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## Chapter Summary

### Section One: Tarot True

#### *Basic Tarot in a New Light for the Beginning Tarosophist*

##### Part 1: Tarot Vast, Tarot Vindicated

The tarot is introduced as a powerful and mutable system for engaging with life in an active, formative, creative, and spiritual manner. Its history and popularity are briefly explored, and then we immediately introduce key concepts such as symbolism, metaphor, attribution, and correspondence. We look at the nature of archetypes and synchronicity, and types of foretelling. A number of exercises are presented to start working with tarot as a map of real life. There are almost fifty unique exercises in the book, and many ideas on each page for exploration. There are also recommended reading lists per part, a full bibliography and extensive footnotes.

##### Part 2: Tarot Consecrated, Tarot Created

In this part we teach tarot, having provided an exercise to prepare our first deck. We introduce NLP<sup>1</sup> and tarot in order to discover simple methods of improving communication with our client. The fail-safe method of learning, teaching and reading any standard tarot deck is presented. This has been successfully used to train hundreds of people at a time to read any card in any position for any question – within 10 minutes.

The reader will here see what has often been described as the clearest explanation of tarot reading ever presented, for the first time in print. We also begin to touch upon kabbalah in a straightforward manner, applying it to everyday life. For teachers of tarot, this teaching method is fast and effective, and for beginners it is the easiest way to learn tarot. We conclude this part with a range of original spreads for daily practice. An exercise within this part – ‘Living the Archetypes’ – is an 8 to 16 month exercise which can radically change your life. This exercise is presented for the first time.

##### Part 3: Tarot Oracle, Tarot Voice

This part develops our training to read tarot, addressed in the previous part, into reading for others and oneself. It uses NLP to model and teach intuition, with a range of unique exercises to develop intuitive skills. We introduce the idea of natural dignities and concepts of oracular talent. This part represents the heart of intuitive tarot in contrast with the linear and logical basis of the foregoing part.

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<sup>1</sup> NLP (neuro-linguistic programming): a set of techniques and attitudes modelled upon gifted communicators and therapists, now taught to presenters, therapists, teachers, doctors, and others who aim to communicate more effectively with clients.

#### Part 4: Tarot Reader, Tarot Read

To conclude our introductory section, having established our fail-safe position, in this part we develop the reader's own self-identity through a series of unique exercises. These exercises are from NLP and esotericism and build the reader's confidence and competence in presenting a tarot reading. This area of reading is underrated in many modern titles, so is here fully explored. Via a range of exercises, the reader will be able to work towards becoming an excellent tarot reader, with models and methods based upon decades of observation and modelling of professional and proficient tarot readers. A synthesis and summary of the results of the major surveys and memberships in the tarot community are presented for the first time, revealing the average tarot reader.

#### Section Two: Tarot Deep

##### *Intermediate Tarot in a Magical Light for the Enquiring Tarosophist*

#### Part 1: Tarot Told, Tarot Tuned

To move on from our introductory work, we extend our material to cover the questions which you will be asked as a reader. This represents years of experience and research, including a comprehensive analysis of more than 38,000 questions and drawing upon materials from almost 1,000 years ago to the present day. We look at difficult questions and clients, and consider the only important thing you have to do as a developing tarot reader. These themes have never before been presented in a tarot book to any significance.

#### Part 2: Tarot Spread, Tarot Stepped

In the heart of the intermediate section, we cover many totally new ways of performing spreads, with an example of each: mutable spreads, gated spreads, 3D spreads, fractal spreads, and progressive spreads. These are all unique and presented here for the first time.

We extend our knowledge and appreciation of the tarot Minor cards with reference to astrology and kabbalah, even Papus. We also delve into the secret unconscious keywords of the Majors, with the assistance of almost 50 tarot readers.

#### Part 3: Tarot Dreamt, Tarot Realised

To conclude our intermediate work, we present techniques of using tarot in dream-work, including never-before-published techniques from esotericism and shamanic dream-work. We also demonstrate the powerful Inner Guide Meditation of Steinbrecher and extend it with coded questions – this alone represents a potential syllabus for years of tarot experience and self-discovery, and is based upon two decades of teaching the Inner Guide Meditation to groups and individuals. We also briefly touch upon tarot poetry, storytelling, yoga, and dance. We conclude this part and section by considering developing your own tarot deck and reviewing decks. This features ideas for decks such as the Tarot of the Inappropriate.

## Section Three: Tarot High

### *Advanced Tarot in a Spiritual Light for the Progressive Tarosophist*

#### Part 1: Tarot Tree, Tarot Path

In the first part of our advanced section, we present a simple and powerful way for tarot readers and students to begin to learn kabbalah. This profound yet straightforward method has astonished private students for years and excited them to the possibilities of tarot as a key to esoteric and spiritual work. It is here published for the first time. We also look at a kabbalistic meditation for tarot, and a powerful kabbalistic spread (and a new way of doing spreads called calibration spreads). We reveal for the first time in print the mystery of the *rainbow* and the mystery of the Kingdom. We finally unpack the Celtic Cross a little to show that even the most commonly known spread is full of intrigue! We also present for the first time in book form the earliest known version of that spread, discovered during years of research.

#### Part 2: Tarot Stellar, Tarot Trance

Developing our advanced skills even further, but keeping them accessible and clearly explained, in this part we present a way of exploring your natal chart through tarot and, for the first time, safe methods of accessing trance-like experiences to encounter the tarot in a profound manner. We then provide a few exercises to use trance tarot to access creative solutions and even change real life events in a magical fashion. These powerful methods take tarot to whole new levels.

#### Part 3: Tarot Ascended, Tarot Secret

In this concluding part of our advanced work, we consider tarot as a map of spiritual ascent and mystical development.

We offer exercises to use tarot as Tarosophy, developing your own personal philosophy based upon the structure of tarot. I present unpublished material from the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn as elucidation of this approach, two forms of the Tree of Life and a whole new tarot developed from visionary and dream experience, as encouragement for the reader to do likewise. Amongst many other concepts and exercises, we conclude by looking at the effects of practising tarot in the long-term life of the reader and student. We conclude with tarot haiku and two exercises for advanced students: the first a twist on the year ahead spread, and the second and final, a two month training exercise culminating in a speed spread which utilises every single card in the deck for the reading.

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