

The Wisdom of THE CHAKRAS

The Chakra Wisdom Oracle is Tori Hartman's latest card deck;
she tells Kindred Spirit how it came about

How did all this begin?

It started after my near death experience in my early 20s. Angels came and told me stories, and spirits came and told me their stories, too. They would not go away until I wrote them down.

These visitations took up space and time, and I was often too tired to do any writing the next day. The irony is that they stood in the way of what I thought was so important at the time. Looking back, I have no idea what I thought was so important back then, but I can remember the feeling.

What do the cards do?

In essence, they assist you in changing your perception and finding a solution when you need one; they help you see something that would've taken you longer to find out.

There's the famous story of the tall ships that came over to America, and all the Native Americans saw were people walking onto the shore. They didn't see the tall ships because they were not in their frame of reference.

They couldn't imagine what a ship was and therefore even though they were on the horizon and out in the water, they couldn't see them. It wasn't until one of the elders of the tribe began to believe that there was some form of carriage for these people that he saw the ships. After that the others could see them, too.

The idea behind this work is to give us a way to see something that was previously outside of our frame of reference.



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In a lot of your work you speak about the power of intention. What does that mean to you?

I love this question. Intention means everything in my world.

It is bigger than a wish, more intense than a goal.

An intention is the force that rolls determination and spirit all into one and throws it out into the universe like a meteor, hurling toward creation and manifestation. This is the power of you and spirit combined.

All intentions require these steps:

- Identify your desire.
- Feel it into your soul.
- Live the invisible.
- What you currently have in your life will reveal your true intention until now. It's simple:

Change your intention.

Change your life. Become who you want to be.

The true purpose of a goal is who you become in the process. An intention is a way of being and a focus of attraction. For example, a goal of becoming a medical doctor is about who you become in the schooling process: a doctor. An intention is choosing who you are now, it's an internal shift.

What I love about using my *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards* is that the cards always shine a light on the truth of someone's intention, and if he or she is off track, the cards give support in stepping into alignment.

The *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards* speak to your inner knowing, your highest wisdom that is constantly evolving within your own fields of energy or chakra. The cards reflect your inner reality and in many cases support what you know to be true. I love to say that they validate your reality.

In my world as a psychic, I believe that my job is to make my job obsolete. The *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards* give you powerful, life affirming insights. They support your intuition and offer you a way to trust yourself.

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How are these cards different from other cards?

I don't know of a card deck that is about supporting your wisdom. Most decks offer you their wisdom. There is something quite extraordinary about the way these cards blend with someone's life and offer lessons without the lecture.

The fable and accompanying card taps into a very distinct aspect of your chakra, and works on several levels. Your inner energy centers and your wisdom are reflected in the cards. Most other card decks reveal your past, present and future. This one does that too, but it is also uniquely positioned to provide tools that help you prepare for life's challenges.

For example, the Grief card is about the story of Penelope and her dog Pickle – and his passing. It reminds us that “grief is love without a place to go”. This is a powerful affirmation of grief as a normal process for all of us. The Rejection card is about living outside the “norm” – being

gay, an artist, or not accepted by society and living into your gift regardless.

The voices of the angels were so different that I was confused by who was speaking to me at any given time. But they came and I wrote down the material as it was given. Their stories were multi-ethnic and LGBT, about war veterans and housewives. There were many times that I dropped to my knees and asked them to stop because I didn't want to do this. I had a book to write and this energy interfered with my ability to work, but they didn't stop. And then something happened; they became a part of me. I loved their stories and along the way, I knew I had to bring this work to life.

To be honest, I went through my life savings to create the original deck, and many people told me it was crazy. But I couldn't afford to think that way. Now, when I look back, I agree that it was crazy! But when I get letters from people saying how their lives have been transformed

through using the cards... well, it's been worth it.

Can we go back to the toolkit example? What do you mean by that?

When we think about the concept of tools, we often think of a hammer and a screwdriver first. But there are so many more tools that craftspeople use.

Now, imagine that you have a spiritual tool belt and on your tool belt is meditation. That's one tool.

Every fable is a new tool to add to your tool belt. They offer you a shift in perception that will allow you to build something outside your frame of reference. But, more importantly, you will learn how to sustain it.

Remember the tall ships? When you start adding new tools to your tool belt, many things will begin to appear that in the past would never have even occurred to you as a possibility. When you *know* something exists, you can create it.

For me, the fables have brought forth a roadmap. I never knew where this was going to go. Most of us have a roadmap but we deny it because it doesn't look like what we want it to look like. I learned that in my journey of trying to be something I wasn't, I was almost prevented from becoming who I could be.

The cards help people find their authentic intention and, as a result, step up into their own greatness, whatever that looks like for them.

What is the difference between the Color Wisdom Cards and the Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards?

One word: partnership.

The *Color Wisdom Cards* came through me and because I self-published them, I managed every aspect of the cards. It became clear to me that I needed a vision that was bigger than my personal capability.

In all honesty, I wanted a collaboration and that's why I chose Watkins Publishing in the UK. While there was a bigger house here in the states that wanted the project, I felt it was more important for me to go with the person whom I felt could shepherd not only the project, but the voice of the work. Which is why, when I met Jo Lal, I knew she was the right person to work with.

In essence, I teach the cards as chakra, and so we changed the name. The deck became more compact, and my brilliant editor, Fiona, distilled the best parts of the deck into the guidebook. This would allow

people to get a clean reading and the ability to start playing with the cards more quickly. It also made the entire program more marketable overseas. We already have a French publisher lined up and I'm very excited about that. The deck will come out over there around Remembrance Day – my father was a paratrooper in WWII so this has a great deal of meaning for me.

We are currently collaborating on the Toolkit, which will include the full fables and offer a way to make the tools of the *Oracle* readily accessible in one's daily life.

Are you a psychic or a medium?

I cut and pasted a couple of descriptions below, as I am both of these:

- Claircognizant "clear knowing" - You just have a knowing about things. For many strong in this gift it feels like knowledge pours into the top of their heads. For you, you may have a "knowing" of their name.
- Clairsentient "clear feeling" - These are the feelers, the empaths. People who have this feel their angels' guidance in their bodies and in their heart.

To go back to your original question, I am actually both psychic, and the medium. I use the different modalities depending upon what I'm being called to work on. I have found it easiest to just call myself the psychic as people understand clearly and almost instantly what I do.

Was this system channeled?

I guess it was, since the angels came and spoke to me. And there are times when I've understood that channelling is channelling one entity primarily. In this case, each angel would come and tell me their story, and would not go away until I wrote down exactly what they told me. I did not understand the true value of what was being given to me at the time.

So in essence this was channelled as I was the channel they came through. It wasn't until recently that I realized why I was chosen, and it was because my mother wrote all my school papers growing up. From the time I was five until she died when I was fifteen, she told me I had no command of the language, and insisted upon my writing everything down. She would stand over me and dictate word for word, and I had to write down what she said.

I think that's why the Angels chose me, because they too wanted me to write everything down word for word and I had been uniquely trained, if you will do exactly what I was told in this regard.

I actually only learned to write after my

mother died when I was fifteen. I failed English in high school that year, and I thought this was because I didn't have command of language and had to work really hard.

I want to be clear as I tell you the story that I'm not really scarred by it, it's just a part of my history, and makes up a part of who I am.

Can the Chakra Wisdom Oracle help me become psychic? For example, can it help me know if my husband or boyfriend is cheating on me?

I don't think we actually become psychic. We all are already intuitive. One of the things the cards do is work with you to trust your intuition. This leads me to the next part: I think we already have our answers internally; what these cards do is confirm what you already know to be true.

I have noticed that people have truly heightened their intuition, and many claim to have become more psychic as they study the cards.

As far as knowing if someone is cheating on you, I think there's a deeper question there, which is only cheating myself. In my work I often talk about how the things that are painful to us are often things we are here to heal.

In addition, I also believe that we have hidden agreements with our ancestors that we are here to heal and it's a mistake to think that you're going to get rid of something that is painful. I like to work with people to change their relationship with their pain and therefore completely change what they make meaning of in their life.

At first glance the cards appear simple and perhaps may even appear to not follow the traditional conversation that people have around chakra.

These cards are more about discovering your legacy, and confirming what you know. I have found it to be very rare that people never even knew that something was amiss in the relationship.

To return to the question, most of the time people don't really want to know if someone is cheating on them because if they want to know they will usually find out. Any card deck will tell you that the more important question is "will you be willing to see it?"

Elsewhere you mentioned multigenerational healing. What is that and how does your deck fit in?


Multigenerational healing is at the crux of all my work. The tools in the cards have actually helped me to show others where

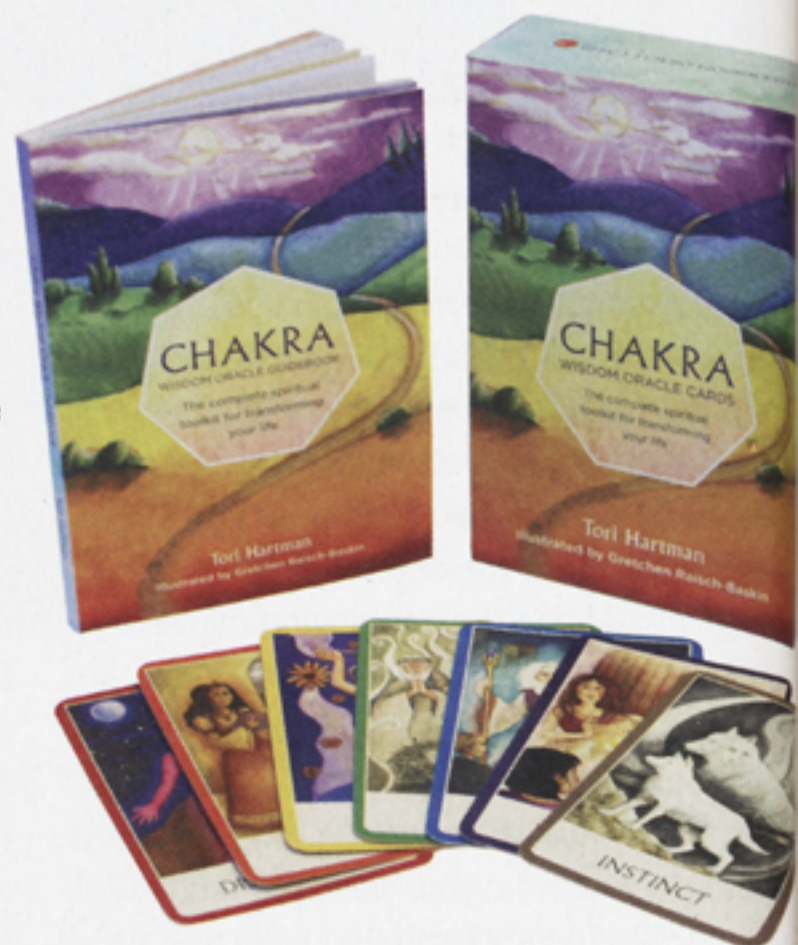
their agreements are. In my work there are ancestors that we get our agreements from, and that is why when people say they want to get rid of something I often find out with their ancestors first. If there is an agreement that you have with an ancestor to heal something, it will always trump the law of attraction, so you have to work with that first.

If you have an ancestor who is in pain over others cheating on them, you may continually find that you date and marry cheaters to prove that you could leave the relationship they never could.

Like the Chakra Wisdom Oracle cards that came to me over 30 years ago now this work is developing on its own. In some ways, I feel like I have been the shepherd for the wisdom of these cards.

Every step along the way from my first meeting with Jo Lal (Publisher at Watkins Publishing) about changing the cards to be chakra instead of colour, and following where the project has led me is all part of this evolutionary process.

I've only followed the next intended thing along the way, and I've watched people's lives change miraculously through multigenerational healing. I discovered it through the cards and still work with it through the cards. However it is a very advanced concept and not everyone will be able to get it right away. 



Find out more

Chakra Wisdom Oracle (Watkins Publishing, £14.99) is out now. Visit www.torihartman.com for more on Tori's work.