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**Learning Tarot As A Game**

**By Jonathon Hardcastle**

Although it is not an unfamiliar sight to witness a Tarot reader drawing out cards from a deck of 78

to advice on problems ranging from relationships to career wellbeing, most people find it difficult to imagine doing the actual reading themselves. But the fact is that Tarot is now out there available for everyone to experience and learn. Although having a Tarot practitioner analyzing the symbols of the cards drawn is certainly an enchanting experience and probably "less risky," a few of today's Tarot lovers purchase their own decks and begin reading its cards with the help of Tarot manuals or mentors.

Starting to learn anything new is always a daunting experience and especially when one considers learning the Tarot cards can seem a bit odd; to say the least. This is probably the case because Tarot is associated with fortune-telling and future is the thing that excites human imagination the most. But Tarot, can in fact take people into a better understanding of the past and the present, assisting many to decode daily problems, and issues. Living in the information age, it is actually only logical to seek more information, on any given situation, before having to make a decision on the subject of interest. But the tremendous potential and effect Tarot relates to self-realization. That notion is probably less realized by those who wish to learn the future through Tarot, but in the end, this is where they are in fact led. Most often regarded as a method of predicting the future, Tarot is much less considered as a method used to better understand oneself. But, if you are interested in learning to read the Tarot cards, it is best if you keep in mind that you should do it primarily because it is one of the most effective methods to begin knowing thyself.

Since the Tarot cards have numerous different meanings depending on the order they are drawn and placed in relation to each other, many people quickly give up the effort of learning to read them. But experts claim that learning the meaning can be an effortless process, as well as rewarding and enjoyable. One of the simpler methods existing to learn the Tarot cards is through meditation. As practitioners reveal, you should begin by picking up a card from the pile and "studying" it for some time. You can always look up a guide for its "official" meaning, but the important thing here is to realize what the card you picked means to you. If the card suggests a positive career development, for example, it does not matter if in the Tarot manual symbolizes something entirely different. As long as it means this to you, it will always mean that when it comes up. As readers put it, "the card responds to you, not the other way around."

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By picking at least one card every day, you will slowly but surely familiarize yourself with the Tarot deck in a natural easy way. Keep notes and later read the Tarot manual to check how close your guessing was to the "original" meaning. The important thing here is to concentrate on the cards and let their images be "absorbed" by your brain. Ask questions and give answers to yourself in relation to the pictures you see and the story that the card is trying to convey. Remember that it does not matter how close to the "true" meaning you really are. What matters is how easily you will remember your original thoughts when you draw the same card later during this familiarization procedure. In less than a month you will be able to associate the cards together and "translate" their meaning. Remember that this is nothing more than a game to learn better yourself and how you react to a given set of variables. Then Tarot will be a fun experience to devote some time alone or with your friends.

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### **Tarot Cards & Tarot Readings**

**By Mary Shadow**

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Over the years I have used Tarot cards as a tool to gain insight, clarity and achieve greater control over issues in life. Many people wonder how a deck of cards can tell us anything but as we study the cards we realize that they go way beyond the pictures that we see. As we use the cards we gain a greater understanding of ourselves and the world around us. We can see the cards as a journey that each of us must take and complete to master the lessons we are here to learn on the earth plane.

It is believed that Tarot Cards originated in the 14th–15th centuries. There are many possibilities as to where tarot cards come from including Egypt, France, Italy, Spain, China and India.

The type of Tarot Card Deck used is based upon personal preference. I have used the Rider Waite Tarot Deck and and Robin Wood Tarot Card Deck in the past. More recently, I have experimented using the Goddess Tarot Deck. Many beginners like to use the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. One piece of advice I shall give to you regarding choosing a deck, is to use a NEW deck of cards. A used deck of

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cards may be carrying the energy of the previous owner and will interfere with your reading.

Traditionally, there are 78 cards in a Tarot Card deck and is separated into two parts; the Major Arcana and Minor Arcana. The 22 Major Arcana Cards of the Tarot deck symbolise the universal patterns of human nature. The 56 Minor Arcana cards of the Tarot deck is further divided into 4 suits– Pentacles, Cups, Swords & Wands. They represent the energy, emotions and activities of our daily lives.

As each tarot card has a unique astrological meaning and numeric significance, the cards can be used to gain insight, clarity, and achieve greater control over issues involving relationships, life changes, work and career, health, spirituality, dreams, and family.

Whilst, anyone can do a tarot reading, it takes commitment to be able to truly understand the cards.

May the Guides be with you always,

Mary

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