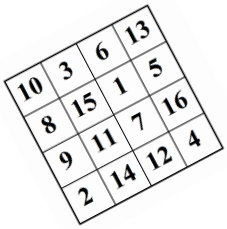
THE TABLETS OF FATE



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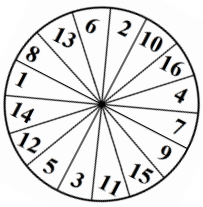

The Tablets of Fate combine the randomness of casting lots with numerology. No one knows how old they are or who devised them, but they first received widespread exposure in seventeenth century chapbooks, cheaply-made and mass-produced pamphlets on a variety of subjects for those who enjoyed reading, but couldn't afford books. The Tablets of Fate enjoyed a renewed popularity in the nineteenth century, although more as a parlor game than as a serious divination method.

Aside from these tablets, you will need a pointer, such as a pen, pencil, stylus, or the like. A third recommended piece of equipment is some kind of spinning surface, such as a lazy-susan, a record-player set to 33rpm, or a potter's wheel, in order to make your forecast more truly a matter of fate. Traditionally, a second person was required to turn the tablet three times, while the forecaster shut their eyes and concentrated on their question, then pointed at random. The problem with this approach is, depending on the person doing the turning, they may deliberately leave you with only the reversed meanings to choose from. A spinning surface eliminates the need for a possibly-biased or mischievous second person.

Wen you have chosen the tablet appropriate to your question, start the tablet spinning, then close your eyes and focus on your question. Some authorities on this method say you should trace your pointer in the air in the form of a square or circle three times before bringing the pointer down on the tablet, after which you may open your eyes. Note the number you landed on and whether the page was up right or upside-down, then find your answer on the answer-key page.

Consulting the Tablet of the Sphinx must come first, as that tablet tells you if now is a good time to ask. The Sphinx, Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Jupiter tablets are traditional tablets. All others are tablets of my own devising.

TABLET OF THE SPHINX

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THE FIRST TABLET TO BE CONSULTED, BECAUSE IT TELLS YOU WHETHER NOW IS A PROPITIOUS TIME TO ASK, AND WHETHER THE OTHER TABLETS WILL GIVE YOU TRUE ANSWERS

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TABLET OF THE SPHINX

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. Now is the time to test your fate.	1. Today is not the time.
2. Tomorrow will be preferable.	2. Yes, straight away.
3. Thursday is the best day.	3. Try any day *but* Thursday.
4. You are too impatient.	4. Leave it as it is.
5. Try on Sunday.	5. Not on Sunday.
6. Lose no time.	6. Wait exactly one week.
7. The answers are waiting.	7. Do not even try.
8. Try on Tuesday.	8. Not until next week.
9. Try on the day on which you were born.	9. Soon, if you do not lose your temper.
10. Saturday is preferable.	10. *No* Saturday is suitable.
11. There is nothing to say.	11. Secrets await you.
12. Monday will be an auspicious day to ask.	12. Monday is an *in*auspicious day to ask.
13. Only if you are ready for change.	13. First, be sure of your own mind.
14. Try on Friday.	14. Good fortune awaits you.
15. Try on Wednesday.	15. Certainly *not*.
16. Straight away.	16. Do not try at all.

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TABLET OF THE SUN

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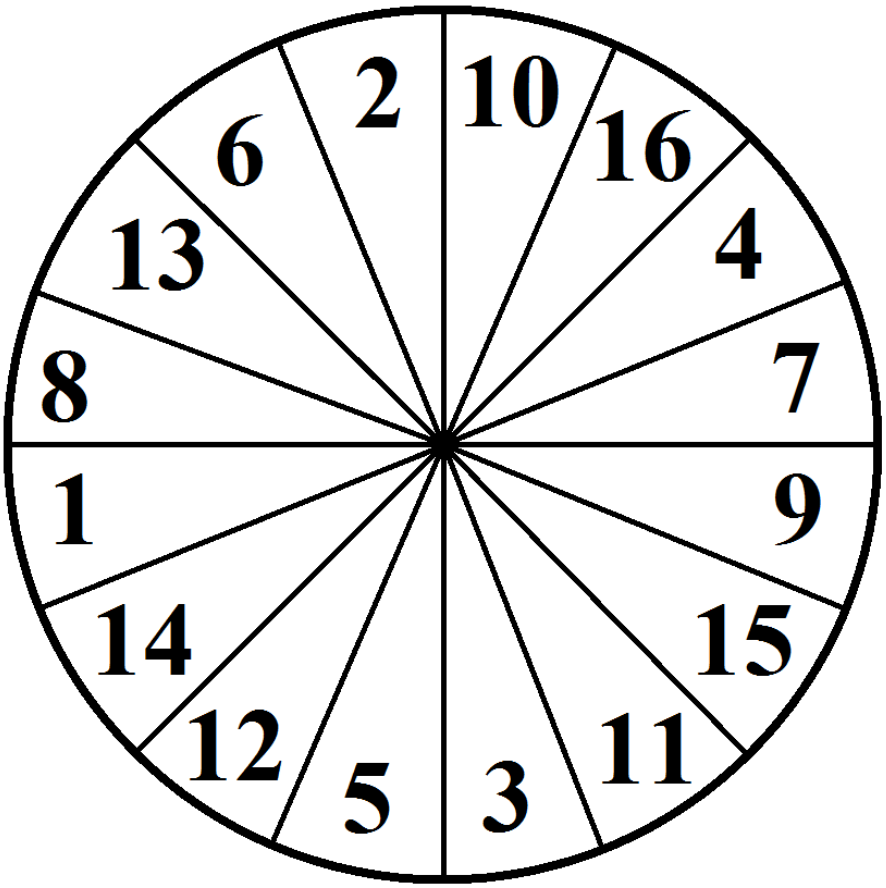
THIS TABLET ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING TIME.

TABLET OF THE SUN

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. In six months' time.	1. Wait exactly one week.
2. Never.	2. In two weeks.
3. It will soon come about.	3. Time will tell.
4. Soon.	4. Not for a long time.
5. Continue, and you will flourish.	5. Not yet.
6. In less time than you think.	6. Very gradual change.
7. This year.	7. The hundredth day of the year.
8. Yes.	8. The fifteenth day of the month.
9. There is some cause of delay.	9. In two years' time.
10. You are wrong to be impatient.	10. Never.
11. Straight away.	11. In months, rather than days.
12. Very soon.	12. Three times.
13. Find your lucky day.	13. Sooner than you imagine.
14. There is not much longer to wait.	14. Leave well alone for as long as you can.
15. It seems to have no chance of happening.	15. Highly improbable.
16. In one year's time.	16. In a while.

TABLET OF THE MOON



THIS TABLET ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS
CONCERNING YOUR HOME, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS.

TABLET OF THE MOON

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. All is well, so be patient.	1. You are your own worst enemy.
2. The fault is yours.	2. Less than ever.
3. Do not let them worry you.	3. If you can do so with a clear conscience.
4. Love will find a way.	4. There will be none.
5. It is a question of jealousy.	5. It may possibly come about.
6. You are indulging in fantasy.	6. None, if you are discreet.
7. A fair woman.	7. Sometimes, but very rarely.
8. It is most unlikely.	8. Something will occur which improves matters.
9. You will be disappointed in this matter.	9. You will do more harm than good.
10. Hasty words will be regretted.	10. Do not take any of them into your confidence.
11. Groundless suspicions.	11. Current gossip maligns you.
12. There is a marvelous friend to help.	12. The secret is at risk.
13. Be content.	13. Trust the woman who speaks her mind.
14. Your neighbor is a true friend.	14. It will soon be over.
15. You will have your wish.	15. There is no reason for doubt.
16. A removal.	16. Everything is for the best.

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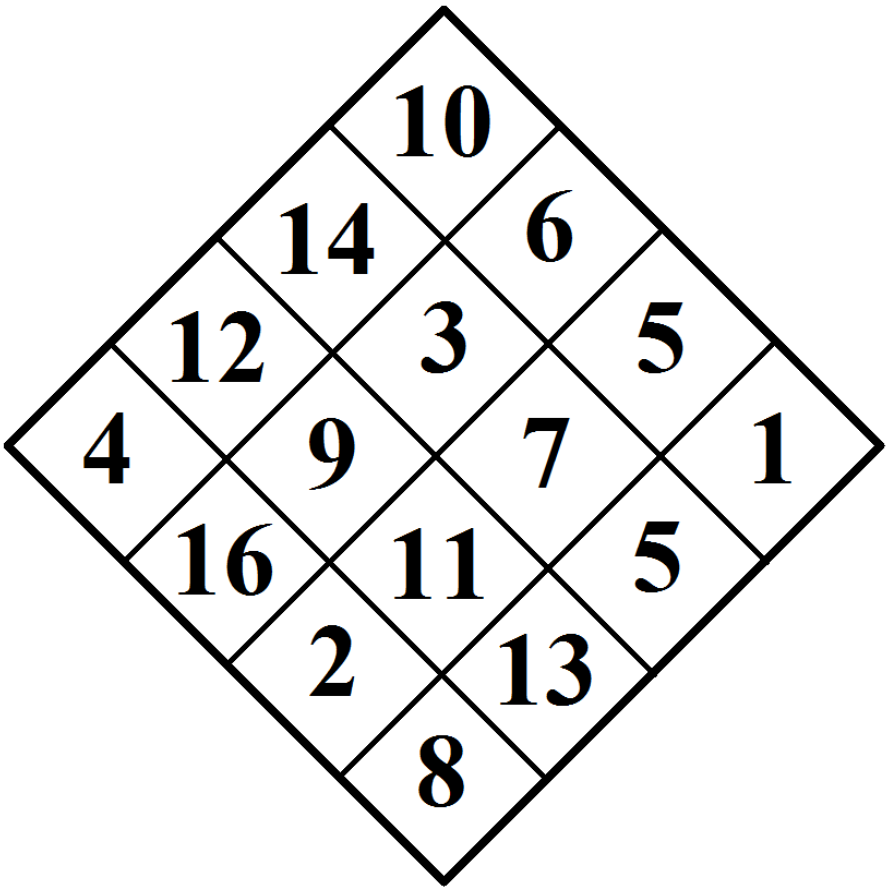
TABLET OF MERCURY



THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING TRAVEL AND JOURNEYS AND SECONDARILY, COMMUNICATIONS.

TABLET OF MERCURY

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. In a while.	1. Wants to be with you.
2. Yes, it's all for the best.	2. It is inadvisable.
3. Better to stay where you are.	3. You will decline.
4. The prospect of a long journey.	4. When you least expect it.
5. Distant thoughts are turned to you.	5. Some loss and some gain.
6. A disappointment.	6. It should not be long now.
7. Not far.	7. An enjoyable time.
8. Yes, though it is not so very important.	8. After careful thought.
9. Modern transportation has made the world shrink.	9. Very doubtful indeed.
10. It will happen very suddenly.	10. An unexpected route to happiness.
11. Definitely for the better.	11. Westward.
12. Expect many changes.	12. All will not be happiness.
13. Your hopes will be fulfilled.	13. The distance is great.
14. Wait awhile.	14. Soon.
15. All is for the best.	15. The east beckons.
16. Don't go.	16. Not yet.

TABLET OF VENUS

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THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING LOVE

TABLET OF VENUS

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. This love is true.	1. Think hard—this person disagrees with you.
2. Expect some delay.	2. Not the kind who is easily deceived.
3. Follow your own heart.	3. Flatterers are dangerous.
4. Yes, if you're sure of your own mind.	4. If you knew the truth, you'd forgive.
5. All is well.	5. Yours was a hasty judgement.
6. You will be to blame if you lose this love.	6. True love can weather misfortune.
7. You are causing unhappiness.	7. Look beyond appearances.
8. Do not let jealousy come between you.	8. A friend who loves you truly.
9. You are the only one who is loved.	9. You are too fond of amusements.
10. You are in someone's thoughts right now.	10. Beware of a flirt.
11. A passing cloud.	11. A misunderstanding on both sides.
12. Someone has had a change of mind.	12. Evil tongues, evil minds.
13. Yes, but not the one you are thinking of.	13. You should not act hastily.
14. What reason is there for doubt?	14. It was an infatuation—forget it.
15. Remember what was said as you parted.	15. There is no reason to be jealous.
16. It is true love.	16. Be sensible before it is too late.

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TABLET OF MARS

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THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING WORK, BUSINESS, ACTION, OR MONEY.

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TABLET OF MARS

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. Many changes.	1. Friends are more valuable than money.
2. New work.	2. It will be very expensive.
3. It's up to you.	3. There is high risk.
4. Happiness is preferable to wealth.	4. Do not rely on it.
5. The bad times will soon be over.	5. There is the prospect of wealth.
6. A big surprise.	6. Be ready to take some blame.
7. Think hard before giving your consent.	7. Look at it from a different angle.
8. Hard work is what is needed.	8. Be less selfish and more considerate of others.
9. Prove that you can be trusted.	9. If you persevere, no one can rob you of success.
10. Be very careful.	10. Turn back.
11. Expect problems ahead.	11. Take the counsel of your second thoughts.
12. Your worries will soon be over.	12. Exactly what you deserve.
13. Expect good luck.	13. Money.
14. Be bold.	14. It will be an improvement.
15. All is well.	15. You will gain by an accident.
16. Have patience.	16. Be brave.

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TABLET OF JUPITER

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THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING DOUBTS, WORRIES, LEGAL PROBLEMS & JUSTICE.

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TABLET OF JUPITER

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. You have been misjudged.	1. Your judgment was hasty.
2. The truth will come out.	2. You will not play a major part.
3. Your judgement was much too hasty.	3. You could not escape this trouble.
4. This cloud will pass.	4. Things will soon improve.
5. You are in the wrong.	5. Be brave, you have done no wrong.
6. You are most certainly right.	6. This is an injustice.
7. Learn from your own experience.	7. Take care.
8. You already know the truth.	8. There is no danger.
9. No one can answer the question for you.	9. Justice will triumph in the end.
10. There will be little delay.	10. Do not be afraid without reason.
11. Try once more.	11. Speak out boldly.
12. Do not be afraid.	12. No, which is a good thing.
13. Yes, and right will prevail.	13. You are not in error.
14. Things are not as black as you think.	14. Make your plans slowly and carefully.
15. It is a foolish scandal.	15. Do not be anxious.
16. You were in the wrong.	16. Everything will come right in the end.

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TABLET OF SATURN

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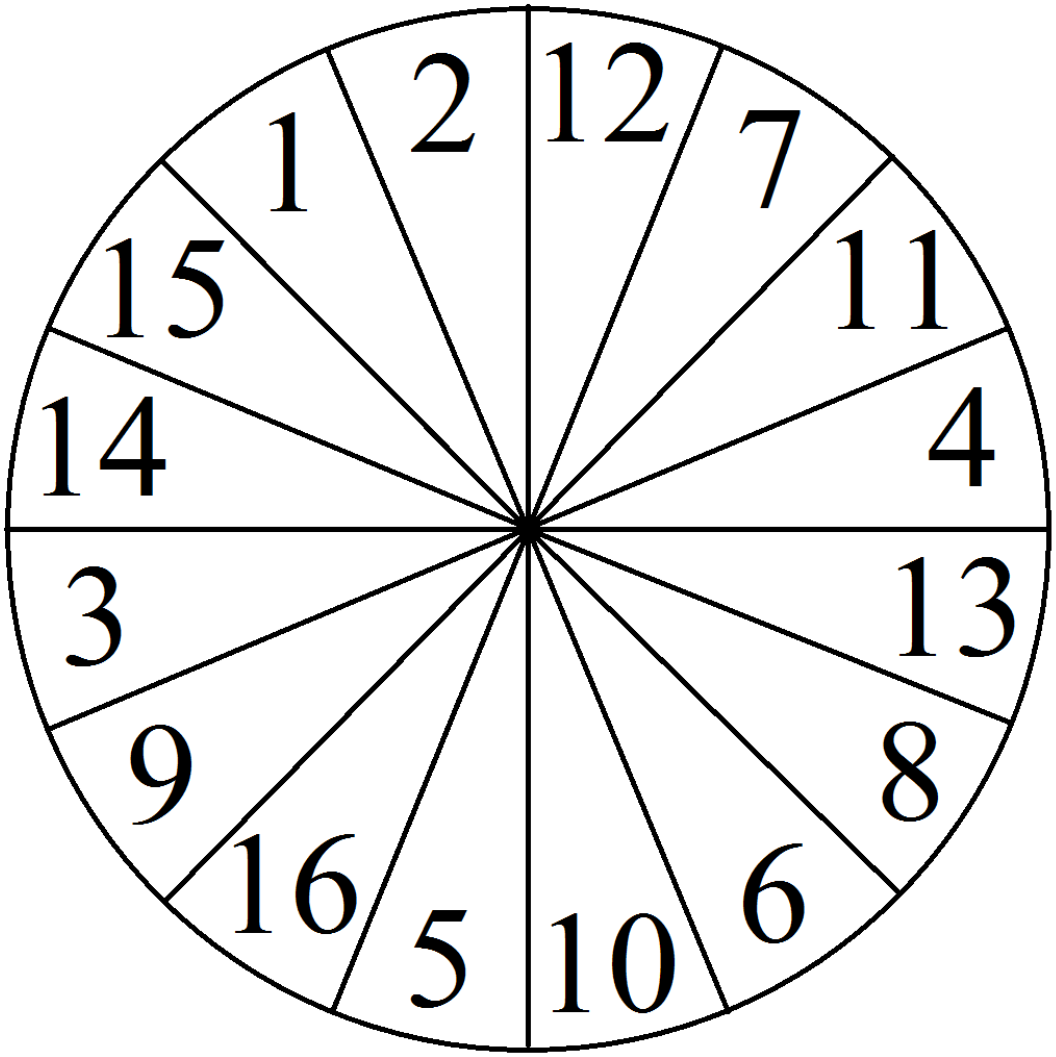
THIS TABLET CONCERNS RESPONSIBILITIES, BURDENS, HARD LESSONS, AND HARSH REALITIES

TABLET OF SATURN

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. Think of yourself now. Its all up to you. If it's going to happen, YOU must do it.	1. You are being selfish. Think of others first.
2. Be receptive to what others ask of you.	2. You may receive something you don't want, and are not in a position to refuse it.
3. You must create something new in order to deal with this problem.	3. Pleasant pastimes can wait. Get to work!
4. You need to bring order, structure and organization to this situation.	4. Inflexibility keeps you in this situation.
5. Freedom from this burden, restriction or punishment is coming; be prepared for change.	5. Poor exercise of freedom; now you must pay the price.
6. Home & family matters demand your attention.	6. Disconnection from those you care about, either willingly or un-willingly.
7. Hard study & reflection is called for now.	7. Isolation can lead to over-thinking, which can be it's own punishment.
8. Success brings fresh responsibilities with it.	8. Misuse of power and resources bring harsh consequences in response.
9. You are carrying the weight of the world, with no end in sight. You must be strong.	9. You will soon be relieved of a great burden by another, a caring individual.
10. Good fortune must be shared.	10. A power-crazy, fanatical leader brings great restriction to their followers.
11. Others are relying on your strength now. Be a light and a shelter for them.	11. Treachery, deceit, or messianic belief causes trouble or burdens for you.
12. A legally-binding decision creates an unpleasant reality for you. Learn to live with it.	12. You may have to be sacrificed in some way for the greater good. Bear it with dignity.
13. A misfortune, loss or sorrow.	13. A revolt or revolution brings you unexpected trouble, disaster, or burdens in in its wake.
14. A financial obligation burdens you. Act with caution and prudence.	14. Natural disaster brings change and a big clean-up job in its wake.
15. You cannot begin any new projects now.	15. Dabble not in the dark arts, or you will pay. Someone new could bring you either trouble or another responsibility for you to deal with.
16. A catastrophic tragedy brings you sorrow & possibly also new burdens & responsibilities. Endure it with grace and courage~you never know who you're inspiring!	16. The defeat of your plans. Clean up, pick up the pieces, and pick a new dream.

TABLET OF NEPTUNE



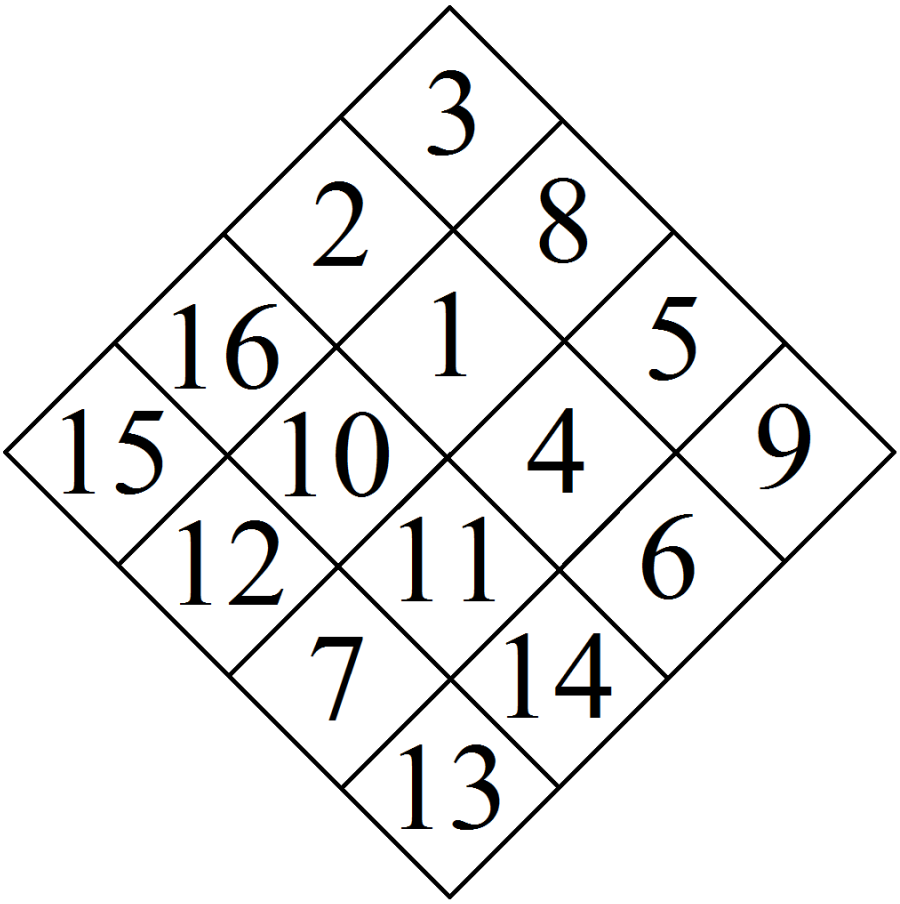
THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING DREAMS, VISIONS, INTUITION, AND PSYCHIC ABILITY.

TABLE OF NEPTUNE

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. Something is beginning.	1. A position of leadership.
2. An important relationship is coming	2. A strong receiver of impressions.
3. A circle of like-minded others.	3. Creativity and Sensitivity go together.
4. You join forces with some established institution.	4. The round peg in the square hole.
5. Greater freedom, exciting times ahead.	5. What you've Seen frightens you.
6. Love and domestic harmony.	6. Your talent sometimes makes you feel disconnected from others.
7. Study and practice to strengthen your natural gifts.	7. Science and logic at odds with what you Know.
8. Your dream/vision/talent could mean worldly success.	8. Your dream/vision/talent brings greed.
9. Use your gifts for humanitarian purposes.	9. Your dream/vision/talent is a burden.
10. Your dream/vision/talent brings honor, recognition or good fortune.	10. Absolutism. Be careful about that.
11. Nurture your spirituality; it will enhance your abilities.	11. Treachery, deceit or danger.
12. An important message to come.	12. Suffering and anxiety over a decision.
13. Your dream/vision means sorrow, pain or misfortune to come.	13. Your dream/vision/ talent causes trouble and unrest for some.
14. A natural disaster or force of nature.	14. Your talent brings about movement and new combinations of people and things.
15. A mystery to solve, or an intriguing stranger. The occult is really appealing to you now.	15. Undesirable influences & people are drawn to you. Remember to psychically protect yourself.
16. An upcoming major event.	16. Your vision is disrupted by an accident; a reworking of your plans ensues.

TABLE OF URANUS



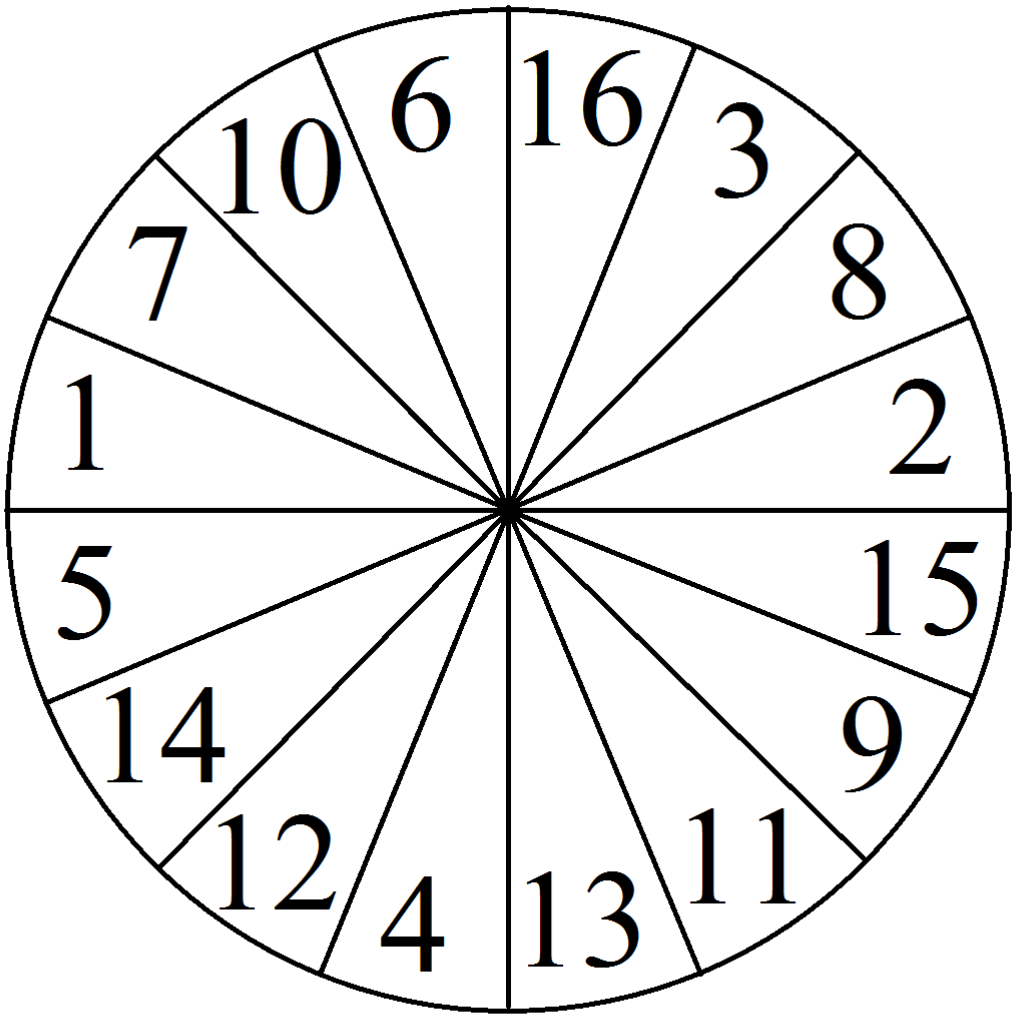
THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING
SUDDEN, RADICAL CHANGE, TECHNOLOGY
& UNUSUAL MATTERS

TABLET OF URANUS

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. Something new, different, and never seen before.	1. You are left suddenly standing alone.
2. You receive an unusual or odd gift.	2. A relationship abruptly changes or ends.
3. Some artist's bizarre creative sense captures your attention.	3. An odd new social phenomenon or sexual kink.
4. Order and structure makes the new picture shockingly clear. Adjust accordingly.	4. A government agency, a foundation, or a school suddenly opens up new possibilities for you.
5. You will gain a new measure of freedom, or an opportunity to travel, very suddenly.	5. New, life-changing technology.
6. A declaration of love or a marriage proposal comes from a direction you never anticipated.	6. A family member's sudden decision forces everyone else to change accordingly.
7. Research brings something shocking to light.	7. Monomania leads to eccentricity.
8. You gain materially from some unusual pursuit or unexpected quarter.	8. Material loss, sudden and unexpected.
9. Someone's spontaneous burst of generosity makes *you* the beneficiary.	9. Something you thought endless ends, leaving you with a new burden.
10. The Wheel of Fortune suddenly & unexpectedly turns your way.	10. Sudden, shocking misfortune.
11. Spiritual practice brings a sudden, shocking insight.	11. A powerful, charismatic figure emerges. No one is neutral about this person. They either love or hate.
12. A legally-binding decision which throws *everybody* for a loop.	12. A sacrifice which surprises all.
13. Pain and sorrow from an unexpected source.	13. A revolt or revolution. Someone's finally had it.
14. Money problems or benefits, unforeseen.	14. A natural disaster.
15. A supernatural or mysterious event.	15. An obstacle is suddenly thrown in your path.
16. A major event with a beneficial outcome.	16. A major catastrophic event with bad outcomes.

TABLET OF CHIRON



THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING
WHERE WE ARE WOUNDED,
AND WHERE HEALING LIES

TABLET OF CHIRON

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. Leadership, independence, pioneer spirit, beginnings, self-esteem.	1. Make your life and goals your number-one priority. Break free of others expectations.
2. Relationship, dependence, receptivity.	2. Relax and let things and people come to you. Learn to trust others, & Universe.
3. Creativity, communications, social life, sex.	3. Take up writing or art as a way of dealing with your pain & purging it from your life.
4. Order, structure, work, institutions.	4. Get organized, work hard, & work with institutions which will improve your life.
5. Freedom, change, travel, technology.	5. Travel & technology can expand your horizons & sense of freedom & puts your problems in perspective.
6. Home & family life, marriage.	6. Establish a new sense of home & family with people of your own choosing.
7. Study, scholarship, thought, school.	7. Study brings enlightenment, which will bring healing in its wake.
8. Business success, material gain.	8. Striving for success will assuage much.
9. Endings, humanitarianism, burdens.	9. Helping others helps you put things in perspective. An ending may bring healing.
10. Honor, recognition, good fortune.	10. Do things you do well. Luck is a skill which can be learned. Learn to draw it to you.
11. Spirituality, religion, friends.	11. Find like-minded others & a spiritual practice which resonates with your soul.
12. Decision-making bodies, judiciary, sacrifice.	12. The Serenity Prayer. Recite it daily.
13. Misfortune, sorrow, loss, ill luck.	13. What doesn't kill you makes your stronger. Bad times give good times meaning.
14. Financial problems, natural disaster.	14. Becoming a financial advisor or emergency worker can bring you healing.
15. Occult, mystery, untrustworthy people.	15. Healing may lie in occult practices, such as divination, séances, or Spiritualism.
16. A tragedy, a disaster, or the sudden overthrow of hopes, dreams and ambitions.	16. Contribute to charitable emergency services & help the beleaguered get their lives back on track. Join the search party.

TABLET OF PLUTO

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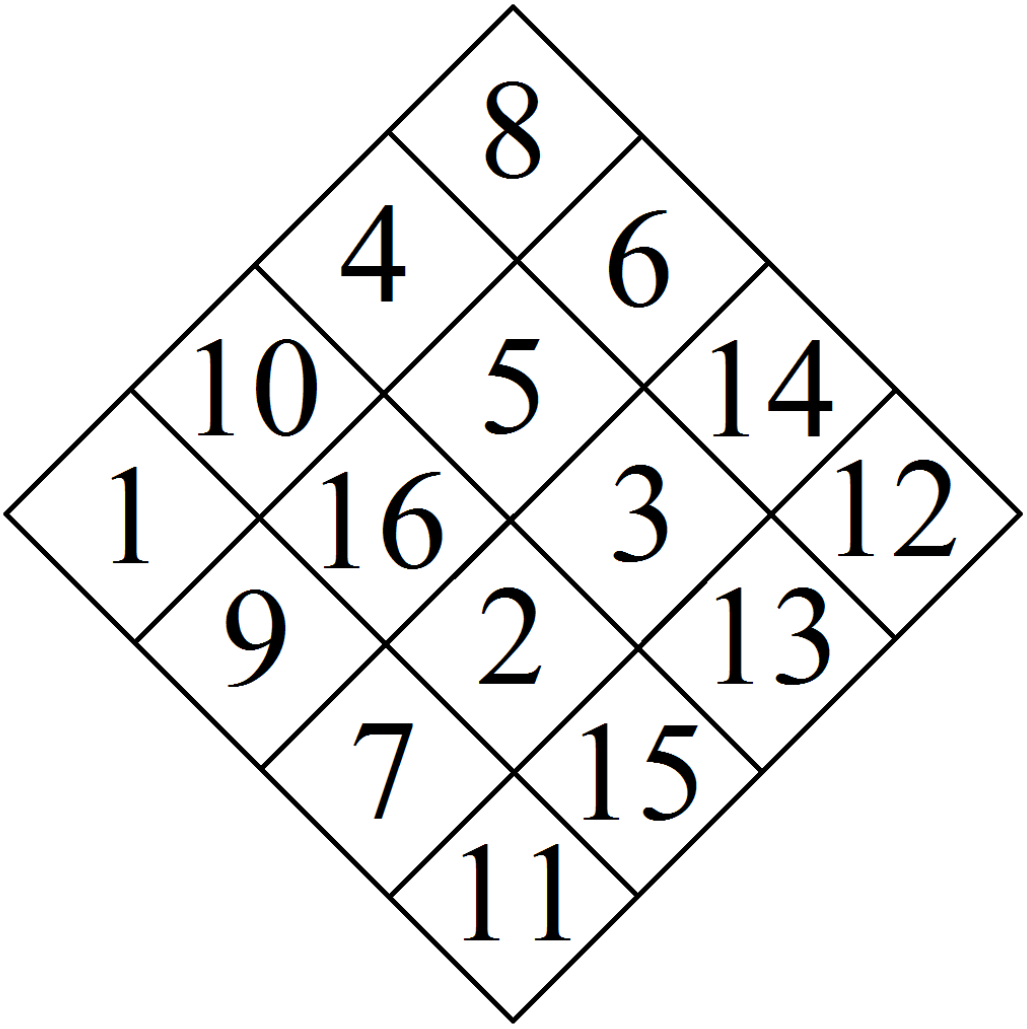
THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING SOCIETAL TRANSFORMATION, THINGS BEYOND THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONTROL, THE POTENTIAL FOR GOOD OR EVIL,& WHAT WILL BE IN THE NEWS

TABLET OF PLUTO

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. A powerful, good person draws notice.	1. A charismatic, negative personality.
2. A cooperative effort, spirit or movement.	2. Passivity in the face of a growing evil.
3. A new form of communicating or socializing.	3. Sociopaths/psychopaths/terrorists make gains, dismaying many.
4. A new institution or governmental agency. A new way of categorizing. A new kind of job emerges.	4. New restrictions are put in place. A loophole is closed. Freedom is curtailed.
5. New ways of travel; new freedom.	5. An exciting new technology changes society.
6. Greater balance, more responsibility, new emphasis on domesticity.	6. Relationship abuse & domestic violence in the news causes someone to fall from grace.
7. Education reform, new ways of educating.	7. An important research study comes out.
8. Material wealth, important new company.	8. Greed, pride, or ego leads to a downfall.
9. Humanitarian concerns come to the fore.	9. Something comes to an end.
10. Something good is beginning.	10. Something bad is beginning to take root.
11. New spiritual movement or religion.	11. A malignant cult, disliked religion or dubious spiritual practice.
12. Important judicial appointment, important legal case.	12. A controversial legal decision.
13. Tragedy & sorrow.	13. A revolt or revolution.
14. A natural disaster.	14. Bad economic news, possibly a market crash.
15. A mystery, a paranormal event, an oddity.	15. Things are stalled or quiet at the moment, but tension is building somewhere.
16. A shocking, sudden, dramatic event. The overthrow of great plans or ambitions.	16. Picking up the pieces from the destruction & building something new.

TABLET OF SEDNA



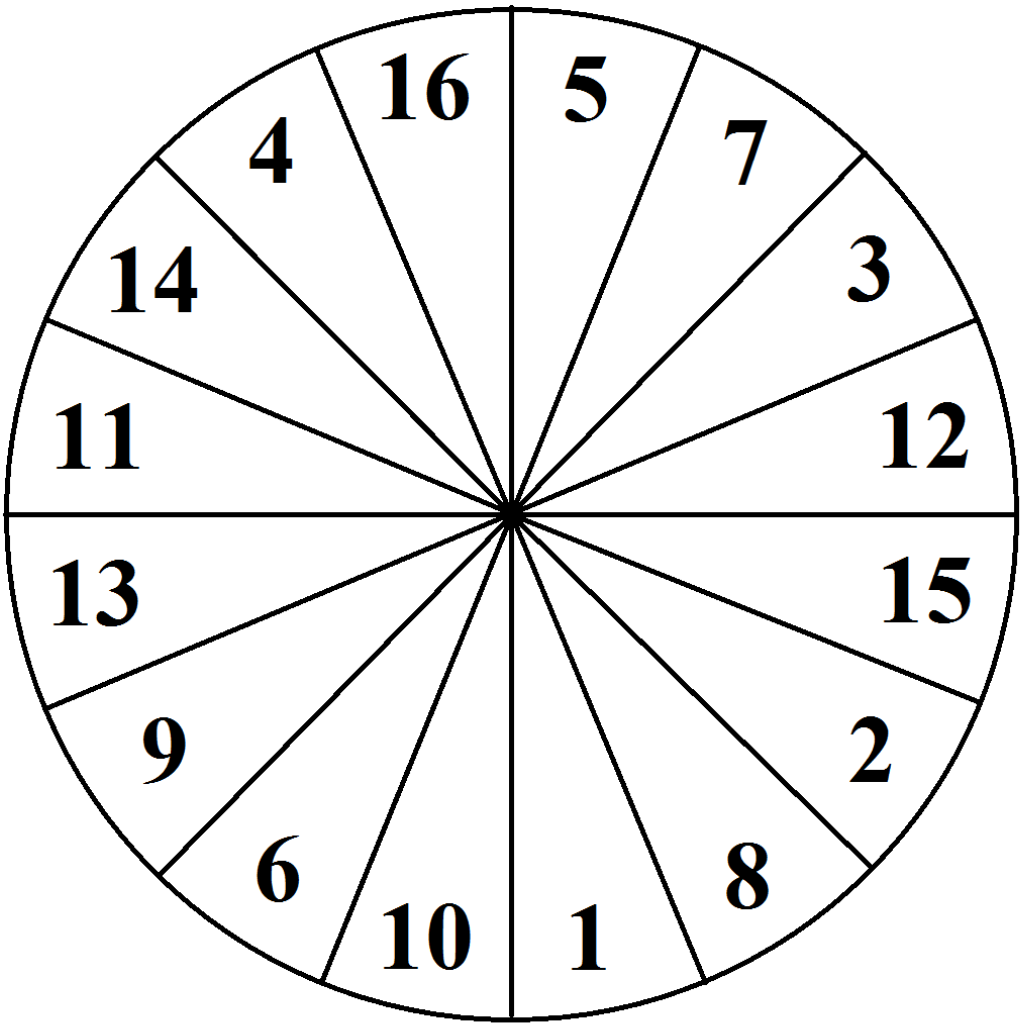
THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING ABUSE, WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER SOMEONE YOU STRONGLY SUSPECT IS BEING ABUSED. IT INDICATES WHAT VARIETY OF ABUSE IS HAPPENING, & SOMETHING ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE ABUSER.

TABLET OF SEDNA

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. The abuser is a confident leader type.	1. The victim is isolated & denied contact.
2. Relationship abuse is happening.	2. The abuser is a passive/aggressive type.
3. Social/communication abuse is happening.	3. A sociopath or a sexual abuser. Rape.
4. The abuse is taking the form of limits & structure the victim is forced to accept.	4. The victim is forced to work hard & ceaselessly, leaving them no energy to fight back or to escape their situation.
5. Fickle & unreliable; the victim never knows when the abuser will show up.	5. The victim will soon gain their freedom.
6. Domestic abuse. The abuser is hurting both their spouse & their child/children.	6. The abuser is someone who doesn't do their fair share of work around the house.
7. The abuser wields their 'superior' knowledge as their weapon of choice.	7. The victim is driven by the abuser to excel at school, & even punished for failure.
8. The abuser is a successful businessperson whose weapon of choice is withholding money.	8. Material setbacks have triggered the abuse. Someone is handling it badly.
9. The abuser abuses by threatening to leave.	9. The abuse has ended, or soon will.
10. The abuser makes frequently changes, leaving the victim feeling rootless.	10. An upcoming change will give the victim a chance to escape.
11. No abuse is happening, thank God/ Universe/FSM, though it may appear so.	11. Friends can help the suspected victim substantially.
12. The abuser resorts to the law or decision-making bodies in order to abuse.	12. The abuser is a religious or spiritual type who uses their belief system to justify it.
13. The abuser is the type who enjoys inflicting physical & emotional pain.	13. Revolutionary; this abuser has no patience for those who 'go along with the system'.
14. Wasteful of natural resources & is not eco-sensitive; this person doesn't recycle. They see their victim as an endless resource too.	14. The abuser mishandles money, & is financially-incompetent, they but won't hand it over to someone else.
15. The abuser is deceitful & mysterious in their ways, which keeps the victim guessing.	15. The victim is in a period where no abuse is happening, but that may some day change.
16. Acts of terrorism; this abuser likes to make a big impact & create great drama.	16. For the person you're inquiring about, the abuse ended, possibly in a dramatic fashion, and they are currently trying to re-build their life.

TABLET OF ERIS



THIS TABLET ANSWERS QUESTIONS CONCERNING
FROM WHAT QUARTER, & IN WHAT MANNER,
TROUBLE OR MISCHIEF MAY COME

TABLET OF ERIS

ANSWER TABLE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
1. A charismatic leader, a supremely confident person, or a rugged individualist. An inner-directed person.	1. Isolation; eccentricity; egotism; being *too* different or too apart from others.
2. A couple; married, living together, or merely going steady.	2. Passivity. Not taking action when needed.
3. A popular person, a gossip, a status-conscious person, or a manipulator.	3. A sexual predator.
4. School, bureaucracy, law enforcement, or some government agency.	4. Work, or someone at the place of work.
5. Travel, change, freedom.	5. Over-excitement, enthusiasm, passion, mania. Taking action when passivity is needed.
6. Home & family.	6. A love relationship; romance; the opposite sex.
7. A quiet, studious, scholarly person.	7. Something learned from research, eavesdropping or actual *snooping*.
8. A successful businessperson/entrepreneur.	8. Material success=jealousy magnet.
9. An ending, which brings a troubling new beginning.	9. An appeal to humanitarian impulses. A request to 'help me out here.'
10. Good fortune. The Gods like to balance things out.	10. Too much going on at once.
11. A True Believer wants to convert you, & has trouble taking 'NO' for an answer.	11. A sincere, honest, well-meaning person who doesn't *mean* to get you in trouble, really.
12. A court of law or other decision-making body.	12. A sacrifice you are asked to make. It will bring you more trouble than you know.
13. An event which causes you pain or sorrow.	13. A revolt or revolution.
14. Money. A financial expert, con artist or moocher may complicate your life.	14. A natural disaster, a force of nature.
15. A new person or a stranger. Be cautious, for they may bring trouble with them.	15. Dabbling in the occult/paranormal, or pursuing a mystery better left alone. Someone in the Spirit World may be angry with you & let you know it.
16. Your own ambitions, which may be setting you up for a great fall.	16. A catastrophic event-a terrorist attack, a drive-by shooting, an assassination, a fire, a bombing, an explosion, a plane crash, or some other sudden, shocking event.