

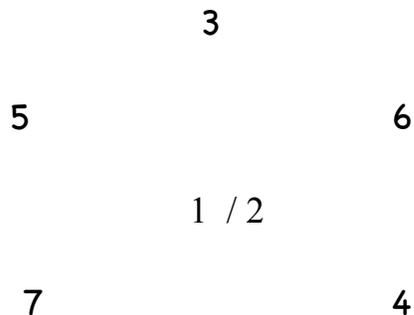
THE SPIRIT SPREAD



Imagine a five-petaled rose. After the cards are shuffled, draw 7 cards, one-at-a-time and we're going to lay them down in the same sequence as an Invoking Pentagram, calling in a blessing for the Querent, and for all those involved.

Four positions in the spread - representing the elements of fire, air, water and earth (4, 5, 6, 7) - are founded on the Maxims of the Magician: to will; to know; to dare; and to keep or hold silent.

The surrounding cards (#4: TO WILL, #5: TO DARE, #6: TO LEARN, #7: TO KEEP or HOLD STILL) will help the Querent acknowledge, and then work through (THE CHALLENGE), which is really whatever might be limiting or blocking them from their potential, or life plan in this moment.



1. **ISSUE.** (Centre): What's relevant? Why we're all here today.
2. **BLOCK.** (Crosses the card in the centre): A challenge, obstacle, or limit that stops, contains or restrains potential.

3. SPIRIT. (At the top; Selected third but read *last*). Guidance, theme or advice.

4. TO WILL (Bottom right): FIRE. What requires determination, perseverance and manifestation. Keep doing this.

5. TO KNOW. (Top, right): AIR. What we're learning. In order to learn something, to really *own* it so that we can add to our arsenal of skills and tools, we have to do. This card requires *action*, repetitive and deliberate. This area reveals lessons, tests, trials and new discipline.

6. TO DARE. (Top, left): WATER. What requires the courage to step outside of our comfort zone and grow, even if it risks disfavor. Self-Mastery.

7. TO KEEP or HOLD STILL. (Bottom, left): EARTH. That which requires inner silence, trust and patience. The poignant pause between an ending and a new beginning. Something that asks us to temporarily relinquish our control, stop "striving", and scattering energies so that we can find solutions with a still mind.

After all of the cards have been read, turn over the SPIRIT card and incorporate this message. Be aware that if you're reading for someone else, there are times that this card may speak directly to you as the Reader.