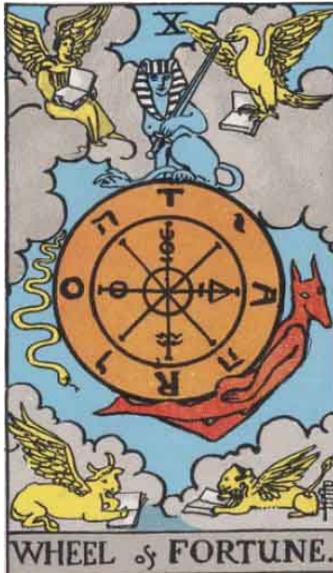


"All is change; all yields its place and goes."

Euripides



"I Change"

X WHEEL of FORTUNE

Divinatory Meaning:

The beginning of a new chapter; important decisions need to be made that affords a completely fresh start on a new or continuing project.

Evolution and cyclic change; sequential patterns resulting from previous actions. A change in fortune based on personal actions in the past portends neither good nor bad, but rather suggests that change is a great equalizer.

Karmic or cosmic law may be dictating external changes over which one has no control.

Symbolism:

The imagery of this card represents the wheel of life, death and resurrection. To the left of the wheel is a serpent, representing Set, Egyptian god of evil who brought death into the world. The wheel itself is supported by Anubis, the Egyptian jackal headed god who conducts the souls of the dead into the afterlife. Topping the wheel is the sphinx, symbolizing resurrection, or life triumphantly emerging from death. In the four corners are representatives of the four fixed signs of the zodiac - Aquarius, Taurus, Leo and Scorpio; and also the four elements of fire, water, earth and air. Symbols for the essential elements of alchemical works are positioned in the inner circle, while the four compass points are marked with letters spelling ROTA TARO ORAT TORA ATOR, or Latin for "*The Wheel of Taro speaks the Law of Ator.*" (Ator being the Egyptian goddess of the dead who carried the message of eternal life.) The symbolism suggests that the hub or innermost part of the wheel represents the soul and remains stable, while change is brought about by movement of the outer rim. Staying centered now becomes a very real concept to put into practice.

Practical Application:

A card of stability and change, the primary message is that each of us is responsible for our own destiny. Although external circumstances may be pre-determined, each individual turns the wheel to the point needed for the soul's experiences. Whenever change occurs bringing with it joy or sorrow, upheaval or calm, we can view it as something that either befalls us, or brings us a healthy dose of reality.

Fate does not seek us out, it is with us always, and rather than being afraid or overwhelmed, it is best to turn and meet it. A better understanding of the ongoing choices and decisions we make will allow us to see that our actions create our own fate.

When an event seems in no way to be personally generated, it simply shows that we have no control over external circumstances. The only control within our power lies in our reaction to whatever change brings. We cannot begin to change anything until we accept it. And the wheel turns.

"One must never lose time in vainly regretting the past... for change is the essence of life."

Anatole France

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