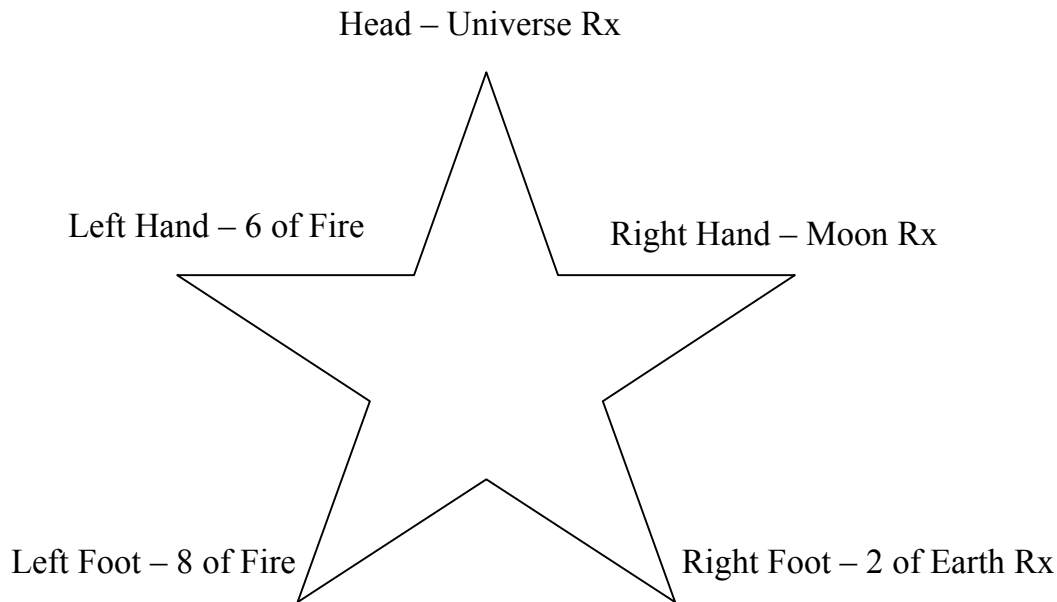


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Baby, You're a Star
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Looking for a little clarity in my very topsy-turvy world Monday afternoon, I tossed some cards on the table. I was hoping to review where I'd been, gain a little perspective on my perspective, and take a peek into the weeks ahead. This star spread is a useful tool for all those things. A little background: My son and I are moving over the next few weeks, the day job is busier than usual, and my weekends are filled with teaching Tarot and other metaphysical stuff.

At my left foot, I see the 8 of Fire, and indeed these last few months have been a lightning path in almost every sense. The energy of the 8 of Fire always feels so fast when it finally hits me, but the truth is that this energy and success usually comes on the heels of some long, hard work. I consider the years and tears of single-motherhood, and my dear son who has had to put up with it all, and I recognize that, at 14, he is suddenly exhibiting independence and sense of responsibility that makes me smile. No ... he makes me beam. The classes that I slowly stitched together over the last 10 years, with the help of each and every student along the way, now carry me through each weekend, and I delight when the light bulb goes off as a concept is grasped. This card may not feel grounded to

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some, but my passion for my family and for my spiritual path are what ground me, and so, I push off with my left foot and choose to bring this forward.

The 6 of Fire, sometimes called the Christ card or the Buddha card, feels very much to me like knowing one's path and blazing ahead. This energy at my left hand has been very strong this past year. It is an amazing gift from my friends and family who continue to love me. I'm 45, and my Mom still reminds me that I can do whatever I choose to do, and should choose to do it well. I hope to bring this same sense of determination and excitement with me into the year to come.

Well, I can certainly see the passion behind me. It looks like I'm going to need a good hot blast of air in my sails to keep me going through the next couple of months.

At my head, I find the Universe (the World XXI) reversed. Ah, I did say things were topsy-turvy. Here's a case of the cards telling me what I already know. With the pending move and the flurry of activity in my life, I feel more like The Hanged Man most days – looking at everything upside down. Talk about getting some perspective on my perspective! It's absolutely true that I'm a bit flipped at the moment. It's also true that I'm exactly where I belong in the Universe. No sense trying to fight it. Best to accept it, and move on when I can. I also sometimes see reversals, not as opposites or denials or blocks, but as internalizations of the card's energy. In other words, the Universe is pouring all her archetypal energy into my head at the moment. Instead of me sending all my ideas into the World for a test drive, this reversed card is opening up my crown chakra and filling me with ideas to test drive inside my own skull. I'll need to slow down just a bit, get some much needed rest, and do some cogitatin' before this is all over with.

Ah, on my right hand is The Moon reversed. Illusion may be rearing her head in the near future, and it will be my job to decide if that illusion is worth the risk. But I also remember that Magick and Tarot and all things metaphysical may seem illusory to most common folk, and I don't turn down many opportunities to open my hands, my heart and my head to new ideas and pass it all along to others. I am on notice regarding any illusion on my part and will remain as practical as possible, but I don't see this card having a negative impact on moving forward as much as simply slowing me down. Oh, and it reminds me I'll not be getting enough sleep, and should take the time I need.

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Finally, the 2 of Earth is at my right foot. Yup, no doubt about it. This is one juggling act that I may not quite be ready for. Looks like some unsteady footing, and not quite enough money hanging in the balance for the next couple of months. Forewarned is forearmed. Or is that four-armed? Probably going to need a couple of extra arms in October and November. You'd understand if you ever saw me put up a tent, and I'll be camping three weekends out of four, directly. I'll pay some attention to where I place my feet and try to stay grounded in the months ahead. Although, I doubt I'll be entirely successful. Fortunately, I'm a Sagittarius. That whole gravity thing has me stymied at times, and I don't need too much steady ground beneath me to move forward.

All in all, I expect some challenges in the near future, and the cards have given me some very specific areas to address. So, here I go ... into the future, one step at a time.

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