

THE FLOATING SLIPS

The Floating Slips is one of the simplest divination methods out there, and one of the ‘chanciest.’ *All* divination methods involve a degree of chance; indeed, chance is crucial to the successful performance of divination. But the Floating Slips are especially-so. There are no cards to shuffle, no charts to erect; it’s just the slips of paper and the water.

To perform this divination method, you write a series of potential answers or possible outcomes to your question on slips of paper, numbering no more than thirteen, then you lay those slips of paper face-down at the bottom of an empty bowl. The bowl is then slowly filled with water, with an emphasis on *slowly*. The slip containing the correct answer is supposed to be the first slip which floats to the surface of the water. For this reason, you’ll want to print out the slips on rather cheap, absorbent paper. Good-quality paper will resist easy water absorption and float rather quickly.

One variation on this approach to floating slips divination is each slip is tightly rolled into a tiny scroll, then stuck in a lump of clay placed at the bottom of a bowl. The bowl is slowly filled with water, and left to sit, either overnight or for a period of a few hours. The inquirer then checks in the morning, or a few hours later, to see if any of the slips have floated to the top.

Of course, there are two possible complicating outcomes to this second approach. If you have embedded the tiny scrolls of paper too-well into the clay, none of them will come loose. Or it could be that the clay has held them so poorly, more than one slip will have floated to the surface. You then have to guess which slip was first. Then again, it could be that more than one slip constitutes the answer to your question. It will be up to your own intuition to determine which is the case.

On the following pages are some pre-formulated slips you may use for this form of divination. They cover subjects such as Action, Outcome, Love, Marriage, Children, What Am I Missing?, and Money Management. A set of blank slips, should you want to write your own, is included. Sets of numbers and letters are included for numerical or initials/acronyms questions. Another approach to this divination method is to keep a list of potential answers separate and dry, and throw only numbered slips of paper into the water, which is another reason why I included numbered slips of paper in this set. May all your fortunes be good ones!

~ *Euphonia Carstairs*

NUMBERS

1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8
9	10
11	12
13	

ACTIONS

Do nothing for now- <i>why</i> will soon become apparent.
Do nothing for now-things are at work behind the scenes in your favor.
Do not take action on your current assumptions, for they are in error.
Do nothing for now. Simply await further developments. And such developments <i>will</i> come.
Get organized, & develop both a plan of action & a back-up plan, before you make any moves.
Strike while the iron is hot. Now is a time when you can make many or big gains—if you're bold-enough.
Yes, you messed things up, but any attempt to fix it will only mess things up further. Be still & wait.
The new Old Saying applies here—fake it until you make it. Brazen this thing out. It <i>will</i> get better.
Awaiting the passage of time is the most-effective action right now. Only time can heal this situation.
Get educated, or seek further training, for only that will enable you to master this situation. Learn from this.
You'll have to do it behind the scenes or undercover. Doing it openly simply isn't possible, or advisable.
Take action as soon as possible. There is a window of opportunity here which may close, if you aren't quick.
Do what you can. Fix what is fixable. Do not trouble yourself about the rest.

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO
TO FIX, HELP, OR CORRECT THE
SITUATION?

WHAT PROVERB, OR WISE SAYING
SHOULD I MOST KEEP IN MIND FOR
MY LIFE RIGHT NOW?

Sadly no. They'll either forgive/heal/move on or they won't. You can't help matters now.	The early bird gets the worm, but it's the second mouse who gets the cheese.
If you have either erred or caused hurt, a letter of apology will certainly help matters.	Carpe Diem—Seize the Day!
Offer to compensate them for the loss. They may say no, but they'll appreciate the gesture.	Better to remain silent & have people <i>wonder</i> if you are a fool, than to open your mouth & remove all doubt.
Sometimes, a thoughtful, well-considered gift can do wonders. Now is one of those times.	Anger can be an expensive luxury.
Mow their lawn. Weed their garden. Shovel their snow. Do one of their outdoor chores.	The crisis of today is the joke of tomorrow.
Do what you can to make up for the vacancy, until someone is brought in to fill it.	Opportunity is missed by most people, because it's dressed in overalls & looks like work.
Take a good, hard look at what went wrong, then act to keep it from happening again.	You can catch more flies with honey, than with vinegar.
Establish ground rules & standards of behavior, & let the offended party know you've addressed it.	The really happy person is the one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
Just listen to them, even if what they're saying is hard to hear. It will help <i>a lot</i> , knowing they're heard.	Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.
Prayer will help best in this situation.	No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor was the reward for what he gave.
Just stay out of everybody's way now. Your presence will only aggravate them.	Anyone worth being jealous of is someone worth learning from.
Offer to help, & don't take it personally if they say no. At least, you put the offer out there.	Gaze not long into darkness, for remember that while you gaze into darkness, it gazes also back into you.
A sacrifice of something will help the situation. The other part will feel compensated.	When you were born, you cried & the world rejoiced. Live so that when you die, the <i>world</i> cries & <i>you</i> rejoice.

WHAT DON'T I KNOW? WHAT AM I
MISSING? (BEHIND-THE-SCENES)

MONEY MANAGEMENT, or
YOUR MONEY DESTINY

Someone is withholding information because they fear it would hurt you to know it.	You need to make saving money an automatic thing; surprise-expenses <i>do</i> occur.
Relationship dynamics between others are at work here; it's affecting the flow of information.	Your talents, work ethic, & good money management skills practically guarantee future prosperity.
There are people in this situation who assume you know more than you do.	Don't be afraid to consult a financial expert. Indeed, you would greatly benefit by doing so.
Someone is withholding information which they feel would be damaging to themselves.	You are destined for middling circumstances; neither very rich nor very poor.
Certain people are being either bribed—or threatened—to <i>keep quiet</i> about what they know.	Place some of your money in investment vehicles, however small. You will profit more than you know.
There are rules, regulations, or oaths you don't know about, which bind other people.	You are one of those people who, just as they get on even financial footing, will suffer another expense.
Someone's shame is a <i>powerful</i> motivator here. It informs much of their actions.	Your greatest money gains will come from earth-related products.
Something which was set in motion before you were born, & continues today.	Your greatest money gains will come from ideas you can turn into a profitable product.
Something hiding in plain sight. (And someone may be hoping you never spot it).	Your greatest money gains will come from water or fluids; sea- or chemistry-related.
Something important is coming, but those in-the-know have been told to keep quiet for now.	You will, at some point in your life, materially-gain from an inheritance (but may still have to work).
The answer is hidden in an old source—a book, a photo, a document, or video of some sort.	Put your money in solid, safe investments—bonds, T-notes, blue-chip stocks, & the like.
An ambitious person, a master manipulator, is pulling strings in secret for their advantage.	Make a monthly budget & follow it. <i>Plan</i> for prosperity, don't just expect it to happen.
Information in this situation is given out on a <i>need-to-know basis</i> —& they think you don't need to know it.	Some big, life-changing, out-of-the-blue financial development is coming—either for good or ill.

LOVE-LIFE

MARRIAGE

You are the type who will have sweethearts from early adolescence onward.	You will not marry, but live happily in a common-law arrangement for many years.
It may be that the person you love the most is not the person you will end up marrying.	You are one of those who will marry either very young, or rather late in life.
You may have one or more lovers who are into the darker aspects of sexuality.	Your life choices will not be conducive to married life. You <i>may</i> end up remaining single.
Be careful. You are the sort of person for whom love affairs can be a source of danger.	You may say now, 'no marriage for me!' but you <i>will</i> be married some day.
Your ideals of love may clash with reality, when you discover your lovers flaws.	You are one of those people who may have to marry once or twice, before you find the partner who fits you.
You may have many relationships, before you realize the right person was right under your nose.	You will marry a Jekyll & Hyde type—one sort of person <i>before</i> marriage, another sort <i>afterward</i> .
Read-up on relationships before you get into one. There are many good books out there.	Marriage is, frankly, unlucky for you. You may marry once before you realize this. But don't.
You will have few lovers, but they will be quality relationships.	You will marry only once, & live happily with this person for most of your life.
You are the type who will have more admirers than lovers. Either they're too shy, or you're particular.	You will marry at least once, possibly more, & have more than one child.
You are the sort who will enjoy love affairs more than marriage, & prefer them more.	Whether you marry once, or more than once, marriage will bring misfortune, even disgrace.
Your most-passionate love affair will be with an ideal, or some worthy cause you'll work for.	You will never marry, and be happy to be so, especially when you see your married friends' lives.
Love affairs really aren't your cup of tea. You enjoy other pastimes more.	You will marry, but there will be something unusual about your marriage or your spouse.
You will most-enjoy love affairs which lead to a binding commitment, namely marriage.	You will marry, & it will bring you untold happiness, richness, & contentment.

LETTERS (WESTERN ALPHABET)

NOTE: for questions involving just letters,
all the letters of the alphabet may be used
at one time.

A	B
C	D
E	F
G	H
I	J
K	L
M	N
O	P
Q	R
S	T
U	V
W	X
Y	Z

OUTCOMES: what result can I expect?

BLANKS: For freelance questions,
or those not covered elsewhere.

The plan will work, but it will have other, unanticipated results as a side-effect.	
Your plan will work better if you take other people into your confidence.	
Right now, the energies of the Universe are 50/50. It could go either way.	
Whatever sort of exam you are facing, you will pass it with flying colors.	
Whatever sort of exam you are facing, either failure or only partial-success is your lot.	
Though things look dubious at the start, surprisingly, it will end quite well.	
Things aren't off to a good start, & you know it. Sadly, it won't get any better & it won't end well.	
It's a big task ahead, but if those involved show dedication & perseverance, it will work out well	
And it was all so carefully planned! Sadly, Fate will throw a monkey-wrench in the works.	
The plan is complex, & has many working parts, but it will all work out & be successful.	
Mixed results are the destined outcome; partial success, partial failure.	
What looks like a sure thing won't be. What looks like a long-shot will succeed.	
An advancement or reward is likely for one or more persons involved.	

**WHAT SORT OF PERSON WILL I MARRY?
(OR LIVE WITH LONG-TERM)**

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A fastidious person, something of a 'neat freak.' Your home with them will be simple & uncluttered.	They'll be a good parent, whatever the composition of your children turns out to be.
A good cook, so watch your food intake & weight, & get regular exercise!	No particular outstanding talents or traits, but an all-around good person. Lucky you!
An outdoorsy sort of person, who will often need weekends away to pursue this interest.	Someone with a vice, or a set of vices. Careful observation will be needed here.
Someone with a good eye for interior design. Your home may be a showcase for their talents.	A good-looking person who will, at least in their younger years, attract much attention.
Someone who must travel frequently in connection with their job. Hopefully you're ok with this.	A charming & engaging, possibly-good-looking person, whom others enjoy being-around.
A high-earning individual who also genuinely enjoys what they do for a living.	Someone more likely than the average person to cheat—would you still love them anyway?
Someone who makes a sufficient quantity of money at their job, but doesn't enjoy it much.	Someone who could, at some point, be involved in criminal undertakings, possibly secretly.
Matters concerning their family of origin will continue to occupy them, though married to you.	Not attractive by conventional standards, you'll find them attractive anyway.
Someone in a line of work which carries with it a decided element of personal risk.	Someone with an unusual physical characteristic, such as two different-colored eyes.
Someone who enjoys domesticity, but can be selfish about, or controlling of, loved ones.	This person may have some variety of psychic ability, or just <i>seem</i> like they do!
Someone who enjoys entertaining at home frequently. Hopefully you do, too.	A controlling type, whose way of exerting control may or may not be apparent at first.
An industrious type who always likes to be busy doing things. They may have trouble relaxing.	A very intelligent person, possibly a scholar or scientist, in a heavily mentally-oriented field.
An aggressive person who goes after what they want. At times, this will be good; other times, bad.	The sort who deals with their insecurities by trying to make others feel insecure.

WHAT SORT OF CHILD,
OR CHILDREN, WILL I HAVE?

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More girls than boys.	A fundamentally good child, but occasionally devious.
More boys than girls.	One child will need more careful nurturing than the others.
Only boys.	At least one child with great verbal &/or writing talent.
Only girls.	A child of excellent natural character, who will make you very proud some day.
Physically healthy & good-looking children.	You will adopt. Don't be surprised if you have a natural-born child or two afterward.
One child will have some sort of disability.	You will not have any children.
At least one child with a genius-level I.Q., & a talent for STEM subjects	You will have the sort of children who will sometimes make you wish you were childless.
One or more very sociable children, who will make your house a gathering place.	At least one child with ADHD. Good luck with that, & may the Force be with you.
One or more athletically-talented children.	One child will be more driven & accomplished than the rest. Let the others know they count too.
One or more children talented in the creative arts.	You will be blessed with children who honestly love & care about each other.
One child will come into this world more gifted than their siblings. Try to encourage the less-gifted.	One child will be the type who can lead their siblings into trouble. Be watchful for this.
One or more children talented in the performing arts.	At least one child who will demonstrate their proficiency in their eventual career from early on.
If you're not careful, one of your kids will have the potential to be a criminal mastermind.	At least one child who will shock you some day. This could be either a good or bad shock

CAREER -What Line of Work
Should I Focus on?

Messages From the Dead

What do they have to say to me?

What do I need to hear?

Something connected with the earth is best for you—anything from mineralogist to construction.	You're loved. That's it. That's all you need to know, & all we have to say.
Some sort of service occupation, where you are assisting or serving people in some way.	Stop beating yourself up about my death. I died the way I was supposed to. You didn't fail me.
Beautician is the job for you. Any line of work where you are helping people improve their looks.	I'm sorry about the way we left things. Now that I'm dead, I'm seeing things differently.
Teaching. You should be teaching in some capacity, or at least, a teacher's assistant.	While you're alive, <i>live</i> . Don't put your life on hold, just because I'm no longer there.
A courier, or some line of work where you are traveling. Staying in one place is not for you.	Though I have my doubts about some of your decisions, I know it's <i>your</i> life to live.
Some field where you are working with animals, or with nature directly, such as a park ranger.	I'm with you more than you know.
The sciences are where you'll shine. Some job having to do with science is for you.	I know you wanted to be there when I died, but don't continue regretting that you weren't.
You should work in the field of medicine, anywhere from an M.D. to a nurses assistant.	That person I wasn't on good terms with when I died? Do something nice for them for me, would you?
Finance; anything from banker or stockbroker to bank teller is for you.	Nobody on this side asked about my religion when I transitioned. Or my job. Just saying.
Engineering. A job in the engineering field is for you.	I've met more relatives here than I thought possible. They're good people.
Office work. Secretary, clerk, office manager, human resources or the like is for you.	I hid it, because I thought I'd be back for it. Sorry. I'll try to give you the 'nudge' when you're close.
Retail is for you, whether it's shelf stocker, check-out clerk, sales associate, or store manager.	You're doing <i>fine</i> without me. I have faith in you.
A career in the military, or a para-military organization would suit you.	Think of me gently sometimes. Remember the good; forget (& please forgive) the bad.

WHO TOOK IT?
WHO HAS IT?

WHOM SHOULD I APPROACH
FOR HELP IN THIS MATTER?

A parent, or parent-substitute, & they believe they did it for your own good.	A parent, or parent-substitute.
A random passerby or homeless person found it & kept it.	The person who always seems to know what's going on around here.
It is in the possession of a teacher.	A teacher or an expert on the subject.
An employee has it.	Someone in the legal profession may be able to assist you with the answer to this one.
A co-worker has it.	An old friend, or someone who owes you a favor, who would be happy to help you.
A friend of someone you know, while visiting them, saw your possession & decided to steal it.	Get together with a neighbor or two. They may've been having the same problem.
A sibling, someone who is like a sibling to you, or one of their friends, has it.	This is one issue where prayer & appealing to a Higher Power is your best bet for help
A neighbor has it. They may or may not have stolen it. They may've found it where you dropped it.	The one person you think can't help you? <i>They</i> are the one to approach about this.
It is in the possession of an enemy of yours. You may or may not be able to get it back.	One of your own siblings, or a cousin, could help you with this.
Someone who admires or has a crush on you took it as a sort of personal memento of you.	An older relative may be willing to help you. It doesn't hurt to ask.
Someone at your school or place of work has it.	Someone you know to be a wise person, who can provide you with helpful advice, is the right choice.
Someone who feels entitled to it, & had no qualms whatsoever about taking it.	Someone who knows the other person involved may be able to assist you.
Someone with an unhealthy obsession, or who wishes to work magic with it, has it. Be careful.	Help will not be needed. The problem will be resolved by an outside source. Be patient.