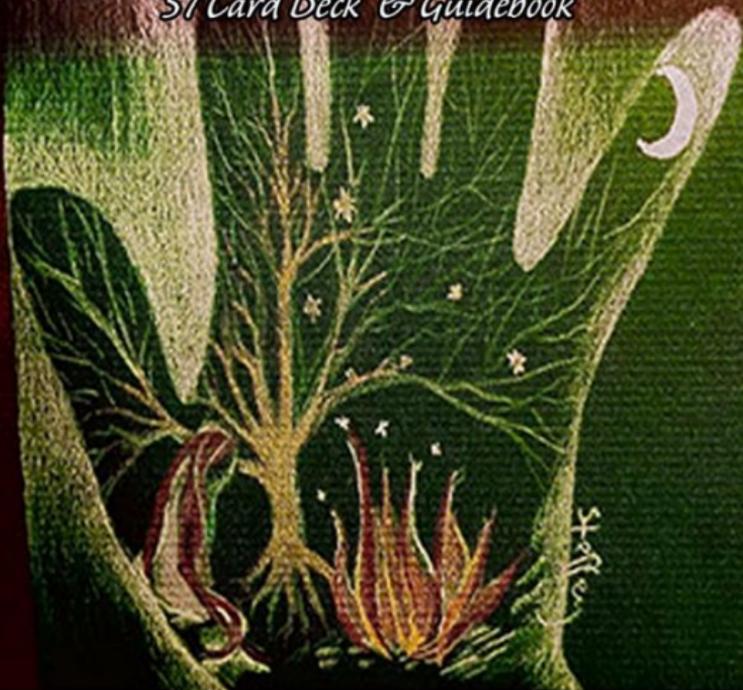


# *Intuitive Inquiry Oracle Deck*

*57 Card Deck & Guidebook*



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## **Introduction**

### ***Birth of the Deck***

I began my first oracle experiences using the I Ching over 50 years ago. Adoring the natural world brought me one of my first medicine herbs named Yarrow. I learned how, besides the medicine of flowers and leaves, the stems were used in a long divination ceremony of "I Ching." This set me on my course of plant healing and divination.

A deck of MotherPeace Tarot by Viki Noble and Karen Vogel was gifted to our community in the early

80's, and this was my introduction and first Tarot deck. Over the decades many decks have come into my life. Nature study, Tarot, Astrology, and the Divine Feminine are my studies so are represented in the deck.

I've been a painter and creative all my life, but in 2014 I had been wondering how to bring my diverse approaches of spirituality and love of nature together. I worked with Flora Aube for a decade with her Art of Allowing© intuitive painting process. I now teach classes, inviting Spirit of Guidance to lead our creativity.

The cards in this deck are paintings from my work. After working with them myself, I realized that these images have a story for others, so I now share them in this format with you.

## **Ways to approach the Oracle and some of my ceremonial processes.**

We all approach inquiry and “wonder” in our own way. In all times and ages, people have sought guidance and looked externally for signs of acknowledgement or encouragement that they are on the best path.

These paintings want to speak with you. They offer symbols and archetypes as nourishment for your life’s journey. My intention with this Guidebook is to invite you to trust your intuition and honor your own recognition of the messages and how the images, colors and shapes on the cards invite a story that is meaningful for your life.

Perhaps you are already practiced in ritual and ceremony and have several Tarot or Oracle decks of your own. This one was perhaps gifted to you from a friend, or, you may be new to it and have not yet

approached this form of inquiry. You will find your own ways to build a personal relationship with the cards.

I believe our intentions are very important. I use rituals and tools to indicate that I am in a sacred space, wishing to be guided by the Sacred Wisdom of Life. I choose to place meaningful objects on my altar. They help me focus. For example, I place symbols of the elements (earth, water, fire, air, and spirit) on my table when I create a ceremony. This might be a flower, candle, water, or a favorite rock. If you have limited space, perhaps a small votive candle, a scarf you love, or simply your breath of intention is sufficient to mark a special sanctuary space and time. It is important to call the appropriate positive, loving energies when we have a ceremony or a ritual. You will have your own styles of Invocation.

Sometimes we come to the cards for insight, inspiration, or a life issue

and do not have time for an elaborate ceremony. In this case, be present, and honor the sacredness of the moment. You might come to them with specific questions or need. You may open them to give you an understanding of the future or something that has already happened.

You may also decide to do a larger reading using, for example, three cards where you choose the meaning of each card before you select. One example would pull three cards for past, present, future. Two cards for what would it look like if I do/or do not make this decision. You determine your intention for the role of the cards as you are shuffling them.

A reciprocity between you and the cards will be created with your intentions. How you use the cards, store them, and visit them will create a bond offering deeper meaning.

Each of the paintings in this deck as a card has many possible meanings and stories that I invite you to hear. The cards are about listening, allowing, and receiving the message as it comes to you.

When you decide to pull a card, shuffle them as you contemplate if there is a specific question or dilemma you have. It is fine to be curious and simply ask to see what will awaken something for you for a day or an event or in a relationship.

I personally shuffle and cut my deck into three piles with my non-dominant hand and take the top card of the center pile. Some people like to lay them all out or hold them all to see if a specific card calls, or to feel it calling. Whichever way you choose is fine. You can also try these different ways.

The first thing I invite you to do when you pull a card is to simply feel if you have a first response or impression. What do you see? How

does it make you feel? Are there any symbols or colors that seem relevant?

If you use a journal, write these down. If you are journaling, also write the date and your question. If you haven't yet, read the card's name or title. It may or may not have meaning for you at first glance. Each of these cards illustrate a story and have many elements of symbolism and references to archetypes that I will share in the Guidebook. Some of these elements might add to the meaning of the card showing up for you and give you guidance for how to respond.

Be respectful and honor your own process. You will develop your own relationship to this deck.

This art was done over a course of more than ten years and most of the images came directly from Spirit, without me even knowing what I planned to paint. A few, like the Angels, I felt came as gifts or

prayers. These images have changed my life and unfolded as personal guides and friends. If you pull a card, the most important thing is to feel what YOU feel from the painting. How do the colors make you feel? Are you immediately struck by a meaningful detail on the painting? Does the title give you any information? Some of these characters can open even more insights if you research them. What about the expressions and the small details on the card? Write down or note anything that may open more information for you. Allow associations. If the card brings up more questions, sit with them. Let the questions sink in. If you need more information after sitting with a card and allowing it to speak to you, pull another. See if there is completion or direction.

I hope these Intuitive Inquiry Oracle cards strengthen your insight, support you on your path, and

awaken new inspirations, and especially- - that you enjoy using them.

Thank you and many blessings.  
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## *Ancestors*



acrylic on canvas

Look closely into the details and images on this card. This is you, in your seat of sovereignty. This is a card of timeless wisdom from guides, like your wise and well ancestors. What might you ask them?

Notice the supportive characters around her: a raven, a peacock, and trees. Imagine yourself as this being, surrounded by magical beings and wise ancestors. Reflect on or write what messages you might share with the ancestors who come to you. Sit with your responses.

Could you benefit from creating a stronger energetic boundary? Or is there a hint of isolation between you and the world around you? This card is an invitation to go within and sense invisible support around you.

Hold an intention of all that is “good, true, and beautiful.” The sacred space is encompassing and full of protection. With intention of the highest good for all, calling the most beneficent beings, and the Divine womb of Mercy, bring forth Peace and Love to spread backward and forward in time, opening the doors of insight, clarity, and safety.

## *Ancestral Wall*



acrylic on canvas

Let yourself explore this cave wall of the Ancestors. Look closely and decide if any of these symbols resonate for you. Keep looking and allow a story to form.

Reflect on your life and how you imagine your personal cave wall.

Have you visited any caves or grottos with pictographs or petroglyphs where you could see the stories of your ancestors?

Visualize all your people going as far back as you can. Do you know

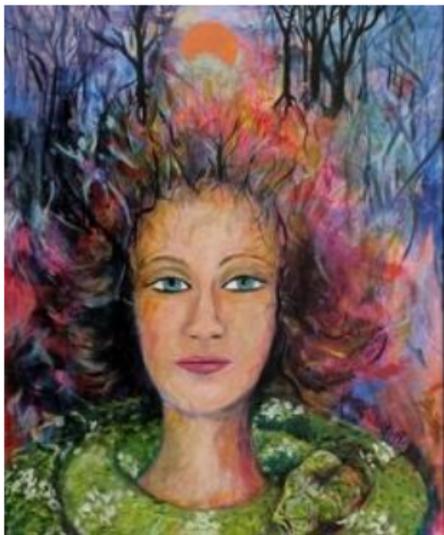
what countries they traveled to, or where they were from? Think about family stories, history, and traditions in your life. Are there any new traditions you have imagined for your life now?

This card reminds you to honor your past and your lineage-- whether painful or joyful. Imagine the pictures you would paint on your cave wall. Create your own story. Draw some symbols that you would share with your descendants.

Do you see mountains, deserts, forests, oceans, waterways or prairies? What landscapes bring you a sense of belonging?

Our stories are important, and today this card reminds you to reflect on the stories about yourself that you share. And those stories are yet to unfold.

## Ashera



acrylic on canvas

Breathe and notice or scan your body and feelings. How are you? Sit for a moment with what is. Now take in this card. How do you relate to this image? See this card as a mirror reflecting to you a powerful stillness and composure.

Feel the strong magnetism that emanates from the figure.

She has an astonishing gaze. Her eyes speak of a sacred knowing. If this were you looking at yourself in a mirror, write down what you would be saying to yourself or to another.

Ancient stories tell of her as a powerful Mother Goddess throughout several ancient cultures. Her name is Ashera. Imagine the mystery she holds. Which female figures from myth and stories inspire you?

Notice the nighttime magic around her. See the passionate, fiery energy. And what about the green boa, her “familiar” resting on her shoulders? Imagine sitting in this nighttime forest, feeling the energy around you, being curious about the restful wood boa sitting on your shoulders? Is there an animal you might call to sit close and support you? Feel the stillness and balance in Ashera’s face.

## *Brilliance*



acrylic on canvas

Reflect and write about how you are coming to the cards right now. Is your question about you, your body, emotions, or about another? How is your own energetic body? What is the question you carry?

Now, note these first impressions from drawing this card, Brilliance.

What are you needing or hoping to hear? If you are feeling power and strength, then this card is an affirmation, encouraging you to shine fully and expressively.

Notice the warm colors of fall leaves inside this figure. Her smile radiates an inner satisfaction. If the question is regarding others or a relationship, look at the expressiveness and radiating energy around the figure. Receive the energy you need to express yourself fully to others.

In considering your own energy today, do a full body scan and listen to your mind chatter. If you could use an energetic boost, or you came to the cards today in a low energy state or with some darker energy around you, then pulling this card invites you to shake it off! Stretch your arms wide and move and shake your body to wake up your own brilliant field of love and power.

## *Cauldron of Fire*



acrylic on wood

Reflect on your intention or the question you come to the cards today to hear. Now who are these women? With which one do you identify? They are apparently holding something in a bowl and are at a large cauldron of fire. Think of your

close friends. Know that in community, you create a stronger field of energy and focus. What wish are you creating? What healing prayers are in your heart?

For ages, certain days and times of the calendar year have been celebrated as especially powerful. This image is of a goddess, Brigit, who represents maiden, mother, and crone- the Triple Goddess. Brigit is a well-known Celtic triple goddess of Smithcraft, Healing and Creativity.

Her special day has been called IMBOLC or Candlemas, and it is at the beginning of February each year. This day marks the halfway point between winter and spring. Crosses of reeds and grasses are woven and placed over one's door for blessings, like the one depicted above in the painting. Honor the creativity and healing you wish to manifest today.

## *Celebration*



acrylic on canvas

Allow yourself to fully feel and sense these bright colors. The card suggests a celebration and a surprise. Are you looking forward to something with eager anticipation? There is something coming! Which colors resonate with you now? What is your palette today—muted, dark, bright? What emotions or

feelings came up today as you shuffled the cards?

On the other hand, perhaps today has been more subdued or tinted, even grey. A cloudy day can suddenly clear and become sunny. Perhaps these shapes and vibrant colors bring a vibratory shift. Take in these colors. Like the chakra color associations, they flow vertically. Use the colors in the card to help you connect with shakti or life force. Look inside yourself to find passion and enthusiasm? Respect that. Do you want or need to invite more aliveness somewhere? It could be in a relationship, a project, your job, or your home.

You are reminded to allow celebration of even the everyday, the small gifts.

Might you be an uplifter or inspirer for another, or do you need this boost for yourself? Allow a space for celebration.

## *Ceremony*



acrylic on canvas

You have pulled this card; now take note of all you see. What do you notice in this scene filled with six figures? Imagine the role you usually play in groups. These women all seem to be in supportive roles. With which character do you choose to

identify? You are witnessing a sacred gathering. The women are celebrating a safe journey of the soul.

Is it time to do this yourself? What are you holding space for? Is there a prayer in your heart for something? It may be healing, an intention, or a desire? This card is offering support in your intentions, wishes, needs, or prayers that you hold in your heart.

Reflect on each figure in this painting, and as in dreamwork, sit in each role and see how each one fits your inquiry. What support do you need, or are you the witness in support of another?

This card encourages you to feel the support all around you, possible from invisible helpers. Imagine a need for which you need safety and trust today like a new project or the seed of an idea that you want to protect. Place it in the bowl.

## *Cleansing Water*



acrylic on canvas

What is your favorite way to appreciate water? Do you love to be outdoors in the rain, or at a stream, river, ocean, or waterfall? Water is a precious necessity and gift for all life. We are made of a large percentage of water, and our planet is also mostly water. Water is the most precious supporter of life on Earth.

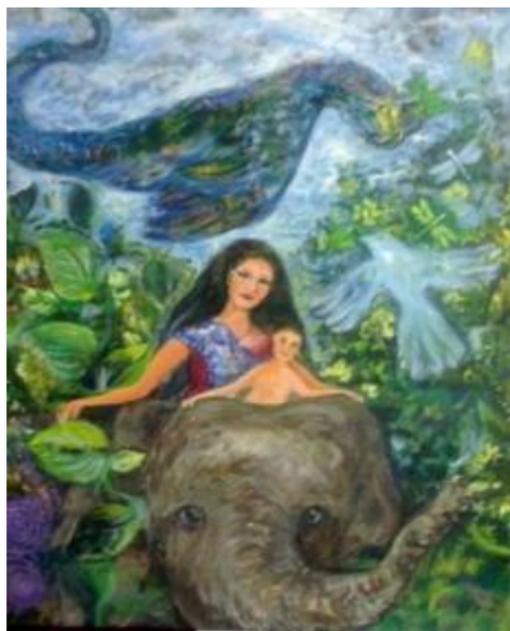
Water often symbolizes emotions and feelings. Where are you today in relation to your emotional state? Are you in need of a fresh change of feeling about an issue in your heart, or some washing away, cleansing emotions that are not serving you? Is this a time you may feel that you are “drowning” in emotional drama? Or, going with the flow?

The woman in this image is relaxing under a waterfall. Nothing is more restorative than a bath or a shower after a tough day.

If you are able, get to water today. Perhaps just allowing yourself to feel tears flow, or in meditation, soak in all the divine blessings of water to cleanse your emotions. Give attention to the divine outpouring of water’s blessings with a beautiful glass of water, drunk with healing intention.

Drink pure water, cry salty tears, feel.

## *Compassionate Mother*



acrylic on canvas

What did you first notice as this card came up for you? You are invited to feel strength and safety as any of the characters- -your child self, your caring or nurturing role as mother, or as the powerful all-seeing dragon or the gentle yet powerful

elephant. Maybe you noticed the dragonfly or the bird. Whatever your personal life situation, this card reminds you that on a deep level of archetypes, you are held.

Do you have personal animal guides or totems? This dragon showed itself on the canvas as a loving guide for this mother and child. The yellow-green bird might represent Spirit or an angel guiding you, or it might symbolize the sky and freedom. The powerful elephant carries the power, devotion, and gentle beauty of her species.

Here is the archetypal Mother of Compassion. You may be a mother yourself and this is an affirmation of that limitless love and power of the Great Mother to protect her children and all whom she loves.

Feel the lushness of the earth with a freshness, connecting you with each step in divine rhythm and gentle progress toward your goal.

## *Crone*



acrylic on canvas

First, just look at the card, the colors, and the figure, and feel your own inner response.

A great Being has come to communicate with you today. You are being welcomed to receive guidance. She has many names. Cailleach, Crone, and Hekate are a

few from around the world. This old one comes out of a sacred tree, from the mysterious dark caves of the inner world. She greets you in a peaceful repose.

Breathe into a holy, receptive space. Come to a quiet heart. If the day has put you in agitation, take a few healing breaths to get present and anticipate this visit. You are received wherever you stand.

In her ancient body she gazes directly into your heart. She shines from inner knowing and ageless truth. Look closely at her and take your inquiry to her as a gift, awaiting her response. What questions are in your heart today? You may have a burden you need to release. Close your eyes and imagine what you are bringing here. Place one hand on your heart and with the other, reach out toward her. She knows and will receive. She accepts you as you are in this moment.

## *Dreaming the Dark*



Lithograph

How do you relate to this card you have pulled today? Do you see this textured image as a tunnel or a cave? Where are you traveling today? How does your path feel? Are you following a path while considering

the advantages or disadvantages of a direction?

A wise witch named Starhawk wrote a book called Dreaming the Dark. This card honors her teachings. We have lost the ability to hold the feminine “diffuse” vision, to appreciate the mystery of the unknown, to sit in the dark. We live with light pollution and prefer light. We do not allow mystery of the unknown-- the dark.

As we travel our paths in life, sometimes we feel certain of our direction and other times we may not know what lies ahead. Sometimes we need to see things in “black & white.” Do you have anticipation of your journey and clarity of the direction you have chosen? Or are you being drawn to explore a new unknown direction?

This card invites you to be drawn to the mystery and the texture of a new path.

## Durga



watercolor and pastel on paper

When you pull this card, how do you imagine this story? Notice the objects in her many hands. What tools will you need to feel confident and strong enough to achieve any task? Doesn't she look comfortable riding on this tiger? This card asks if you are heading in a new direction, and if you need to gather your tools for achieving your goal. This is an

image of deliverance. You will succeed.

This painting is from a very old Indian image of one of its culture's most important Hindu deities named Durga. Sometimes she rides a lion and often she rides a tiger. There is much lore and ritual around Her. She is one of the original Mother goddesses and in many stories. It is said Kali arose from her forehead.

The legend is that there was a great war between the gods and demons, and the demons were winning because one of them had been given a "boon" from Vishnu; he could never be killed by a man. So, after much destruction, the gods finally called on a feminine goddess, Durga. With all her weapons and the assistance of her tiger, the gods defeated the demons. Like other cosmic helpers (Tara, Quan Yin, Medicine Buddha, and Jesus) Durga comes when the world needs Her.

## *Earth Angel*



mixed media/acrylic on canvas

Behold this Angel image. Be aware of any response or feelings that come up now as you take in this card. Are you curious? Did an immediate thought come forth? Observe how it lands for you. How do the colors and textures resonate?

Do you have your own images of helpers who are always standing by to support the world? Imagine how angels could be a part of your life. Perhaps you already feel connected to helper spirits. They might be ancestors or elements of nature that seem to speak through your intuition and give you messages when they appear. Benevolent energies are always around us.

You might think back to your own life. Invisible guides may appear when we are in need. In our contemporary world we are made aware of so many conditions of need around us. News comes immediately and constantly through social and electronic media. We hear of planetary devastations, wars, and natural disasters, near and far. It can be overwhelming to hear of such turmoil. Maybe the difficulties are very close to home for you. Call for Her help.

## *Earth Heart*



mixed media/acrylic on canvas

How are you feeling today? What is in your heart? Do you come to the cards to ask about a challenge or a way to view yourself in a relationship? Honor where you are and how you are holding this inquiry. It is sacred. Your heart is sacred.

Scan out farther and farther into space. Can you imagine many others

holding this same question or inquiry? We can only follow what is truly in our own hearts. We often get insulated inside our own dramas and personal challenges. We can use perspective to view the longer or wider view.

Visualize the beauty of our blue green planet and rest in the slow deep pulse of Her heartbeat. Earth as Gaia has much power of regeneration. Our planet is millions and millions of years old. Humans have been here, but for a moment compared to the age of the planet. We can rest in a bigger picture and remember the greatness of this home we call Earth. Savor the beauty and feel the blessings of being here now.

Honor your own space. You are right where you need to be. You know where to focus and how to find the stillness within.

## *Earth Priestess*



acrylic on canvas

Can you invite or allow yourself to feel a repose like this figure? Notice all the details in her environment and about her presence.

What is going on around you today? Do you need some time out, to stop and assess your actions or

the directions of the things moving in your life?

This is a portrait of an Earth Priestess. She is a protector of all things good, true, and beautiful. She holds our planet in her lap, and a magical orb close to her heart. Her other hand is open, bestowing blessings to all creatures great and small. The turtle is her sacred familiar, as it carries its home and moves slowly and close to the ground. The meandering blue spiral, like sacred water and rivers, wraps around her.

The posture and kind expression of this Earth Priestess demonstrates the care and love she has for all life. Here is a reminder to notice what you hold dear and precious. Earth is her belly or womb. Ground Yourself.

Notice the phoenix and fire moving behind her in the sky. These mythical birds are born from the fires of transformation.

## *Elder Tree*



acrylic on canvas

Notice the breadth and width of this tree's trunk. Take in this strong and powerful root flair as the Elder Tree fans down, embracing and anchoring into the earth. The roots and trunk show power and substance, and the branches have become weather-beaten and small. Can

you imagine how this being has weathered many strong storms? Take a few moments to reflect upon the storms you have weathered, the life you are building. Can you feel yourself stretching your branches into the sky? And what connections are you making? What roots are you putting down?

Imagine going on a quest to find a tree calling you. A tree is a wonderful metaphor for embodying our own solidity, strength, community, and being grounded. What are some special trees you have encountered? We have times in our lives when we reach out and connect to others, like this old tree whose branches gave haven for birds and small creatures. How can this tree inform you?

*Entering the Mystery  
(Shaman's Gate)*



acrylic on canvas

Look into this image and contemplate what it is showing you. Imagine the story this card tells. Where might these travelers be going? And who is the gatekeeper?

What feelings arise as you see the boats and waves and this golden gate or doorway? Thinking of

yourself on your journey in the waters of life, how are the waves supporting your boat? Are there any thresholds you are approaching or gates you may be about to enter? What destinations are you seeking? Are these glittering dots stars in the sky or fireflies filling this night scene? Can you identify yourself as one of these white figures? Or are you in the role of guide or teacher, holding the sacred tablet of wisdom?

Are you planning a journey? Do you feel you are on the threshold of a new project or place? This is a journey to a shaman's gate. The figures are in a spirit boat together. You may be journeying alone or in the company of trusted others. Who might they be?

It is time for you to enter. Let the dreams and visions come. You are safe on your spirit boat with trusted companions. May your journey be safe and insightful, full of adventure among friends.

## *Fire Angel*



mixed media/ acrylic on canvas

Close your eyes and savor a good natural breath. Now, look at your card and take in the shapes and colors you notice. Can you see the glimmers of gold around the wings of the Fire Angel? Let your imagination come in and tell yourself a story of what you see. Jot down some thoughts.

This angel carries the Sun or enlightening fire in her heart. There may be an awakening in the “wings” of your life. And these soft wings may be a comfort for you like a warm comforter or blanket. Feel this sense of angelic protections and this fire of inspiration she holds.

This Fire Angel may be a spirit of inspiration or passion for you today. Can you feel the warmth in your heart and the softness enfolding you? See if you can take this into your body and out into the world.

On a day you choose, you might take out each of the angel cards from this deck and place them in front of you. Let this energy uplift you and nourish your trust and faith that you are rightly guided.

Fire Angels can sooth intense emotions and bring new inspirations. This angel can uplift you energetically.

## *Fire Ceremony*



colored pencil on board

What a story this hand tells! Perhaps investigate your hand, looking at both the back and the palm. Play with opening and closing your hand from a tight fist and open in a relaxed stretch. Our hands tell a story, and we can see much history in our hands. There are many

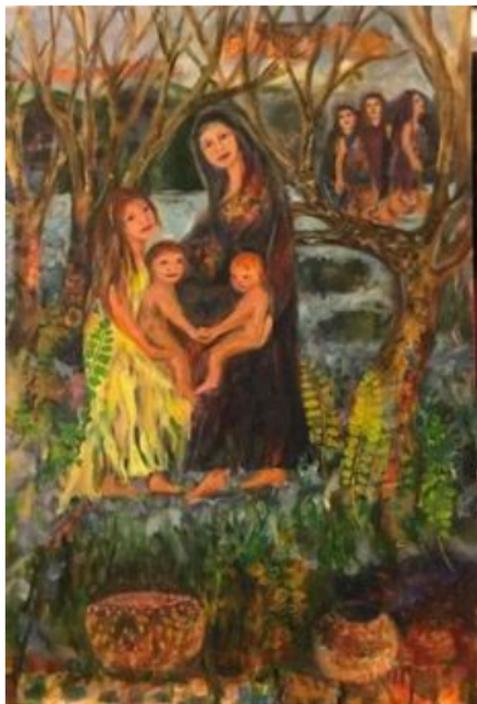
reasons to be grateful for the things our hands accomplish.

This drawing is a portal, sharing an intimate scene of a woman on a starry night beside a tree with a ceremonial fire sending sparks high under the crescent Moon. Imagine what you might be thinking or feeling in such a scene. Are you holding something that needs to be witnessed by the stars and the fire? Have you sat at night with a fire and allowed the flickering light and pulsing colors to draw you into them?

There are also times we need to put our hands up (figuratively or physically) to say “stop.”

Do you have a place where you can have a sacred fire? If not, you can light a candle to have a sacred flame. Take some time to look up at the sky and imagine the story you want to live. Sing or speak your intention.

## *For our Children's Children*



acrylic on canvas

Look through this landscape and gather all the information you notice. Which figures draw you in? How do you feel about family? Notice the two groups in the image. Are you closely

engaged in a nurturing relationship in the family?

Think of time as nonlinear for this moment. The past is ahead of you. The future is behind you. Feel your place in all your lineage and allow this present moment to bring healing and wellness to all the ancestors who came before and who will come after you.

What are your prayers for earth's children? For yourself?

We are each on a journey and our paths meander and cross here and there. Appreciate those who walk with you.

Place your dreams, wishes, and needs into the sacred baskets in the foreground. They are powerful receptacles for healing. Arrange your needs in the womb bowl of the Divine. Walk a path of love, past, present, and future, for our children's children.

## *Freedom Bird*



acrylic on canvas

**SPirit BIRD** shows up in your cards. What is your first thought or inner response?

Look and appreciate her wide wing expanse against the evening Moon-filled sky. Bird symbolism often is a spirit calling, and an invitation for higher vantage points. Do you feel an impulse for more freedom? Are you ready to stretch

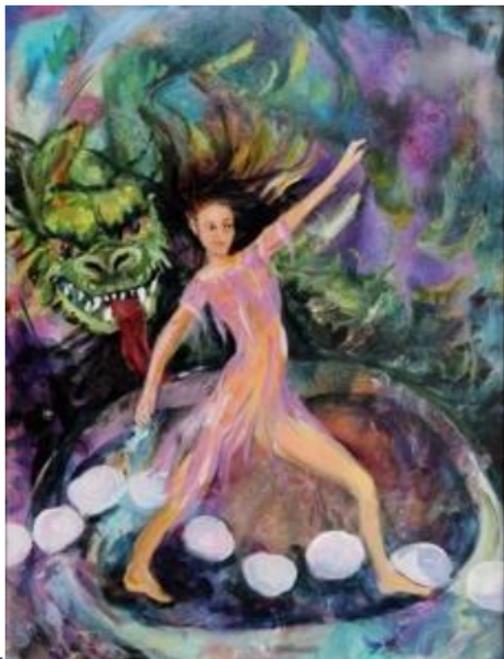
your wings? Is there a light guiding you that you may offer gratitude for today?

Is there something new calling you right now? Or do you feel a desire to break free of something that has you feeling too grounded? Or might you need a higher perspective? In what way do you need to “take off?” Are you in a space today where you feel your own wings opening and lifting you toward an unknown goal?

Notice which birds live in your area. Are there certain birds that intrigue you? If you can, take some time to sit and watch them. Notice how lightly they move.

*Embodiment practice to lighten up. Stand up, raise your arms and allow them to sway. Embrace the feeling of the moving air and celebrate your freedom.*

## *Futs Lung*



acrylic on canvas

Now here is a card for today! Take note of all the images and colors. How do you respond to dragons? This dragon's fierceness seems undeniable. What is going on around you? Are you dancing firmly in your own space? Are there any dragons

speaking to you? Is there some emotion, like anger, inviting you to look at it directly, or something you need to defend, or a protector you need to watch over you?

The story of this card tells of a Chinese dragon named Futs Lung, who protects the rare and precious gems and minerals deep in the earth. His favorite gifts of earth are the pearls. In my painting, a dancing sea being brings him some pearls as a gift of gratitude for his protection of our planet's minerals and precious gems. She brings them up from the deep on an abalone shell.

An inquiry you might reflect on is, what am I willing to fiercely protect? What gifts of Earth do I treasure most? Is there someone in my life who needs a gift, and I might offer my appreciation? With which character do I most identify today?

## *Gaia Sophia*



acrylic on canvas

This card comes like a new moon inviting deep introspective reflections. If possible, allow some quiet time today to honor the unknown. Mystery is a holy time. Pulling this card honors what you

hold most dear and precious and care for with love in your life: home, family, and deep self. There is depth and insight wanting you to open and receive now.

Look carefully at the card. The dark goddess or angel has her wings wrapped over her body whose shape resembles the vesica piscis-- a mathematical shape created when two circles intersect. Some look at it as a symbol of healing, self-balance, and unity. Receive a gift of sacred mystery for you through this fertile dark womb of creativity.

She has many names--Sophia, Shekina, the Sacred Mother, and Black Madonna.

Feel the Light of Creation holding you in this holy place and savor this image as a gift of support.

You have an invitation today to honor your own soul space. Feel held by the Universal Mother of Mysteries.

## *Goddess & Her Peacock (The Creatrix)*



acrylic on canvas

Look closely into this other worldly image. Who is she and what is she doing? Can you feel today as a potent day for your own magic and creative play? What can you “cook up?” The swirling energy in her right

hand is a wild potentiality growing. Imagine projects you are hoping to create in your life. Focus on your visions today, and on the desires you hold in your mind and heart.

This is the Creatrix, a goddess who is confident and powerful. She conjures support around her. She is timeless and may come from another dimension. Her familiar, the peacock, stands by her for witnessing and supporting her power-making energy.

The peacock shows up in many myths and accompanies several goddesses. It is a bird of magic and mystery. The colors of the tail are eyes of iridescent blues and purples.

Perhaps rub your hands together, close your eyes and feel the energy between your hands as you hold them facing one another. Pay attention to what you are holding in your hands and to what you are creating.

## *Good Red Road*



acrylic on canvas

Feel your way into a balance of Love, Harmony, and Beauty surrounding you. You are walking your OWN Beauty Way.

Honor the directions— The North, South, East, and West. Honor what is in front and behind, above and below you. Create a space for balance and harmony.

Speak a prayer from your heart to honor the doorways or portals you

have moved through so far in your life.

Give thanks for the road you are on, NOW, in this present moment. You are beautiful, unique and precious.

Take in the symbols around this portal or gate-- the snake, the tree, the sacred geometry, and the calligraphy of names of the divine. Allow them to speak to you. Savor the balance being offered to you on your journey toward more light of awareness.

This card is inviting you to give thought to what doorways are available to you. What future are you inviting on this path you walk?

Take a walk outdoors today if you can toward the horizon of your future. If this is not possible, look closely at the card, close your eyes and internally visualize this journey and invitation to go forward into a new future.

## *Green Tara*



Mixed media collage/ watercolor

What a Blessing is being offered for you today with this card. Think of your intention as you opened the deck today for insight and inquiry. Are you bringing a specific question or dilemma?

Is this image familiar to you? It is Green Tara (Drolma in Tibetan.) In the Buddhist culture, there are

twenty-one different Taras. All are emanations of wisdom and compassion, but in a variety of expressions: peaceful; powerful; serene; attractive or wrathful, through a variety of postures and expressions. Some of these female Buddhist deities are wrathful in order to stand up to our negative tendencies. Some are specific symbols or representations of a rescuing ability for powerful healing. Green Tara is often called the “Mother of all Buddhas.”

In Vajrayani Buddhism, the story goes that the night before his enlightenment, Gautama Sakyamuni, while meditating, was being tormented by demons. Tara appeared and dispelled them all with her laughter.

She offers any protection, blessing, healing or release you may need. All will be well.

## *Guardian Spirits*



acrylic on canvas

As always, the first invitation is to take in the images and scene on this card. How do you feel about the title, “Guardian Spirits?” Look closely and imagine each of these figures and what they might represent.

Many believe that before we are born, we each make soul contracts or

commitments for our lessons in life here on Earth. We are born into a family and then meet certain people throughout our lives. We have our own challenges and blessings, and we learn and grow as we progress on these paths.

Do you feel a connection to any unseen helper beings—the ones that seem to show up and support you on your way? Our pets and our relationships with them may be special as our loving companions in our life and beyond. Are there objects or places that feel especially important for your peace or tranquility? How do you feel about your place here on earth? Do you feel a certain destiny pulling or guiding you, as if it is your soul's purpose?

Have you identified your life purpose? You might write some of your major dreams or goals and appreciate where you are in reaching them. Do you find guidance on an unseen but real dimension?

## *Her Creative Fire -Shakti*



acrylic on canvas

How does this figure greet you today? This figure seems to be sitting at peace with much fiery energy surrounding her. She looks directly at you. She gazes as if to await your response. What does she ask of you or say to you today?

Energetic life within us is called Shakti in Hindu cultures. It is the

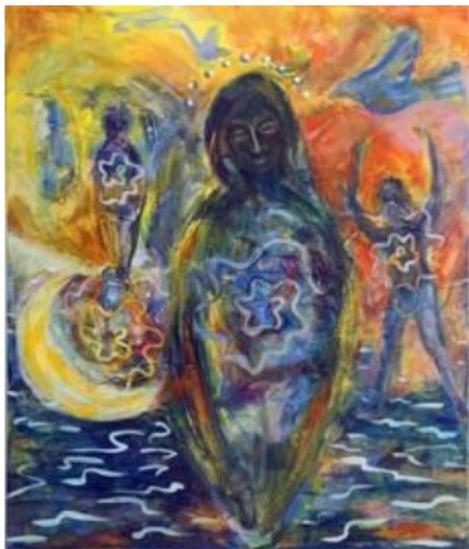
force of energy that sparks us to do, be, and manifest our own life's expression.

Fire is an amazing element. So beautiful to watch when controlled, it can be destructive but can clear away the outgrown and old, allowing for new growth in forests and in our old personal energetics.

Anger can feel like a fire and can be destructive, but can also be beautiful, as it clears a path for us to speak powerfully and defend something we believe is true.

Perhaps it is time to light a fire in your own creative inner or outer life. A time may have arrived for you to awaken to the light. What passion do you sense around you? Can you feel the centeredness of stillness within you as things might be wild around you? Can you hold space for your own power through all your emotions?

## *Holding Space*



acrylic on canvas

Where can you place yourself in this picture? Take an inner inventory right now as you peer into the figures on this card. Can you relate to them? Which figure do you feel is most expressive of how you stand in life today?

Notice what is to the left and the right of the dark central figure. Ask yourself “amidst life’s turmoil and conflict, can I stand silently and witness?”

As humans, we are each unique. Some of us seek the turmoil or drama of interactions with others. Discourse can be inspiring, and new ideas can come from such exchanges. Where are you today in your needs? Are you looking for a centered and peaceful spaciousness, or do you have many activities you must defend and hold to? We often have long “to-do” lists and many demands on our time.

Can you relate to the spaciousness in your center and stay aware of your own inner knowing amidst the outer demands of life? Emotions may need to move and flow. Ideas need a place to land. Identify and honor your own silent wisdom keeper.

## *Inner Knowing*



acrylic on canvas

Take this image inside. Notice its visual elements-- bird, butterfly, and a woman with closed eyes and a golden crown. Celebrate that you stopped your activities to pull a card right now. Take a deep breath and like the image, close your eyes. Go within. Take time to quiet your mind-

chatter. Close out the external world of time to feel infinite peace.

This image reminds you of the opportunity for inner transformation. You may have received this card today to invite you to take some space for reflection and introspection. This inner reflection can give you freedom from the everyday pushing and pulling of outer life.

Breathe in cool refreshing air. Imagine the butterfly and the bird at the woman's chest moving naturally and lightly through the world of nature. Allow the spacious blue to fill your inner space. Perhaps cover your eyes for a few breaths and see the inner colors appearing in your mind's eye.

Take time to reflect on your responses to the card. Are you left with any affirmation for your day?

## *Joy Angel*



Mixed media/ acrylic on canvas

Check in. As you shuffled the cards, did you have a specific inquiry, or were you simply receptive to see what the Oracle offered?

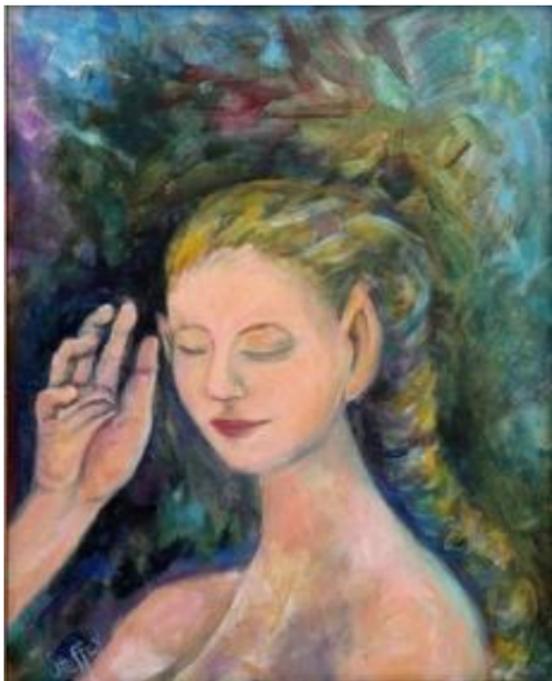
Welcome this Joy Angel arriving for you. A visitor has shown up. Feel the happy demeanor of her smile. She seems to be dancing with an energy of wholeness, autonomy, and

an exuberance. Allow grace to relieve any of the problems you may be carrying.

Look for a surprise or gift that may arrive in any form. Keep your eyes open. There is movement afloat. See her bubbles of energy expressing happiness and enthusiasm. Feel the movement of her swaying to and fro in her own rhythm.

Welcome an opening to something new. There is a key in this card. Look for the good today. See her in yourself and smile. Perhaps you might be the giver of upliftment to another. There are times we are the giver and others we are the recipient.

## *Listening*



acrylic on canvas

What is on your mind today? The Oracle is ready to listen. You may be engaged in self-reflection yourself. Is your inquiry specific? The long-necked, elegant being on this card awaits your sharing. Her elf-like ear

suggests an otherworldly source. In your own life, are you a good listener, or are you in need today for someone to take time to listen to you? This card also asks you to reflect on your relationship to nature, and ideas about the fairy folk. Think back to your family stories, or books you read as a child. Remember any childhood magical experiences you may have had in nature.

Do you have imaginings about the guardians of the plant kingdoms and their activities? Many such stories appear in Celtic lore and in those of Great Britain. Do you remember any fairy tales or magical stories of your childhood?

Think where you have felt a magical quality in nature, or curious feelings or stirrings? Was it a time of day, like twilight or a sunrise, or a dark starry sky or under the shade of a favorite tree? Can you imagine the nature spirits calling you?

## *Lotus Mandala*



Watercolor

The Oracle welcomes you with happy energy today. You may or may not have brought this happiness and these good feelings into your inquiry or mood before now. If you happen to be feeling a dark or low energy, you have the most beautiful invitation to turn towards the light.

May you be uplifted. The season, the occurrence, the times

will change as all things do. You might leave the card out for the day to look back at its clean bright colors of the card later.

This card's light and fresh flowers in front of a mandala invite you to immediately feel better, for your upliftment, especially if you are in need. Take the sweet clear colors of the lotus and the blue mandala of the background in and breathe in freshness. You may need a space for beauty right now, as well, you could be supremely aware of all good things. The lotus reminds us that from the murky mud, great goodness can blossom.

This card comes to you today to remind you that life is precious. Blossoms do not last long, and we must be prepared for our own openings and closings. Beauty can help bring us balance or recalibration.

## Madonna



acrylic on canvas

Sit with this card. Is this the first time you received it, or have you drawn this image on another day? Allow the colors to speak to you. How does the figure with her hands in a prayerful position affect you? She represents a holy one, rising from a multicolored lotus with fiery petals. She could be Sophia, a Madonna, or a spirit of light or guidance. Allow the

fiery colored lotus to invoke associations for you.

In life, the beautiful lotus blossom rises through the depths of muddy water, out of the dark toward the light. And as the petals open and unfold toward the light, beauty awakens. This is a great symbol for reflection and of how sometimes, we also must come from an unpleasant predicament into a place of resolution before we see the goodness unfolding from the struggle. Identify with this unfoldment in yourself. What is rising? What needs to unfold and open? Or you may be in a dense predicament. Like the figure, stand in receptivity and visualize what you pray will unfold. Let this fiery lotus bring you the power of determination feeding your desires. Allow the subtle to speak deeply into your heart.

## Mandala



Watercolor

Today is a good day to reflect on focus and balance. Are you feeling centered and stable, or is the outside world pulling you away from your center? Take a few breaths to re-connect. Like the radiating triangles coming from the center (Bindu) point of wholeness and timelessness, feel your body's energy pulsing and life radiating inside and outside of you. Each breath can bring us back to remembering our center, a place to

focus on what is most important now.

This is a simple mandala (an image of concentric radiating shapes, colors and symbols united at a point of unity, often seen in Hindu art.) One meaning of these shapes symbolizes the god Shiva (upward pointing triangle) and Shakti (downward pointing triangle.) The mandala represents the balance of male and female or Yin and Yang energy.

The four directions and corners of the image also honor and remind us of the tribal teachings (USA) of the first peoples in their Medicine Wheel of North, South, East and West. Think about what these teachings may be telling you. Sit with and sink into the colors, shapes, and directions. Think of how you will walk in balance.

## *Moon Cycles*



acrylic on canvas

Today the Oracle invites to imagine what image, colors and shapes might represent you as your own personal symbol. Are you in a space of movement, a cycle of change, or in need of the stillness of

a center point within a circle? Take note of what today invites.

This card reminds you to honor the cycles and ever-moving quality of life--the ebb and flow, waxing and waning of the Moon and the cycles of your life. We have “peachy” days and dark ones. Be with the feelings and energies now. Allow your body to feel and your mind to discern what is being called forward. Each day the Moon moves into different constellations or signs and phases. And each day we can watch our own cycles.

Think of spirals, circles, squares, triangles, an equilateral cross or a made-up shape that might represent you on your life journey. You may be drawn to a desire for the wholeness or unity in the meaning in a circle. A triangle can represent creative thinking or synthesis. What is the shape of your day?

## *Mother Lineage*



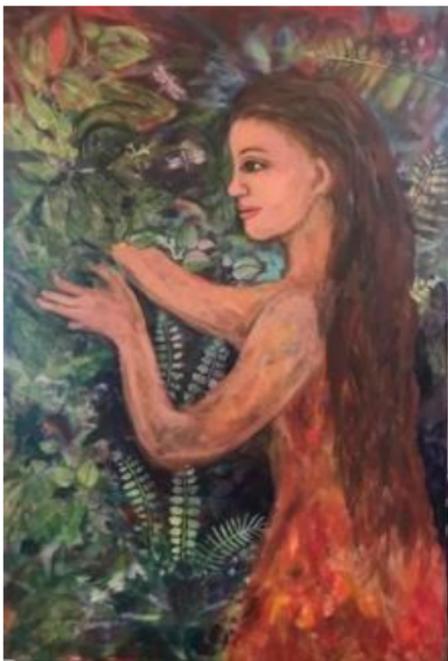
acrylic on canvas

We all come from the Mother. The waters of her body held and protected us as we grew in her womb, waiting for our time to be birthed here on Earth. Each of our experiences is unique. Today is a good day to look honestly and deeply

into your heart around the sacred archetype of MOTHER, and the reality of your own mother, your lineage, and, if relevant, your own mothering. This is a sacred invitation for healing. This healing may be painful or even bring up traumatic or sad feelings-- so be very gentle with yourself. What attributes can you carry forward to bring the highest goodness and kindness to those you touch? Allow understanding to soften any hard places and know we are all here to build from our roots. Life is a divine creation.

In ancestral lineage work, we can investigate our mother's mothers, our father's mothers, our father's fathers and our mother's fathers. These four lines may be recorded and carried down in stories of your family. You may be totally unaware of them. It is good work today to honor your lineage.

## *Natura*



acrylic on canvas

What precious thing does this being hold? What has your attention today? What have you to focus upon? As you do the work you need to complete today, think about your tasks, your

necessary interests and examine them.

This card shows a person gazing into her hand, surrounded by nature. One hand is deep into the plants and the other is open to receive or give. St. Hildegard, a mystic and poet, spoke of the “Viriditas” of nature. She honored their teachings of aliveness and the divine spirit of life in nature. She had an intimate connection to the divine through the natural world.

Sufi lore claims there is only one holy book, and it is the manuscript of nature. This is another invitation from the Oracle for you. Find some beauty outdoors to appreciate. Pay attention. Look closely. Take in the details of every plant.

We hear sweet stories of the devas, nature spirits, and fairies. Maybe you have had such experiences or visits in your walks outdoors. How do you feel in nature?

## *Night Angel*



acrylic on canvas

How do you respond to this painting of a feathery light being floating in the deep blue sky? She may be inviting you into a dream, a memory, or a sense of your own flights into fantasy. Maybe she reminds you of fairies from childhood stories. She comes today to nudge you and to say, "I love the darkness of night. The dew of night

and the depth of the night sky take me into a mysterious and vast space where I feel free to explore.”

We are often afraid of the dark. We keep our lights on and nowadays the light pollution around the world blocks the greatness and beauty of the stars from our view.

This night angel may be inviting you to find a place in nature where you can experience the night sky and the night energy fully. We can hear animals and sounds at night, different from daytime sounds, and we can take this in for appreciation and teachings.

As you go to sleep tonight, take a prayer or an intention with you into your dream time. Let this night angel carry it into the Great Mystery. Visualize your own spirit of guidance or dream team, always close. Night angels carry our dreams. Know that you can ask for what you long for.

## *Passion's Portal*



acrylic on canvas

Take in this wild color on today's card. First impression! Be honest. A bit intense, and an invitation to warm up.

Rich and full pulsing-- aliveness is what is called for today. Put on some music that awakens your enthusiasm

and dance, move, sway and feel your body respond to the rhythm and beat. *Pleasure* is called for at this moment.

Get sensual, enjoy your body. Move and seek play.

Awaken Shakti! Feel energy moving and uplift your vibration. Let your body feel alive and feel your blood flowing and heart pulsing.

Did you notice the wild pink, suggesting a Yoni shape? The female vulva is like a vesica piscis, a mandorla. A geometric shape is created when two circles with the same radius overlap leaving an almond-like shape in the center of the intersection. The sacred geometry and the yoni are both found in yoga traditions and have rich symbolism suggesting an opening like a portal. This is the shape of the feminine, of creation and birth. Let yourself find or create a way to open today. Something passionate wants to be experienced!

## *Pre-Birth*



acrylic on canvas

What does this card evoke today? Note any associations that arise for you. You may see the figure as waiting, or in a different emotional expression of the position, with the knees up almost making a heart shape.

Decide if this is addressing your present, past or future. Spend a few moments. Allow the meaning you

sense to relate to your situation today.

Something may be gestating in your life now. Maybe an idea is in your heart and as a tender sprout in spring, gently trying to come forward. You may find yourself in an in-between time.

Today you receive this card to remind you that all things take the proper amount of time. We need inspiration, and time, for a seed to germinate quietly underground, before magically popping up above ground. Things need the quiet dark and proper time to develop.

Hold your intention quietly and with respect. Give it the time it needs to be born.

Holy preparations are taking place for a new creation.

Honor the waiting.

Sink into the unknown.

Feel this potential and make yourself ready. A gift is preparing to arrive.

*Reiki Prayer (Hon Sha Ze Sho  
Nen)*



acrylic on canvas

Hold the question or intention you had today when you first shuffled the cards. Take note of what or who is on your mind. Are you holding any prayers for yourself or another today? Trust grace to send the best possible outcome for you or your loved one.

There are as many ways to pray as there are people. Prayers come from sincerity, love and the heart. Healing is a sacred expression of grace. And sometimes healing is not about a “cure” but is an inner process of transformation. Great suffering or pain can bring about perfect healing. Life’s difficulties can cause us to open or close our hearts. Struggles or pain can tenderize us, soften our being, and bring deeper gifts of understanding and deeper gifts of compassion.

This is the calligraphy of a Reiki Symbol for healing. The phrase Hon Sha Ze Sho Nen means having no present, past, or future and sends subtle body healing for what is the best and highest outcome.

Breathe and receive. If your prayers are about concern for another, allow the image to send those caring thoughts through time and space.

## *Release & Flow*



acrylic on canvas

This young woman shows up for you to connect to your body and your expressiveness. Sway and wiggle your hips and do a pelvic rock. Mirror her image to raise your arms and give out a pose of gratitude.

What needs to move in you today?  
Take stock of your body right now by

noticing tension, by journaling or reflecting, and by assessing your head, neck, shoulders, arms, hands, chest, back, hips, legs, knees, ankles, and feet. Now take a moment to sense your internal self, your mental space, and your spirit. You might journal or write down the physical activities that make you feel healthy and bring you a sense of wellness.

Give some self-love to your body and spirit today by putting on a favorite piece of music. Let yourself move and flow-- gently or passionately, fast or slow, undulating or shaking. You are being asked to release and to flow.

What do you need to express today? Get away from your routine and the humdrum. Perhaps find something from your closet that you feel good wearing. Pick something that moves and flows with your body and feels good on your skin.

## *Sacred Seeing*



acrylic on canvas

What is on your mind today? How do you respond to this powerful image? The pupil, reminiscent of a full moon, appears to be shining straight into your being. What is your first response? Is it discomfort, or are you curious?

What do you need to investigate today? What deep truth are you seeking? If you are journaling with these cards, you are invited to write about what you see or how you feel. Does the shape below the eye remind you of a tear? Are you aware of any intense emotions needing release?

Ancient Egyptian cosmology is rich with myths and stories which can offer some insight, metaphorical support, and even inspiration for the space you may be in today. Two well-known deities in Egypt are Ra the god of the Sun and Horus, son of Isis and Osiris. The stylized symbol of the eye is used for both, and they share qualities. Traditionally this symbol of the god's eye brings sacrifice, protection, healing, regeneration, and wholeness. Breathe in the quality or qualities that can serve you most today. Welcome the insight that comes.

## *Shakti*



acrylic on canvas

Take time to look at the visual cues offered in this card. Which elements, colors, or shapes are relevant for your inquiry? What energies are swirling around you today? Perhaps they seem to come from all directions, and some integration is needed. Notice also the top and bottom of the card, which symbolize the crown and root

chakras--another reminder to balance the body and spirit.

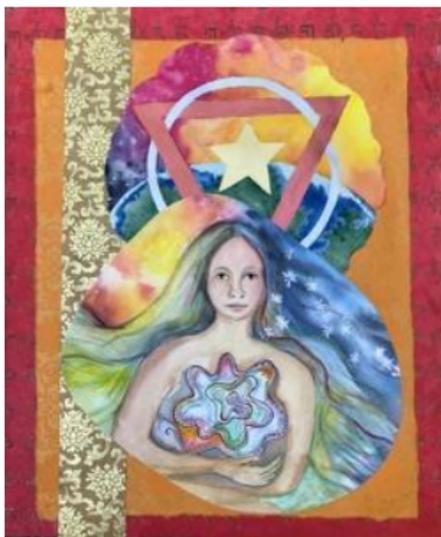
Assimilation and digestion are important for us on many levels. Balance is necessary in all things. Life can move so fast sometimes that we need to create a safe space for rest, outside of time and space.

Are you in need of space and a protective energy surrounding you now?

The upward pointing triangle in Hindu cosmology is a symbol of fire and the god Shiva (Lord of the Dance) and the masculine energy of movement and power. The downward pointing triangle is a symbol of the feminine and Shakti or the water and yin tendencies of darkness, and mystery. Together they symbolize perfect aliveness.

This card appears to support you in creating and honoring life and its expression in a safe space.

## *She Holds All*



Watercolor

Welcome to this card, “She Holds All.” Look carefully at all the colors and shapes as you are invited to do with each card. Today is a day of fresh aliveness and confidence. Take this in. If you came to the Oracle today with any uncertainty or anxiety, you could let it go now. All

the colors of the rainbow and all the light of the cosmos are available with a flash of gentle acceptance and allowing. Awakening to the greatness of infinite potentiality is the invitation of the card you have chosen. Later, find a mirror and look at your image and give yourself a look of determination. See the honesty of yourself. This card is about self-respect, self-acceptance and self-belief.  
Beauty around you. Beauty within YOU.

The sacred symbols and vibrations around her contain the universe in perfect coherence and balance. Feel into your own truth and integrity. Invite coherence. Link to your soul star of the spirit of guidance above your crown chakra. Soak up the radiance of you. Hold tight to your uniqueness and feel the Universe supporting you.

## *Shekhina*



Pastel

Look at the shapes and symbols presenting themselves here for you. Allow these colors and shapes to tell you a story. These are timeless shapes and sacred geometry. Can you see objects or perhaps figures?

You are invited to feel a presence full of mystery whispering deep into

your being today. Invoke the Shekhina, the Divine Feminine Wisdom Being. Soak in this sacred effulgent light. Feel your highest chakra-- your *crown*. That is the message.

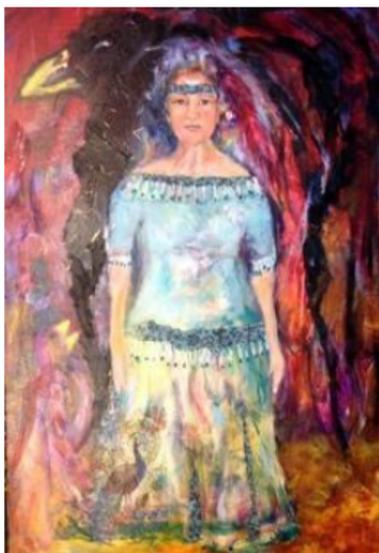
Holy.

Maybe you most need the grounding roots and the foundation here to feel centered? Can you feel the diamond-like love in your heart? Or the orange power of the sacral (Svadhithana) chakra?

Shekhina was spoken of in ancient texts and described as the Holy Divine Feminine Being of Wisdom. Like Sophia, she brings awakening and the sublime into our fields of consciousness. She can inform you and bring your vibration into resonance with the energy of our planet's deep wisdom teachings.

Listen to a piece of uplifting music or chanting.

## *Sovereign*



acrylic on canvas

As always, see this image for yourself today. Who is represented in this portrait? Observe the visual details of the painting such as her posture, clothing, and the colors around her. Did you notice the peacock printed on her skirt, or the young bird beseeching either her or the large

raven for attention? How does this woman speak to you? As we often see in the Oracle, she has her familiars beside her. There is a great black bird behind her.

Her posture and demeanor tell the story. The title of this card is "Sovereign." What quality did you bring before you shuffled the deck today? What is your question or intention regarding your own place in the world? Take note of your position. She stands in front of you to offer support and recognition. She is whole.

Her message is "It is time to stand firm in your truth." At this juncture, your presence to be solid like a mountain, strong and grounded. Your helper spirits are all around you. Others look to you for direction. Feel your integrity.

Take this in with gratitude for all you have done, and for the integrity of your life

## *Star Guides*



acrylic on canvas

Here is your visitor for today's Oracle. Hold your question, need, or intention and let your eyes and senses take the image in. What are you sensing? Does the face feel inviting? What emotions does it evoke for you? Can you feel the

swirling cosmos around the figure?  
How do you respond to the yellows  
and oranges of the face?

This card personifies the night sky. Today you are welcomed by a star being. We all love to look up into the night sky and imagine what lies beyond. Embrace that you have a celestial visitor and imagine her message to you alone.

Many of the world cultures have created their own legends and stories of the stars. Most of us know of the Big and Little Dipper, or maybe you see Venus moving through the seasons, sometimes as a morning star and sometimes as an evening star.

In ancient Egypt, people named a goddess or being they believed holds up the whole night sky. Her name is Nut. Many cultures speak of the Pleiades as “the seven sisters.” We can only imagine. What do you hear? What is her message for you?

## *Transforming Fire*



acrylic on canvas

What is the magic we all seem to feel watching a fire? It is a mesmerizing experience, and beautiful. At least, in a contained space with safety. Otherwise, fire can be damaging and destructive. There are many ways to appreciate the power and transformative alchemy of fire.

Fire is one of the elements of the Wands in Tarot -- energy and enterprise. We can experience and sense it as an energetic electrical quality of awakening. Think of lightning. Remember also the power of our Sun as life-giving for our planet.

Often, we need to purify our energy field. Perhaps you are lacking inspiration right now. Or maybe you are in the "crucible," going through a lot of challenges and change and feeling a pressure to let go of something not serving you. Fire is alchemical and can transform matter through energy into a new form. Think also of the mythological Phoenix that is reborn every few hundred years from the flame of destruction. There are other times when events in our lives can leave us depleted or lacking inspiration.

Do not be consumed by life's demands but enjoy the dancing flames from a safe distance.

## *Tree of Life*



watercolor and collage

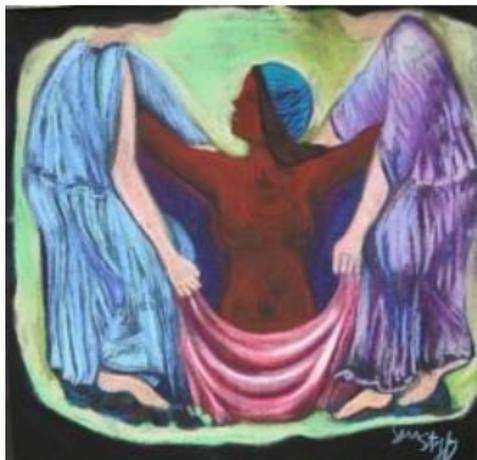
As this card appears, visually and symbolically, take in this sacred tree. Notice the equal fullness of both branches and roots. Imagine yourself coming to the cards through the metaphor of a tree, for guidance. Do you feel your branches are swayed powerfully

by strong winds? Can you feel the fresh air flowing easily as you stretch into the sky? Is your trunk strong and steady, almost immovable, and are your roots deep and touching the mystery of the dark? This card is titled the Tree of Life.

In the Oracle world of signs and symbols, the Tree of Life is another important teacher and guide. The most famous tree in myth was called Yggdrasil, and it shows up for today's guidance. Yggdrasil comes from Norse cosmology of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The tree teaches us of the macrocosm/ microcosm that "as above, so below." Branches reach to heaven and roots reach deep into the earth. Humans are like a tree with our arms, body, and legs. We stretch; we hold strong in our roots.

The card reminds you to view your body as sacred, and to appreciate the reciprocity between you and others in your life.

*Up From the Depths  
(Persephone Rising)*



pastel on board

Today's card tells you a story of support and assistance. What inquiry do you bring to the Oracle? What is in your heart? Is it easy for you to reach out for help? Who are your trusted companions? Or, perhaps more often, are you the helper, the healer, the savior for another? Reflect on your relationships now.

In Greek and Roman mythology, Demeter is a well-known character. She had the strength and power of a mother's love that brought her daughter, Persephone, back from the Underworld, after Persephone had been abducted by Hades.

Inanna was another goddess who descended to the underworld. She appears in a famous legend from ancient Sumerian times.

Both myths tell the story of the time of descent and letting go, of darkness and the unknown, trials, and the return. Both stories illustrate how we need a community to hold space for us, to support our quest and to be present, welcoming our return.

Where are you on your journey? Ascent? Descent? The Unknowing? Who are your assistants that watch and wait and will help when you are in need? Give gratitude.

## *Water Angel*



mixed media/ acrylic on canvas

How are things flowing for you? You are presented to “Water Angel” today. She has come to freshen up your emotional space. If you contemplate water in your inner self, your emotions and all forms of water, how would you describe your

emotional state as you pulled your card? Write or reflect on your feelings about the space you are in.

Do you feel yourself toppled by the powerful waves, floating along freely, or bumped about by debris in the current? Do your emotions feel cool or hot, like boiling water? Are they in the deep stillness of unconsciousness, or in a peaceful sense of being washed, like a waterfall or sweet shower? What are you looking for today, and is there an event you are anticipating?

Water Angel arrives to give a blessing of freshness. Take a deep healing breath in through your nose and gently release through your mouth. Feel water of spirit and clarity wash away any negative or anxious feelings. Allow old unnecessary habitual feeling responses to relax and with the next in-breath, breathe out, radiating purity and clarity of good feelings of love. Immerse in water. Drink water. Visit water.

## *Wild Card*



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This card is your opportunity to receive an immediate blessing. So far, each card of this Oracle deck has shared specific stories, invitations, practices, and visions. Gaze into this

abstract image. Don't look for objects or recognizable images but just see what you see. It may be a feeling or an impulse or an answer to a question you were not conscious you held. This is the "wild card," so you can ask yourself about yourself (internally and externally), and soak in the colors and open spaces on the card. Where are your open spaces?

This card welcomes your own visionary and intuitive listening for what colors, shapes, and textures are useful at this magical present moment.

Let yourself soak this in. Close your eyes. What remains? You are witnessing a timeless vast space of potentiality and a powerful creation field. You will see and hear something unique to this moment.

What is your vision for yourself? May these colors, shapes, and textures give you strength and faith in yourself.

## *Wild Women*



linoleum print on paper

Welcome to the party! Your message today is to find your place at this gathering. Look carefully at the card. There are three characters represented. Where are you in the picture? Can you sit in each figure's place and receive guidance about the role you or another in this inquiry play at this dance? Are you a watcher from a distance, like the bird, a drummer keeping the steady, regular beat and rhythm, a supporter, a dancer, or are you in the wild feeling

of lightning striking in this stormy energy-filled environment?

You are presented with an invitation to join the community, however or wherever you find it. Sharing creates synergy and builds strength to support our focus, whether joyful celebration, praying in a circle or holding witnessing for one another. Find a trusting place where you can sink into belonging and participation. This is a deep human need. Your people are waiting for you. Trust, you have a place of belonging.

Listen to some music that moves you. Shake a rattle, beat a drum, or play an instrument. Sing with your favorite song on a recording or invent one with your own voice. Express yourself. Celebrate your body, DANCE, feel the pulse of LIFE!  
Let the storms rage.

## *Wind Horse*



acrylic on canvas

The Oracle invites you today to look at how energy is moving around you in your life. Where is there movement and flow? Is there a need for clearing some energy? Are you feeling the freshness and aliveness of the day, or do you feel in some way bogged down with clutter in your mind or your home? It could be any

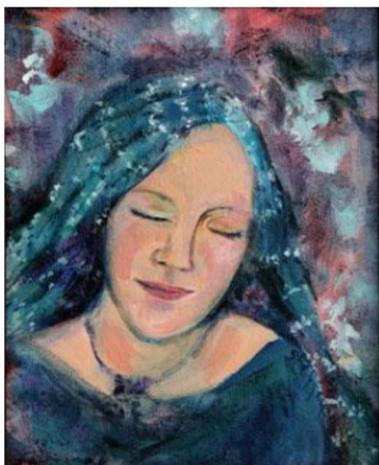
environment, like work or relationships. You may be feeling a need to organize your immediate surroundings, take charge, clean and declutter.

The woman on this horse with long, flowing hair is moving in a specific direction. What is your question? Is there a decision you need to make? Movement is key. It is a message to make sure the direction feels clean and fresh.

In Tibetan Buddhism and East Asia, we are told stories of a wind horse named LUNG-TA, who carries the “wish-fulfilling gem.”

What wishes are you holding? Lung-ta is a magical being of the Shambala Buddhist teachings that clears energy and takes us to powerful realms and perspectives. You are being given an invite to do something to move energy for you. Activate freshness.

## *With Insight*



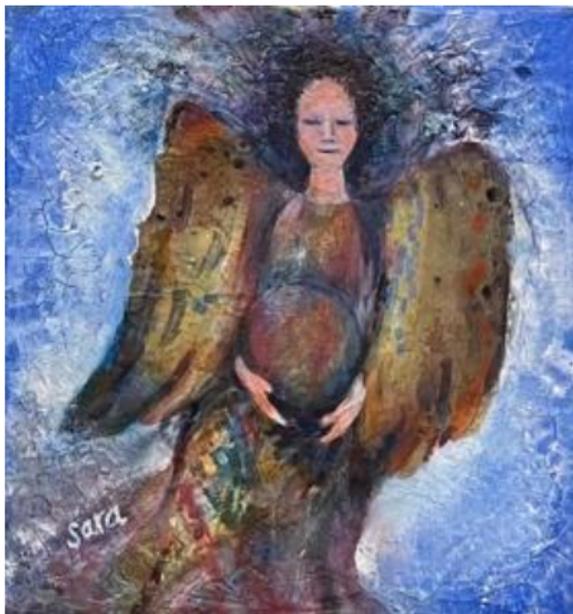
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Feel your way into this image of a beautiful woman with a downturned head and eyes closed. Could this be a call for you to close your eyes and look within? Might your spirit benefit receiving some self-compassion today? Perhaps a sadness may be visiting. Grief comes only because we love. And tears are Holy. Sometimes we wake up and simply touch in with a feeling of something disturbing or

calling us to go within and may not even recognize the source. It may not even be personal to our lives. There are certainly times when we are visited by a crisis or a personal tragedy. Can you give yourself time to feel any pain that may be present? How do we hold the burdens we are aware of all around the world- and in our own lives? Perhaps all is well, and you have reason to reflect on gratitude.

This card shows a scarved woman in prayer or contemplation. Allow her to bring an invitation for you to give yourself time to reflect or meditate in your own way, for your needs. Your spirit may just be waiting for this connection and space to share a message of insight for you

## *Ya Rahim / Compassion*



acrylic on canvas

Today you are visited by the Angel of the heart of compassion. What was your intention or question for the Oracle deck today? How are you feeling? Write down or notice the way your body and heart came to the cards, and how seeing this Angel

may have altered you. Are you seeking a specific response? Can you feel your own energetic light around your body like the aura in the image?

The Sufis speak of Al-Rahim as the “Moon of Love.” It is a quality of receptivity that we can cultivate where we notice not how much we are “getting,” but how much we are “receiving.” Mercy and Compassion are qualities of this Angel.

Try to visualize your breath “polishing” your heart, allowing it to be cleaned and to shine.

Let your body receive light and give light. And, like this Angel, try holding your hands in this posture or mudra. Cradle your belly like the body of Earth and rest in gratitude for all that comes. Receive the prayers of compassion like those of Quan Yin or Tara or Jesus, who can dispense deep love and compassion to all areas of your being.

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