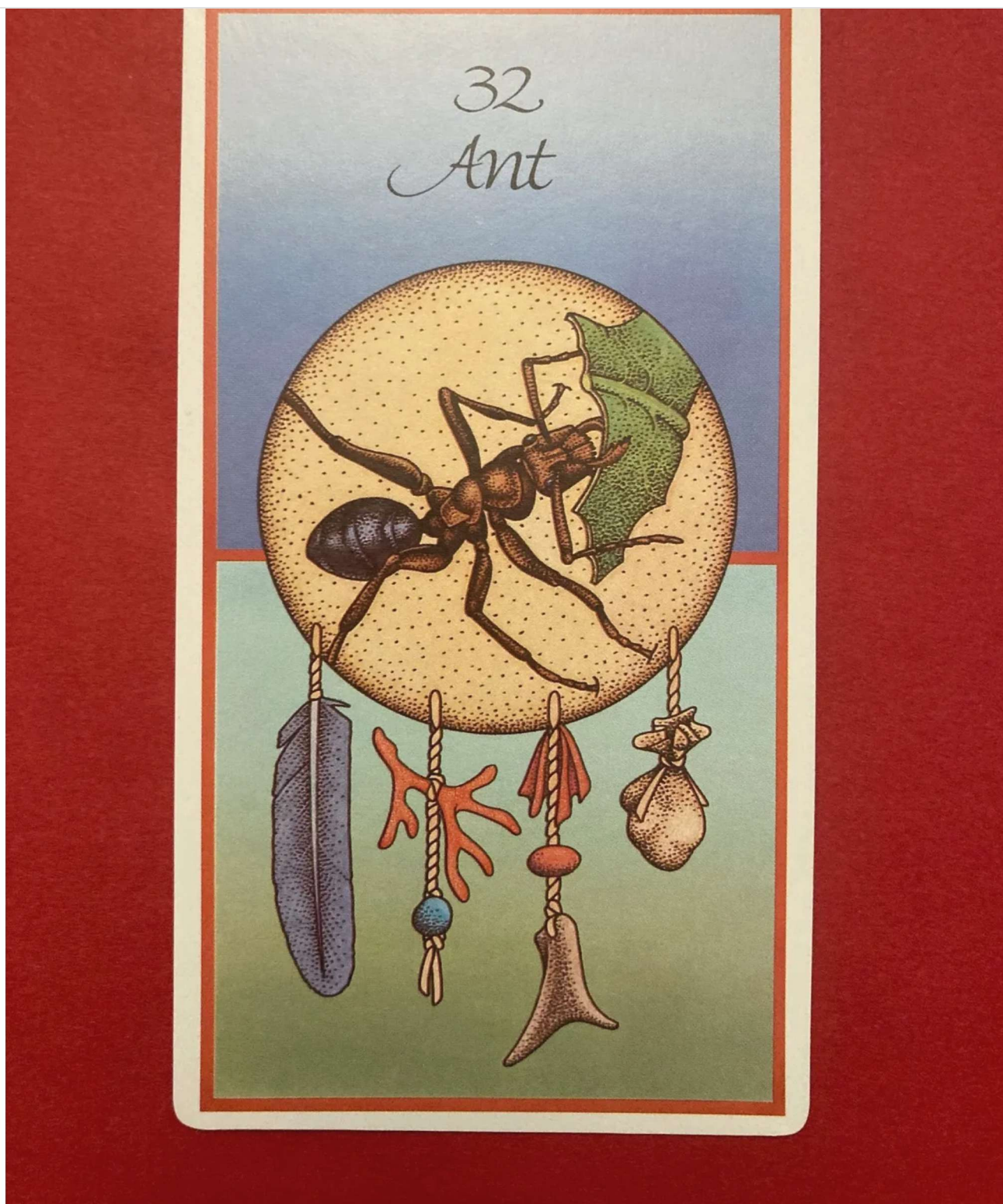


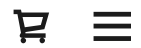
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'Ant'

It appears that 'Ant' is the spiritual messenger this week. So common - so unnoticed - so much a part of the world 'below' us that we may not take the time to really pay attention or connect to

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Vulture, but definitely a white head 'Bald Eagle'. Maybe I'll write about Eagle next time but this post will still be about 'Ant' and here's why...

Here's some text from the 'Medicine Card' Book on 'Ant':

"Oh tiny ant... Your patience grows, like the sands of time.

Can I learn to be like you? Or is it too sublime?

"Ants can carry a leaf over hundreds of miles just to get it back to the anthill. Ant's medicine is the strategy of patience. Ant is the builder like Beaver, is aggressive like Badger, has stamina like Elk, scrutiny like Mouse, and give away like Turkey.

If you have 'Ant medicine' you are content in knowing that "what is yours will come to you". This knowing is good medicine. It shows trust in the Universe to provide.

It is time to show a little trust and patience in some life situation. You may have forgotten that you will always receive that which you need, at the time you need it most. If it is not on the horizon or just around the next anthill, you may need to use some strategy. How can you put to use your power of creation until "it" arrives - whatever "it" means to you at this time?

Ant is working for the good of the whole. Are you? If you are, be assured that the whole wants the same goodness for you, and that it will be provided.

Contrary: Watch out! Here comes the sting! If you are in a hurry, you may fall prey to those who are not working for the good of the whole of humanity. Those who make greed a way of life prey on the fear and urgency of those who have forgotten natural and tribal law. Ant also teaches you to trust natural law. If you do harmony always follows. Your silly impatience will bring Coyote to aid you in sabotaging your plans for the future if you allow your panic to outweigh your rational sensibilities!"

My thoughts on Ant:

I'm making some pretty significant changes in my yard recently. I moved the large square patio stones from my front yard that I had put in about 12 years ago, to the back yard by the kitchen door, because I wanted to have more open grassy area on the East side of the house now that it gets more direct sunshine from having to remove a lovely black birch tree. It used to shade that area very pleasantly, but it had begun to form rot at the base so sadly, it had to be taken down.

I had originally leveled the paving stones with white sand and of course over time, the ants had moved in, as they seem to love this lighter coarser material to build their homes and underground passageways. As always, when I make a physical change in the yard that will affect the creatures who live in that particular environment, I let them know what I'll be doing so they will be prepared energetically. I also give it some time before I actually 'dig in' so the other

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almost Apocalyptic way!

When it felt that the time was 'right' I began to lift the stones and of course there was a whole 'Ant' world' with intricate passageways, tunnels and miniature complex systems of travel. Apologies were made again as I continued my work and I couldn't help but think of how disruptive this project would be to their 'established' way of life. Knowing a little about ants, I understood they would search for a new location and rebuild very quickly (of course minus the unavoidable casualties that would take place no matter how polite I intended to be!) After the first day of stone removal they had truly almost disappeared from that location!

The curiosity question was: where did they go? I'm sure some new location elsewhere in the yard where they could rebuild and establish their 'Ant world'.

I have a very good imagination, and I sometimes try and imagine what that must be like for them. There you are, living your everyday life and someone pulls up just one stone, and suddenly everything (because of the laws of cause and effect in this world) changes quite rapidly, somewhat unexpectedly and dramatically! (Apparently the ones who may not have been listening when I gave my initial warnings of intention!) This led me to think of 'The Tower' in Tarot cards decks.

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'The Tower'

The Tower is usually associated with sudden, unexpected change, usually of the unpleasant version of events. (Similar to me moving the paving stone!) There is also 'a warning' of some kind associated with this card. If we look back closely, as to what the gathering 'storm clouds' on the horizon looked like, and consider if we were paying attention or not to the 'warning signs'. Keeping in mind that every card has it's 'upright' or 'reversed' meaning. What would be the less familiar 'upright' or more 'positive' interpretation of this card be?

I like to think of it as an opportunity to 'deconstruct' so we can 'reconstruct'. 'Change' is inevitable in the human story; ' The only thing Constant is Change' as the old saying goes... The Ants are a perfect example of determination, survival, and adaptation. They don't just quietly 'give up' and 'give in' when disaster strikes, Then get down to business, and keep moving things forward for the benefit of the whole ant society. Each small ant has it's contribution and sense of purpose towards the 'whole'.

Perhaps in these times of 'Change' we too must 'adapt' and ask what must be 'deconstructed' and rebuilt, redesigned, and reinvented for the good of all of humanity? - What 'grains of sand' can you 'lift' to contribute to the creation of the new future that lies ahead - not yet completely defined and still uncertain?

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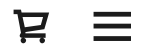
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