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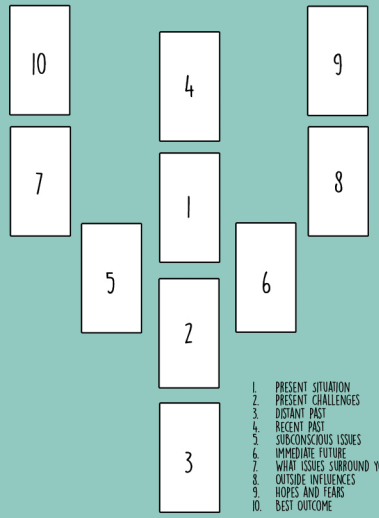

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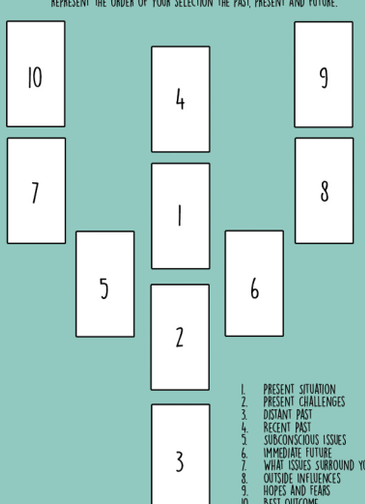

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2. PRESENT CHALLENGES
3. DISTANT PAST
4. RECENT PAST
5. SUBCONSCIOUS ISSUES
6. IMMEDIATE FUTURE
7. WHAT ISSUES SURROUND YOU
8. OUTSIDE INFLUENCES
9. HOPES AND FEARS
10. BEST OUTCOME

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15 – THE DEVIL
YOU MIGHT BE EFFECTED BY NEGATIVE HABITS SUCH AS ADDICTIONS, BEHAVIORS, UNHEALTHY CO–DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS AND PATTERNS THAT ARE KEEPING YOU BOUND FROM ACHIEVING YOUR DREAMS. ARE YOU CHOOSING THE EASY PATH BECAUSE OF INSTANT GRATIFICATION? BEWARE AND REMEMBER THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE CONTROL OVER THE SHADOW SELF AND NEGATIVE INFLUENCES. LOOK TO YOUR INNER STRENGTH FOR GUIDANCE.

16 – THE TOWER
CHAOS, CHANGE AND SUDDEN UPHEAVAL. IF YOU WERE FEELING SAFE AND COMFORTABLE THIS CARD ARRIVES TO SHAKE THINGS UP OR COMPLETELY ROCK YOUR WORLD. FROM TIME TO TIME THE UNIVERSE LIKES TO REAR ITS UGLY HEAD AND SPIRAL YOU INTO A WHIRLWIND OF INSTABILITY BUT IN THE END YOU WILL COME OUT STRONGER THAN BEFORE OR EVEN WITH A NEW PERSPECTIVE TO HELP GUIDE YOU IN A MORE POSITIVE DIRECTION.

17 – THE STAR
AFTER A PERIOD OF INTENSE TURMOIL AND CHAOS THE STAR APPEARS TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE DIVINE HAS YOUR BACK AND ALWAYS UNCONDITIONALLY LOVES YOU. YOU HAVE WEATHERED THE STORM AND ARE NOW STRONGER NOW FOR IT. YOU CAN NOW ENJOY A VERY TRANQUIL AND PEACEFUL TIME WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF BEAUTY AND INSPIRATION FOR LIVING.

18 – THE MOON
BEWARE OF ILLUSIONS BECAUSE THINGS ARE NOT WHAT THE SEEM. FEAR AND ILLUSION CAN STEER YOU OFF COURSE AND BE DETRIMENTAL TO PROGRESS. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO MAKE HASTY DECISIONS ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE ACTING FROM A PLACE OF FEAR AND NEGATIVE SELF TALK.

19 – THE SUN
ULTIMATE BADIANCE, POSITIVITY AND SUCCESS! LET THE SUNSHINE IN! YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH THE DARKEST HOURS AND HAVE FOUND ILLUMINATION.

20 – JUDGEMENT
TIME TO MAKE LIFE CHANGING DECISIONS TO SERVE YOUR HIGHEST GOOD. THIS IS YOU "COSMIC LEVELING UP" AND IT IS NOW TIME TO ACT. TRUST THAT YOU HAVE GOOD JUDGEMENT AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE ON THE CORRECT PATH.

21 – THE WORLD
THIS REPRESENTS THE COMPLETION OF A CYCLE, STAGE OF LIFE, PROJECT OR ACHIEVEMENT. REFLECT ON THE JOURNEY AND ON HOW FAR YOU HAVE COME. YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TO GET TO THIS POINT. ALL OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BEGINNING HAS LEAD YOU HERE. TIME TO CELEBRATE!