What Is My Life Purpose?

This guidebook gives you step-by-step instructions on how to conduct accurate and trustworthy readings about your life purpose. It explains the general meaning of each card and provides specific details that can offer more clarity about your career and spiritual path. Whether you're seeking answers for yourself or your loved ones and clients, these cards can yield valuable insights. The angels are happy to guide every aspect of your life purpose!

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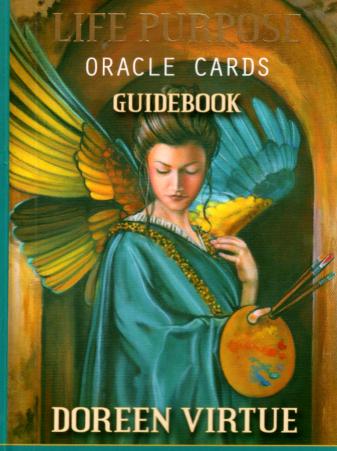


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How to Work with the Life Purpose Oracle Cards

"What is my life purpose?" is the question I'm most commonly asked, and with good reason! Each and every one of us has an equally important purpose. When we're working on it, all aspects of our lives become healed. We feel happier and healthier. Even our finances improve!

In contrast, when we're not working on this calling, there's a chronic low-level sense of anxiety because we unconsciously know that we're missing the mark. This often leads to addictions and other unhealthful behaviors.

Before you were born, you worked with your angels to orchestrate a life mission that would help others and be emotionally rewarding. This role also ensures soul growth for you and comes with a guarantee that you'll be completely supported as you fulfill it.

Everyone's mission has the same underlying element of love. In essence, we're all here to learn, remember, and teach this powerful emotion. Every action that we take demonstrates either fear or love. When we choose the path of love, we grow spiritually, help others, and balance our karma.

The question you need to answer relates to which form your path of love will take. Will you be a healer, teacher, artist, parent, caregiver, and so forth?

Most people ask for a life-purpose reading because they want to find a career that is meaningful and pays the bills. They want a guarantee that they can quit their present job and be financially secure.

There is a guarantee, provided that you're willing to carefully listen to and follow your inner Divine guidance. Archangel Michael knows what your, and everyone else's, life purpose involves. He is the overseer of life purposes, like an orchestra conductor who ensures that all musicians are playing their parts. You,

like one of the musicians in the orchestra, are much needed, and your contribution is just as important as everyone else's. We are each playing a role in God's plan of peace.

Fortunately, your life purpose involves actions and topics that you're already interested in. Usually, it is centered around an activity that you'd engage in for free just for the joy of it! If you're not sure what you're passionate about, ask a trusted loved one. This person has observed which topics and pursuits excite you. And these are the bases for your life purpose.

This purpose is so exciting and rewarding that you'll wake up in the morning invigorated about the day ahead. Abundance will flow to you because you'll naturally spend so much time on this endeavor. Your excitement will drive you to become very proficient at it.

These oracle cards were designed to help you identify your specific life purpose. They show different forms of missions in order to give you insight about your soul's chosen path. As you draw a card, notice your body's reactions. You'll know you're on the right track when it relaxes and feels

simultaneously joyful and peaceful. (You can also read more about life purpose in my book The Angel Therapy Handbook.)

How to Use Your Life Purpose Oracle Cards

Oracle cards are an ancient, time-honored way to connect with angels and archangels. They're based upon Pythagorean numerology, which states that all numbers and images vibrate in a mathematically precise manner.

You can't make a mistake with these oracle cards, because they operate alongside the infallible Law of Attraction. This means that your questions (or those of the individual you're reading for) always attract the perfect cards as answers. That is, you'll always pull the one whose answer matches the vibration of the question.

Here are the steps to do an oracle-card reading (for yourself or someone else):

Step 1: Clear Your Card Deck

Since your cards are sensitive instruments, they need to be cleared of any energy they may have absorbed from the manufacturing process. Steps 1 and 2 only need repeating after another person touches your deck or if your readings lack clarity because the cards have become clogged with too much energy.

To clear your cards, first hold the deck in your nondominant hand (the hand you normally don't write with), as this is the hand that receives energy. Form a fist with your other hand (this is the one that sends energy), and knock on the cards once. This clears out the old energy so that the cards are now a blank slate and ready to be imbued with your own vibration.

Step 2: Consecrate the Cards

Briefly touch each of the cards to infuse them with your personal energy. You can simply touch one of the corners of each to accomplish this. Then fan the cards out with the artwork facing you. Hold the fanned cards to your heart and think about any prayers or intentions you'd like to bestow upon your cards. Since Archangel Michael oversees life purposes, it's a good idea to ask for his guidance when conducting readings on this very important topic.

For instance, you can say the following silently or aloud:

"Archangel Michael, I ask that all of my readings with these cards be accurate and specific, and bring blessings to everyone involved. Please help me stay centered in my higher self so that I may clearly hear, see, feel, and know the Divine messages that wish to come through these readings. I ask that you stay by my side and watch over me during this oracle-card session, ensuring that only God's love and wisdom come through."

Ask and pray for whatever help you'd like during your readings, such as confidence, clarity, compassion, and so forth. Your cards now carry your personal vibration and intentions.

Step 3: Ask a Question

Think of a question you'd like an answer to. If you're giving a reading to another person, ask him or her to either think of or verbalize a question. The angels and archangels hear your thoughts, so you needn't voice your queries aloud.

Step 4: Shuffle the Cards

Think of the question as you shuffle the cards, and ask Archangel Michael to help you with answers and guidance. If one or more cards "jump" out of the deck while you're shuffling, place them to the side. They'll be part of your reading.

As you're shuffling, you'll likely notice feelings, thoughts, words, or visions. This Divine guidance will help you further understand the cards you draw, so pay attention to these impressions as they come to you.

When your cards begin to clump into two distinct sections, it's time to stop shuffling. You may also receive a feeling, thought, or vision to cease—or you may even hear the words Stop shuffling now. Trust and honor these Divine messages that are helping you with the reading. You can't make a mistake and stop shuffling too soon or early, as the Law of Attraction ensures that you'll always choose the correct cards.

Step 5: Choose a Card

Pull the top card from the deck. This is the answer to your question, or guidance about which healing steps to take to help you with the issue you've inquired about. As you read the words on the card, notice any thoughts, additional words, feelings, or visions that come to you, as these are messages from Archangel Michael that personalize the card's particular meaning for you. The picture also holds significance, so be sure to study its details. If you set aside a card (or cards) that

"jumped" out of the deck while you were shuffling, carefully examine it, too.

Step 6: Consult This Guidebook

Turn to the corresponding page for each card within this guidebook. As you read the words, notice any thoughts or feelings that come to you, as they're a personalized part of the answer. Archangel Michael will give you specific guidance to help walk you through any life changes or urge you to take appropriate action.

Three-Card Spread

After completing Steps 3 and 4, pick three cards from the top of the deck. With the pictures and words facing up, lay the first card to your left, the second one in the middle, and the third to the right.

The card to your left speaks about the immediate past with respect to the situation you inquired about. The middle card reveals your question's current status and what you

need to know or work on right now. And the card to the right shows your immediate future if you continue on your present path and follow the guidance in the middle card. Again, remember that you can improve your future by holding a positive outlook and following your inner guidance.

If you receive several different career-choice cards in this multicard layout, then you'll see your options. For example, some people have a life purpose to be "healers," but then they have the free will to choose which form of healing is most meaningful to them. Or, they may be eclectic healers who blend several styles together.

Multiple Card Decks

You can use the Life Purpose Oracle Cards with other card decks to get as much information as possible during your readings. Simply complete Steps 3 through 6 for each deck. Then look for the common theme among the cards you've chosen, and that will be the answer to your question.

In the next section of this guidebook, you'll find meanings for each card. Remember that you have freewill choices about your career path. You can also change the outcome of any situation through prayer, visualization, and positive affirmations. Archangel Michael can help alter your future for the better if you'll just ask for, and be open to, his assistance.



The Meanings of the Cards

This guidebook explains the general meanings for every card in the *Life Purpose* Oracle Cards deck. The names are listed alphabetically, according to the first word on each card.

When you're ready to look up a card's meaning, find the corresponding page and read the interpretation and symbolism for the entry. Your inner wisdom will tell you if any of the information applies to you, or it may trigger further insights about your situation. Your intuition will offer you even more personalized guidance from Archangel Michael, so as you read, simultaneously pay attention to your thoughts and feelings.





Animals

You understand animals and communicate with them intuitively. Trust your inner guidance, as the animals are part of your life's work.

You drew this card because your life purpose involves working with animals. You love them, and they love you. You understand and appreciate their kind and gentle hearts, and you frequently stand up for their rights. In fact, you can feel and hear communications

from living creatures. This card is a validation for you to trust these intuitive insights and your inner guidance about ways to connect with the animal kingdom.

Any career that you get involved in will benefit from your adding animals into the mix. For instance, having a pet on-site at your store or office will open everyone's hearts and bring joy to all. You may find yourself doing volunteer or charity work on behalf of animals, including rescuing them at shelters or bringing awareness to their rights.

With your keen animal-communication abilities, you may also enjoy one-on-one work as a caregiver. The list of careers in this field is vast, so be sure to spend time outdoors in nature, and give considerable thought to your options.



Artist

Engaging in artistic activities is beneficial to your career and every other area of your life.

Your inner world is colorful, and this card is a reminder that your career can be colorful as well! With your artistic eye, you naturally gravitate toward beautiful shades, shapes, and objects. Now the angels want to bring artistry into your career field. You will feel

more fulfilled with work that helps you express your inner artist.

You drew this card because it's important for you to take action steps as the artist you truly are. If you had unlimited time and money, what type of creative work would you engage in? Your answer to this question indicates a beneficial avenue for you to explore now. In fact, this is precisely what will open up all of your channels so that you experience more support, time, and creative energy.

So please take the opportunity to engage in something artistic, such as painting, jewelry making, an art course, sketching, dancing, sewing, and so forth. Your finished creation may or may not become the basis of a commercial venture; however, your actions and artistic expression will definitely have a positive effect upon your career and every other area of your life.



Author

You have a book inside of you that wishes to be expressed. Make the time to write it.

You've long had the thought of writing a book, and this card is a signal that the time is now. This endeavor is part of your life purpose. Although you may not have a fully formed concept in mind, the act of writing will prime the pump and create a flow of ideas.

You'll tap into the Divine infinite wisdom while writing, which will help you better hear the voice of God and the angels.

Most authors pen their books in small time increments, so don't think that you need to retire in order to have the hours to devote to writing. Remember that if you finish just one page a day, in a year you will have produced a 365-page book!

If you need additional confidence in your writing abilities, you can always take classes, join or start a writers' group, or hire an editor. The main point is to write . . . now!



Bodywork

Your life purpose involves bodywork, such as massage therapy, energy healing, physical therapy, or exercise training.

You drew this card as encouragement to involve yourself in bodywork to heal yourself and others. Receiving and giving massage and other forms of physical care is at the center of your life purpose. It appears that you have

"healing hands" and have naturally been drawn to the healing arts for some time. This card is validation that this is a fulfilling path for you to go down.

The challenge is for you to take excellent care of your own body as you find avenues to provide care for others. You're naturally a giver, and that includes sending healing energy to your clients and loved ones. Be sure to include yourself in this mix and take the time for exercise, massage, and receiving treatments as well.

You're encouraged to take classes that mirror your natural interests in various healing modalities. Taking an eclectic approach to bodywork will ensure that these interests stay keen and at a high level.



Books

You connect to your life purpose through your involvement with books.

Your love of books drew this card to you. You're able to find something interesting between the covers of most works, and your literature interests are wide and varied. So it's not surprising that your life purpose is centered around the written word. For example, you'd do well working at a bookstore,

library, publishing house, or magazine; or in the media. You may also be drawn to write a book, which the angels will help you with.

You can find answers and direction for your current career path by intuitively selecting books that call to you. Even if the topics seem initially unrelated to your past career, trust that there's valuable information within the pages. You're being led along the path of your Divine life purpose, one page at a time.



Builder

Your innate ability to build and create brings you a deep sense of accomplishment.

Your inherent interest in structure and architecture has led you to develop an eye for design and skillful construction. You're naturally inquisitive, and you want to understand the mechanics and engineering secrets behind everything. To you, a beautiful building is a testament to humankind's creative

abilities. Your soul longs to create because your soul purpose is to build.

You love new projects that you can sink your teeth into, especially when you can merge plans with creativity. Even if you're not involved in literally erecting a structure, you may enjoy "building" automobiles, computers, gadgets, airplanes, or other machinery. You're also good at starting new ventures, and you enjoy a healthy balance of leadership qualities along with teamwork ability.

You drew this card as encouragement to explore new ways to be a builder. For example, you can build a successful business from scratch. Or your inner guidance may direct you to build muscles as you get more involved with physical fitness. The sense of accomplishment you receive from building something is your soul's reward.



Career Change

You're embarking upon a career that brings you the joy and abundance you desire and deserve.

This card comes to you as validation of your feeling that it's time to change your career. As much as you've grown tired of your present vocational track, you've also wrestled with insecurities about making the change. You've worried about finances and other aspects involved with this decision.

Fortunately, the angels want to let you know that they're helping and supporting you!

Instead of focusing on what might happen in a negative sense, allow yourself to daydream about positive possibilities. See yourself fully immersed in a meaningful career, making a wonderful income and succeeding in all that you do. Imagine yourself waking up in the morning excited about the workday before you. These are all very real possibilities, if you're willing to go along with your internal guidance.

The angels will guide you intuitively one step at a time, so please don't get ahead of yourself and make sudden moves. Instead, stay fully immersed in the present and commit to doing your best. Your career change may be gradual, with you initially delving into another field on a part-time basis. It's the light at the end of the tunnel that helps you stay positive about your present moments.



Children

Your life purpose involves helping, teaching, and healing children.

You have an affinity for young people, which is why you drew this card. Helping children is an important and much-needed function, since the world's youths need understanding adults. Kids naturally trust you and look to you for leadership. Consider devoting your time and talents to helping them keep their minds and hearts open to love. In this

way, you contribute to developing a world of sensitive and caring future leaders.

Your life purpose can follow many avenues, including raising your own children (or spending time with those of a close friend or relative). Ask Archangel Metatron, the angel of sensitive young people, to guide your actions so that they're best suited to your abilities and help children most effectively.

Any of your natural interests—such as writing, art, music, animals, sports, and so forth—can be a way to help, heal, and support children. If you need additional training or ideas, the angels will guide you.



Counseling

You heal with kind words, wise advice, and an empathetic ear.

People frequently reveal their deepest secrets and worries to you because you're a natural counselor who channels wise advice and kind support. This card comes as a counselor for you, advising you to choose a career path involving this type of work. Since you're already performing the functions of a counselor, you may as well receive

remuneration (in addition to the emotional fulfillment that counseling prings to you). The angels can support any need or desire you may have for classes that will teach you skills and lead to proper licensure.

Your counseling path can be along the lines of life coaching, where you help clients organize their goals and intentions into achievable steps. Or you can blend in spirituality through traditional pastoral counseling, or via the more alternative path of giving readings. Your work could also involve writing or teaching. The main point is that this life purpose uses words as a healing modality.

With the proper training, you're highly qualified to conduct counseling work. Please don't think that your own life needs to be perfect before you can help others. All counselors have their own ego issues and human "imperfections." The point isn't whether you have these character and life quirks; it's what you do with them that counts. As long as you listen to your clients' feelings with an open mind and heart, their needs will be served.



Creative Expression

Your soul longs to express itself creatively.

You drew this card because you're likely feeling stuck or blocked. The angels are guiding you to awaken your creativity by engaging in an art or craft without delay. This artistic endeavor doesn't need to be seen or heard by other people, and it's not necessarily the end product of your life purpose. It's the act

of creative expression—not the form it takes—that's important here.

When you work with light, sound, color, or music, your mind travels to higher dimensions, where you can subsequently better hear your Divine guidance. Creative expression is an outpouring of love and light that allows you to connect with God and the angels at a very high frequency. So while you're painting, playing music, sewing, making jewelry, arranging flowers, or what have you, you'll receive wonderful ideas related to your life purpose.

It's important to take action without delay or hesitation and not put off a decision about which form your artistic expression is to take. Perfectionism is part of the original block that you need to lift through creative avenues. So, pick up a paintbrush and let the inner healing begin!



Crystals

Your connection to crystals and gemstones is a channel for healing energy.

This card is a signal for you to delve more deeply into your understanding of crystals and gemstones, as they're calling you to work with them as part of your life purpose. These objects amplify and direct the Divine healing energy to people, animals, and the environment. Each one has a life force, to

which you've often connected. Now it is time to research this connection through classes, books, and intuitively communicating with crystals.

There's a reason why crystals are used in watches, computers, and medical devices—namely, their power to magnify energy and light in directed ways. Similarly, you can use them for healing purposes to amplify your natural abilities. Your work may combine crystals with massage, energy healing, arts and crafts, or other endeavors. Regardless of what you do, be sure to include these powerful objects.

If you're new to working with stones, paying a visit to a gem shop is a good starting place. Walk through with an open mind and heart, and notice which crystals attract you. Then read up on the healing properties of the ones that call to you. You'll find that they provide exactly the energy most needed at that time. Trust that this Law of Attraction process will also work through you to help your clients.



Energy Healing

Your natural energy-healing abilities are an important part of your life purpose.

Your hands are energetically activated to channel healing to others. Think about how many times you've held your hands over someone's aches or pains (including your own). This instinctive action is so natural to you that you may have overlooked or

downplayed it. In fact, it's indicative of your spiritual gift of energy healing.

Now it's time to steer your energy-healing work in a professional direction. This may involve taking classes to increase your knowledge and confidence. Most important, though, is holding the intention to conduct energy-healing sessions as a career. Once you fearlessly and confidently put this intention out into the universe, your clients will come to you. At first, you may conduct unpaid sessions with friends and family members. Soon, through word of mouth and your continued focused intent, you'll either attract a paid private practice or you'll join a healing center.

As you initiate your energy-healing work, keep your mind and body cleared by practicing a healthful lifestyle. As you take excellent care of yourself, your physical and emotional reserves increase. Your high energy is a key ingredient in quickly manifesting your dreams.



Environmentalist

You're an Earth Angel who was born to protect, nurture, and teach about nature and the animals.

Your passion for the environment stems from your soul's purpose. Prior to your incarnation, you pledged to commit your lifetime to helping the planet. You can feel this purpose each time you get upset about pollution; and through the extreme love you feel toward animals, flowers, and trees. In fact, you often feel

more connected to animals than people. The reason why is that your soul resonates with the honesty and beauty of nature.

This card comes to you as inspiration and motivation to take action on behalf of the environment. This begins with adopting an eco-friendly lifestyle for yourself, such as recycling and using "green" cleaning supplies. Your environmentally related career can involve animals (dog sitting/walking, animal communication, activism, and so on), plants (botany, gardening, landscaping, and the like), crystals, bodies of water, air quality, alternative energy, and so forth.

Notice your natural passions and interests as guideposts directing you toward actions you can take within your community to protect animals and nature. Anytime you feel upset about an issue, this is a sign regarding your purpose. Whenever you think, Someone should do something about this, know that this "someone" is you!



Family

Loving your friends and family is central to your life purpose.

You drew this card to remind you that your life purpose begins at home. You serve an important function through your relationships with the members of your family. This includes the prayers you say on their behalf, the kindness you bestow, and the compassion you have for their actions. This card is also indicative of some forgiveness

work that will benefit everyone concerned. You can start the process simply by holding the intention to clear the energy with your loved ones. You already know the people whom you need to forgive, as your first thoughts on this subject were your indicators.

A life purpose doesn't necessarily mean a wage-paying career. It's a scope of experience in which you devote yourself to developing your ability to fully love. For most people, relationships with family are grist for the mill in terms of learning to rise above ego challenges. As you focus upon your loved ones' inner beauty, you begin to see it within yourself and all of life.

Today, say prayers for the health and happiness of every family member and notice your inner responses to these blessings. You'll experience newfound peace, which will benefit you in countless ways.



Flowers

Working with flowers opens your heart and brings blessings to others through your life purpose.

This card signifies your special connection to flowers, whose fragrance, color, and beauty provide healing blessings. As you grow, admire, photograph, and work with blossoms, so too does your connection with the Divine "blossom." Your affinity for flowers

is just beginning, and spending time among them will help every part of your life bloom.

You may literally work with flowers—for example, as a gardener, florist, or flower-essence healer. Or it may be that spending personal time with these lovely features of the natural world sparks your creative ideas about a new career path.

So whether your relationship with flowers is destined to become a career or an avocation, spend time with them today. Walk through a flower shop and notice which color bloom you're drawn to. This flower holds healing properties that you need right now. If possible, take it home and spend time absorbing its color and fragrance. Trust the flower's wisdom and power to help you upon your life-purpose pathway.



Freedom

You're free to do what you choose.

This card is a gentle reminder that you aren't a victim of outside circumstances and that you have choices in everything you do. The angels are helping shift you away from complaining that you're a victim of others who control you. Instead, Heaven is shining the light upon your wise decision to take responsibility for yourself, your life, and your happiness.

As you accept the role you've played in creating your present circumstances, you feel a corresponding sense of relief and freedom. The insight of self-responsibility frightens some initially, as it seems to carry the weight of blame. The angels help you see that blame is a waste of time, because it focuses upon past events. Instead, they empower you to envision a bright today and tomorrow for yourself and your loved ones.

You have the right to change your life! You needn't wait for another's permission to take charge of your destiny. Trust your feelings to guide you toward activities and a career that are meaningful and fulfilling in every way.



Healer

You have the spiritual gift of healing, and a desire to share it with others.

This card validates what you've always known: you are a healer. While each person possesses this gift, some—like you—have refined and polished their abilities. The Divine love and light within every sentient being can be directed and amplified to benefit others, and you've learned how to do so through

many lifetimes devoted to healing work.

You've been conducting this work for most of your present life, and others are naturally drawn to you for help. You're compassionate, intuitive, and sensitive. For this reason, you can build up confidence in your healing abilities by trusting your feelings and intuitive ideas. You can also feel more self-assured as a healer by taking classes related to your interests, even if they're an eclectic mix of subjects.

As a healer, you'll need to take exceptional care of yourself emotionally and physically to withstand the intense energetic demand of caring for others. Follow your intuitive guidance as to diet, exercise, and lifestyle; and practice healthy boundaries with other people. Remember that the greatest healers know when to take rests and also how to balance giving with receiving. By practicing a healthy lifestyle yourself, you become an inspiring role model and ensure your longevity in the healing profession.



Heart's Desires

The angels are supporting, guiding, and protecting you as your dreams become a reality.

"What does your heart desire?" This is the question that the angels ask of you. You're at an important juncture in your life when it's time to make decisions about what you want. No one—not even God and the angels—can make them for you. Spend time alone in quiet contemplation and consider your heart's desires, as many options are open to you now.

The great news is that once you've clearly pinpointed your deepest desires and know that you deserve them, the doors of opportunity all easily open for you. You'll dance in partnership with your intuition: first listening to the inner voice and next taking action upon that guidance. Although your path may involve some work and tenacity, it will be smooth and peaceful.

You, like everyone, deserve to be happy. This is God's will for us all. Your happiness uplifts the entire world and radiates healing energy wherever you go.



Infinite Abundance

You're fully supported as you devote yourself to your Divine life purpose.

This card provides the reassurance that as you focus upon being of service and following your inner guidance, your needs are taken care of. The more you can let go of worry and trust in the universe's infinite abundance, the faster your flow of abundance comes to you. Always remember that prayer and positive feelings improve

situations, while worry worsens everything. You can give any concerns over to God and the angels for healing.

The abundance comes to you in unexpected ways, so you needn't waste time or energy trying to guess how your needs will be met. Instead, devote your thoughts and actions to following the voice within you. This is your career partner and manager, as it's the voice of your answered prayer. All prayers are heard and answered; listen especially to the response that comes to you in the form of intuition.

Hold positive visions and feelings of being financially secure. Affirm that this is your truth, right now. See and feel yourself completely supported... and it is so! You will be given specific directions as to how to enact the answers to your prayers. It's essential that you create quiet time to listen to this inner guidance, and then act upon it without delay or hesitation.



Justice

Your career brings fairness and protection to others who need your help.

This card signifies that your soul's purpose involves protecting others from unfairness. You'd find satisfaction in careers involving mediation, law, political science, city planning, security, and so forth. You may even blend spiritual aspects into your

career—such as healing work combined with conflict resolution, for example.

You have natural leadership and delegation skills, and others look to you for direction and guidance. You honor and respect the responsibility accorded you, and you're highly respected as a result.

The angels ask that you continue to trust your heart's guidance as your career evolves and changes. Heaven knows where you're most needed and will help you with Divine assignments that can put your skills to the highest and best use.



Leadership

Take charge of this situation!

This card comes to you as a signal that you're ready to assume your role as a leader. You recently may have come across a situation in which you thought, "Somebody should do something about this." Well, you are that somebody!

Although you may not feel entirely prepared or qualified to assume your leadership role, the angels assure you that you're ready. They will guide you through every step so that you can gain confidence and certainty about your path.

Take time to meditate, and listen to your inner guidance, which will clearly show you your first steps upon this path. Your leadership will inspire others to speak up and take charge of their lives as well!



Let Go

Walk away from this situation in order to resolve it.

You've been struggling with a situation, unsure which direction to take. The struggle is causing an energy blockage that is slowing your desired outcome. This card counsels you to let go, as a way of bringing about a peaceful resolution. First, you must let go emotionally. After all, you're overwhelmed by indecision and the stress of the situation.

Wouldn't it feel good to detach and be at peace? Especially if you're reassured that by doing so, you'll bring about a more favorable outcome?

Ask the angels for help in detaching by saying, "Guardian angels and archangels, thank you for helping me enjoy a tranquil mind and body. I now choose to let go, and detach from this situation. I know that God's infinite wisdom is completely in charge of it and everyone involved. I trust that everything is being worked out for my highest and best good. And so it is!"



Light and Love

Your purpose is to bring Divine healing light and love to this world.

You are a conduit of God's pure light and love; and you bring this healing energy through with your prayers, visualizations, and positive intentions. This is your life purpose! Although it may seem nonspecific, rest assured that your prayers have helped in significant, specific ways. You are anchoring Divine light and love to the earth, which is

ensuring that the planet is safe, stable, and protected. Please keep up this good work, as it is necessary and valuable!

You can also channel this purpose in other ways as well. For example, your natural spiritual gifts make you a wonderfully successful healer. Whether you conduct energy work, counseling, or some other form of physical or psychological therapy, always remember to bring through the Divine healing force. You don't need to drain your own energy, as there is an unlimited supply readily available for all who tap into the Divine.

This card also signifies that you can heal your present situation by applying light and love to it and everyone involved. Hold only positive and loving thoughts and feelings, and watch the blessings multiply in beautifully surprising ways.



Music

Your connection to music is healing for yourself and others.

This card comes to you, like a messenger angel, signaling the need for more music in your life. Music opens your soul to receiving Divine guidance so that you'll confidently walk upon the pathway of your life purpose. Play whatever draws your interest; and notice how each song affects your mood, body, and energy level.

You're also called upon to create a personal connection with music for healing purposes. This may mean learning an instrument, writing a song, or taking singing lessons. Perhaps there's an instrument you once played that is calling to you again. You might incorporate music into your healing or teaching work. Or you may find support and companionship by joining with others in a musical group or class.

The archangel Sandalphon helps and heals through music. Call upon him with this wonderful affirmation: "Thank you for bringing music to and through me." You'll receive intuitive messages that deepen your healing connections via music.



Nutrition

You conduct healing work with your culinary skills.

The angels say that you're a "food alchemist," which means that you create Divine magic through the dishes that you make and your nutritional knowledge. You may counsel others on how to adopt a healthful diet; and demonstrate this skill for your friends, family members, or clients. Perhaps you're guided to write a cookbook,

run a restaurant, or prepare delicious recipes for others. Your interests may also lead you to study nutrition and teach about its importance.

You're a sensitive person who's affected by the foods and beverages you consume. You've noticed that your energy and moods waver according to what you eat and drink. Because you've paid attention to these nutritional links to your own emotional and physical health, you've learned firsthand how what you take into your body affects you. This may compel you to read books or enroll in classes on this topic. You may even earn a nutrition degree, which will enable you to help others.

As you call upon the healing angels' help, you'll find that unhealthful cravings are replaced with an appetite for healthful meals and drinks. This, too, is a process that you can teach others.



Options

Consider the career possibilities that are open to you.

You have more options than you may realize, which is why this card comes to you today. While you may feel limited in your career choices, the angels remind you that the possibilities are *unlimited*. They promise that the time, money, knowledge, opportunities, and other factors that you need are very much open to you. This card is a sign urging

you to think outside the box and be openminded with respect to your options.

For example, can you return to school and learn new skills related to your dream career? Can you begin a self-employment venture on a part-time basis, while your regular job pays the bills? Or could you find a mentor to train you while you work as an intern or volunteer? The range of possibilities is wide and varied, if you will just be open to them.

Take a moment right now and say to your angels: "Please give me clear signs and guidance about my options related to my Divine life mission and a career that makes my heart sing with joy." Then, notice intuitive feelings and ideas, as well as repetitive physical signs, which are messages from above.



Oracle Cards

You are able to discern answers and guidance for yourself and others.

You have an affinity for working with oracle cards, and they speak to you as whispers from the angels. This card comes to you as validation of the thought you've had of incorporating oracle-card readings into your career.

You could give readings as a full-time occupation, where you offer guidance and

advice to answer clients' questions. Or, you may incorporate card readings as an aspect of your healing profession—for instance, by using the words on the front as focal points as you begin your sessions. Oracle cards can also give you personal guidance that can boost any career path.



Practice

Polish your skills by practicing regularly.

The answer to your question about how to better your career involves focusing your time and attention on a skill that's related to your heart's true interests and passions. Perhaps it's a hobby that you dream of turning into an occupation. This is possible if you will devote the time and energy to polishing your skills in this area. Visualize yourself enjoying

the benefits of being successful in this endeavor. Expect the best, and then do the necessary work to make this a reality.

A little bit of time devoted each day to practicing will become a positive habit yielding positive results. You'll soon notice your skills improving and your level of enjoyment increasing. Your body will intuitively learn how to automatically incorporate what you've practiced, and you'll find new inspiration as you move from an act of struggle to one of freedom and joy.



Protected

You are safe and supported while you change your career.

The angels reassure you that it's safe for you to make a career transition, and that you'll be supported along the way—provided you listen to and follow your inner guidance. This card indicates that the time is ripe for you to make this change. Hold the intention that this change will allow you to bring more blessings

into the world, as an attitude of selfless service will allay the ego's insecurities. The more you focus upon service, the less your ego will try to delay your happiness.

You, like everyone, have a unique and much-needed life purpose that awaits you with open arms. When you fully commit to helping others through your purpose, the doors of opportunity and support open wide. Your career transition will ride upon the smooth wings of the angels, as long as you're focused upon serving a higher good.

Continue to call upon the angels for guidance, support, and protection throughout your manifestation. If you find yourself feeling insecure or nervous, put your entire focus on service. When you intend to serve a purpose, that's when your purpose will begin to serve you.



School

The answer that you're seeking involves going to school.

This card guides you to return to school to further your education and gain new skills related to your dream career. The angels assure you that the timing is ideal for you to take this leap, and that it's part of your Divine life mission. You'll also find joy in learning about your beloved profession, and

you deserve this happiness. It's part of your loving self-care. Your educational path will inspire others to follow their own intuitive paths as well.

For a few, this card also signals that your soul longs to teach in a classroom setting. Helping young people develop their minds and acquire skills is a vital profession, one that the angels are happy to support. Ask them for guidance about your teaching pathway, and they will guide every aspect of it. From their higher perspective, the angels know which avenue is best suited to you and your talents. They'll guide you to the ideal teaching situation.



Sensitivity

You're becoming more sensitive and need to make changes accordingly.

This card comes to you because your present career environment is too harsh for your increasingly sensitive soul and body. It's time to face this fact and make changes accordingly. Sometimes it's possible to heal a work environment if you have others' cooperation. And it's even possible to single-handedly inspire fellow employees through

your own shift into an optimistic and sunny disposition.

Your interests and tastes have shifted recently, and what once interested you no longer appeals to you. You're also more sensitive to the energies of the people with whom you spend time and the places you frequent. You need a gentle work environment, with supportive co-workers and a cooperative way of conducting business. You also need a career you feel good about, which lends a sense of meaning to your life.

Most likely, though, this card signals a change of employment, enabling you to ensure that you're surrounded by other gentle and sensitive co-workers and clients. Be open to the benefits that such a change affords you, even if you have to let go of material perks as you make this transition. The angels assure you that your personal happiness is the greatest job benefit of all.



Speaker

Your life purpose involves your skills of oration.

This card indicates that your dream of being a professional speaker is more than a dream. You have much to share with others, and the best way to reach your audience is on the speaker's platform. While it's normal to feel intimidated by the process of presenting your ideas in public, the angels see that your

life purpose will help you overcome these fears. In fact, you'll learn to enjoy being a public speaker, according to this card.

You may have also received this card because your soul's profession involves some other aspect of teaching or entertainment. For example, you may be destined for acting, dancing, singing, or playing a musical instrument. This card indicates that your purpose involves a public arena, and that you're well suited to bring blessings to a wide audience.



Spiritual Teacher

You heal with your classes, sessions, and seminars.

You're a healer who reaches your audience with words. You teach in a way that brings healing blessings to your clients, readers, and listeners. You even do so with your family and friends. In fact, people seek you out for guidance, including strangers who tell you their intimate secrets and pressing

problems. Your trustworthy nature and shining inner light signal to others that you're a natural-born spiritual teacher.

This card indicates that you wish to be a spiritual teacher for the joy of it, without ego concerns about fame or fortune. You are a natural channeler who brings Divine guidance to others who ask you questions about their lives. You're also acutely observant about human nature, especially as it relates to the spiritual path. As a result, you bring a unique voice to the field of spiritual teaching. As long as you remain focused on service and being your natural self, you'll find a wide and receptive audience for your work.

Take a moment now and ask your guardian angels, "What is the next step for me to take upon my pathway as a spiritual teacher?" Notice the thoughts, feelings, and signs that come to you as answers, and continue asking the angels for additional clarification.



Strength

Everything you've experienced in your life has made you strong and courageous.

You're stronger than you realize, according to this card. Your career dreams require inner resolve and courage, and you've built those qualities from your life lessons. Everything you've ever experienced has brought you to this moment, and you're

more prepared than ever to start a new project and persevere to complete it.

It's human nature to shy away from projects that are perceived to be difficult or that bring up fears of failure. Nonetheless, these projects are calling your name. Whether you're guided to write that book, change careers, return to school, start your own business, or present your artwork to the public, you have the strength to do so!

Which path do you think will lead to greater joy: taking steps in the direction of your dream (even if you're unsure whether the dream is viable or whether you're taking the right steps to achieve it)... or endlessly procrastinating? Which path will ultimately be more painful to experience: risking defeat or humiliation by taking action... or playing it safe?



Study

Reading, research, and education help you gain confidence and clarity about your career.

This card indicates that you need additional information to feel confident about your career path. Fortunately, the angels are guiding you clearly in this regard. Please notice your recurring ideas and feelings about taking classes, engaging a mentor, reading a book, or other forms of research and study.



Support

Your life purpose fully supports you.

You've drawn this card as a sign that you're fully supported... as long as you fully commit to your life purpose, hold positive intentions, and follow your Divine guidance.

You may feel insecure about making a career transition. Perhaps you feel stuck in a job that offers you financial security, with few other rewards. Maybe you've outgrown a profession that once fascinated you. Or you

You're also receiving signs from above that point you in supportive directions. For example, several people may recommend the same book to you in a short span of time. This indicates that the angels are delivering their guidance to you through other people's messages.

There's something important for you in that frequently mentioned book, movie, class, location, or other idea. The angels have opened the doorway of information for you; and now it's up to you to accept their gift by reading that book, watching that movie, taking that class, or visiting that location!

could be wondering how to build a financial foundation for your spiritually based business.

The angels ask that you lean upon them as trustworthy business partners who illuminate and support your path. Your role is to continually talk with them (silently is fine) about your hopes, dreams, expectations, insecurities, and other issues. Tell them everything. Then listen to their answers, which come to you as strong and recurring feelings, ideas, and signs. If you're unsure whether this guidance is accurate, request additional signs and clarification. Like the world's best co-workers, the angels only have your happiness, peace of mind, and best interests at heart.



Talk to Your Angels

Instead of worrying, ask for Divine guidance.

This card serves as a reminder that you can ask your angels for help and guidance in any area of your life, including your career and finances. You most likely drew this card because you've been worrying or complaining lately. The angels teach that worry never improves any situation, and may actually worsen things through the Law of Attraction.

Fortunately, you can turn any worry into a prayer. That is, change a low-energy worry—for instance, "I don't know how I'm going to pay my bills"—into a positive prayer such as: "Thank You, God, for helping provide for my family's needs," or "Please guide my steps so that I make money in meaningful ways."

Prayers allow God and the angels to intervene in your freewill choices. First, they'll boost your mood and faith, which will help you feel happier and more peaceful. Then they'll lend you aid in miraculous ways, such as giving you intuitive urges to take certain action steps. Together, you and Heaven co-create the answers to your prayers. Please always remember that your Creator wants you to be happy, healthy, and safe, just as any loving parent does. You, like everyone, deserve to be helped so that you have the time and energy to devote to your life purpose.



Teaching

You inspire young people to learn.

You have a gift with children, because it's part of your life purpose to help and support them. Young people respond to your genuine nature, and they recognize your inner child (which helps you relate to and understand them). More than ever before, children need trustworthy and loving adults to act as shepherds and teachers, and you are drawn to this work.

Most likely, your teaching or healing work with children will encompass some aspect of spirituality. For instance, you may incorporate music or personal-growth lessons into a traditional classroom. Or you may teach important life skills in other ways—for example, in your role as a sports coach, music instructor, babysitter, or art therapist; or through charity work or running a youth center. In these ways, you help children keep their spiritual gifts alive, and awaken new interests.

If you ask the angels to guide you to the best avenues that will allow you to reach out and teach young people, they will happily help with this very important life purpose.



Time to Decide

Make a decision based on your heart's true desires.

The angels ask you to be very honest with yourself (and them) about your dreams and desires. What do you want? What do you wish to change? What are you waiting for? Allow yourself to acknowledge your genuine feelings. Have the courage to admit your dreams.

This card indicates that if you can dream it, you can do it. The angels are encouraging you to explore your options and take charge of your life. After all, your work comprises a major portion of your daily activities. You (like everyone) deserve to spend your time in meaningful and enjoyable ways.



Travel

Your life purpose involves traveling.

You drew this card as validation of what you already knew: that your life's work involves traveling. You may be called to be of service in faraway places, or it could be that a lifechanging travel experience will give you breakthrough information about your Divine purpose. Like a traveling minstrel, you bring blessings wherever you go.

This card also speaks to movement in your life, with adventurous and life-enhancing changes occurring for you now and in the immediate future. By letting go of the old and stepping into these changes, you gain the sense of meaning and fulfillment that you've desired. The former stagnation is replaced with a passion for new projects and relationships.

A third meaning of this card is that your life purpose involves technology, especially with respect to computers and telecommunication. This could signal telecommuting, where you work from home via a computer; or it could literally mean that your work involves computer programming, sales, and such.



Trust

Trust your feelings and dreams to guide your career path.

The angels sent you this card as validation that your feelings are trustworthy guides as you aspire to make healthy life changes. Your dreams and desires are clues to your life purpose, as your soul calls out to you through the language of feelings. If you're discontent in any situation, trust these feelings. If you're excited about the prospect of, for example,

returning to school or opening your own business, trust these feelings. If your gut is warning you about a certain person in your life, trust these feelings.

The first step is to notice your feelings. You do so by creating some quiet time alone where you can talk with yourself. Ask yourself questions like What do I really want? and What is best for my life purpose? and then notice the physical and emotional feelings that come in response.

Your feelings are the physical embodiment of Heaven's guidance for you. Trust in their validity, even if you don't understand them or feel certain about what they mean.



Writing

You heal, inspire, teach, and entertain with the words you write.

You drew this card as validation of your dream to be a writer. Whether your medium is books, articles, or screenplays, the angels encourage you to explore writing as a career path. This will involve some self-discipline on your part, as you will need to spend time engaged in this activity on a daily basis.

The angels remind you that writing is an art and not a science. Therefore, it can never be completely perfect. Your ego may whisper fears and insecurities inside your mind, designed to make you procrastinate about a writing project. If this occurs, call upon the angels (particularly the messenger angel, Archangel Gabriel) for confidence, clarity, and motivation.

The angels will also help you find publishing outlets for your writing projects, if you ask for their help and then follow their intuitive replies.



Yoga

Your life is enhanced by yoga, stretching, and exercising.

To get the clear answers and guidance you seek, turn to yoga. You drew this card because this peaceful activity increases your confidence and intuition, two factors that help you with your life purpose. You're encouraged to enroll in a yoga class and attend frequently, as in-person sessions offer you motivation, instruction, and camaraderie.

For a few people, this card will signify that your actual life purpose is a career involving yoga. For example, you may be guided to teach this discipline for a specialized group such as children, pregnant women, or the elderly. Perhaps your life purpose is to open a yoga studio or design yoga-inspired clothing.

Regardless of whether yoga is central or peripheral to your purpose, you're clearly guided to practice this life-affirming form of exercise and stretching. Ask your angels to guide you to the teacher who will best enhance and support your practice. The angels will give you signs and intuitive feelings to point you in the direction of your life purpose.



You're on the Right Path

Keep doing what you're doing, because it's working.

In case you were doubting your feelings and plans, this card is your angels' way of encouraging you to continue with your present dreams and goals. Just the act of having a dream has added passion and meaning to your life.

Now, the angels are encouraging you to take positive action steps related to your

dream. They know that you'll feel happier and more energized as you devote daily time and energy to its fruition.

Begin by centering your mind and body with a few deep breaths. Close your eyes, and then silently ask your guardian angels, "Please clearly give me signs, guidance, motivation, support, and inspiration related to my Divine life purpose." Notice the thoughts and feelings you receive after making this request. Work as a team with your angels by asking them for additional information and clarity, and then follow that guidance as it occurs.



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Card Names: Author, Flowers, Teaching

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Savannah's varied pieces are imbued with her passionate vision of a world filled with all that is nurturing and wonderful. Spending time with her paintings will warm the heart, reminding us that the renewing splendor of spring is more than just a season—it's a state of mind.

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