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Challenge

PRESENT CHALLENGE

Accepting spiritual initiation as the birthing of your dreams.

You have drawn this card because you are undergoing a period of spiritual initiation in order to give a specific presence and form to your dreams, hopes, and expectations.

The guidance from this card suggests that you are being called to finish up old business, both physical and spiritual, in order to move forward with your life physically and spiritually. You are also being guided to relax and accept the guidance that is coming to you from your angelic teachers rather than feeling you must do everything for yourself and by yourself. This card deals specifically with the fulfillment of certain specific dreams and/or aspirations that you've felt were to be part of your life, offering your personal skill and spiritual insight to be of service to humanity.

ANGELIC MESSAGE

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The true challenge in your life involves your willingness to confront your own inner demons and to allow your deeply-felt dreams and aspirations from your spirit to surface into your life. This is called initiation.

Many cultures initiate their own spiritual students, and we, your angelic teachers, also initiate our own. Initiation requires you to release preconceived ideas about the period of training you are entering and to accept the higher good and spiritual guidance that places you under the protection and inspiration of the Universe.

This is a time when looking around and assessing your life on the basis of what you've already accomplished would be foolhardy, because you've accomplished little compared to what you may accomplish in your lifetime. Initiation is part of a sacred ritual for those entering an important spiritual passage. And because a spiritual passage may be upon you, you will need to accept a deeper and more profound insight into the nature of your life. A deeper resolve and greater intuitive appreciation of the life you were meant to live is the result of the period you are presently in.

You face the challenge of failing to believe that the change underway in your psyche is of the Universe's doing and not due only to physical or emotional causes. You have not failed, but you are being sought to acknowledge the power of the sacred in your life and on the Earth. You are being asked to trust the Universe because you are awakening to dreams, visions, and spiritual understanding that will serve you well in this life.

Your means of service in your life is being awakened, strengthened, and blessed; and you are being challenged to accept this spiritual initiation because you are an Earth pioneer with important work to do.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The guidance coming to you through this flower image is to trust your dreams and recognize that it is divine love that brings your desires into actuality. The deep red/crimson flower petals show you, symbolically, the intensity and variety of inner dreams and desires that you hold in your heart and ask you to decide which of these may be ready to be shown to others and to be lived openly.

You no longer need to live without, or at the "bottom of

the barrel," seeking only the dregs or leftovers from life. You are made of the essence of perfection, and you are being encouraged to overcome resistance from inside yourself, or from others, and to give your dreams a chance to grow in the world. There is no one single right or wrong way to proceed. All is possible when living within the grace of God.

APPLICATION

Try manifesting your dreams spiritually. Look into your heart and ask yourself, "What dreams do I have? What do I long for or feel compelled to do with my life?" Now draw these dreams out into the light of day as if they had a physical presence and were real "things," because words do have the power to awaken your own inner resources and belief in yourself.

You are challenging whatever inner messages tell you that you cannot, have not, will not. Re-tell yourself daily the dream you want fervently to come true, and use the present tense, such as "I am _____," or "I am choosing to _____." You are being called to accept this period of initiation and are free to consider enterprises previously considered daring or risky. The Universe and your teachers are working with you, and you are under the positive influences of initiation. Run all choices past your deeper intuition rather than your mental programming.