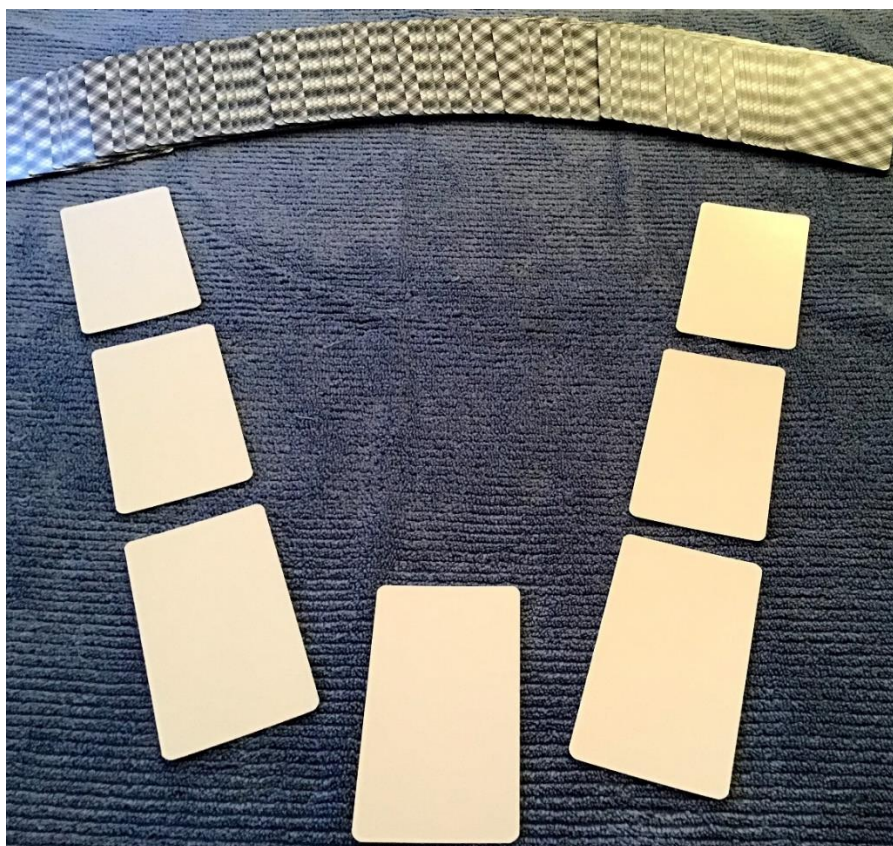


Using Intuition in Tarot Readings.

© 2024 Copyright Paul Fenton-Smith



Adding intuition to tarot readings can increase clarity and allow you to provide more details about events ahead. However, starting to include intuition in your readings can feel scary, sometimes overwhelming. What if I'm wrong? How much of what I'm sensing can I trust? What do I do if the client doesn't understand what I've said? These are questions beginners ask themselves.

An effective way to ease into giving intuitive readings, is to begin by announcing that you're sensing more but that it might be wrong. If the client is okay about that, then you're free to tell the person what you're sensing. I use the term sensing because clairvoyants see images in the mind's eye, clairaudients hear internal guidance through their inner voice or through spiritual guides and clairsentients feel body sensations.

In the 1980's I worked in a psychic centre in London and when I had booked my flight home, I realised that I was free to say whatever I sensed, because I wouldn't be seeing any of those clients again. At the end of each reading, after I'd turned off the recorder, I'd announce that I sensed a bit more, but that it might not be accurate. Every client urged me to tell them anyway. Within 5 days, I had new clients who had heard about me from recent clients who were amazed at what they had been told after the recorder was off.

One client turned up without an appointment directly after a funeral. Her make-up was still smudged from crying. At the wake, she spoke with a man who told her that I had described the grand piano in the corner, covered in flowers and predicted the event, asking why is it that we give others all the flowers in death that we never gave them in life.

The only way to truly know if what you're sensing is accurate is to keep an intuitive diary or tell people during readings. The sad thing is that when they return two or three years later and tell you that you were correct, you're unlikely to remember the session. Sometimes you won't even recall the client. I make it a policy to forget readings directly after each session so that I'm clear for the next client.

Keeping an intuitive diary, on paper or on your phone or iPad is a practical way to record details that can be checked later for accuracy. However, it can be a slow process. Saying aloud what you sense to clients in readings, especially when you already have cards on the table, is a smoother way to strengthen personal intuition.

It's important to still have a working knowledge of the tarot, for those days when you sense nothing. This can happen if you're uncentred or you have a client who is in a chaotic state. On those days, you can still give an accurate reading using your knowledge of the cards laid out before you.

Intuition can be turned on and off and this is important if you need to step out into a crowded café or a shopping centre in between clients. People who are psychically open all the time can be quickly drained in crowded environments. I devoted several chapters in my book *Intuition* to psychic cleansing and protection, as these are vital in the process of psychic development.

Tarot readings provide an ideal environment to practice psychic skills, as clients or friends are already there for predictions. You're simply adding another layer to the reading or some icing on the cake.

With experience, your intuition will fire up sooner into each reading, until it's a seamless combination of learned card meanings and intuitive details to help clients understand events more clearly.

In one tarot reading, a woman asked about love relationships. The cards on the table included the King of Wands, so I described a bold, assertive man who was naturally competitive, forthright, cheeky and someone who thrived on a challenge.

"That describes all three of the men I'm dating," she relied. Scanning through the seven cards on the table, I noticed The Emperor card and suggested that he might be an Aries. Both the King of Wands and the Emperor are cards for the sign of Aries.

"That's down to two, now," she responded. I tuned in clairvoyantly to clarify her situation and moved forward 12 months to see who was around her then. I described a man who had his own business and she confirmed that both of these Aries men owned businesses.

I told her that he had two teenage children and it turned out that both men had two children.

Realising that this process might take half of our reading time, I scanned the man's body for physical scars, moles or other identifying marks. I told her that he had a thin scar from a childhood accident on his right shin, near his ankle. It was around 5 cm long. She said she would study them both in the coming days to see who was most likely to become her long-term partner.

A good way to test your accuracy is to look into the client's past. I ask the person's age and then work backwards, intuitively scanning year by year, until an event stands out. I describe the event and his or her age when it occurred. If they confirm what I've described, I know that I can scan forward, year by year into the future. When the reading concludes, I remind clients that they have free-will in all predictions.

