



OLD STYLE
LENORMAND
FORTUNE-TELLING BOOKLET



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**HISTORY OF THE
LENORMAND DECK**



Mlle Lenormand was a famous French seer with a most unusual talent for foretelling the future. Marie Anne Lenormand was born in 1722 in the town Alençon near Paris. Due to her frightening abilities, her parents sent her to live at the convent orphanage. It was there in the library that young Marie began to look for esoteric books and manuscripts to try to understand

her visions. At the age of 16 she moved to Paris and after two years opened her fortune-telling salon. Within a few years the salon generated enormous popularity thanks to her incredibly accurate predictions.

There are two versions of how the Lenormand oracle deck first appeared. One version says that the first pack of cards was given to Marie by a Gypsy. The second—most mystical one—states that the sibyl found a pack in her house after she had returned from the convent. Images foretelling the fates of unknown people began to appear on the cards.

ABOUT the LENORMAND DECK

The main distinguishing feature of the Lenormand deck is the simplicity of interpretation in comparison to other divination practices, such as tarot or Runes. It's common practice in creating divination cards to use numerous secret images, esoteric symbols and hidden implications. For the Lenormand pack, simple and clear images without unnecessary symbolism or extraneous elements are encouraged. This simplifies the interpretation of the oracle and makes it more accurate. This very approach has allowed the Lenormand system to become widely popular among the professional practitioners as well as amateurs

wishing to get the answers to their specific questions.

The Lenormand deck also differs from other systems in its use of a signifier—the card symbolizing a man or an object of divination. More often this is the “Man” or “Woman” card, depending on the sex of those who are the essence of the situation. For example, if a woman asks about her male lover, then the signifier is a card “Man.” This card takes an active part in the layout and is interpreted in interaction with the neighboring cards.

Everyone who is engaged in fortune telling should understand that the cards are an instrument for obtaining information. It’s not that import-

ant what tool you use to get an answer. Your personal wish to know the truth is important, as well as the accuracy of using this instrument. Without the reader's intention to "find a key" to the layout, the cards won't give an accurate answer to the given questions.

An asker should respect the fortune-telling system he has chosen to get information. Readers should understand that behind the answers there are subtle forces that should only be approached for really important matters. It is advised to not do predictions as entertainment since every layout spends personal energy of the practitioner.

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

If the question is really important and you are truly ready to see the essence of your situation, articulate the question clearly. The more unclear the question, the more ambiguous the answer will be. The question should be as brief and specific as possible.

You can write your question on paper and read it aloud. This will help you determine if it sounds properly formed and if it is really what you desire to ask.

Questions can be divided into three categories: analysis of situation, obtaining of the prognosis, and goal achievement.

Analysis of the situation allows the reader to clarify the reason for the events that have happened. The spreads of analysis will help to reveal the hidden meaning of the event, find the prime cause or the source of problems.

Obtaining of the prognosis allows you to look at the event developments in one or another way. If it's difficult for you to make a decision or make a choice, then using the Lenormand cards will show what variant will be the most advantageous for you.

If you are interested in achievement of some goal, then the oracle of Lenormand will help you to find the best way to achieve the desired aim.

When asking the question, address your question not to the cards but to those forces that are the key to the cards.

DO ASK THE CARDS:

- to tell how the event will develop if...
- to tell what to do in the given situation to achieve the particular result
- to show what will happen
- to reveal the reason for something
- to give a clue what to do to get...

DON'T:

- ask for simple answers like 'yes' or 'no'
- anticipate one choice among a few variants

- assign responsibility to the cards
- ask negative questions like “Why not...”
- repeat the same question to get a different answer

For maximally effective work with the oracle you should have a clear understanding of what you want from life and what deeds will allow you to achieve the desired outcome.

THE CARDS



1. RIDER

*News, visits, travel,
movement*

This card brings important news. The neighboring cards highlight positive and negative aspects of this news. The Rider card may signal the way out of a future solution to a disturbing issue. This card predicts fresh ideas and business activity, new beginnings. In any case, it indicates that something will soon rush into your life bringing change.

In a **people spread** it can symbolize

a courier or a man with news.

In a **relationship spread**, the Rider gives a clue that the near future brings plans for you to meet with someone who may bring some information. This card might mean a new love or a flirtation.

Concerning **work**, this card indicates negotiations, business travel, connections and receiving of information.

In terms of **well-being**, this card means: quick recovery, a clear and flexible mind, activity, sport.

In questions of **finance**, Rider symbolizes an authorized representative solving your issues and managing your assets.



2. CLOVER

*Luck, happiness,
fate's gift, expectation*

The Clover card is a symbol of a spontaneous windfall, happy endings, luck and success, hope for the better, and the end of difficulties. It suggests a carefree life, even if it's temporary. Clover predicts the possibility of realizing your loftiest plans and wildest dreams. If you have been dealt this card in combination with negative cards, it warns about the collapse of plans, possible loss and disappointing circumstances.

In a **people spread** it can symbolize

a simple, unpretentious, happy-go-lucky person.

In a **relationship spread** the Clover card indicates casual relations, possibly with several different partners, fleeting encounters without obligations. On the other hand, it might suggest the possibility of a developing relationship.

In **work** and **finances**, this card predicts a small but spontaneous supplemental income, and a good job position. In business, it indicates risky transactions.

In the questions of **well-being** it suggests prosperity, light and easy communication, and comfort.



3. SHIP

*Trip, foresight,
growth, opportunity*

This card means success in business, especially on a trip. The Ship symbolizes

something new rushing into a person's life and changing it, sometimes cardinally. Improvement in business affairs requires initiative, change of habits, inner motivation, and the desire to change yourself.

In a **people spread** it symbolizes those who overcome large distances: merchants, travelers, tourist agents, spiritual teachers, or translators.

In **relationship spreads** it shows a favorable period and changes for

the better. It can indicate temporary relations: on the road or in life, for example a casual flirtation.

In **work**, the Ship can indicate transactions or trade with foreign partners, beneficial connections with international business. It also suggests overseas trips.

In questions of **well-being**, it suggests changes in the customary way of life and positive potential. In combination with negative cards it warns about possible troubles.



4. HOUSE

Family, stability, real estate, protection

The House card brings comfort, stability and feelings of protection. It

refers to something important that may require much energy. This can be a house, inner circle of family or friends, hobbies, business, or everyday duties. At the same time, the House indicates success and protects you from unpleasant issues. The House is about having the courage and desire to fight for one's own interests. It conveys rest, confidence in the future, and the secure feeling of being in your own place on your own terms.

It symbolizes people closely connected with the notion of home: households, blood relatives, owners or sellers of the real estate, land owners, or domestic workers.

In **relationship spreads** it brings up feelings of stability, strong ties, devotion to traditions. It concerns everything connected with the family life and the home.

In **work** it bodes stable employment or indicates freelance, small family business, or low expenses.

In questions of **well-being** the House card signals acquisition of one's own accommodation or some issues about real estate, mortgage, or domestic expenses.



5. TREE

*Life energy, force,
health, possibilities*

The main idea symbolized by the Tree card is stable growth, ripening and maturity,

solid character and intentions, the ability to enjoy life, natural wisdom, strong health and inner power.

This card also suggests a clear mind and the ability to rationally analyze one's actions as well as events taking place around him/her.

In **people spreads**, it means a good, reliable person pursuing his/her ideals. It symbolizes a fully developed person who can clearly envision his/her way of life, for example

a leader or businessperson. It could suggest somebody who is connected with gardening or landscaping.

In a **relationship spread**, the Tree reveals growing feelings of attractiveness between partners and the importance of strong love for each other and caring.

In **work** matters, it indicates successful development of business, strong support, and a stable income. The Tree symbolizes the possibilities for realization of one's dreams, perhaps in expansion of the business or family endeavors.

This card shows that **well-being** will be brought about by healthy food and active lifestyle, caring about health, and involvement with nature.



6. CLOUDS

*Crisis, troubles,
tangled situation,
doubts*

The Clouds card warns of troubles, illness or events that

you would like to avoid. There is dissonance in the soul and conflict in business endeavors. Unexpected circumstances may sabotage the best-laid plans. These challenging times require patience and self-restraint to eliminate excess and find new ways through the crises.

In **people spreads** it symbolizes an insincere or even dangerous person who should be avoided. Someone in a pessimistic state may be

radiating negative energy.

In a **relationship spread** it indicates feelings being tested to the limit.

There may be a lack of understanding or hidden motives. It's difficult to see the real reasons for the problems, especially through self-deception.

In the sphere of **work**, the Clouds card predicts potential danger of losing large sums of money or status due to major events or betrayal of colleagues. There is an aura of incomprehension and a dreary atmosphere.

In questions of **well-being** this card indicates dark perspectives and the inability to control the situation. There may be lingering health issues.



7. SNAKE

Envy, rivalry, deceit, betrayal

The Snake card is a warning indicating that there may be an evil wisher among the people surrounding you. This person may be capable of deceit, betrayal, jealousy, or duplicity. The threat may be quite sudden. It is critical to be careful with your words and your actions in this environment of deception.

In a **people spread** the Snake reveals a hidden enemy quietly plotting to attack at the most inappropriate moment. It can symbolize a clever, sly person who uses his abilities to

manipulate and deceive.

In questions of **love** the Snake card can be interpreted as building relations on the basis of sexual energy and mutual pleasure. There may be some concern about infidelity and the possible presence of a rival.

In **work** this card means difficulties, unprofessionalism and unfair competition, and office intrigues.

In questions of **well-being**, the Snake means that skills are required for you to fight for your interests. You'll have to overcome bad habits and temptations. In terms of health, Snake predicts successful recovery.



8. COFFIN

*Limitations, loss,
disease, ending*

The card usually has quite negative meanings: big problems, severe illness or even

death, and all that relate to the loss. There may be serious changes and a possible crisis in this phase of life. Old fears, trauma or memories may surface. Material or physical limitations make it impossible to move forward.

In a **people spread**, the Coffin indicates an exhausted, depressed person, possibly stuck in past grievances. A person from your past may reappear.

In a **relationship spread**, the Coffin card may indicate critical differences or 'death' of feelings that could lead to a separation.

In **work**, this card symbolizes unsuccessful business or projects that will not bear fruit. It may be a time of crisis for your business. Contracts or jobs may be lost.

In matters of **well-being** this card signals complete exhaustion, apathy to what is happening, or the end of a long illness.



9. BOUQUET

*Gift, happiness,
gratitude, success*

Bouquet signals happiness and pleasure in everyday affairs and general

satisfaction with life. For women it means a thoughtful, caring partner and a possible gift. This card can mean a joyful event, preservation of harmony, or recognition in society. It represents beauty in all its manifestations: from appearance and surroundings to inner fullness and contentment.

In a **people spread** it often indicates an influential lady or a man whose profession is connected with the

creative arts.

In a **relationship spread** Bouquet is considered an excellent card and promises a harmonious and love-filled partnership. It can mean the emergence of new relationships or the re-activation of a previous relationship.

In **work** and **finance**, this card predicts success, increased profits and revenues. Under the patronage of this card, you can safely accept the proposal.

In issues of **well-being**, it indicates an excellent state of health or imminent recovery. It may suggest the use of medicinal herbs or procedures related to beauty and care of the body.



10. SCYTHE

*Caution, danger,
warning, decision*

The Scythe portends the probability of an accident, crash or serious injury. Take

this card as a warning; be extremely cautious and hopefully avoid misfortune. Avoid risky behavior in yourself and in others. The cards to the left of the Scythe indicate a source of danger, on the right, ways to avoid it.

In a **people spread** it indicates an indifferent, evil and calculating person.

In a **relationship spread**, it indicates a sudden conflict and a serious

threat to a partnership. The ability to cope with the crisis will require sacrifices and compromises.

In a **work spread** it warns of serious losses and dangerous connections. You will need to act circumspectly to deal with termination of transactions and reduction of revenues.

In matters of **well-being**, the Scythe indicates the need for surgery or the risk of serious injury.



11. WHIPS

Quarrel, discord, punishment, conflict

The Whips card is a harbinger of quarrels and discord in rela-

tionships. It can also indicate lack of understanding among friends or associates. It usually means an unreliable partnership, friendship or unhappy marriage. It brings up the possibility of punishment, anxiety, mental torment and recurring problems. The problems may be due to changes in living conditions, disagreements, or disclosure of secrets. Resolution of the conflict requires a clean slate.

In a **people spread** it characterizes a quick-tempered, aggressive or even authoritative person. This card may indicate someone prone to vindictiveness and lies or someone struggling with mental disorders.

In a **relationship spread** it indicates

a complete lack of understanding. There is ongoing resentment and anger. Family quarrels may lead to a falling out. In general, this card means shaky and unreliable relationships. In some cases there may be sexual perversion involved.

In a **work spread** the Whips card indicates quarrels with colleagues, business partners, or bosses. It could lead to dissolution of contracts, breakdown in negotiations or even dismissal.

In matters of **well-being**, it symbolizes debilitating disease, nervous tension, severe stress or mental illness.



12. BIRDS

Conversations, training, communication

The Birds card deals with communication in various forms— from phone calls and emails to a casual conversation. It might involve gossip, rumor and speculation. This card usually refers to a group of people with similar interests, a community. Among this group there may be some fussing and complaining about a stressful situation. But the problems are temporary and not very serious and can be easily dealt with.

In a **people spread** it tells about a couple, for example, spouses or sis-

ters. It might symbolize a talkative person, a flatterer, an instigator or a bore.

In a **relationship spread**, this card indicates doubts and uncertainties or disappointment. Yet events could lead to a new vision of the partnership, with greater intimacy and attentiveness.

In a **work spread**, the Birds card warns against making the wrong choice. You may need to rethink your decision and not rush to action.

In issues of **well-being**, this card addresses the need for precautions and additional attention to one's health and one's relatives.



13. CHILD

Childhood, trust, a new stage, immaturity

This card signifies the beginning of the path and the myriad of options available to

pursue. The Child refers to prospects and potentials, something small and not yet developed. It suggests naivety and the need to trust others with more experience. It can raise the possibility of a child's birth or a new endeavor.

In a **people spread** it can indicate children or adolescents. Or it might symbolize an adult with an infantile personality: someone frivolous, simple-minded or irresponsible.

In a **relationship spread** this card describes tender yet powerful emotions such as the beginning of romance, or the birth of a child, or even the budding desire to have children.

In a **work spread** it suggests a naive, unprofessional approach to business. It may mean a lack of proper experience, knowledge and qualifications. More training may be required to take advantage of good opportunities.

In matters of **well-being** the Child card might show a thoughtless attitude or the carefree ability to enjoy life.



14. FOX

*Resourcefulness,
manipulation,
duplicity, flattery,
temptation*

The Fox card deals with cunningness, decisiveness and advantages in the struggle for survival. It is about making the most of intelligence and discernment in the pursuit of one's own interests. On the negative side it can mean manipulation of people and circumstances. The Fox card advises you to be more careful and keep everything to yourself. In order to stay clear of deceivers, one has to be more cunning.

In a **people spread**, the Fox can indi-

cate a dishonest person, a deceiver, fraudster, liar, a sophisticated manipulator, a teenager, criminal, or capricious buyer.

In a **relationship spread**, it warns about dishonesty, family troubles, a secret life, or contrivances.

In a **work spread** the Fox shows incompetent or untrustworthy employees and managers.

In matters of **prosperity**, it shows selfishness, caring for one's own interests, idleness, manipulation and self-gratification.

In issues of **finance**, this card indicates unfavorable, fraudulent contracts, lack of means, or dishonest competitors.



15. BEAR

*Strength, power,
greatness, generosity,
responsibility*

The Bear card is about serving the highest goals with

courage, perseverance and nobility. It could involve patronage and protection from powerful people. It can symbolize a desire to possess material goods or generosity. In the negative aspect, it could reveal the presence of an enemy who wants to inflict harm out of personal dislike or envy. The Bear could mean a mentor, a formidable rival, or an authoritarian personality.

In a **people spread** it characterizes

a patronizing or imperious person. It could be a strong friend, a role model, or a superior, perhaps an official or a leader. In the literal sense the Bear is a stocky man who has an unapproachable look, but is soft around the edges.

In a **relationship spread** it shows loyalty, a devoted partnership, patronage, or parental love.

In a **work spread** the Bear card predicts a long partnership with strong and successful people. It could mean a leadership position, advantageous transactions, and a well-established business.

In matters of **well-being**, this card indicates a belief in one's strength, endurance and robust health.



16. STARS

Goals, achievements, destiny, inspiration, clarity

The Stars card is a symbol of hope and inspiration, predicting

success, but also demanding that you carefully assess your abilities and goals. Destiny itself helps to fulfill what was planned to achieve **prosperity**. The Star is all about the realization of potential. With this card, the hidden becomes clear. Inspiration becomes aspiration.

In a **people spread** the Star card describes a sincere, balanced personality, someone with charisma and courage. The person may be

described as a dreamer but he/she has excellent intuition and appreciates the truth.

In a **relationship spread**, the Stars card gives hope for a strong alliance, in which exalted feelings and mutual respect prevail. This is a partnership built on trust.

In **work** matters, you can safely build long-term plans. It is time to take an unbiased look at one's abilities. There may be new discoveries, creative projects, and unexpected rewards.

In questions of **well-being**, the Star card indicates good health, clarity of the mind, fulfillment of promises, and the successful alignment of circumstances.



17. STORK

*Changes, care,
loyalty to principles,
traditions*

The Stork card symbolizes important life changes—for

better or worse, depending on the neighboring cards. It could bring pleasant news and the end of stagnant times, perhaps moving to a new place of residence or meeting with old friends.

In a **people spread** this card is about a family man, who is very responsible and active. His best characteristic is his ability to adapt to any situation. The card indicates

a profession related to caring for others.

In a **relationship spread**, this card can predict moving to a new level. The rethinking of values works in favor of creating coziness. It may suggest a desire to have a baby.

In **work** the Stork is a symbol of successful business trips, international partnerships, and profitable transactions. The company may be moving in a new direction that will bring improvements.

In issues of **well-being**, the Stork promises changes for the better, a positive outcome, a vacation, or healing from limitations such as infertility or immobility.



18. DOG

*Friendship, loyalty,
kindness, trust,
partnership*

The Dog card brings a sense of security associated with the presence of a friend and helper in life, someone you can always rely on. Near positive cards, the Dog is a harbinger of luck. Near the negative cards it indicates unreliable partner and insincere friends. To overcome obstacles, you need to trust your instincts. There will be situations in which friendship will be tested.

In a **people spread** this card shows a faithful and loyal friend,

someone you can count on in the current situation.

In a **relationship spread** the Dog card signals confidence in a partner, self-sacrifice for the sake of feelings, timely support, and the desire to please someone you love with all your heart.

In a **work spread** this card indicates trusted partners following a shared single goal. It indicates mutually beneficial business agreements and successful outcomes.

In issues of **well-being**, you should not be afraid to ask for help. You are also encouraged to delegate some of the responsibilities, and take some time for yourself.



19. TOWER

Protection, permanence, institutions, isolation, stability

The Tower card deals with the results of work and steady

efforts that bring stability and a reliable position. The Tower symbolizes true values, a quiet place, high status, but also loneliness and isolation. The Tower brings a fortress of understanding in the spiritual, health and material realms. If surrounded by negative cards, it has the opposite meaning: shaky ground, unsuccessful circumstances, broken promises, or illness.

In a **people spread** the Tower refers

to a person with status and position in society, a public person, an official, authority, and sometimes an authoritarian figure such as a manager or father.

In the scenario of **relations**, it speaks of unequal, inter-age relations, or even a patronizing tone, a purely business approach.

In a **work spread** a Tower means bureaucracy, hierarchy, rigid rules, state institutions.

In issues of **prosperity**, it means matters related to the state, a strong position, stable income.



20. GARDEN

*Society, holiday,
activities, illusions*

The Garden card refers to activities outside the house; social events, gath-

erings, festivities. It can indicate the media, public opinion, professionalism. It means getting pleasure from active rest or recreation. It could also indicate success in creative and social projects. In a negative aspect, it means unreasonable illusions, narcissism, and superficial relations. It suggests the need to more realistically evaluate yourself.

In a **people spread**, it symbolizes those for whom social ties and con-

nections are important. Emotional fulfillment is directed outward. It could mean a man looking for companions, acquaintances and fun. Or someone who highly values reputation and prestige.

In a **relationship spread**, it reveals a shallow relationship, based on joint activity rather than on the depth of feelings.

In the **workplace**, the Garden card means an expansion of business contacts and professional networks. This is an active period of creativity and celebration.

In issues of **well-being**, the Garden card recommends receptions, casual gatherings, and country outings where nature can be enjoyed.



21. MOUNTAIN

*Isolation, delay,
obstacles, deadlock*

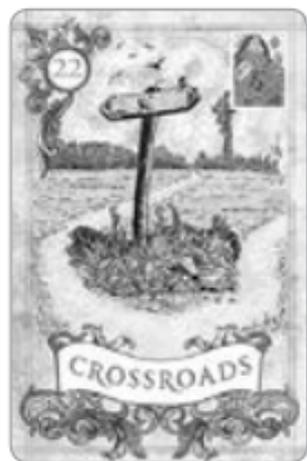
The Mountain card represents the presence of a barrier on the way to a desired outcome. It could be a person, unforeseen events, or additional work slowing the movement toward the goal. The Mountain means unfulfilled expectations or immobility. You'll need to search for workarounds and look at the problem from a different angle. Obstacles may ultimately prove to be valuable lessons. This card can also signify compliance with agreements, or adherence to rules, dogmas, or authority.

In a **people spread** it symbolizes a rigid person surrounded by problems. Or it may be a frustrated person with little opportunities, suffering from loneliness and isolation.

In **relationship** scenarios, it indicates serious challenges such as partners refusing to compromise, or a mountain of misunderstanding.

In the **workplace**, the Mountain card predicts serious problems and obstacles. It may mean financial loss or unmanageable tasks or projects.

In matters of **well-being**, this card indicates deterioration of health and ineffective treatment.



22. CROSSROADS

*Choice, decision,
doubt, uncertainty,
direction*

The Crossroads card indicates an important, even fateful

choice. It brings up the doubts you may feel as you reach the end of the current stage, and face the next phase of life. Making decisions is a big responsibility. The close vicinity of negative cards may seem like a warning about wrong choices. Having too many options can be overwhelming.

In a **people spread** this card symbolizes a person who has to make a choice. He may be an indecisive

person by nature.

In a **relationship spread** it indicates uncertainty of feelings and an unsure future, perhaps even the presence of a love triangle.

In **work** environments, the Crossroads card refers to new directions for business or a change of employment. This card suggests the need to take a hard line and follow the path, no matter how much **work** is involved.

In a question of **well-being**, it may indicate an incorrect diagnosis and the need to consult a few specialists.



23. MICE

Loss, destruction, damage, complication, disappearance

The main idea indicated by the Mice card is the loss

of something, damage to property, or theft. There is an opportunity to avoid loss if you understand the reason and take action. You have to confront those people in your life who want to harm others. The Mice card indicates a state of anxiety, restlessness, secret vices, or old debts.

In a **people spread** it characterizes an intelligent and cunning person who has endurance, but uses his

qualities for dishonest purposes.

In the scenario of **relations**, there may be mercenary motives and deception at work. This card indicates that a partner's feelings are beginning to be neglected. There may be hidden vices.

In the **business/financial** realm the Mice card cautions about significant advancing problems that could mean material losses, theft, debts, dishonest transactions or partners, hidden enemies, or scammers.

In issues of **well-being** this card indicates that a great deal of stress is adversely affecting health. Exhaustion and developing a serious illness are real concerns.



24. HEART

*Love, friendship,
harmony, happiness,
support*

The Heart indicates comfort, happiness, and a harmonious,

loving relationship. It can refer to new relationships or increased feelings in established relationships, including close friendships. This card can bring serendipity, support from others, prosperity, and satisfaction in many areas. It signals great potential for personal growth.

In combination with negative cards it means the breakdown of relations, conflict, difficult experiences or heartlessness.

In a **people spread**, the Heart card reveals a caring person who knows how to give from the heart. There is a bright personality in the picture. He or she is in love, devoted, creative, and appreciative of beauty.

In a **relationship spread** it indicates harmony with the beloved, bringing emotional comfort and support.

In a **work** reading, it promises fast, successful circumstances. A business partnership will support your projects and help you reach your goals. With the Heart card present, emotions will influence decision-making, but in mostly beneficial ways.

In issues of **well-being**, the Heart card shows a predominance of positive emotions and healthy attitudes.



25. RING

*Promise, dedication,
union, marriage,
responsibility*

The Ring card is primarily about strong relationships

based on commitment, such as successful marriages and long-term partnerships. The Ring indicates the necessity of responsibility and a serious approach to obligations and liabilities. The Ring can bring the long-awaited conclusion to mutually desired treaties or other agreements. Nearby negative cards could signal the dissolution of the union, discontent, or conflicts.

In a **people spread** the Ring shows

a sociable person whose word can always be trusted and relied upon. He/she is someone who attaches importance to social ties and is able to commit to partnerships.

In a **relationship spread** the Ring suggests a wedding or a long, stable marriage. It signals strong affections and a deep sense of love. The feelings may be new or possibly the deepening of a serious relationship.

In a **work spread**, the Ring card promises mutually beneficial cooperation and the conclusion of an agreeable contract. It shows excellent partnership, teamwork, and a possible joint venture.

In issues of **well-being** it points out the need to take care of one's health

by carefully following the prescribed course of treatment.



26. BOOK

Information, secrecy, knowledge, potential

The Book card deals with mastering new skills and acquiring new knowledge or

education. The mystery or secret may be out in the open, or might remain in the shadow, but will profoundly affect the life involved. The Book card signifies unrealized potential and favorable opportunities, which may still be unknown. This card may refer to the “Book of Life”— a symbol of memories and past events.

In a **people spread** the Book usually means a closed, reserved person, an introvert with few friends, but quite attractive.

In a **relationship spread**, this card can indicate a partnership with a difficult, closed person. It may suggest the possibility of a secret love affair or some secret in a relationship.

In **work** scenarios the Book card encourages an in-depth study of the issue before getting down to work. The project may require additional, advanced training. The work will involve documents and reports.

In issues of **well-being**, this card recommends keeping a strict regimen. Hidden illnesses or symptoms make a precise diagnosis impossible.



27. LETTER

*News, message,
documents, important
information*

The Letter card can symbolize an official document, including: contracts, certificates, notices, writs, reports or announcements. This card refers to bureaucratic tasks, updates, and timely information, which may be conveyed in writing or through calls, email, or conversation. The positive or negative nature of the news depends on the surrounding cards. The Letter may also indicate a confidential agreement between two people.

In a **people spread** the Letter char-

acterizes a curious, active person, light and open to communication.

In a **relationship spread** it predicts the appearance of some information concerning the couple. It may relate to a long distance relationship or “virtual” love.

In a **work spread**, the Letter signals the offer of transactions, contracts or, conversely, the requirement to break contracts. It could also indicate any business-related papers or documents.

In issues of **well-being**, the Letter may signify medical information, such as prescriptions, test results, or policies.



28. MAN

*Will, male gender,
male personality,
masculinity*

In a reading for a woman, this card can indicate her lover, spouse, sibling, father or son. It explores the important role of the man in the life of the questioner.



In a spread for a

man, the card represents the man himself, and symbolizes strength of spirit, will, persistence, perseverance, strength, and courage. In a negative context the card brings up insolence, arrogance, rudeness, and

aggression.

In a **people spread** it describes an adult, courageous man, leading an active and agreeable life. He is a person who values his reputation, his hobbies and everyday affairs.

In a **relationship spread**, it indicates a responsible partner who keeps everything under control. This card is about the will of the man in the relationship.

In a **work spread**, the Man card signifies the ability to make complex decisions, to lead and persistently pursue goals.

In issues of **well-being**, for a man it can symbolize sexual disorders. For a woman there may be hormonal or emotional problems.



29. LADY

Changes, the woman's personality, female gender, femininity

In a reading for a man, this card indicates a wife, lover, girlfriend, sister, mother or daughter —someone who is important to the questioner, or a very close woman. In a spread for a woman,

the card symbolizes herself. Sometimes, it indicates serious changes in the near future. It can also mean Yin, passivity, compliance, intuition, instincts, or nurturing.

In a **people spread** it means a person with a pronounced femininity—a soft and gentle person who knows how to create coziness in the house and loves domestic life.

In a **relationship spread** it centers on the role of a caring parent, partner or friend.

In a **work spread**, this card hints at changes that require trusting your intuition and making unusual decisions. To be more flexible, look for a compromise.

In matters of **well-being**, it speaks about favorable conditions, and taking care of oneself physically and emotionally.



30. LILIES

*Experience, maturity,
wisdom, honor, purity*

This is a card of virtues, excellent prospects, success through right actions,

harmonious relationships and healthy environments. It symbolizes striving for ideals and the path of finding happiness. It may mean the presence of a high-ranking patron, sometimes a spiritual mentor.

Things may be developing slowly but the results will be long lasting.

In a **people spread**, this card symbolizes a harmonious vision of the world. The card refers to a mature person who radiates calmness, and

is able to enjoy life and appreciate luxury. In a negative reading it could mean greed and selfishness.

In a **relationship spread**, the Lilies card suggests a romantic mood, a fountain of feelings, either platonic love or passionate romance.

In a **work spread**, the card indicates the prevalence of crystal clear honesty and adherence to the ideals. There is love for one's work, devotion to teamwork and good opportunities.

In matters of **health**, it presages a complete cure for the disease or ailment. Sometimes this card indicates the risk of poisoning.



31. SUN

Energy, happiness, luck, a positive outcome, health

The Sun card is a symbol of life energy, intentions to achieve

the desired results, and the concurrence of higher forces. It signifies success in all spheres: radiance of glory, victory in competition, material and spiritual prosperity, joy of life, enthusiasm for one's vocation, achievement of goals. It refers to all aspects of creativity. The presence of this card softens negative spreads.

In a **people spread** it characterizes individuals full of talent and energy, who are optimistic, pleasant, and

radiant in all senses. Such a charismatic person makes you also feel the desire to live a full, active life.

In a **relationship spread**, this card promises sincere feelings, warm-hearted connections full of mutual understanding. A mature partner who knows how to truly love and appreciate, without selfishness and hypocrisy.

In a **work spread** it speaks about stable earnings, successful projects and self-realization. It signifies climbing the corporate ladder and good times for business.

In issues of **well-being**, it promises a quick recovery or the maintenance of excellent health. It offers relaxation, and enjoyment of life.



32. MOON

Protection, dreamy, isolation, emotions, karma

The Moon is a card with double meanings. It holds a

contradiction between the thirst for new experiences, material pleasures and the need to ponder and rest.

It signifies a heightened intuition, and a propensity for rethinking the past, especially in terms of traditions and ancestors. This card has to do with the influence of karmic debts on the present. It encourages the utilization of talents for career success. The Moon card's many positive aspects include innovation, rewards, respect, protection and

comfort. Its negative meaning can be indifference, instability, depression, or unrecognized services.

In a **people spread** it describes a person with great intuition. Or it may indicate a melancholy personality or a hypochondriac.

In a **relationship spread**, the Moon card indicates the desire of partners to spend time in tranquility and comfort, to have a good rest. They have mutual confidence in each other.

In a **work** scenario the Moon card recommends following the intended path, without innovation and sudden changes.

In issues of **well-being** the Moon signifies unstable emotions, mood changes, an occasion for reflection.



33. KEY

Opening or closing, opportunities, wishes, new beginnings

The Key symbolizes a way out of the situation, a solution

to the problem, a new perspective or phase. It means the right choice, made on the basis of personal experience. This card deals with the key questions that influence one's life path. It can symbolize disclosure of secrets, or the need to be honest in achieving goals. In the negative aspect, it means there is no way out, the solution is delayed, or it's simply the wrong way.

In a **people spread** it describes a

person with an analytical mind who can see the essence of things. It is someone with self-confidence and a strong personality, both physically and morally. He/she has strongly pronounced opinions, at times even disdain for different points of view.

In a **relationship spread** it promises a favorable course of affairs. It suggests the transition of relationships to a new level, where loving people become very close.

In a **work spread** it signifies a favorable period, full of successful undertakings and good opportunities for realizing the potential. This card brings illumination, scientific breakthrough, mastery, or settling of debts.

In matters of **well-being**, it indicates empowerment, awareness, and the development of talents.



34. FISH

Finances, welfare, rewards, abundance, generosity

The Fish card is a symbol of fulfilled hopes, successful completion of affairs, or honors and awards beyond expectations. This positive card signals excellent health combined with prosperity and domestic bliss. This card means fate is smiling on you. You have found your way. Expect gifts, money, good trade, deals, and successful projects.

With negative surrounding cards Fish warns against impracticable desires or trusting the wrong people.

In a **people spread** it depicts a self-confident person, who knows his/her own worth and puts himself/herself above others. This person has an active life, loves to travel, and doesn't always complete projects.

In a **relationship spread**, this card indicates that the partners have strong feelings for each other and excellent compatibility.

In **work**, the Fish card signals a magnificent development of a business venture with a beneficial outcome for all participants. Expect successful investments with strong profits.

In issues of **well-being**, this card

encourages rest and recreation near water.



35. ANCHOR

Constancy, security, reliability, stability

The Anchor is a symbol of well-being and stability after difficult times. It indicates realization of goals due to the loyalty and consistency of the people involved. It means a quiet harbor or sanctuary among the people in your closest circle. Expect success in business matters. The unfavorable aspect is a shaky foundation, lack of clear convictions, stubbornness, or rigidity of ideas. The card can also

mean feeling stuck in a routine.

In a **people spread** this card describes a resolute, balanced character, stubborn and often argumentative. This person may be tied to his job, a workaholic.

In the **relationship spread** the Anchor symbolizes a loyal and reliable partner. It indicates stable feelings and extreme devotion. There is a solid foundation for the well-being of the family.

In **work**, the Anchor indicates a stable business with a good material base. Effective decision-making improves the possibility of achieving plans. Work may be becoming routine, but the income is reliable.

In issues of **well-being** this card

shows support for the beneficial relationships. Health is stable. If there is illness it is probably chronic (and environmental) but not serious.



36. CROSS

Troubles, destiny, suffering, karma, burden

The Cross is a symbol of difficult life lessons that are necessary for learning, transformation, and rethinking of core values. This card has to do with fate and karma leading to serious tests of faith and spirit. The card marks the beginning of a difficult period. But the suffering will not be in vain, but for the sake of supreme goals.

In a **people spread** it describes a plain, lackluster person, who may have sadness in his/her heart after bearing difficult burdens.

In a **relationship spread** it suggests that love will have to undergo a trial or test.

In a **work spread**, the Cross means significant losses and bad developments. It is impossible to revive the grandeur of an earlier time.

In issues of **well-being**, there is a danger of painful, complicated diseases that may be the result of bad life choices.

SPREADS

Here we consider some of the most popular and efficient spreads for oracular readings with the Lenormand deck.

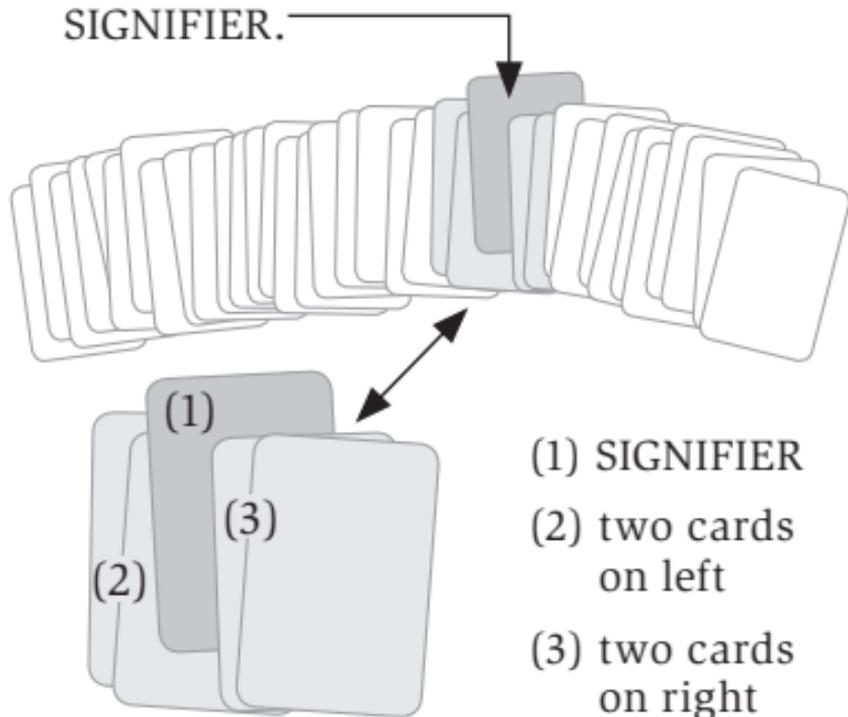
OPEN BOOK SPREAD

In this spread the cards symbolize the pages of the “Book of Changes,” which has answers to the questions pertinent to your life. This popular spread allows the querent to get necessary information with optimally accurate answers.

- a. Formulate your question clearly.
- b. Choose the SIGNIFIER: the MAN or WOMAN card (to represent a person) OR a card that corresponds

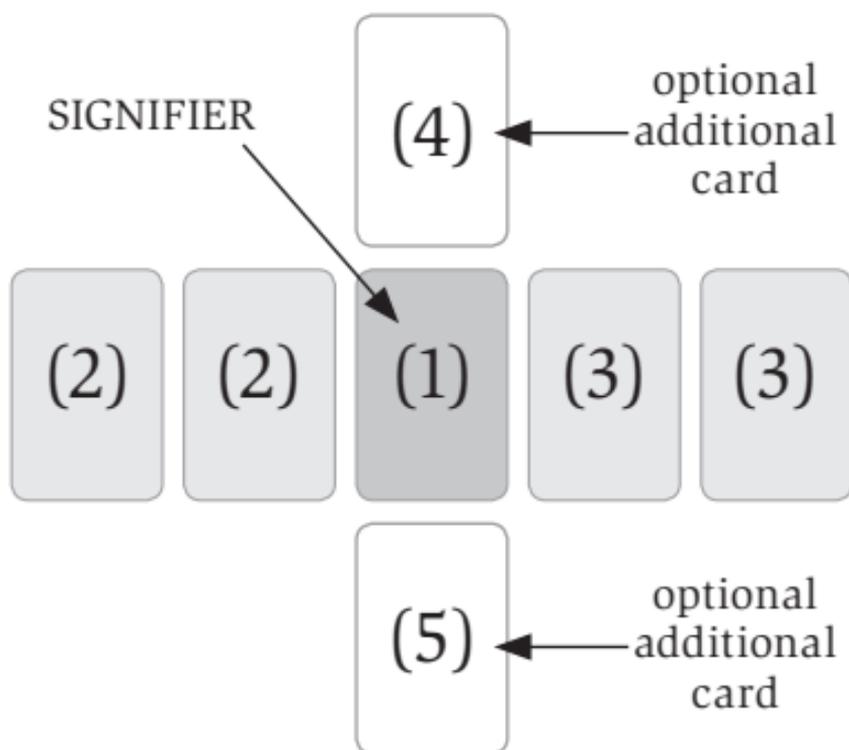
to the divination topic in the best way. Return the SIGNIFIER card to the deck and shuffle the cards while focusing on the question.

- c. Turn the deck face up, then spread the cards out on the table in the form of a fan, so that you can find the previously chosen SIGNIFIER.



Closeup of fanned cards

d. Lay down the SIGNIFIER (1); then take the two cards to the left (2) and the two cards to the right (3) of the SIGNIFIER, and lay them down in the order they appeared in the fan. (As shown in spread below.) These cards form the base of the spread.



- e. The cards to the left of the SIGNIFIER (2) symbolize the **past or the essence of the stated problem**. The cards to the right of the SIGNIFIER (3) show **future developments of the situation**.
- f. If you feel you did not get enough information, you can use two more additional cards. Take a card from the top of the deck and place it above the SIGNIFIER (4). This card indicates **the help you will get to solve the situation**. Then take the card from the bottom of the deck, and place it below the SIGNIFIER (5). This card will show **your inner resources** that you will be able to use in the given situation.

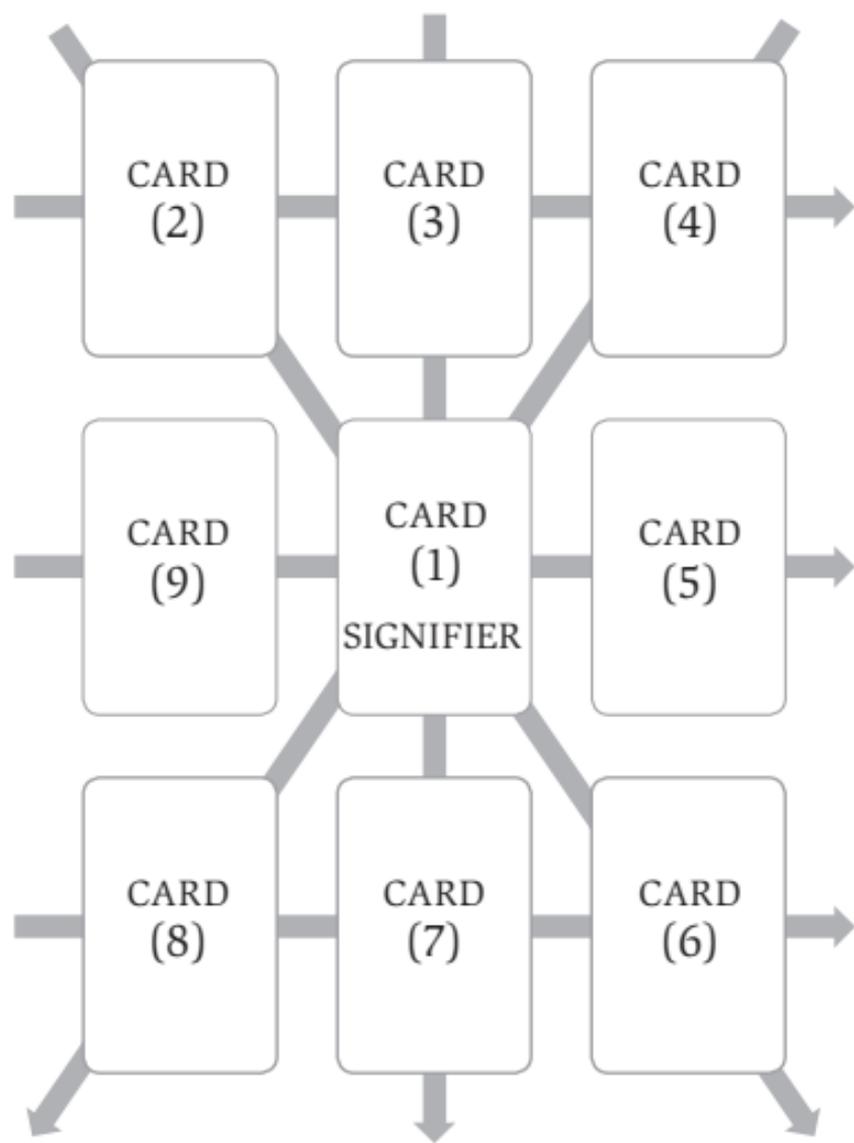
- g. If you need to get answers to other questions repeat the spread.

NINE WITNESSES SPREAD

In this spread the cards symbolize the witnesses of the situation who share important information with you. The Nine Witnesses Spread is used for a comprehensive and detailed analysis of the question.

- a. Choose a SIGNIFIER: the MAN or WOMAN card (to represent a person) OR a card that symbolizes the essence of your question. Place the SIGNIFIER (1) in the center of the spread area.
- b. Shuffle the deck, while focusing on your question. Place eight

more cards in a square around the SIGNIFIER, as shown below.



- c. Interpret each card separately in relationship to the SIGNIFIER (1).
- d. Write a sentence for every pair of cards referring to the context of the question asked. Connect the sentences to create a story.
- e. Interpret the meaning of three cards horizontally. The second card indicates the circumstances or prime reason of the current situation.
- f. Interpret the meanings of three cards vertically. The cards can be considered as the past, present and future.
- g. Interpret the meanings of three cards diagonally—from the upper left card to the lower right.

h. Analyze all the information obtained from reading the individual and sets of cards.

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