



In Tarot, the second card in the deck is The Magician, coming right after The Fool. The Fool enters life without any assumptions and dives into the adventure that awaits him without any hesitation. Then he becomes The Magician with tools in front of him: his mental faculties (the sword), his feelings and emotions (the cup), his inspiration, courage, and life spark (the wand), and the physical abilities and resources that life presents him (the pentacle). He now has to take all of these and create magic with them.

How does he do it? How does he create magic? He has his right hand towards

the sky, the Divine, the quantum realm with an added staff to make sure he doesn't miss any goodness coming his way. This is his intuitive antenna that he knows how to wield. His left hand reaches down with his index finger pointed down like God in [the painting of Michelangelo](#). There's no point in receiving all that cosmic goodness if you don't transmit it down towards the Earth for everyone to benefit from. This way he becomes the receiver and the giver, as well as the transmuter and alchemist, using all that he has at his disposal (Divine jujitsu and the Elements of Earth, Fire, Air, and Water).

I had the good fortune of watching Whirling Dervishes live when I lived in Istanbul, Turkey. Whirling Dervishes carry on the tradition of ecstatic dance (Sema) started by Rumi in the 13th century in Turkey. These dancers wear a long skirt and dance to the traditional music of the Mesnevi, spinning, spinning, and spinning without an end. Their spin is a representation of the rotation of the planets and the particles, the cycles of life, and the continuous change we all live in. They start the Sema with both arms folded over their heart, creating the number one with their bodies, which represents the oneness of all beings. The number of The Magician in the Tarot deck is one (The Fool is zero). While they turn, just like The Magician, they point their right hand up and left hand down to indicate being a conduit between heaven and Earth.

What does all this mean for your healing journey? It means that you get to be a Magician too. You get to dance with what life throws at you like a Whirling Dervish, ecstatic from the beauty of it all. You get to take what life has given you, all of it, and make something with it. You can make a new thought, a new conversation, a new dress, a new meal, a new connection, a new you, and whatever

else your heart can imagine. It means that you are not helpless. There is a divine spark of opportunities, resources, love, connection, and joy wanting to reach you if you just open your receiving antenna and reach out your hand. You are surrounded by resources (just like the ones on the table for The Magician). You also have inner resources: your healing story is one of them and what you have already learned transmuting into goodness is another. You are not a helpless creature, you never were. You are simply learning the magic of your life in all its colors, shapes, feelings, sensations, emotions, music, and dramatic beauty.

Take this in, breathe with this truth, and today, start creating some magic.

If you would like to experience your own private Tarot reading and healing, reach out to me.

With love and light,

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P. S. 1 The Magician card picture is from the [Rider-Waite-Smith Tarot Deck](#) created in 1909. It is considered the most traditional Tarot deck.

P. S. 2 Below is a feminine representation of The Magician from [The Muse Tarot](#). Can you see the traditional elements in this new rendition?

P. S. 3 [Here's the story of my Grandmother and how she practiced magic](#) and created beauty with her very limited resources.

