



By Rachel McBride

High school graduation provides a time of emotional excitement in the lives of graduating seniors. Friendships, accomplishments, good-byes and new beginnings are all in play. One of the ways high schools offer a send off for their seniors is a high school lock-in.

From early evening until the next morning, the school creates a safe environment with entertainment, food, open gyms, as well as areas for conversations. I was delighted to be hired as a tarot reader at these functions. The students showed great pride and creativity in choosing themes for decorating common areas. The mystical areas were always gossamer with soft lights and beaded curtains. My stomach would get little tickles as I set up my cards and crystals on the tables that were dressed in tapestry.

There were typically three "mystics" providing card readings, numerology and palm readings. The graduates would begin to form a line as soon as the setting up was done. For the entire four-hour block of scheduled time, it was a constant stream of inquisitive graduates. It did not matter if they came to the tables singly or in groups of three. The

## Tarot Messages for Graduates

excitement of being in the presence of future information was palpable.

Whether the grad had a serious demeanor or was busting out in giggles, the questions were very heart-felt.

My heart melted into loving for every one of their inquiries. "Will I get married?" "Does this person love me?", "Is the college I selected a good choice?" "What am I really good at?" As an intuitive, I worked with the cards and light information to bring answers.

Since I was about two years old I have had abilities to see light and colors around people and objects. These light fields contain information that plays out in images, "movies" or knowing that just come present. People may find that intriguing, but as a child it was really just freaky for those around me. The learning curve of how I receive information has continually grown and is an asset when working with my clients.

Tarot is a physical tool for achieving information while working with the inner knowing of the person who is having a reading. Their intuition is controlling which cards they draw.

Combining my intuition with the other person's "knowing" through the cards brings out the strongest aspects of the question.

During one reading while addressing her absolute need for proof in her world, I was shown where the young lady asking a ques-

tion hid her brownies in her room. When I mentioned this, she burst out laughing with her two friends seated with her and they all pronounced this to be true.

Out of the nine schools I read at, a thread within the tarot was very prominent and that was the nine of swords. Nine being a number of initiation and change could be anticipated in a tarot reading at this occasion. However the specific draw of the nine of swords caught my attention. The nine of swords speaks to "the dark night of the soul" when personal anguish captures the very foundation of one's self. It is a frightening card to see and can evoke a sense of "Oh no!" But let's look to the deeper meaning and outcome.

Even though the nine of swords depicts deep worry and sorrow, seldom is this reflected in real time but instead it is the inner workings of the emotions trying to find a mental vocabulary. This process can be helped with talking it out or even writing what is coming forward. It does not have to make complete sense as the emotional vocabulary has a separate language from the mental. This process takes patience AND (the big key) to learn the art of "being the

observer" to these puzzle pieces. When the lesson of not naming the emotions good or bad and seen as just another piece ready to show itself in full then the darkness is lessened and courage to look inside with a sense of "Oh, I see..." can come forward. Once the initiation of growth can complete itself, lightness and joy restore one's energy to take their next step into a new beginning.

The students who made the choice to attend colleges away from home were the greatest percentage of those who drew the nine of swords.

In light of this I realized that the exuberance of youth and accomplishments can obfuscate the real fear these young people are grappling with. Perhaps all of the congratulations can be balanced with personal time to give reassurance and understanding. Even with the bulletproof energy blessed to the graduate, the uncertainty can be lovingly addressed out loud coupled with the option of listening without judgment.

Strategies to enter these conversations might include:

- Relating personal stories of moving that caused conflict within yourself.

Using emotional vocabulary

is a plus!

- Making a planned call-in day and time to hear about classes, new friends, and unforeseen troubles. The key in this step is listening without judgment. Once the call turns to "all about you" it may close future disclosures.

- Make a list of people who really do care about the student. Moving away can be lonely and re-looking at the names of people who send heart loving is a great support.

- Ask what the student what they *feel* about their choices, and again listen without judgment. Allow for this conversation about how do you *feel*, to change week by week as the thoughts and emotions grow into the new surroundings. If you don't know how to respond to their feelings just say, "I give you permission to feel that" or whatever your version of saying that may be.

- And finally express excitement for the growth and newfound courage that accompanies the next step beyond the nine of swords.

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## The Third Wave of Conscious Awareness

By Kathy Baxter

Were you one of those who anticipated, welcomed and celebrated the harmonic convergence in 1987? Then count yourself among the early way-showers of human evolution. The harmonic convergence was a demarcation in the sands of our mortal hourglass.

Time was supposed to be running out. We were to be wrapping up this game of duality and contrasts. We had been watched (and watching) for tens of thousands of years (or for the endless now moment) to see how this dance with amnesia and desire would inform our souls. Was love going to win over fear? In 1987, fear was still ahead. Amnesia had a powerful hold on us.

On the day of the harmonic convergence I was sitting in the kitchen of a dear friend. We chatted idly as our two small boys played together in the next room. My three-year old came around the corner, planted himself in front of us and said "Have you heard about the harmonic convergence? All the planets are going to line up and huge things are going to happen." Then he turned on his heel and returned to his play.

A moment of stunned silence. Then my friend said "I'd sure hate to be his second grade teacher." Neither of us had any context for processing this statement other than stunned silence. But I see now, two decades

later, that this little boy came in to be a messenger. He was telling us to pay attention, to notice, to step up to the plate.

We both did, each in our own ways, along with tens of millions of others around the planet who began to hear a different voice whispering to them. You who were the earliest bridge builders who welcomed and recognized this magnificent opportunity were joined by legions of new lightworkers-in-training.

The harmonic concordance two decades later joyfully recorded that the corner had been turned and rather than proceeding to the end-times, we were going to start to rewrite the rules of this game and continue. Suddenly the lightworkers were taking off the training wheels and introducing new modalities, writing books, channeling the ascended masters like never before. Our heads and hearts began to explode.

With this year's solstice we have entered into the third wave. We are now moving from training into action. Up to this point most of us have been able to be observers. We've been getting a first class familiarization tour for spiritual beings having a human experience. Now is when we ramp it up and start to create heaven on earth.

How? The answer is that we now must get solidly grounded in our own personal truth,

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