

## Basic Tarot Card Reading

Tarot, as we know it now, was invented sometime in the middle 15th century in Italy. It closely mirrored the playing cards of the day. Some believe that people had started using playing cards for divination purposes and the tarot were just a refined version of these cards. These basics playing cards had four suits of ten cards each. These cards were brought to Europe from the Islamic world. It is thought that tarot originated when gypsies and astrologers started using ordinary playing cards to tell fortunes.

During the 15th century, special cards were added to the playing cards. Later, these became known as the **major arcana** cards, then called the trumps or triumphs. The major arcana cards consist of 22 cards with titles rather than numbers and suit. Each one has a strong symbolic meaning and are considered to be the 'leaders' of the tarot deck. The remaining 56 cards are referred to as the **minor arcana** cards. Usually these cards are split into four suits: cups, staves, swords and coins. Though there are many variations on this.

Tarot has evolved since it's original form. Becoming more complex and rich in symbology. The cards themselves have gained meaning over the years from the cultures that adopted their use. Some cards have come and gone, like The Pope, The Juggler, The Arrow etc. however, around the 17th century, tarot evolved into the form we now know it as having. Many famous alchemists and prophets have used tarot, including Nostradamus and Aristotle.

Tarot cards align with the energies projected onto them. As you shuffle the deck, you and your energies place the cards where they will be most beneficial for you. I always shuffle the deck until the cards *feel* right. Some people shuffle the cards three times then cut. it is really up to the user. Tarot tap into the spirit realm, or the energies of the user to give their readings.

For centuries, people have been using symbols as a type of divination. Tarot is no different. Each of the 78 cards has an individual meaning. Tarot is an interactive Divination art. The cards interact with each other, giving them new and more complex meaning.

You place the cards into various spread where the placement of each card gives it even further meaning. Where cards fall in the spread has a lot to do with how they interact with each other. A card representing the past will influence a cards representing the present and the future. There are many different spreads including

the Celtic cross, the three card spread, the spread of fates, the single card reading, the circle and cross and the ancestors to name a few.

## **The 12 Zodiac Signs**

**1 1 Aries...The Ram...Fire Sign...Cardinal Sign...New beginnings, adventurer, courage, part of body is the 'head'**

**2 2 Taurus...The Bull...Earth sign...Fixed sign...Possessive, calm, relaxed, materialistic, loves creature comforts, part of body is the 'neck and throat'**

**3 3 Gemini...The Twins...Air Sign...Mutable...Communications, impulsive, changeable, inquiring, intelligent, exploring, part of the body is the 'lungs, arms, and hands'**

**4 4 Cancer...The Crab...Water Sign...Cardinal...The home, shy emotional, intuitive, protective, domestic, part of body is 'stomach and breasts'**

**5 5 Leo...The Lion...Fire sign...Fixed...Ownership, pride, ego, power, children, passionate, works well alone, part of body is the 'heart and spine'**

**6 6 Virgo...The Virgin...Earth sign...Mutable, Attention to details, worrying, practical, analytical, discriminating, clean, a perfectionist, part of body is the 'colon'**

**7 7 Libra...The Scale...Air sign...Cardinal...Marriage and union, partnerships, diplomatic, compassionate, balanced, part of body is the 'kidneys'**

**8 8 Scorpio...The Scorpion or Eagle...Water sign...Fixed...Intense, death, rebirth, responsibility, genuine, purification, the mafia of the zodiac, the part of the body is the 'sexual organs'**

**9 9 Sagittarius...The Archer...Fire sign...Mutable...Truth, religion, philosophy, generous, frank, enthusiastic, reason rather than emotion, adventurer, part of the body is 'lower back and thighs'**

**0 10 Capricorn...The Goat...Earth sign...Cardinal...Practical vision, unemotional, sober, orderly, control, manipulating, power, dependable, part of body is the 'knees'**

**- 11 Aquarius...The Water Bearer...Air sign...Fixed...Detached, team work, friends, unconventional, humane, independent, warm, part of the body is the 'legs and hips'**

**= 12 Pisces...The Fishes...Water sign...Mutable...Intuitive, accepting, understanding, impressionable, part of the body is the 'feet and ankles'**

**If you have a chance to help, do it. If you have a chance to reach out, do it. If you have a chance to love, never pass up the opportunity.....Lazaris**