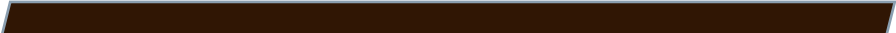



Transformation Oracle Element Exploration


The Transformation Oracle cards system is based on the four foundational elements of our Universe - Earth, Air, Fire, and Water - and the qualities, attributes, properties, and roles of these elements in our transformation as human and spiritual beings. Each card falls into one of these four categories of primary elements, and the primary element is critical in the interpretation of a reading.



The idea to explore interpreting and applying any "secondary" elements present came about as a means to deepen my Transformation Oracle readings. It may be useful for the reader to seek more clarity around the interpretation of a card by considering the presence of one or more secondary elements, shedding light on the position of the card location in a spread and transformational state of the seeker.



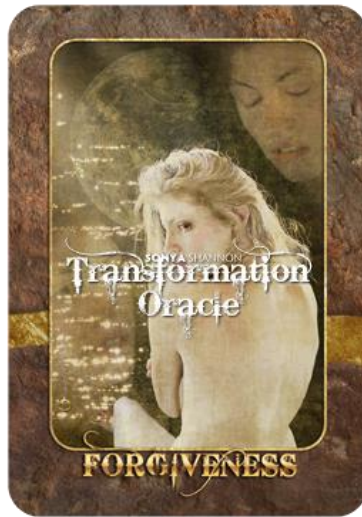
The use of the element exploration tool can be applied to any spread. The only exception is the Element Balancing spread which relies on the primary element of each card. I humbly offer to the reader this tool to provide deeper insights into the Transformation Oracle deck. Examples of how the secondary elements may be invoked can be found on the next two pages, followed by an analysis for each of the 44 cards in the Transformation Oracle deck.



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Primary: Earth

Secondary: Water

The primary element of the Forgiveness card is **Earth**. Forgiveness is such a humbling experience, and who is the hardest to forgive but ourselves, and the planet Earth in the background reminds us of this. The forgiveness card has one secondary element, **Water**. Water in the form of tears can wash away the resentment and pain of feeling wronged. To truly forgive, we must know in our heart, which is an attribute of the Water element, that we are all One.



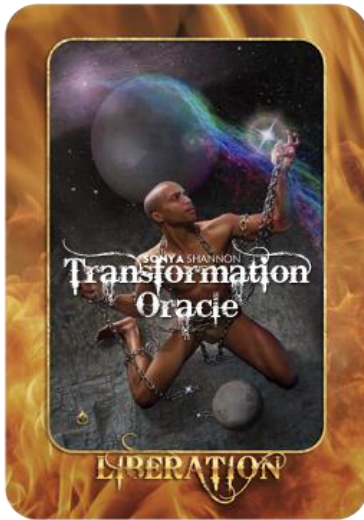
Primary: Air

Secondary: Fire

Secondary: Earth

Secondary: Water

The primary element of the Ascent card is Air. Standing atop an amethyst mountain, we can rise above negativity of ourselves and others (**Air**) and move into our higher chakras; this upward movement is characteristic of Air. Amethyst is part of the **Earth** and helps to clear negativity; amethyst is also widely treasured for healing physical and emotional ailments (Earth) and to balance the chakras. A smoldering **Fire** in the background rises to meet **Water**, forming a rainbow of possibilities.

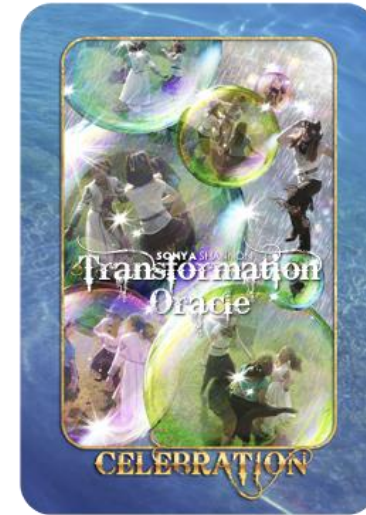


Primary: Fire

Secondary: Earth

Secondary: Air

Fire is the primary element of the Liberation card, because breaking free of whatever has been binding us is a necessary part of the soul's journey. At the moment of liberation, a distant star comes into alignment. A secondary element is the grounding energy of **Earth**, displayed by this man humbly kneeling on the ground as he is freed of his chains of bondage. The **Air** element is also implied here because those shackles are our mind's limiting beliefs - beliefs about ourselves that are not grounded in the Truth of who we really are.



Primary: Water

Secondary: Earth

Secondary: Air

Secondary: Fire

Also known as "the Dancing Water" card, Celebration is a **Water** card because when we celebrate, our hearts are filled with love and joy. This card has a strong **Earth** presence with the earth-shaped spheres filled with multi-cultured women celebrating around the world. The clear spheres suggest the lightness, like bubbles of **Air**, of the festive time. The star-like reflections mirror the **Fire** of the sun, because each one of us is a spark of the Divine. This is the time to be in community and in communion with all elements!

SONYA SHANNON
Transformation Oracle
CONTEMPLATION

Earth

Air Fire

This kneeling girl in meditation is very grounded in the landscape of the **Earth**, and her shape even reflects the shape of the pyramid. Contemplation and meditation is the quieting of the mind (**Air**) so we can hear the voice of Spirit, as represented by the smoke (**Fire**) of the burning incense.

Phase: Quietude

SONYA SHANNON
Transformation Oracle
REST

Earth

Water

Sometimes we just need to give our bodies (**Earth**) a break, stop pushing so hard, and take care of ourselves. **Water** in the frozen state of winter is also telling us that this break before Spring is a necessary time to love ourselves and truly heal our hearts.

Phase: Quietude

SONYA SHANNON
Transformation Oracle
JOURNEY

Earth

Air Water

The **Earth** journey into new territory, literally or figuratively, means we will go beyond our comfort zone. The blue sky and clouds of **Air** mean that we may have new experiences, cultures or ideas. The **Water** present on the globe is a reminder to pay attention to our feelings and intuition as we proceed on this journey.

Phase: Beginning

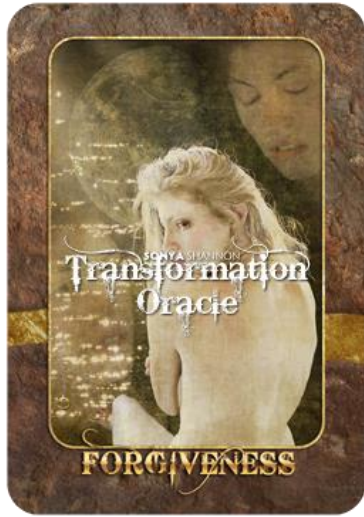
SONYA SHANNON
Transformation Oracle
SIMPLICITY

Earth

Air

This **Earth** card expresses the freedom and lightness of leaving our emotional and physical baggage behind allows us to enter the portal of our higher self. Simplifying our life is a choice we make, a decision that requires vigilance and discipline, all aspects of the mind. The **Air** element depicted as the Narrow Gate to our higher self.

Phase: Decline



Earth

Water

Forgiveness is a humbling experience, and thus the primary presence of the **Earth** element, also shown as the planet Earth in the background. **Water** in the form of tears will wash away resentment and pain. To truly forgive, we must know in our hearts, also symbolized by Water, that we are all One.

Phase: Refinement



Earth

Air

Fire

Water

While this card is an **Earth** card, the Universe is also **Air**, **Fire** and **Water**. All four elements are essential as we return to who we really are and rework the sum of our experiences into how we show up in the world. This reclamation is demonstrated by the crocheting the Fire of a star, the Air of the cosmic atmosphere, the Earth, and Water into one beautiful patchwork.

Phase: Refinement



Earth

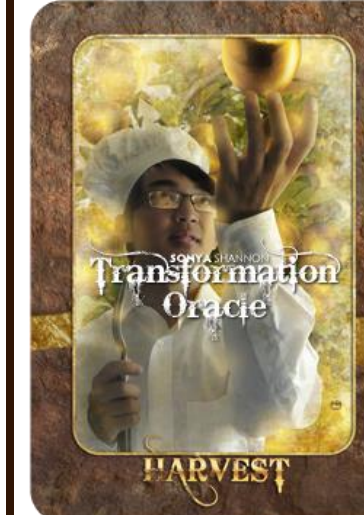
Air

Fire

Water

This duality **Earth** card shows us that giving and receiving are the same - in giving to others, we receive the gifts of the Universe. This notion implies the presence of **Fire**, **Water** and **Air**, since in addition to material gifts, we have in life many opportunities to be generous in spirit, in our hearts, and in our minds through non-judgement and open-mindedness.

Phase: Maintenance



Earth

Air

In harvesting, we finally enjoy the abundance of the fruits of our labor, a strong **Earth** element. **Air** also plays a role here, as we must use the mind to decide the best harvesting time and develop a plan for our reward.

Phase: Ending

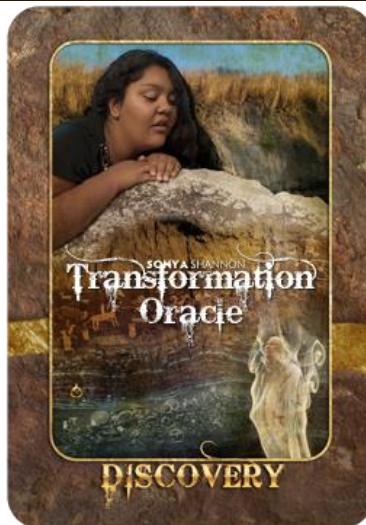


Earth

Fire

This ending card shows Nyx, the Queen of Night, drawing a veil of darkness over the **Earth**, bringing closure. This duality cards begs us to ask if we are still hanging on to that old connection. A star burns out (**Fire**) and falls to the Earth, so perhaps it is time to let go.

Phase: Ending

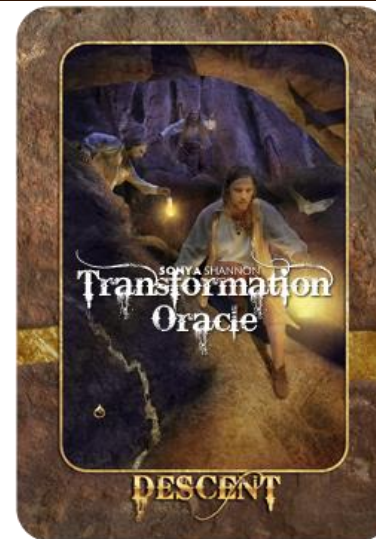


Earth

Water

The discovery process un**E**arths parts of our deeper selves, our ancestry, and our history. This process forever changes our identity and who we think we are. The element of **Water** is present in the river of fossils storing cosmic events. The Native American grandfather spirit, a symbol of Fire, calls the girl to step into the metaphysical world.

Phase: Growth



Earth

Fire

Descent is the second **Earth** card following Journey, because we must lose something in order to grow. However the **Fire** of Spirit is lighting this buccaneer's way on his path to find the spiritual gold, but we must do the work!

Phase: Decline



Air

Earth

Fire

Water

Just when we think we've got it all figured out, the Trickster comes along and up-ends everything! When the Trickster shows up, all we can really do is laugh and start again. The five golden Platonic Solids providing everything we need to create: tetrahedron (**Fire**), Cube (**Earth**), Octahedron (**Air**), Icosahedron (**Water**), Dodecahedron (**God**)

Phase: Beginning

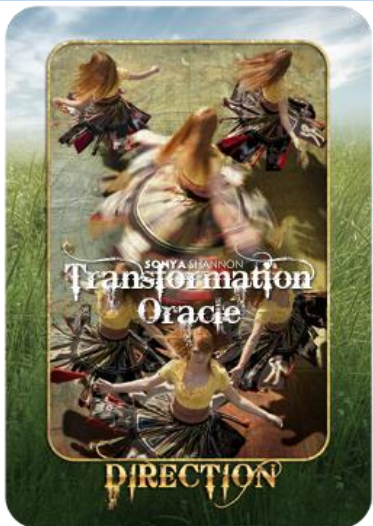


Air

Water

Sound travels through **Air**, and we must tune into the sacred sounds of the Universe to hear Spirit's important messages. The sound waves of the Tibetan singing bowl resemble ripples of **Water** and activate the heart to open and receive.

Phase: Refinement



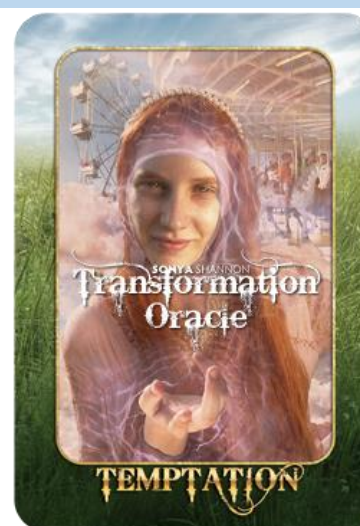
Air

Earth

Water

The mind is what keeps us from making a decision, demonstrating the primary element of **Air** in this card. Here we see a girl spinning around on a map of the **Earth**, unable to find direction. To make a commitment, and to live our lives deeply, we must drop out of our head and take that long journey into our hearts of **Water**.

Phase: Stasis



Air

Earth

Water

The card is often a warning to slow down and come to a neutral mind (**Air**) in situations which tempt us to jump in head first. The elements of **Water** and **Earth** are implied here because often these temptations are matters of the heart or get-rich-quick schemes.

Phase: Beginning

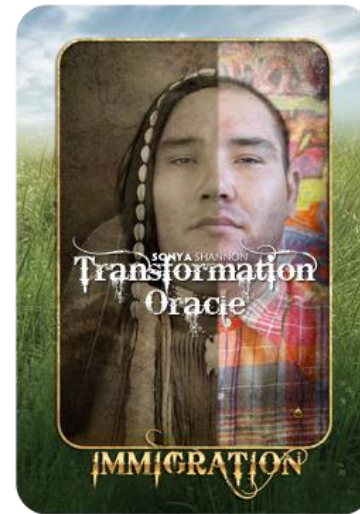


Air

Fire

This duality **Air** card distinguishes the two aspects of Knowledge: the theoretical, shown as the forms on Mercury, and the practical, with Saturn, the planet of limitations, emphasizing the need to put knowledge into practice. One side of Mercury always faces the sun, and here we see the **Fire** of the sun reflecting in Mercury and igniting the quest for knowledge.

Phase: Growth



Air

Earth

This is a strong **Air** card suggesting we reframe our thoughts and open our minds. In doing so, we may then cross over - or immigrate - to another culture or appreciate another's opinion. The duality of this card helps us to understand the past and present vs imagine the future or unknown. The **Earth** element is found in the world that we come from and the boundaries of the world we cross over and into.

Phase: Refinement



Air

Fire

Water

While **Air** is the primary element in the duality card, **Fire** and **Water**, shown as the fiery chessboard and rushing stream below, play an important role. Using the mind to analyze and plan is a major aspect of strategy, but we must also check in with our Heart, which knows our Truth and can tell us if the strategy is on our spiritual path and for our highest good.

Phase: Growth



Air

Fire

This **Air** card depicts a crystalline structure of portraits of a little girl and a woman, reflecting out of a mirror. The mirror is the celestial mirror, reflecting the spirit - or **Fire** - and divinity of every being.

Phase: Refinement



Air

Earth

Fire

Water

Standing atop an amethyst mountain, we can rise above negativity of ourselves and others (**Air**) and move into our higher chakras. A part of the Earth, amethyst helps to clear negativity, to heal physical and emotional ailments, and to balance the chakras. A smoldering **Fire** in the background rises to meet **Water**, forming a rainbow of possibilities.

Phase: Refinement



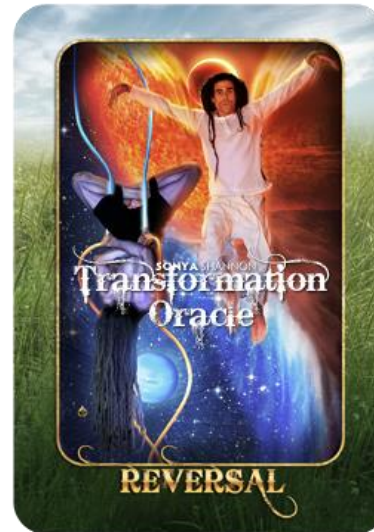
Air

Earth

Fire

This **Air** card has elements of **Earth** and **Fire**. The Aurora Borealis is the result of gaseous particles in the Earth's atmosphere colliding with charged particles released from the sun's atmosphere. Here Joan of Arc is raising her flaming Sword of Truth.

Phase: Refinement



Air

Earth

Fire

This duality Reversal **Air** card also has elements of Fire and Earth. The heat of the Sun is the **Fire** that melted the wax of Icarus's wings, causing him to fall back to **Earth**. This card often shows up when there is a sudden, unexpected change or reversal. The reversal may be a loss, but it may also be a windfall, or even a shift from the material (Earth) to spiritual (Fire)

Refinement

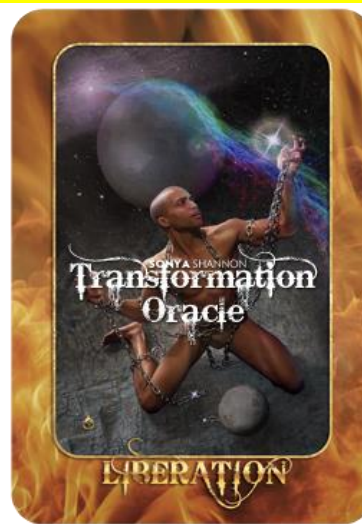


Fire

Air

Fire needs **Air** to burn, so Air is the secondary element in this card. The "Dance of Fire" card is about clearing out to make room for something new, and while Spirit plays an important role in this task, the mind must also step in to lend logic and reasoning.

Phase: Ending



Fire

Earth

Air

In addition to the **Fire** element, the Liberation card has the grounding energy of **Earth** displayed by this man humbly kneeling on the ground as he is freed of his chains of bondage. The **Air** element is also implied here because those are the shackles of limiting beliefs - beliefs about ourselves that are not grounded in the Truth of who we really are.

Phase: Growth



Fire

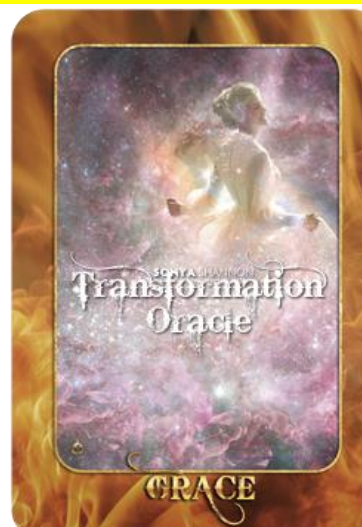
Earth

Air

Water

The Purification card contains all four elements, beautifully illustrating the transformation of the mental toxins of negative thought and obsessive thinking (**Air**) into the iridescent colors of the peacock's feathers. **Fire** is necessary to activate this process, as is staying grounded, which we witness in this woman hugging the **Earth**. The **Water** of tears also assist in purification.

Phase: Refinement



Fire

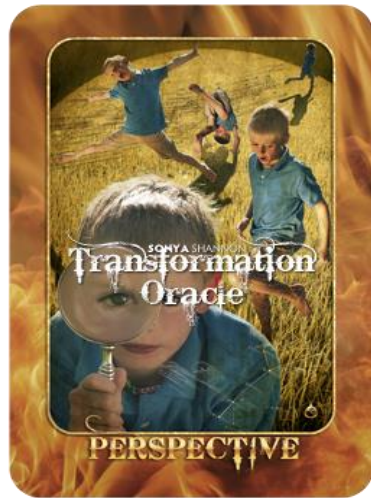
Earth

Air

Water

At first glance, the Grace card appears as pure Spirit, full of **Fire**, but all four elements are present. The woman's physical body is **Earth**. As she twirls in this dress of stars and clouds of stars swirl (**Air**) around her, her face is beaming with the knowledge of her glorious place in the Universe. The pink and blue **Water** beneath is a portal to Spirit and allows her to receive the grace of many blessings.

Phase: Maintenance



Fire

Air

The Perspective card reminds us when it is necessary to shift how we see the situations of life. The **Fire** element is needed here to activate the **Air** element so that our minds can open to other perspectives and new possibilities.

Phase: Refinement



Fire

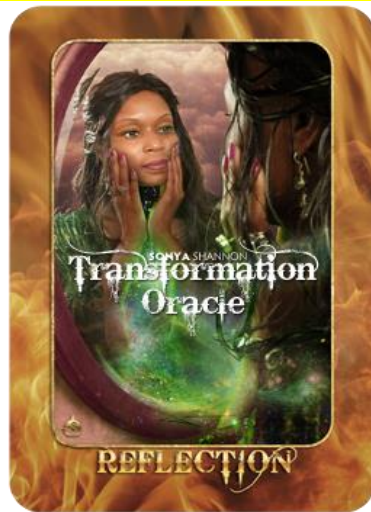
Earth

Air

Water

We've been doing the work, and with the help of **Fire**, the Universe kicks in and makes the pieces fall into place. The light of Fire shines on **Air** and **Water**, forming a rainbow to show us that anything is possible, and the presence of the **Earth** element is necessary for us to take care of ourselves during this exciting time.

Phase: Growth



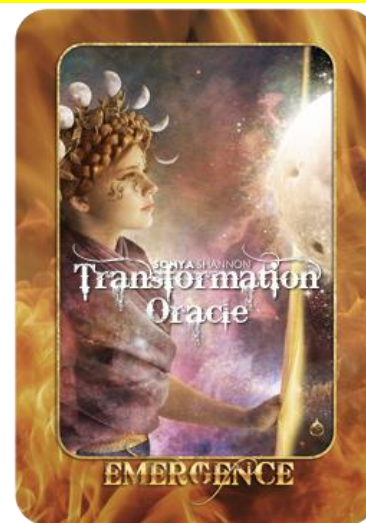
Fire

Earth

Water

When looking at our reflection in a celestial mirror (**Fire**), we may see parts of ourselves we'd rather not: our darkness, our wounds, our imperfections. It takes great humility (**Earth**) to still accept and love ourselves. Looking further, we can see the light of the Universe shining in our heart (**Water**).

Phase: Refinement



Fire

Earth

As Artemis parts the veil of illusion (Maya), she is filled with light and fire and spirit, making this card strongly **Fire**. The phases of the moon and the full moon merged with a pregnant belly hint at the element of **Earth**. Underlying is another aspect of Earth, as Artemis is emerging following a state of dormancy during which much has happened, similar to the cycles here on Earth.

Phase: Beginning



Fire

Earth

This has many symbols of **Fire**: the stream of Divine light, the swirling cosmos, and the spiral of the soul's journey. The body of the woman brings in the **Earth** element. Her action of holding a golden crucible, which then transforms this perfect light into a worldly form that serves others, again emphasizes the Earth element.

Phase: Maintenance



Fire

Earth

Air

Water

When some part of ourselves has fallen asleep, we need the action of **Fire** to wake up again. This card also has a strong element of **Earth**, symbolizing the parts of ourselves we have buried, and the colors of the rainbow (**Air** plus **Water** plus light) symbolize all the possibilities of a new beginning.

Phase: Beginning



Fire


Earth

Air

Water

This **Fire** card has a strong **Earth** element represented by the agate, a mineral of the Quartz family. The agate has a lower intensity than other stones, vibrating more slowly, but it has a stabilizing and strengthening influence. When we learn that to achieve our goals, like this Native American hunter, we must call into our mind and our heart a clear vision, we also detect the elements of **Air** and **Water**.

Phase: Growth



Sometimes we can be stuck so long that cobwebs begin to form! **Water** is the primary element of this card, because it is a painful being in this emotional place. We need **Fire** to shine a line on us, and the energy of the **Earth** to take that first step out, and **Air** to give circulation to our thought patterns.

Water

Earth

Air

Fire

Phase: Stasis



This **Water** card shows a powerful young Artemis as she steps into her power of new responsibilities and new knowledge (**Air**). The intense reflection of light off the moon in the background, and her brown cloak are reminiscent of **Fire** and **Earth**.


Water

Earth

Air

Fire

Phase: Beginning



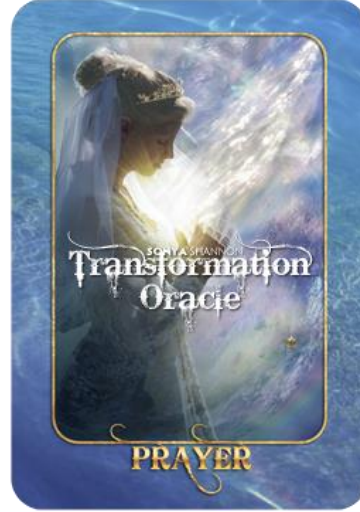
The second **Water** card in the deck, this card shows a tiny woman, symbolizing **Earth**, floating in the hands of the Divine, reminding us that Spirit, or **Fire**, will hold us up if we just relax, allow and surrender.

Water

Earth

Fire

Phase: Decline



Prayer powerfully connects the heart (**Water**) to the Divine. Here, a beautiful bride is calling in the shimmering, silvery light (**Fire**) of the Universe. This spiritual mirror reflects back to her the peace, the love and the joy of the Divine, which is what we truly are.

Water

Fire

Phase: Quietude

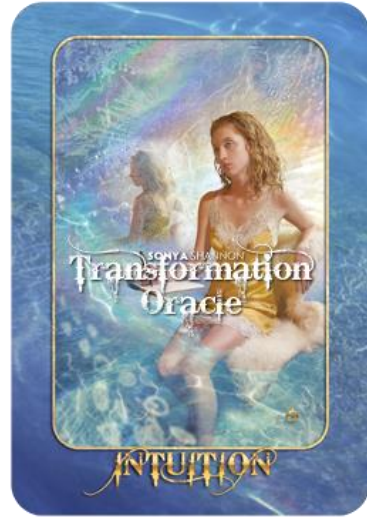


In this **Water** card, a mother is supporting her innocent baby attempting to stand. This is a metaphor for entering a new situation and needing a mentor to support us. Or sometimes the best approach is to allow ourselves to be innocent and enter with Beginner's Mind (**Air**). The **Fire** of the sun shines Divine light on the baby, blessing her innocence.

Water

Air **Fire**

Phase: Beginning




The heart knows the Truth, making **Water** the predominant element in the Intuition card. The mirror behind the girl is a celestial mirror, reflecting back to her the light or **Fire** of the Divine Truth of her inner knowing, her intuition.

Water

Fire

Phase: Quietude

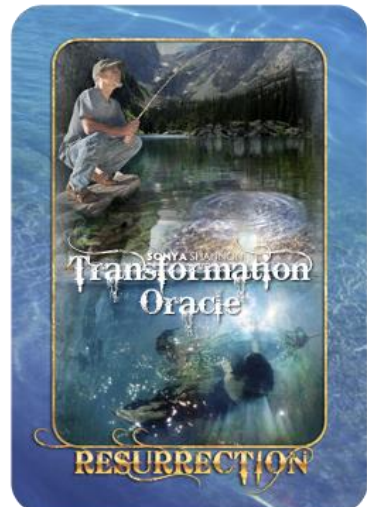


This **Water** card shows us that by expanding our hearts, we make room for new energy, and literally new life, to come in to our world. The spiral is the sacred symbol of the labyrinth, the soul's journey, which is the element of **Fire**.

Water

Fire

Phase: Growth



Earth is the secondary element in this duality **Water** card, as depicted by the man crouching on a rock in an alpine lake in the mountains. Resurrection is about beginning again something that was unfinished, whether that be a matter of the heart (**Water**) or a project or some other venture more on the physical plane (**Earth**).

Water

Earth

Phase: Beginning



Water

Earth

Air

Just a glimpse of this card makes our heart jump, so strong is the power of **Water** in the love connection. That connection may be to our higher self or to people and pets in the **Earth** plane. As this male angel carries his beloved through the upper atmosphere (**Air**) over the difficult ocean of this world, we are reminded of the importance of pure and grateful thoughts.

Phase: Maintenance



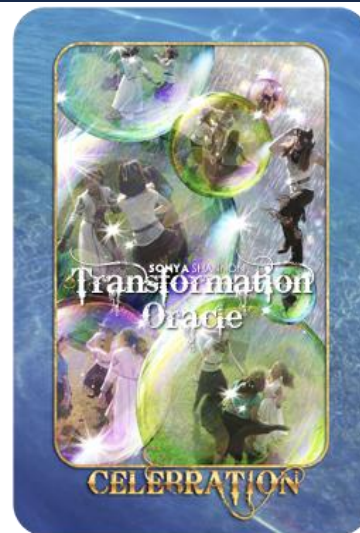
Water

Earth

Air

This deep **Water** card may appear when there is a wound, trauma, or other buried feelings, often around family, and thus the image of the little girl hugging her huge father's leg with her childhood home in the background, all **Earth** elements. **Water** in the form of tears can cleanse the heart. **Air** is present because we must shift our thought patterns to know our Truth so healing can take place on a cellular level.

Phase: Ending



Water

Earth

Air

Fire

Also known as "the Dancing Water" card, this **Water** card has a strong **Earth** presence with the earth-shaped spheres filled with multi-cultured women celebrating around the world. The clear spheres suggest the lightness, like bubbles of **Air**. The star-like reflections are the **Fire** of the sun, because each one of us is a spark of the Divine. This is the time to be in community and in communion with all elements!

Phase: Ending