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Purpose

PRESENT CHALLENGE

Discovering your means of service and living it unconditionally.

You've drawn this Alignment card to help you understand the nature of your life work and to accept that right now you are living some version of your mission.

This card's guidance to you involves accepting that your meaningful work is unfolding as you awaken spiritually and that the process can be speeded up only through personal spiritual practice. In seeking your life's means of service and contribution to humanity, you may eventually need further schooling, or you may need to move or change in external ways, but these opportunities will flow smoothly into your life as the natural extension of your inner joy.

ANGELIC MESSAGE

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Because of the culture in which you live, you are conditioned to pick a trade or job, to choose a partner, and to determine the part of the country and the sort of housing in which you will live. And now you search for more specific guidance as to the means of using your abilities to help and heal humanity and the Earth.



In the largest sense, of course, your daily living is your spiritual work. But we, your angels, know you want to find or deepen your specific means of service. How, then, do you find the specific ways to accomplish these things that you came to the Earth to do if it is impossible to choose them with your mind? The answer is that you choose them with your heart, and then your mind can put its efforts into giving form and presence to this inner awareness.

Let us imagine a hypothetical meditation in which you ask the Universe to show you the way to find and live your means of service. You say, "Please show me the means of finding what I'm to do with my life."

We say, "Dear one, you are already doing your work. Look more closely at those you love and help each day. Observe the people to whom you are an inspiration, those you encourage or have enlightened in some way. Watch the joy you feel in some of the specific work you do today and draw closer to it because it is the jewel of your life; it is your service."

You say, "Yes, but I want to know now what to do. I'm tired of searching and waiting, and I have bills to pay. I'm ready to put my talents to work for the Universe," you insist.

And we say, "Trust, relax, pay attention to the voice of your spirit, and follow it into your joy—this is your work. Press onward into this essence of joy, do those things without pay, without regard for praise, recognition, or even encouragement, and acts quietly and humbly performed will turn into the job that pays you or the means of doing and accomplishing the work that needs doing in ways supported by the physical world."

We say, "Keep your joy foremost in your mind and resist the seduction of your ego, which needs to give your service instant shape. Begin in small and simple ways with the means that are already in your life. People and Nature have needs that you can fill right now. Push away the demands of your ego, and listen attentively to the joy radiating from your soul."

Perhaps something in our words will strike a chord that helps you accept the love and life that is already yours. Your life and your personal spiritual evolution are both in progress, always in the process of discovery. It is your choice whether to remove your gaze

from the mountaintop long enough to discover the reality of the ground at your feet.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The guidance available to you through this card is seen in the sharp contrast between the creamy pink flower petals and the stark black background. You have drawn this card to help you realize that you are well served to focus on your inner nature before checking the want ads. Observe your natural predisposition toward certain kinds of people, activities, and interactions. What you do willingly and effortlessly opens your heart to love and leads to the enhancement of your own goodness and self-worth, thus manifesting into the tangible means of service you seek or desire to deepen.

APPLICATION

Think of a recent experience in which you said or did something you liked and felt good about, an experience in which you helped in some way. How did you feel during and after the experience? Write down this experience, and then summarize your feelings about your effectiveness in one or two sentences beginning with "I." This will give you a clear sense of your own goodness. You might write, for instance, "I am able to instill a sense of peace in people when they are very upset," or, "I am able to synthesize complex situations and explain them so others can easily understand and be reassured," or "I can handle animals with respect, and they understand and are helped by my presence and work."

As you recognize your goodness, then you recognize the ways in which you already use it. This means you are already living your purpose. Your purpose is first "to be" and then "to do."