**DEMYSTIFYING DARKNESS: THE TAROT DEATH CARD**

* **Good or Bad?**

Perhaps the best-known card from the Major Arcana is Death, which bears a foreboding name and is often perceived and feared as a negative and disturbing card. But Tarot readers do not just look at the name of the card, they pick up thoughts and feelings by looking at the image and relate this to the person they are reading for – so there’s more to it than good or bad.

* **The Real Meaning**

Some people worry that if this card appears in a Tarot spread, it symbolizes death. However, this is far from the real meaning of the card.

The Death card actually represents the end of a cycle or situation or a significant change in your life.

Most Tarot readers portray this card as a positive change in someone’s life.

It foretells a transition in life, a dramatic change to one’s situation whether it is circumstances or a person’s attitude towards a state of affairs.

Simply put, it is endings, exciting new beginnings and rebirth.

* **In Tarot Readings**

Depending on what you are reading about, the Death card can have several meanings and ways to relate to your life.

Below are some examples of the meaning of the card in readings.

* **General Readings** – A change in circumstances in an area of your life is coming. Often we try to control change but allowing fate to take you through a transitional period, letting go of old beliefs or attitudes, will bring positive renewal and new doors will open to a better situation.
* **Love/Relationship Readings** – This can mean an ending to a difficult situation and the beginning of a new and more exciting phase in your life. If you are in a relationship which is not making you happy, it can either show that you end the partnership or that the difficulties come to an end and a new start is about to happen. If you are single and looking for a relationship, it means you are about to meet someone new and soon going to connect with a potential partner.
* **Work & Career Readings** – New beginnings to your working life are coming, whether you are planning this or not. However, this is a positive sign especially if you are unhappy with your job and looking for something new. Often, it is a card of confirmation, encouraging you to take a leap of faith and move forward with confidence. In a reading for work or career, this card can also mean that if you believe in yourself and trust in your future, you are also likely to gain financially from making changes in your work.
* **Spiritual Readings** – The Universe is encouraging you to focus on the future! To make changes where you are not content and to have a positive mental attitude in everything that you do so you can reap the benefits and rewards. This card reassures you that you are in a transitional period and that you should be hopeful and optimistic towards change, even if you are feeling down at the moment.
* **Bringing Everything Together**

The Death card encourages you to embrace change, to understand that this is an important time for letting go of negative feelings and renewing your life – it is a positive sign that things are about to move forward and that sometimes we cannot control everything that happens.

Even though we all have free will, sometimes fate will step in and direct us onto a new path that will be better for us in the long run – changes in relationships, work, home and family can transform our lives, and something more positive may be waiting for us.