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## *Inner Authority*

### *PRESENT CHALLENGE*

*Gaining confidence in using your inner wisdom to sustain relationships.*

By drawing this card of Partnership you are being urged to reconsider your opinion of yourself. In appreciating your own inner beauty and inestimable value you become better able to support and interact with the diverse opinions and attitudes expressed by others.

You may be feeling that others often disregard you, fail to meet your needs, or override or undervalue you and/or your efforts. You may feel sometimes overshadowed by others who have more inner authority. You long to be fully united with your own true nature, to eliminate the inner hollowness and find renewed deep health and purpose. This card comes to you in order to encourage you to nurture your inner authority so that you are better able to move into meaningful and fulfilling relationships.

### *ANGELIC MESSAGE*

*Inner Authority*

*Inner authority is spiritual energy born from union with the Divine. Inner authority is seen in what you say and what you don't*



sky, in the quality, tone, and reverence with which you approach all living things. When you speak out of love, out of commitment, out of determination, you are ordering the forces of energy within you and the Universe toward a harmony of purpose, an explosion of power. This inner combustion takes place when you turn your attention inward and give time to your spirit.

You do not need to ask permission to love yourself, because loving yourself is the natural state of humanness. You are encouraged by the Universe to find and live the fullest expression of your own unique nature; nothing less is sufficient to you or God. Your inner authority develops as your need for outer authority diminishes and as you listen continually for the voice of your inner mind, your spirit.

Possessing inner authority is at the core of creating and sustaining lasting relationships and spiritual community. True community is based on each person's willingness and ability to maximize each opening to spiritual growth while also honoring this process in others. People have an underdeveloped inner authority from a lack of commitment to the purpose of their own life, which is to give rise to their spirit's fullest bloom.

Inner authority comes not from immediate material or spiritual "success" but from perseverance. You gain inner authority with the belief and inner expectation that you do have an essential inner beauty that is priceless, worth struggling to uncover and to know. You've come into this life having already lived and blossomed before in many extraordinary ways. Your search now is to uncover this lifetime's essential core so that you may also indirectly absorb the learning from past lives. Your journey is the awakening of your inner authority, and this voice, this spiritual energy, can contribute to your fulfillment in relationships and act as the force to bring you and your Earth into peaceful times.

## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The guidance available to you through the flower image on this card is to take a long, hard look at the future you hope to create and to realize that it will never be simpler or more difficult

than in this moment. The multiple colors, shapes, and designs within this flower show you, symbolically, that your life is never all good or all bad but is rather a continual blend of emotional and spiritual experiences and energies. Your life is never totally clear of obstructions or factors that need resolution. The challenge is to begin to create, one moment at a time, knowing that today, like tomorrow, will have its conflicts.

Your guidance suggests that you can step up to today's opportunities because you have the seeds of spiritual love and awareness already in your life, now within this magnificent blend of sorrow, joy, loss, and gratitude. In placing more emphasis on exploring your own inner authority, you'll be less easily sidetracked or put off by the demands and expectations of others and more able to create the future you choose.

## APPLICATION

Write down what your inner authority spiritual voice "sounds" like to you. Observe the people and circumstances in which you already use your inner authority. How does it feel when you use this more aligned inner energy? Why don't you use it with certain others? What do you need in order to use this inner authority voice more often?

Ask those you live with or your closest family members or friends to discuss the idea of an inner authority voice. Ask each person to share with you information about the times and the ways they are able to use their own inner authority voice. Ask each person how each can help the others call forth their own inner voices more often. Place a small sticker on your daily calendar identifying the days in which you feel you are actively using your inner authority and thereby reinforcing this new alignment.