

Divine Nature

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An Introduction

Every human life faces a daily challenge: to embody our mammalian humanity, with all its needs, wants, power and vulnerabilities OR to inhabit our divinity, accessing the radiance of the I AM as it lives in us, through us, as us.

There is a bridge between those two conditions, constructed of compassionate awareness. For our purposes here, we will call it Presence, and acknowledge it as the passageway between your humanity and your divinity.

As humans on planet Earth, nature is our home. But your own nature, as nurtured through your golden spirit and your evergreen human heart, is the primary ecosystem home you reside in daily. At any given moment, whether you're in curiosity or crisis or even celebration mode, you are either experiencing your human longing, your spiritual belonging, or walking across the bridge between the two.

The moments we find ourselves on the bridge, in Presence, are the ones that help us see clearly the never-ending gifts of spirit, while also helping us stay grounded in our human experience. The images contained in this deck and the words in this guidebook are here to take your hand as you explore the bridge and all that you are.

There is a story of an ancient monastery in Thailand called *The Temple of the Golden Buddha*, which housed an enormous Buddha figure made of solid gold. Centuries ago, word came to the village that an army of raiders from a neighboring country were about to invade, intent on ravaging the riches of their land and temple. The monks decided to protect their shrine and its honored figure by encasing the entire golden Buddha in mud and stone, hoping it would appear of no value, unworthy of theft. The brilliant scheme worked, as the invaders left the Buddha untouched and the monastery unlooted.

Sadly, the monks and the neighboring villagers who remembered the golden origins of the statue died off while their country was occupied by the foreign army. And soon no one was alive who remembered that treasure was hiding under the humble stone Buddha. Until one day, many years

later, a young monk decided to meditate at the foot of the Buddha. While seating himself at the base of the figure, he dislodged a piece of stone and discovered something shining. He reported his finding to his fellow monks and they hastened to investigate, eventually grabbing pickaxes and hammers to knock off the earthen encasing, revealing the original gold beneath.

This story reveals the divine nature experience. We are all born golden, and the earthly experience of humanity conditions us to believe we are made entirely of earth. But no matter how much encasing the world has put on you, nothing can change your divine nature, which is golden, radiant and valuable.

Think of this deck as the tool to help you unearth your divine nature and befriend your human experience in the process. You are both divine and down to earth, a treasure beyond your wildest imaginings. It's time that you spent it.



Transform

The Greek word for soul is “psyche,” often depicted as a butterfly because of the soul’s capacity for transformation. You aren’t meant to live a life in the tight, cramped quarters of the chrysalis. It is a rebirthing space between the life that no longer fits you, and the new life awaiting you. This moment is urging you to surrender to the dark that will cause your rebirth. Let the ill-fitting, under-deserving, too-tight beliefs, thoughts and actions die off. They may have served the person you once were, but they do not serve the psyche as it wishes to be reborn in you now. Only by releasing what no longer serves you, can you discover the new winged life waiting on the other side of the chrysalis. New wings await you. And they are glorious.



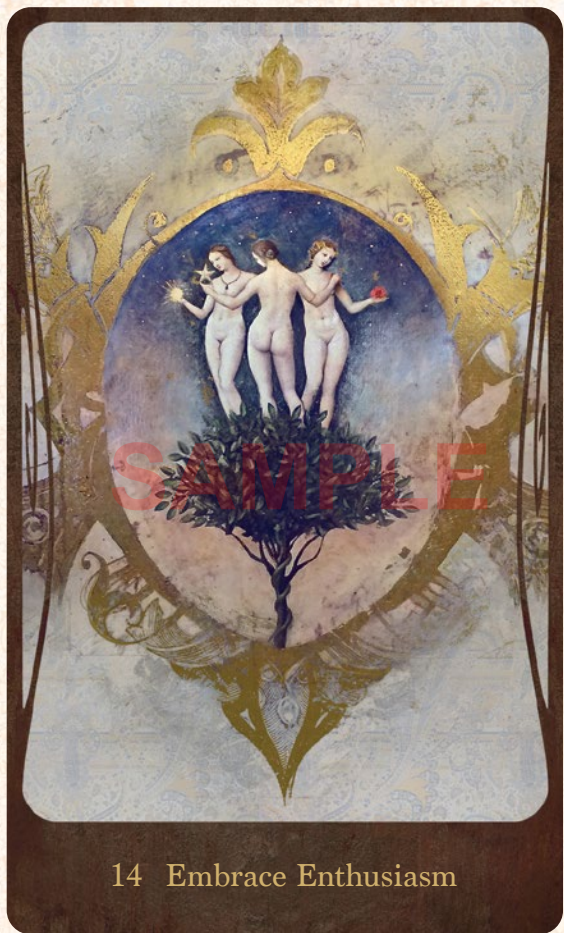


13 Stand for Justice

Stand for Justice

Justice, like a pregnant mother, is full of compassion. But justice, like an impartial judge, is also full of accountability. You cannot seek justice for your self, in the court of your internal life, without engaging both qualities. Likewise, you'll never find justice in your relationships or outward experiences without the balance between compassion and accountability. You are being asked, in this moment, to see your situation impartially. Where do you need to be accountable, or hold someone else accountable? Where and how do you need to engage compassion? For self, for other, for a situation that needs grace and mending?





14 Embrace Enthusiasm

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The number of Graces varied in different legends, but usually there were three: Aglaia (Brightness), Euphrosyne (Joyfulness), and Thalia (Bloom). They are visiting you today. Let your heart revel in the sharing of its bright hope. Let your joyfulness dance along the spine of this moment. And bloom.

Bloom like you mean it, with wild abandon. Most people are breathing only a little and calling it a life. Let the three Graces expand your lungs and life with song. Follow their enthusiasm as well as your bliss. Enthusiasm literally means to be indwelled by God, the Sacred Source of all life. Now is the time to unleash it and taste the sweet fruits of this wild grace.



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