

Reading
Between
The Tarot Cards

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DEDICATION

To my beloved Dad,

This book is dedicated to you. I know you are watching over me from heaven. If you were here in person, I know your eyes would shine with pride, and your heart would rejoice in this moment with me. How I wish I could have placed my very first book in your hands, sought your blessings, and shared the joy of this milestone with you by my side.

Even though you are not physically here, your presence lives on in my heart, in my work, and in every step I take. This book is a tribute to the values, strength, and inspiration you instilled in me. May it carry your blessings and reflect the love that continues to connect us beyond time and space.

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Preface

From Doubt to Devotion: My Tarot Journey

“How can a random card tell me what to do or predict my future?”

This seems so illogical, total crap!”

This was the skeptical question I once asked. From that judgment to writing my first ever book on Tarot Card Reading, it has been a powerful journey spanning over a decade. Along the way, I’ve decoded the deeper layers of Tarot through the lens of science, spirituality, and logic.

It truly pains me to see people being misled by readers who lack a foundation in essential spiritual principles. I’ve seen readers struggle, confused during sessions, unintentionally leaving clients more lost than guided.

On top of that, there are countless myths and misconceptions about Tarot in the general public. Some people dismiss it entirely, calling it mumbo jumbo. Others are skeptical or make fun of it without understanding its depth. Then there are those who genuinely want to believe, but their questions have never been properly answered so they stay unconvinced.

To make matters worse, the rise of 1-minute reel culture has added to the confusion. Flashy content, dramatic readings, and readers dressed in eccentric outfits, often present Tarot as a spectacle rather than a sacred practice.

Because of this distorted image, many people hesitate to talk openly about their interest in Tarot. Some secretly book readings without telling their families or friends. Others enroll in Tarot courses in silence, fearing judgment or lack of support from loved ones.

There is a real need to bring clarity, respect, and deeper understanding back into the world of Tarot and that's one of the core reasons this book was born.

When used with awareness and intention, Tarot cards are not just tools for prediction—they are gateways to transformation. Beyond offering glimpses into the future, they provide guidance to consciously create it. Tarot reveals personality, patterns, sheds light on relationship dynamics, supports decision-making, and helps evaluate options to choose what truly aligns with us.

It also throws light on subconscious mind blocks and personal flaws that may be holding a person back. With the right interpretation, the cards offer gentle but powerful guidance for self-improvement, inner growth, and healing.

For a conscious reader, every session becomes a sacred opportunity to contribute meaningfully to a seeker's journey. By helping decode limiting beliefs, introducing spiritual concepts, teaching mindset shifts, and sharing manifestation tools, they can empower the client to take right action. As a result, clients often walk away with greater clarity, direction, purpose, and motivation to move forward in life.

I've poured over a decade's worth of learnings and heartfelt insights into this book.

This book is for you if:-

1. You're curious about how Tarot really works
2. You aspire to become a Tarot reader
3. You've learned Tarot but haven't started practicing yet
4. You're already a Tarot practitioner facing roadblocks

5. You want to grow and scale your Tarot practice

6. You're a practitioner of other spiritual or occult sciences looking for information about Tarot Card Reading.

It is for anyone who wants to understand what truly lies beneath the surface of Tarot Card Reading—beyond the card meanings.

Segment 1

Into the Unknown:

My First Steps with Tarot

Chapter 1

When I Heard About Tarot, I Rolled My Eyes

Back in 2008, while I was working with Bank of New York Mellon in Pune, we had the convenience of a pick-up and drop facility. One day during our commute, a colleague was sharing a personal issue. That's when Annapurna Mitra, a college mate and coworker, offered help, *“If you want, I can help. I do Tarot card readings. We could check what the cards say, if you're open to it.”*

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I was stunned. Annapurna? Tarot? I couldn't believe it. She had always struck me as a confident, logical, career-oriented woman—the last person I'd expect to be into something as esoteric as Tarot.

Without filtering my thoughts, I blurted out, *“Tarot? You mean like those roadside fortune tellers with cards and parrots picking them out? I don't believe in that stuff. How can some random card picked by a random person tell me my future? I believe in creating my future, not just hearing predictions.”*

Looking back, I realize how judgmental I sounded but to my surprise, she didn't react defensively. With a calm, steady tone and a gentle smile, she simply said, *“Tarot is much more than that, dear.”*

There was something in her presence, her body language, her expressions and aura that struck a chord with me. Despite my skepticism, a part of me felt compelled to believe her. We weren't

close friends, just acquaintances from college and work, but I had always admired her energy. I thought if it is coming from her then there must be some truth in it.

That moment planted a seed. I didn't explore Tarot right away but something had shifted. I felt guilty and ashamed of quickly reacting.

I found myself reflecting—where was this judgment coming from?

Chapter 2

My Early Skepticism About Occult Sciences

While growing up, I witnessed the extreme ways in which people engaged with astrology and other occult sciences. Many would read their horoscope first thing every morning—feeling energized only if it predicted something good, and sinking into fear if it didn't. I saw people who believed their future was fixed, which made them feel powerless. They lacked the motivation to put in real effort, work on their personal flaws, or take responsibility for their

actions. For every decision big or small, they turned to astrology, numerology, or a guru. And when things didn't go as planned or predicted, there was always someone or something to blame: the planets, a pandit, or a number or a line on the palm.

Most of these people lived in constant confusion, anxiety, or helplessness. Some became easy targets for mockery, while others remained vulnerable and gullible. I saw predictions go wrong and remedies that made no sense or brought no change.

I came from a background where I deeply believed in God and, from a young age, had several spiritual experiences however I never fully believed in occult sciences, probably because unfortunately I never came across a practitioner who felt truly authentic, knowledgeable, or capable of answering the deeper questions I had:- How can numbers

influence our lives? How do distant planets dictate our destiny? Is the future truly fixed? And if it is, then why make any effort? If it isn't fixed, then what future occult sciences can predict? Or what role does occult science really play?

Maybe these experiences were the root of all my skepticism.

On top of that, at the time this incident occurred, I was deeply immersed in practicing and experimenting with manifestation, the law of attraction, mind training, personal development, the science of future creation, soul's journey and spirituality. For the first time in my life after what felt like a long internal struggle I began to feel that I was in control of my life. My confidence and self-worth were finally beginning to take root. I was committed to working on myself by introspecting, identifying limiting patterns in my thinking and

behavior and then actively taking steps to overcome them.

I had just begun to understand why I experienced failures despite wanting to be successful, why did some manifestations happen effortlessly while others seemed impossible? Why did certain manifestation tools work at one time and completely fail at another? What determined the effectiveness of these tools, and how could I understand when and how to use them? So on...

Amid all this exploration, I found myself confused about the role of occult sciences.

I began to question:- If the future were truly fixed, how was I able to consciously shape it through the power of my thoughts, intentions, and mindset? And if the future isn't fixed—which I strongly believed—then what was the point of consulting an occult science practitioner? Wouldn't it make more sense to

simply learn the science of future creation and focus on intentional living?

On the other hand, if the future is fixed, would we achieve our desires without taking action?

Obviously not—action is always necessary. So then, where does occult science actually fit in?

What is its true role in the journey of creating our future consciously?

Chapter 3

The Turning Point – When Angels Sent Me to Tarot

In 2011, life on the surface seemed perfect. I was married to my childhood sweetheart, had manifested a great job with a good position and salary, and we had just bought our first home. By all outward measures, I had everything I had once wished for and yet, deep inside, I felt an unexplainable void.

Unhealed emotions and unresolved traumas began to resurface, things I thought I had

already dealt with. It was as if life was asking me to truly face them now. I felt a longing to do something meaningful, something that would bring deep fulfillment. I had a strong desire to serve others, to contribute to society in some way, but I didn't know how, or even if I was capable of it.

I also began to miss swimming deeply. For so many years, I had been known as a swimmer. Now, I was completely disconnected from that identity, and it left me feeling lost. I even thought of returning to swimming or becoming a coach, but wasn't sure if it was possible. At the same time, unresolved issues with some friends, relatives, and my parents started surfacing strongly.

Despite all this emotional turmoil, I was genuinely grateful for everything I had. Though not entirely, I had significantly overcome many challenges, including anxiety,

stammering, and low self-worth. I was still working on myself. There was this growing sense within me that my life had a greater purpose, but what was it? I didn't know. I was seeking answers to questions I couldn't even properly frame.

One day, while traveling in a crowded Mumbai local train, I was reading a book on angels. I had experienced angelic presence in my childhood, but over the years, those moments had faded. Now, as I read formally about angels again, I felt goosebumps. A woman sitting across from me noticed the book and said, *“Very few people are interested in these things. I know one lady, who works at a senior position in Mumbai University, is deeply into this and can connect with angels.”*

Curious and eager, I took down her number. I called her, hoping she could help me understand my life purpose and offer guidance

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from angels but she told me that although she reads spiritual books and has personal experiences, she doesn't channel messages for others. Instead, she gave me the number of a tarot card reader.

When I contacted the reader, I told her, "*I want guidance from angels.*" She replied, "*I'm not a direct channel/ medium, but I use tarot cards and angel oracle cards. Through these, we can connect with divine guidance.*"

I instantly recalled a moment from years ago when I had passed judgment on tarot in the year 2008, and a few years later destiny was gently guiding me right toward it.

Still holding onto old stereotypes of spooky fortune tellers from TV shows—women in dark rooms with crystal balls—I was hesitant. So I opted for an email reading instead of an in-person one. To my surprise, the reading was

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spot-on. It gave me clarity, inspiration, and a sense of being watched over by the divine. That experience became a turning point. A doorway had opened.

Chapter 4

A Reading That Redefined My Path

The reading had predicted that I would return to the field of swimming both as a coach and in competition. When I read that, I felt a moment of awe and excitement. Yet, a major part of me couldn't believe it. I had no plan, no clear intention to pursue it. At that time, it felt like nothing more than wishful thinking. 2 years down the line in the year 2013, that very prediction came true. After a gap of almost 12 years I participated in state and national level masters swimming competitions and won medals.

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The reading also shed light on the complex nature of my relationship with my parents. It offered insights and guidance that deeply resonated with me. It also provided brief guidance on how to heal childhood trauma.

There was one question, however, for which I didn't receive a clear answer. The overall message around it was, *it depends on you*. Till today, I haven't manifested it—but now, with time and reflection, I clearly understand why.

When I analyzed the reading beyond its face value, I realized how deeply it aligned with my understanding of the Law of Attraction and soul contracts. It echoed the teachings of many spiritual masters, self help writers of best selling books, mind training coaches and researchers I admired. It reinforced the idea that not everything is predestined, we do have free will, and we can consciously create our future.

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That reading helped me finally understand the real role of occult sciences. It was an *aha* moment—*Oh! So this is where it fits in. This is what it's truly meant for.*

Chapter 5

Expectation vs Reality: My Tarot Lessons

After receiving a tarot reading, I was deeply intrigued. I couldn't understand how this seemingly unscientific method of picking random cards could offer such accurate insights. My curiosity was instantly piqued, and I decided to learn tarot myself. I believed that if I could read the cards, I would be able to know my own future. It felt like a magical tool, something that could help me connect with the divine directly. I

thought, instead of going back to a reader and paying fees every time, I could simply consult the cards on my own whenever I needed guidance. With these naïve yet sincere thoughts and a strong curiosity, I enrolled in a course in great enthusiasm.

It was a simple five-day course taught in a very traditional way—just card meanings and basic spreads. On the fifth day, when I was asked to do a reading, I found myself completely blank. I didn't know which spread to use, I struggled to interpret the court cards, and although I knew broader meanings of the cards, I couldn't figure out how they related to the question being asked. I was stuck. What baffled me even more was that the teacher could effortlessly speak for five minutes on each card.

My tendency to underestimate myself quickly pulled me into self-doubt. I began thinking, *Maybe I'm just not the chosen one. Maybe I don't have*

any intuition, maybe this is not the right modality for me. I compared myself to my teacher, believing she was truly gifted that the divine was speaking directly through her and in contrast, I felt small, incapable, and disconnected. My teacher assured me with practice you will be able to do it.

That's when a major realization hit me—like any other skill, tarot requires practice. I had assumed that by the end of the course, I'd be able to do readings with ease. While the course was packed with information, I walked away feeling like I hadn't really learned anything.

Another powerful insight struck me when the teacher began explaining how she was interpreting the cards. That's when I truly understood that interpretation is a skill in itself, it's not as simple or straightforward as it looks. It's not just about picking a card and reading it like a line from a book. Each card carries a

message, but uncovering that message requires context-based interpretation not just intuitions. It's a completely different ball game, something that unfortunately, wasn't taught in the course. The rest was left for us to figure out on our own.

I had another naive assumption that if I asked the same question multiple times, the same cards would show up each time but that wasn't the case at all. Every time I repeated a question, a different set of cards appeared, offering a new perspective or message. This left me confused. *So which reading is accurate? Which one should I trust?* I kept wondering. I expected tarot to behave like a fixed-answer system, but the reality was different.

At the end of the course I experienced a classic case of expectation vs reality. The course gave me information, but not the understanding or experience I truly needed. I realized that

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mastering tarot wasn't about memorizing meanings, but about developing the skill of interpretation, which requires PRACTICE.

Chapter 6

From Memorizing to Living the Tarot

After completing a 5-day tarot course, I remember feeling completely lost, unsure where to begin or what to do next. Since I had a full-time job, I could only study on weekends. Initially, I approached tarot like I would prepare for school or college exams—reading, taking notes, and trying to memorize everything, like a theoretical subject but honestly, it felt boring and disconnected. Just reading the meanings of the cards didn't

excite or inspire me. After about a month and a half of this routine, I gave up.

Then one morning, something shifted. I was feeling really low just before leaving for work. My husband had forgotten something, and we were delayed by five minutes. In that small window, I felt an inexplicable pull toward my Tarot Deck as if it was calling me. I instinctively picked it up, shuffled, and asked with full sincerity, “*Angels, Universe, what message do you have for me right now?*”

I drew the Two of Swords. That card *hit*. I was in a phase of confusion, affected by others’ opinions, unsure of how to make a decision. That night, I sat with the card again. I read the notes slowly, pausing after each sentence, asking myself: “*How does this apply to my situation? What are the angels really trying to say?*” That’s when it clicked. The card was nudging me to trust my intuition, but I had been afraid of

making the wrong choice. For the first time, I truly felt connected with the card and felt as if the Universe was talking to me through card I must've spent over 30 minutes reflecting on that one card. That's when I realized *this* is the way to connect with the tarot cards not by memorizing meanings, but by *experiencing* each card.

From that day, I started a daily ritual. Every morning, I'd draw a card asking, "*What guidance do you have for me today?*" and at night, I'd reflect on my day's events in relation to the card. Over time, I noticed a pattern, on days I followed the guidance I experienced peace, personal growth, or positive outcomes. On days I ignored it, I felt frustrated, blocked or discomfort or challenges.

Learning suddenly became fun and meaningful. I wasn't just studying cards, I was forming a personal relationship with them. I'd

go back to the notes, explore one card at a time, and reflect on how it mirrored my life. I experienced immense personal growth through this ritual, as I began applying divine guidance in my daily life.

The next month, I added another layer. I began asking, *“What will happen today?”* or *“How will my day unfold?”* I would ask the question in the morning and later at night reflect on how it connected with my day’s experiences—it was like an immediate future prediction activity.

Once, I drew the Queen of Swords card and that day, I had to deal with a particularly tough client who embodied every difficult trait of that card. The next time I drew the Queen of Swords, I panicked, expecting another rough day or fights but the day went smoothly. Later, I realized *I* had been the Queen of Swords that day: sharp, confident, and efficient. The card was reflecting *me*, not someone else.

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This shift from passive learning to active engagement changed everything. Tarot became a living language that I could speak, feel, and trust.

Key learnings:-

1. One card can have many interpretations depending on context
2. Tarot is a divine guidance tool, not a fixed forecast
3. Our assumptions can limit or distort the true message a card is trying to reveal
4. Cards also serve as a medium to deepen our connection with the Divine or the Universe and to understand their perspective on human life situations

Chapter 7

Owning My Calling & New Identity, Despite the Doubts

When I first learned tarot and began practicing, I only shared it with close friends and family.

Even within the family, I kept it limited. Back in 2011, tarot was still considered mysterious, misunderstood and often ridiculed or taboo.

Though deep inside, my soul was leaping with joy at discovering the world of occult sciences, I found it difficult to openly declare this new interest or new evolving identity to the world.

Growing up, my father had a huge influence on me. If you've seen the movie *Dangal*, Aamir Khan's character reminds me of him. He sacrificed a lot to support my swimming career which was not easy. I was a national-level swimmer, and my success didn't come easy. Later, I pursued an MBA in Finance and started working in the corporate world — a path that made my father proud. I always wanted to make him proud of me.

He knew I had a strong interest in spirituality, mind training, and the law of attraction. He'd often see me immersed in self-help books but TAROT CARDS that was something different. That belonged to a realm many didn't understand or trust. I still remember telling him I was learning tarot just for myself, not with the intention of reading for others but life had other plans and soon, I found myself being nudged onto this path by something greater.

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When it came time to tell my father that I wanted to pursue tarot professionally, I felt an intense tension in both my body and mind. Even though he had always supported me, it wasn't easy for me. Back in 2011, choosing a path in something as misunderstood as tarot was daunting. Given my background in sports and finance, I knew most people would find my interest in tarot quite unusual.

To his credit, my father did his best to understand what I explained to him. I'm not sure he fully grasped what tarot really was, but he genuinely tried and then he said something that stayed with me:

"Charuta, you're going to help or guide others, that's a huge responsibility. Don't take it lightly. Make sure you never share a wrong message even by mistake or unintentionally to anyone. Do it sincerely, because people's emotions and decisions will depend on what you say."

Those words were grounding and encouraging. They gave me a sense of purpose and reminded me to honor the responsibility this work carries.

Even if no one had supported me, I would have still walked this path because it was driven by a deep calling to add value to people's lives but receiving even a little support from someone who mattered so much made the journey easier.

I also learned something important, even if you *assume* people won't understand, many will — if you're willing to explain and give them time. Don't expect instant approval or acceptance. Let others process in their own way and even if they never fully agree, as long as you're sincere, committed, and making a positive impact, there's nothing to feel ashamed or guilty about.

In the week that followed my conversation with my father, I still remember sitting in the office during a break, designing my very first visiting card on Vistaprint — *Charuta Rajadhyaksha – Tarot and Angel Card Reader*. When the physical copies finally arrived and I held them in my hands, I got goose bumps. It felt surreal, like I was officially claiming my new identity.

Key learnings:-

Courage isn't the absence of fear, it's the decision to move forward despite it.

True bravery isn't about never feeling afraid; it's about choosing to act even when your heart is racing, your mind is uncertain, and the outcome is unclear. It's about standing in your truth, especially when it's uncomfortable or misunderstood, and trusting that something greater is guiding you through it.

Chapter 8

Building Confidence, One Question at a Time

After just three or four months of active learning and daily practice, I felt ready to begin offering readings to others. Naturally, friends, family, and colleagues became my guinea pigs. I started by giving them general guidance, and to my surprise, they resonated deeply. That naturally led them to ask more specific questions about their lives.

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With friends, I was in my comfort zone—I'd sit with my notes, refer to them freely during readings, and be completely transparent. If I couldn't decode something, I'd honestly tell them. I would take 15–20 minutes just to interpret a single card or a question. Gradually, word of mouth spread, and my friends' friends, colleagues and acquaintances started reaching out.

That's when I realized I wasn't quite prepared. Many requested in-person readings, but I didn't feel confident enough for that yet. I couldn't ask strangers to be patient or take my words lightly the way I could with friends. I felt a greater sense of responsibility. So, I chose to offer online readings via email instead. They'd email me questions. I would do readings at my own ease and pace, sometimes spending an entire hour interpreting just a single question. I wanted to get it right. I genuinely cared. Giving

readings in writing allowed me to focus deeply, and my intuition flowed more effortlessly. I often found myself editing, deleting, or adding lines and quotes intuitively—just to ensure the card’s message was conveyed accurately and meaningfully.

That’s how my journey began. With practice, my interpretation became faster, my connection with the cards deepened, and through them, my bond with the Universe, angels, and masters strengthened. Word of mouth kept growing. After almost a year or so, I became comfortable with in-person sessions. I offered all of this for free for nearly two and half to three years, it was a conscious choice. My corporate job brought financial stability, and doing readings brought me immense fulfillment.