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Courage

PRESENT CHALLENGE

Persevering even when the work you've begun seems to falter.

You have drawn this card to fortify your resolve and to let you know that you are on the right inner path whether or not the outward signs in your life suggest success.

This is an Alignment card and so is meant to help further focus your attention on your full acceptance of your personal gifts and abilities, the spiritual and physical resources available to you, and your vision that is forever your guide. You may feel that you have been following guidance and now wonder whether you are doing the right thing, because you've met unexpected obstacles. You've drawn this card to learn something new about the spiritual resources available to you.

ANGELIC MESSAGE

Courage

You can count your physical resources more easily than your spiritual ones. Spiritual resources are your ability to find God through peaceful and inspiring meditation, through seeing beauty in those around you and in yourself, and in accepting abundance and joy as your rightful companions in this lifetime. In short, spiritual



resources become available to you through the courage to experience life as a living prayer and each moment as an affirmation of the blessings received.

Humanity's challenge has always been, and will continue to be, the search for union with the Divine. While this may sound lofty and difficult, every person eventually seeks inner peace and confirmation of a spiritual dimension no matter the words they choose. It is too difficult to live in Earth School without an awakened spirit. Consider the courage of the flower as it pushes forth its stamen and pistil to reproduce its kind. The flower affirms its beauty and elegance just as you can. You are beautiful and have an elegant spirit when you live in love and use compassion as your aid. And these qualities are everlasting.

When you place your belief in other people and in your outer mind's ability to guide your life, you give your effort, belief, and energy to the building of your physical resources alone. These come and go as quickly as the currents of the ocean re-arrange the sandy shores of the beach. You may go through many experiences over and over, with the same types of people, with the same attitudes and beliefs, unaware that to break the cycle is to put attention on your spiritual resources. The full measure of your effectiveness, love, and endurance through challenge and struggle is found through awakening your spirit. Your spirit is manifested love. It holds your intention for meaningful service, your capacity to overcome adversity, and your ability to see beauty, compassion, and joy where there may seem to be none. You become a creator, a divine initiator, when you know your own awakened spirit.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The guidance coming to you through this intense and powerful image is to show you that specific obstacles may be in your life in order to clear the way for greater spiritual wisdom, physical success, and prosperity. Something that you care passionately about may seem to be in jeopardy: a relationship may seem to be breaking up, or an opportunity for abundance

may seem to be evaporating. The red/orange colors of this flower's pistil and stamen show you that you are dealing with an issue that is core to your life. Orange is the color of the balance you seek and red the passion of your emotions that have been aroused. You may, for example, be ready to talk things over with parents, children, or those who you've felt have stood in your way or hurt you in the past. You may be ready to accept responsibility for a past transgression so you can release guilt and advance into a more accepting outlook.

The aspects of this flower are meant to help you appreciate the significant nature of the issues you are addressing in order to have the courage to persevere. You are moving long-standing blocks out of your path so that you may move dramatically onward into success and abundance.

APPLICATION

When you feel yourself on a threshold of change or choice and are unsure what to do, try praying, "Dear guardian angel, please allow me to benefit from this change and to know the course of action I should take. Allow my guidance to be shown to me in such direct and obvious ways that I can be at peace, knowing I won't overlook or fail to see the guideposts. Let my intention for service and right choices be heard clearly, and let me trust that what comes to me will benefit my life appropriately."