



This Reading is usually done around **Nov/Dec** for the **Scorpio Gate of Power & New Moon**. This is the **MidPoint** between **Fall Equinox** and **Winter Solstice**, and the final of the **8-Sacred Seasons** of the solar year. All **Gates of Power** represent the **Sweet Spot** between Seed & New Life, but this one is by far, the most potent to work with consciously.

This is the time of year for **closure** of the current year, as well as visioning and preparation for the incoming, new year. During this time of year, reflection on the **past** and rumination on the **future** commingle. It is also the best time of year to invite the **Ancestors** to guide you as you shift with the season. We invite them to bring as much clarity, comfort, confirmation and direction through this reading as possible.

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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: PURIFY

What needs to be PURIFIED within or around me at this time?

XIII :: DEATH :: *Transformation*

from *Vision Quest Tarot* by Gayan Silvie Winter & Jo Dose'



DEATH
XIII
Transformation
DYING to BE REBORN

KEYWORDS:

**Dying to Be Reborn :: Death Process
Shedding the Past :: Inwardly Returning to Source
Letting Go of Old Patterns, Dogmas & Values
Letting It Be On the Deepest Level**

INNER Message:

This card does not represent physical death! Every transformation is a new beginning. So don't waste energy on trying to stop the inevitable. You are simply ready to let go of more unnecessary baggage. The card hints at a long overdue disengagement from certain situations, sometimes the departure of certain people. However, in its highest aspect, this image represents the soul's longing to be born anew. This can only happen when needless structures and mental veils crumble or fall.

OUTWARD Manifestation:

Don't cling to a single thing! Allow everything to disperse itself. Even if it seems unbearable at first. You are simply creating more space to accommodate some important newcomers in your life. Your sense of being forsaken will soon turn into joy! But the ego wants to avoid transitions. It fears the new. It tenaciously clings to the familiar. It would rather exist in a prolonged stagnation and death-like boredom than surrender to what it can never know – thereby causing much more pain, of course. But you have the courage and understanding to welcome profound changes. Do not postpone this transition. It is a transformation!

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What Animal Medicine will assist with this PURIFICATION?

WOLF :: *Instinct*

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This card represents instinct and trusting your own animal-self. It is a reminder that humans are grounded in the natural world and should respect our senses and gut reactions. The Wolf is an integral creature in many North American Indigenous cultures. The observation of the Wolf as a wanderer made them synonymous with path-finding and trail-blazing. The Wolf card may symbolize following your instinct and finding your own path through the wilderness. In Norse mythology, Fenrir was a giant Wolf raised by the Aesir Gods, who kept him magically imprisoned. The unbridled instincts of Fenrir were difficult to tame and could not be manipulated by the Gods. This card urges you to trust your own instincts in the face of those who might tie you down or attempt to overpower you. It is the underlying wildness of the Wolf inside the domesticated dog. This card might also be seen as symbolic of a longing to be free from a commitment or obligation.



SHADOW Reading:

The myth of Fenrir also tells us that one day the Great Wolf will break free of his chains and swallow everything in his path during the final days of Ragnarok. The Shadow Reading of the Wolf card is a warning against suppressing our instincts and keeping our emotions bottled up, lest they explode.

ELEMENT – Earth

FLORA – Wolfsbane :: Lupine :: Blue Violet

STONES – Sodalite :: Amethyst :: Charoite

**SPELLWORK – Connecting with the Natural World :: Lunar Magick
Seeing thru Deception & Manipulation :: Choosing a Path in Life**

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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: PURIFY

What is the SHADOW Aspect to Be Aware of Around PURIFICATION?

10 of AIR :: *Negative Thinking*

from *Vision Quest Tarot* by Gayan Silvie Winter & Jo Dose'



*Ten of Air
Negative Thinking*

KEYWORDS:

**Negative Thinking :: Doubts & Existential Fears
Unwillingness to Let Go of Negative Mind-Loops
Clinging to Self-Destructive Notions**

INNER Message:

Sometimes you create your own hell just by repeating hateful thought patterns. There is no hell outside of you. Hell & Heaven are internal states of mind. We create them. This power & responsibility cannot be placed at other people's doorstep (even if that feels more comfortable). Become aware of how you think about and treat your Self.

OUTWARD Manifestation:

No new seeds should be thrown onto this field of doubts. Straighten yourself out first. Try not to hold onto past offenses. Clinging to a mental position robs you of your strength. Become aware of how your mind-loops drag you ever deeper into the muck, especially in work-related matters. Fresh air, exercise and regular relaxation will help you jump off this downward spiraling carousel of anger, worry and pain.

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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: HEAL

What needs to be HEALED within or around me at this time?

Mother of FIRE :: *Trusting Oneself*

from *Vision Quest Tarot* by Gayan Silvie Winter & Jo Dose'

KEYWORDS:

**Trusting Oneself :: Pride :: Authority :: Strength
Courage :: Certainty :: Sometimes Arrogance
Power to Compel & Succeed :: Passion**

INNER Message:

To grow into genuine maturity is a lifelong endeavor. It won't happen overnight. We must pass through many valleys and scale as many peaks. This card tells you to remember your inherent strength as you get ready to take your rightful place in life. This enables you to make decisions from a position of truly compelling inner authority.



OUTWARD Manifestation:

Your growing faith in your own path and personal development is now yielding rewards in many areas of your life. This inspires the people close to you to further develop their own trust in themselves. By sharing your experiences and radiating your newly found trust in your abilities, you not only reward yourself but others too.

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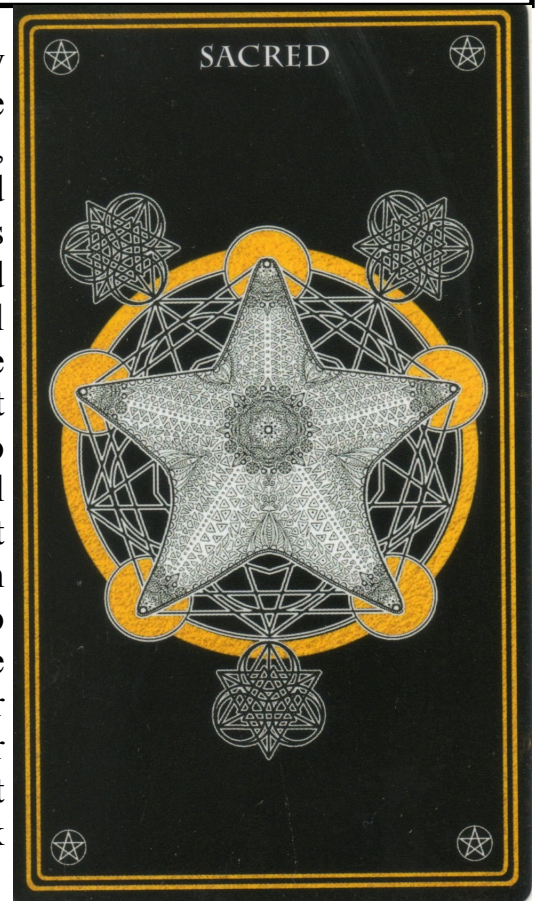
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What Animal Medicine will assist with this HEALING?

STARFISH :: *Sacred*

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This card represents the sacred geometry & symmetry of nature. From the fractals of succulent plants to the Fibonacci seed spirals on the head of a sunflower, many natural forms correspond to mathematical and geometric formulas. Throughout history, philosophers and even scientists & mathematicians have ascribed the remarkable symmetry & geometry of the natural world to a higher power. This is reflected in the architectural symmetry of places of worship, ancient temples & spiritual artwork. This card tells you to look for the Sacred in the mundane & the supernatural in the natural. When this card comes into a reading it is a reminder that we are all unified, similar and akin to one another. It is a symbol of our connection to each other as well as to the Divine. Whatever the Divine might mean to you, this card signifies our links & bonds with one another through not only our similarities but also our differences. This card might be asking you to rise above a situation or seek enlightenment.



SHADOW Reading:

The Shadow Reading of this card may warn us that we have become preoccupied with the things that separate us from other people. We have focused so much on our differences that we have forgotten our connections. Reconciliation with others or with the parts of yourself that have fractured might be necessary.

ELEMENT – Water

FLORA –Walnut :: Chervil :: Frankincense :: Sunflower :: Lily :: Buttercup

STONES – Amethyst :: Ametrine :: Celestite :: Brown Jasper

SPELLWORK – Communication with Divine Energy

Meditating on the Self :: Invocation Work :: Angel Magick

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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: HEAL

What is the SHADOW Aspect to Be Aware of Around HEALING?

5 of EARTH :: *Insecurity*

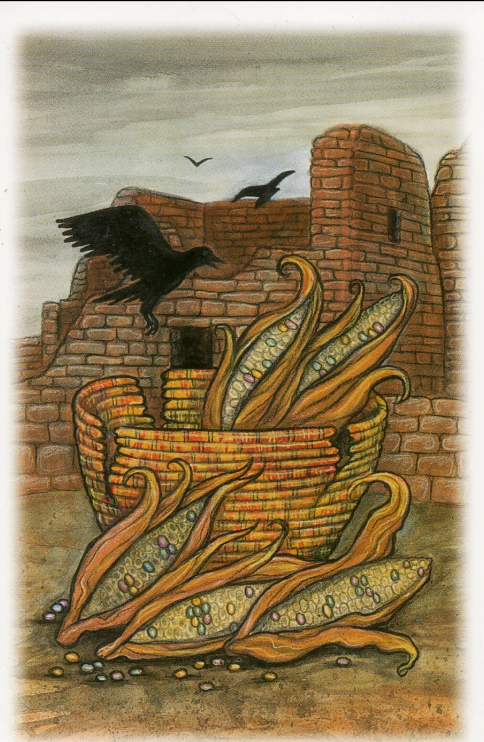
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KEYWORDS:

**Insecurity :: Fear of Loss :: Worries :: Self-Pity
Self-Condensation :: Fear of Inadequacy
Negative Thoughts :: Self-Abuse**

INNER Message:

Once again, you have been pulled into an old, negative mind-loop. To get out of it requires your full attention. Remember why you tend to think about yourself so harshly. Look closely: where does this destructive influence come from, and who needs it? Find out! Become aware of the influence negative thoughts have, and how you allow yourself to be hypnotized by them.



*Five of Earth
Insecurity*

OUTWARD Manifestation:

In this state it is better to stay on the sidelines. Don't try to accomplish big things, let alone making important changes in your environment. An insistent fear of failure could jeopardize what develops now. First let that dark cloud of worry pass out of your mind and renew your consciousness. By becoming still and regularly relaxing your mind, you will soon find that everything looks a lot brighter and much more clear.

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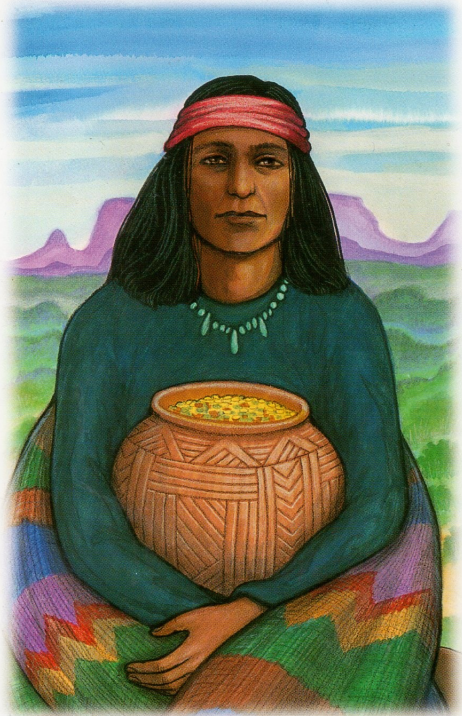
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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: RESTORE

What needs to be RESTORED within or around me at this time?

Father of EARTH :: *Reliability*

from *Vision Quest Tarot* by Gayan Silvie Winter & Jo Dose'



RELIABILITY
Father
of Earth

KEYWORDS:

Reliability :: Diligent Work :: Harvest Time

Strength :: Thoughtfulness :: Benevolence

Insistence :: Stability :: Discipline ::

Sometimes Rigidity

INNER Message:

It is important to strengthen your contact with the Earth now, meaning a certain amount of grounding is needed. This will give you greater stability & inner firmness. Just the thought of being able to rely on your inner self can renew your strength. Focus on your 'earthy' qualities at this time.

OUTWARD Manifestation:

Feel in what area you need more grounding. In order to complete an unfinished project, you need a sense of safety as well as internal stability. But work just for work's sake is not energizing enough, merely a burdensome necessity. Soulful work :: work you don't even consider as such :: provides the satisfaction you seek. That kind of energy investment strengthens your self-confidence and gives you the faith that you are on the right track.

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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: RESTORE

What Animal Medicine will assist with this RESTORATION?

SALMON :: *Determination*

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This card represents determination & steadfastness. Salmon are migratory fish who spawn in freshwater, journey to the ocean, and then swim the long and difficult return upstream to their spawning ground, where they procreate & die. They are revered by the Celts, Druids & Indigenous North Americans, often symbolizing wisdom, the cycle of the year & renewal of the world. Their path home is treacherous, with predators such as bears, birds & anglers standing in their way. But the Salmon perseveres despite these obstacles. This card is a symbol of hard-won achievement & willpower in the face of great odds. While the Hummingbird Card is a Sprint, the Salmon Card is a marathon. This card is reassuring you that you are on the right path, even though it may seem treacherous, and urging you to stick by your convictions. Salmon's natural ability to find their way home may imbue this card with a feeling of return, navigation & finding one's way back to a place of acceptance. This card may also represent those born under the Western Zodiac sign of Pisces.



SHADOW Reading:

One Shadow Reading of the Salmon Card is the feeling of being lost on your path. Oftentimes we take new pathways, streams & rivulets, and they may seem like a new direction altogether. You might feel lost or like you have made a bad decision. Try not to focus on the feeling of deviation and, instead, focus on the journey. Rivers lead back to the sea eventually.

ELEMENT – Water

FLORA – Allspice :: Balmony :: Dahlia :: Amaryllis :: Garlic

STONES – Jasper :: Pyrolusite :: Orange Calcite :: Hematite

SPELLWORK – Aid in Focus on the Path at Hand

Blessings Before a Trial :: Spellwork for a New Job or Long-Sought Goal

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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: RESTORE

What is the SHADOW Aspect to Be Aware of Around RESTORATION?

7 of EARTH :: *Depletion*

from *Vision Quest Tarot* by Gayan Silvie Winter & Jo Dose'



*Seven of Earth
Depletion*

KEYWORDS:

Set Backs :: Power Dips :: Disappointment

Depletion :: Exhaustion :: Speculations

Doubts :: Fear of Loss

INNER Message:

Expecting something increases our chances of being disappointed. Stay in this moment, completely conscious in the present, and be very still. Give yourself a little more rest at this point, and don't project your negative thoughts into the future.

OUTWARD Manifestation:

The fear of ending up as a nobody in the material world and therefore never getting enough, paralyzes your creative power right now. Don't waste whatever energy you have left on unimportant activities. That only hurts and distracts you further from your path. Depressive tendencies are strengthened by tightly holding onto your already stagnating energy. Your most essential lesson now is to give :: give without expecting something in return. To get the life force energy moving again, be willing to let it go. Having to get by on less than full capacity sometimes can be very instructive. Learn to be happy with less.

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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: PROTECT

What needs to be PROTECTED within or around me at this time?

4 of EARTH :: *Security*

from *Vision Quest Tarot* by Gayan Silvie Winter & Jo Dose'

KEYWORDS:

**Security :: Position of Power :: Misuse of Power
Influence thru Money :: Law & Order
Striving for Security & Success
Desire for Lasting Stability**

INNER Message:

Be aware of how much material security you really need in your life, and what this security means to you. What is it that makes you inwardly feel safe? What is needed now to stabilize you emotionally? If you let yourself fall :: into your own depths, you realize that true security always comes from inside.



*Four of Earth
Security*

OUTWARD Manifestation:

Now you can reveal your influence on certain matters and step out from behind the scenes. But don't forget that outer creations or power demonstrations merely grant an illusory sense of security. Accepting our absolute insecurity is the only way to remain safe. So learn to rest in apparent insecurity. Begin to recognize the unchanging power in every change, every new & different situation. In this welcoming acceptance, you find the security that knows no change.

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What Animal Medicine will assist with this PROTECTION?

SCORPION :: *Defend*

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This card represents defense & resistance. In Ancient Egypt, the Scorpion was seen as a guardian and protector of the souls of the dead as they made their way from this life. In Ancient Greece, Skorprios was a giant Scorpion who defended the animals of the world from the destruction at the hands of the giant Orion. Despite their intimidating appearance & weapon-like stinger, the Scorpion rarely attacks unless they are first threatened. Most Scorpions, in fact, posture, produce sound, and even squirt “warning shots” of venom in order to ward off predators before taking the extreme step of stinging them. This card is one of fierce protection & guardianship, but also the ability to fight back if necessary. The Scorpion Card may be reminding you that sometimes words & postulations are not enough to be heard. This is a card of dynamic defense, of taking action and standing up in the face of adversity. While the Koala/Protect Card may urge you to shield, the Scorpion/Defend Card reminds you that you may also need to draw your sword. This card may also represent those born under the Western Zodiac sign of Scorpio.



SHADOW Reading:

Defense is a necessary tool for survival and can often be accompanied by resistance, confrontation & struggle. However, sometimes defensive behavior can be misplaced and lead to stubbornness, pig-headedness or fragility in the face of criticism. Be careful to question what you are so staunchly defending and deconstruct it. Listen to constructive criticism and come to a better understanding of your position.

ELEMENT – Fire

FLORA – Amaranth :: Angelica :: Birch :: Chrysanthemum :: Gorse :: Sandalwood

STONES – Pyrolusite :: Fire Opal :: Sardonyx :: Fire Agate

SPELLWORK – Banishing Magick :: Reversing Hexes

Revealing Injustice or Bad Behavior :: Protective Spellwork

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Guidance, Support & Right Medicine to: PROTECT

What is the SHADOW Aspect to Be Aware of Around PROTECTION?

10 of FIRE :: *Oppression*

from *Vision Quest Tarot* by Gayan Silvie Winter & Jo Dose'

KEYWORDS:

**Oppression :: Resistance :: Stagnating Lifeforce
Internalized Aggression :: Fear of Possible Loss
Self-Realization**

INNER Message:

When this card comes to you, it signifies that you are 'sitting' on your energy :: your own lifeforce. Since you are holding on tight, it can't flow. Examine the area in your life that may be stagnant. Realize you have nothing to lose if you slowly start to dissolve these inner tensions with some physical exercise, deep relaxation and meditation.



*Ten of Fire
Oppression*

OUTWARD Manifestation:

You can't move ahead if you hold our own energy back. What circumstances in your life are reflecting your inner resistance? What inside you refuses to be detected and expressed? What don't you want to show? What inhibitions are stopping your power from flowing freely? In the long run, blocked energies cause gloominess, and finally depression. Be aware of this cycle. Take heart, and let your lifeforce flow as it wants to, without fear of the consequences.