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Potential

**PRESENT CHALLENGE**

*Accepting yourself as your own "teacher," who can assess and create from your own spiritual intentions.*

You have drawn this card of Partnership in order to expand your potential for joy, love, and creative expression. You may have felt for too long that others held the answers to your life or were responsible for blocking your progress. But now, through the circumstances unfolding in your life, you are reminded that you alone are required to make certain choices for your life and that in accepting this challenge you are awakening a level of creativity that for too long has laid dormant.

This card holds the energy of change and is alerting you to accept personal responsibility for the events that have unfolded in your past, to forgive others and move into your future with anticipation of success and joy. You have entered a period in which meaningful relationships will flow to you as you allow your creativity to reflect the wisdom of the Divine.

**ANGELIC MESSAGE**

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*God is the all-inclusive energy of divine love, and we, your angelic teachers, bring you the message that the fulfillment and joy you*



seek are but derivatives of this universal force. Nothing can stand in the way of your awakening to your potential except your own apathy, resistance, fear, or anxiety over finding your true relationship with the Divine.

God as energy encompasses both the light and the void, the joy of spiritual awakening and the pain produced by the void—the shadow self that emerges to obliterate your awareness of God's love. Both the light and the shadow have been vying for your attention, so your natural belief in yourself and your future may have been clouded temporarily by unforeseen circumstances. Potential is never diminished; only the confidence with which to use this natural spiritual creativity is ever damaged.

When you have faith that you are on the spiritual path, then the immediate circumstances in life are less anxiety-producing, and relationships can be built and also dismantled with less pain and trauma. You and all other people and living things have specific intentions for being on the Earth at this time. You are able to rest in the contentment of your own inner work with more assurance when you accept that God is within all the experiences presently or recently in your life: both the joy and the fear, both the searching and the discovery, both the enlightenment and the temporary loss of God's presence in your life.

Assume that you have a mission to accomplish that involves your own unique abilities. The world awaits your contributions. Put aside the voice of your ego-mind that tells you how to market yourself or your ability, and accept your spirit-mind, which tells you to use your natural creativity without thought for self-gain. Only through giving from your spiritual center will you truly realize and benefit from unleashing your potential.

### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The guidance to you through this card is a call to recognize that you, like this image, are also the bud. Even though you may have many accomplishments to your credit, your potential is still dormant. You have drawn this very important card

of Partnership to encourage you to reassess the subtle dynamics of your closest relationships or partnership because you and perhaps others need to change the ways in which you've always interacted. You are also being alerted to the fact that others are unable to thwart your growth unless you believe that they can. You are responsible for living true to your own inner teachings and then working cooperatively with others in ways that encourage growth for all parties.

You are in a healing mode, with the color green facilitating your progress. The energy of growth and implied potential is coming to you with this card to tell you to give yourself and those closest to you permission to grow from the bud into the blossom. Important and essential spiritual growth is trying to emerge into your life, and you are being urged to grow from the "student" into the "teacher." Taking this step in awareness requires you to put your full attention on the state of your own spiritual health and well-being and to acknowledge your own guidance.

### APPLICATION

Make a list of the spiritual qualities you associate with the bud—the student—and also with the full-blown flower—the teacher. Does it feel safer to be the bud because the student is not expected to know, to perform, or to assume responsibility for fully engaging his or her potential?

Bring a small flowering plant into your house or your office. Watch it grow from the bud stage into its fullness. Imagine that you also are changing and growing as quickly and with as much certainty of the rightness of your choices as this flower does. Seek to hear your guidance daily from the flowers.