



1. All in the Golden Afternoon

INSPIRATION – CREATIVE SPARK –
IMAGINATION – CONCEPTION

ANON, TO SUDDEN SILENCE WON,
IN FANCY THEY PURSUE
THE DREAM-CHILD MOVING THROUGH A LAND
OF WONDERS WILD AND NEW

IN ANCIENT TIMES, we did not think an individual was responsible for their creativity. More so, a person blessed with creative genius, a divine spark or a brilliant idea was thought to have been visited by a muse, genii or other spirit that could inspire someone with ideas that were longing to be born in the world. At the very beginning of the tale of Alice, there is a poem, a preface, which portrays the moment the author was begged to create a story. This card represents the time immediately before Alice's existence. There is no rabbit hole, no Cheshire Cat, no Mad Hatter, no Queen of Hearts ... there is only the urge to tell a story.

So it is with you at this moment. A spark of inspiration is about to descend upon you. A wondrous tale is asking to be told through you. This surge of imagination can take many forms. It

can be a creative solution to a problem you are experiencing. It may mean using visualisation to improve at a physical activity, or painting a picture with a new technique or a fresh perspective. Whatever form it takes, you are actively telling the story of your life with every word you speak and creating the story in action with every move you make.

What Wonderlands can you create when you allow yourself to be open to the genius all about you and invite it to come into the world through you? You are imaginative. You are creative. You have that spark within you! Whatever it is you wish to do – paint, draw, sing, write, dance – do this creative, vital, brilliant life-bringing thing! Who knows what creations you can bring forth. Why not begin to discover the possibilities today?

DIVINATION: Time to create. An imaginative idea. Inspiration takes hold. Talent and ability. The muse touches down in your life – get ready!

REVERSED: Feeling dull, uninspired, mundane. Believing you lack creativity. Dissatisfaction with your work. Negative self-talk.



2. I Wonder What Will Happen Next?

READY TO ADVENTURE – PRECIPICE
OF CHANGE – PAUSE BEFORE ACTION

ALICE WAS BEGINNING TO GET VERY TIRED OF SITTING BY HER SISTER ON THE BANK AND OF HAVING NOTHING TO DO: ONCE OR TWICE SHE HAD PEEPED INTO THE BOOK HER SISTER WAS READING, BUT IT HAD NO PICTURES OR CONVERSATIONS IN IT, 'AND WHAT IS THE USE OF A BOOK,' THOUGHT ALICE, 'WITHOUT PICTURES OR CONVERSATIONS?'

THERE ARE POINTS in life where everything seems quite perfect. Things are calm, all is well, and we are comfortable, sheltered, easy in ourselves and in the relationships we have. There is, in short, nothing at all wrong. Then why oh why can we not feel satisfied? This is because free spirits grow restless amidst too much sameness – much as we find Alice and you, dear reader, at this time. While she ought to be enjoying an afternoon beneath the trees in late summer, Alice is actually a little fretful and restless. She wants for adventure, to explore and to reach out beyond the comforts of her current existence. This is the very point you are at.

You will decide whether or not to enter into and enjoy all you have and have been given. There is nothing at all wrong with embracing that. Or, as you will know from Alice, this could be the point at which you begin to wonder whether this is the place from where you need to explore, stretch or jump. A small part of you is tired with the tidy, the comfortable and the repetitive. You would rather the adventurous, where you will learn more of who you truly are, than you will in this in-between state of sameness and people who never ask questions and are content never to go beyond the comforts of their current life. You, dear reader, want more.

This card tells you that very soon, if you choose, you will have an unprecedented opportunity for adventure. It is your decision. But, I think I know what you will choose when the moment of change arrives – just in time to save you from the numbness of too much habit and repetition. This is the very edge of change. Prepare yourself!

DIVINATION: A longing for excitement. Wonder at what is meant to take place next. Someone who is comfortable but vaguely dissatisfied. Be ready for a challenge and for new experiences.

REVERSED: Attachment to habit. Locked into stultifying sameness. Comfort over adventure. A lack of curiosity. Satisfaction remaining within the same world, in a repetitive cycle.



3. Follow the White Rabbit

CURIOSITY MEETS OPPORTUNITY

... BUT, WHEN THE RABBIT ACTUALLY TOOK A WATCH OUT OF HIS WAISTCOAT-POCKET, AND LOOKED AT IT, AND THEN HURRIED ON, ALICE STARTED TO HER FEET, FOR IT FLASHED ACROSS HER MIND THAT SHE HAD NEVER BEFORE SEEN A RABBIT WITH EITHER A WAISTCOAST-POCKET, OR A WATCH TO TAKE OUT OF IT, AND BURNING WITH CURIOSITY, SHE RAN ACROSS THE FIELD AFTER IT, AND WAS JUST IN TIME TO SEE IT POP DOWN A LARGE RABBIT-HOLE UNDER THE HEDGE.

SOMETHING out of the ordinary happens nearly all the time. Most days, if you are aware, awake and ready for adventure, there will be an opportunity to change your life. But for this to take place, you must follow the White Rabbit. You must go after whatever it is that excites you, inspires you and entices you. The White Rabbit does not go to Alice and ask her to accompany him. It is up to her to notice what is taking place. She does not think about what to do, nor discuss, sit or ponder. If she had done so, the opportunity of entering Wonderland would have been lost,

perhaps forever.

When Alice sees how strange and extraordinary this rabbit is, she leaps to her feet and she runs. She engages with the opportunity and goes after it. When this card comes, you are being advised that something interesting is about to happen, and when it happens, be ready to go after it with all your passion, all your might and without hesitation.

Be awake and aware. Wonder at what will happen next. And, when the extraordinary takes place at the heart of the ordinary world, be ready to leap to your feet and run toward enchantment and adventure.

DIVINATION: A wondrous opportunity is going to break through your ordinary reality and give you the chance to change your world and your perception, forever.

REVERSED: Opportunity after opportunity, chance after chance to have adventures, but not feeling ready. Thinking you must think on it, take more time or even that the opportunity will come by again. Hesitation is costing you a more exciting, dynamic and enchanted life.