; descriptions; key words to summarize them; reflective suggestions to go into your process; questions to ponder; and an affirmation. In the descriptions there are correlations with Astrology, Numerology, the Tree of Life, the Hero's Journey, and the general process of evolution. I have included the Hebrew letter for each of the Major Arcana, and the I Ching's association to the Royalty cards.

Toward the end of the book, you will learn to find your life's path, the yearly path, some inner teachers, and sample readings for you to try. Please take what is useful for you and ignore the rest. For those of you who want to dive in deeper, there are several dense teaching chapters that I include in Part VII, "Integrating the Tarot." Altogether these systems can assist your assimilation of each card, as their cosmic voices can exert a powerful support for you. When you use the cards, you not only have a self-reflective tool, a device to awaken intuition, but also

a suggestive magnifier of the qualities you want to infuse in your life.

This book is a part of a series called, **A Toolkit for Awakening**, which is based on the eminent mythologist, Joseph Campbell's great blueprint, "The Hero's Journey." It is from his classic book, *A Hero with a Thousand Faces* (1948). This formula for spiritual evolution, presented in Chapter 83 and the conclusion, gives the structure and foundation of this series.

The stage of the Hero's Journey that this book deals with is called "Supernatural Aids." You are encouraged to seek helpers, animate and inanimate, seen and unseen, ancient and modern. You don't have to rely solely upon your own innate powers. Magical helpers appear once you are on the spiritual path as you see abundantly in myths and fairy tales. This book suggests that the Tarot is "a supernatural aid," for these cards are external mirrors from which you can hear your inner guidance.



Having support is one of life's most valuable assets. I am thankful for all the support I have received. Yet because I have chosen "a road less traveled," my deepest gratitude has been to those invisible forces—the archetypes (also called universal symbols). Exploring interrelated metaphysical systems, like Tarot, Astrology, and Numerology have given me the keys to the human journey. "Meta" means beyond, for these maps of consciousness go outside the physical to bridge existence with causality. As you play with the archetypes themselves, they become intuitive and active spiritual allies.

There is a vast array of metaphysical oracles to help you gain self-knowledge and make changes. You can delve into these cosmic looking glasses to muse and reflect. You can pick cards, gaze at charts and maps, throw coins, select stones, add some numbers, dream, visualize, meditate, or open a book randomly for a message, and they will become your guideposts and supportive tools that help you to wake us up to the highest aspects of yourself.

My hope is that the Tarot images, the concepts presented in this book, and the series, **A Toolkit for Awakening**, will be a source of support for you. The empowering myth of the Goddess Warrior on the Hero's Journey is the underlying basis of this series. Love and allowing are the ways of the Goddess. Being accountable for our time, attention and intention is how we embody the Warrior. These archetypes become our helpers and infuse higher vibrations to facilitate new states of consciousness.

**My inner and outer helpers guide me and inspire me  
along my sacred path of expressing Divine Light.**

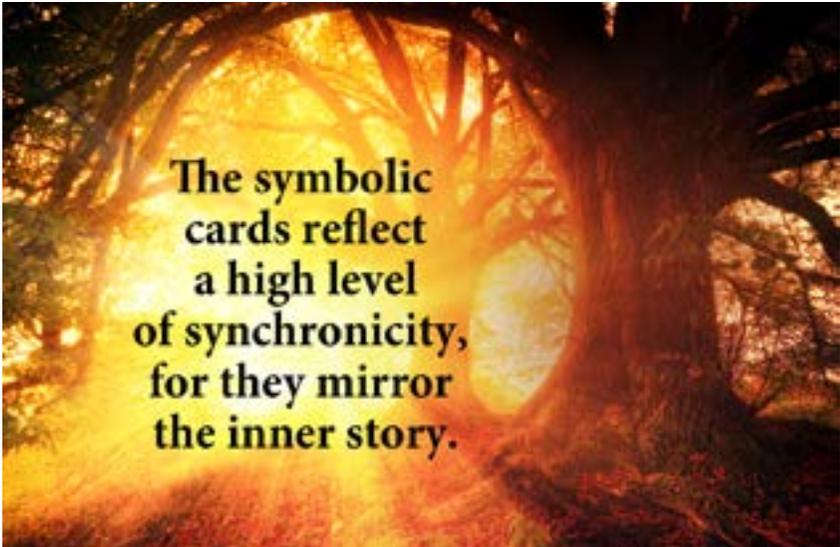
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## Exploring Tarot

The Tarot is God's Picture Book,  
or it could be likened to  
a celestial game of chess.

*Frieda Harris*

The Tarot symbols are amazingly insightful pictorial mythologies that have come down through history as unbound books with seventy-eight cards. With them your inner and outer human experiences operate symbolically, visually, and nonlinearly to reach you in the same states as your dreams and meditations.



The mystery of how this works is explained by synchronicity, which is a concept that was verbalized by Carl G. Jung in 1960. It is a meaningful coincidence or a psychic orderliness

that transcends time and space and activates the archetypes, but that is not determined or caused. The unconscious mind becomes stronger than the conscious mind and reveals the underlying message.

Cosmic symbols are powerful with multiple meanings. They are like throwing a rock into still water. The layers and layers of connotations spread out and draw you into the unconscious realms. Tarot archetypes are steps on the journey and can be seen as *verbs* with actions to take. They are also forces of nature and patterns of being and you can relate to them as *nouns* or a personification of Divinity. They could also be seen as *adjectives*, as they are descriptive paths. The symbols show where you are now and where you are going.

There are countless varieties of Tarot decks and complementary books to mirror where you are and find answers to our questions. To name a few: *The Thoth*, *Waite*, *Rider*, *Voyager Tarot*, *Mythic Tarot*, *Mother Peace*, *Jungian Tarot*, and *Goddess Tarot*. With so many decks, you may ask, “Why create another one? I was called, encouraged, impelled to co-create its birth.

Some of visionary and helpful oracle systems that work the same way, but do not have the structure of the Tarot are: *I Ching*, *Runes*, *Secret Dakani Oracle*, *Medicine Cards*, *Amulets of the Goddess*, *Inner Child Cards*, *Goddess Cards*, *Enlightenment Cards*, and *Sacred Path Cards*. Sometimes when I have been confused about my writing, I have consulted the quirky Whack Deck for fun and direction. There is a wealth of resources on the market as more and more cosmic games are coming out with many spiritual teachers utilizing blessings, teachings, affirmations, and quotes.

The general structure of the Tarot collectively links your being with destiny and time. The universal language is made of twenty-two Trump cards called **Major Arcana**, which represent the universal principles of life. They fit perfectly with Astrology and the ten planets and twelve zodiac signs. Each of the Trump cards has a Hebrew letter with specific attributes.



The Tarot traditionally and creatively connects the ten spheres on the Tree of Life. Each card's placements gives insight into its meaning and a more comprehensive appreciation of the Tarot in general. Robert Wang in his book, *The Qabalistic Tarot* said, "We are to consider the opposite position on the Tree of Life to understand each card." The card opposite on the Tree of Life offers balance and integration to its meaning.

The **Minor Arcana** consist of fifty-six cards. There are four suits with ten cards that signify your opportunities, gifts, and

challenges, plus four Royalty Cards, which denote teachers or masters.

The **Swords** cover the element Air and are the mental realm and lessons. They are shown on the card with a sword and the number or designation inside it. In regular playing cards, they are the spades. The **Cups** deal with the element Water, which are your emotional trials and gifts; they are the hearts. They are denoted with a cup on the cards. The **Wands** name the Fire element and cover the perceptual and spiritual journey, and alternately are called the clubs, batons, and slaves. They are shown with a fire wand symbol. The **Disks** signify the Earth element and symbolize the physical and practical concerns. They are the diamonds, and later called coins, rings, and pentacles. They are presented with a golden sphere on the cards.

All these potencies, adepts, and steps can help you discover your own inner knowing, so you can find your own answers. When you allow the Tarot cards to guide your growth, it is like having your own personal psychic on hand. Use their benefits, but do not exploit them. These symbols are sacred. Have fun with them, as they aid in the development and discovery of your full potential. When you open to these universal principles, they become teachers, experiences, initiations, and the path toward greater awareness.

**Cosmic archetypes are always available to me for inspiration and inner guidance as I align more and more with the Infinite Intelligence that infuses all symbols and events in my life.**

## 2.

# Correlating Astrology and Tarot

Symbols appear as signposts or keys  
and function as containers,  
revealers, or concealers of meaning.  
Our internal and external world intersect  
and attempt to dialogue with one another.

*Angeles Arrien*

Adding Astrology with the Tarot images gives you a gestalt, which is another viewing of the whole that is more powerful than the parts. Let us examine the components of Astrology.



The Planets, including the luminaries, the Sun and the Moon, represent your basic *motivations and human drives*. These are the *actors* and act like *verbs* in your life. Here are their key words and their Tarot designator: