

# *The Wisdom of Mary Magdalene*

## *Card Deck Samples*



### **MYSTERIES OF THE LIGHT**

**GOSPEL:** "Search ever and cease not, until you find the mysteries of the Light which will lead you into the Light-Kingdom." (The Pistis Sophia)

**WISDOM:** Seeking, being open to "truth" in all of its many manifestations, is one's life work. You never ever stop seeking God. Never think you've found the answer. The search itself leads you to the Kingdom of God.

**COMMENTARY:** (excerpt) Is this woman searching for something in the book before her, or is she simply contemplating the journey that has brought her to this point? She is sitting in the light, yet the darkness is close at hand. She is the recorder...in our seeking, there are always answers, but the answers can be elusive. Maybe there is only one true yearning - the longing to connect with God, or our higher source...The journey to one's higher

self can be very challenging because there is always the temptation to peek through the clouds to see what's next...Are you at a juncture on your journey where you have lost sight of your path?...Take the time to write about the journey that has led you to where you are now...You hold all the words necessary to choreograph and manifest the perfect steps toward your own kingdom's search..."



### **THE MIRROR**

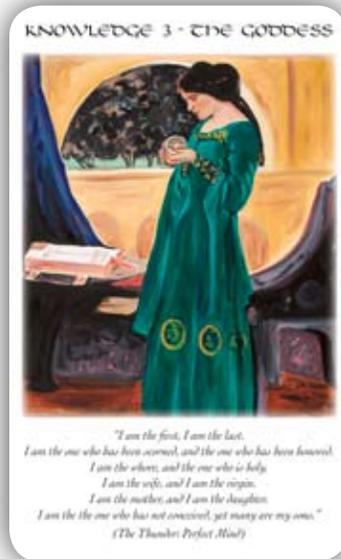
**GOSPEL:** "No one can see either in water or in a mirror without light." (The Gospel of Philip)

**WISDOM:** You can't truly see yourself without the illumination of all that is around you. You'll only see the real thing in the mirror when there is sufficient inner light to allow for you to do so. You can't find or see who you are, the true image, if you remain in darkness.

**COMMENTARY:** This woman is lost in thought as she contemplates the reflection of herself. But the mirror is black, so dark that she cannot see even herself. This flame that can consume is also capable of illuminating the most murky path. The skull lying on her lap speaks of rebirth—for without death, there would be no life.

This image that has fallen into your hands may be speaking to you of a life transforming experience that you are engaged in now, or perhaps ready to embark on. Is there a feeling of obscurity about your present

situation or a possibility that you do not see all of yourself for who you are? True journeys of the soul can often challenge us with the task of looking so deeply inside that we may be paralyzed with inaction. If you are searching for liberation, consider some of the following action steps which may shed light on the darkness, or rebirth, that you are experiencing. (Read more in the card deck book.)

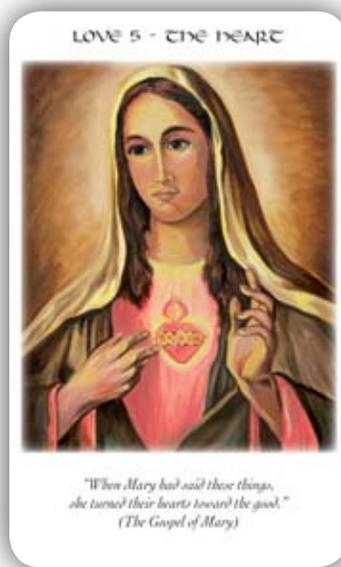


## THE GODDESS

**GOSPEL:** “For I am the first and the last.  
I am the honored one and the scorned one.  
I am the whore and the holy one.  
I am the wife and the virgin.  
I am the mother and the daughter.  
I am the barren one and many are her sons.”  
(The Thunder: Perfect Mind)

**WISDOM:** The Divine Mother is everywhere on earth. You can find her in the most gentle things and in the most rough (good and bad) if you know what you’re looking for. When you finally get to a point where you recognize God in all things, then death no longer exists.

**COMMENTARY:** (excerpt) Goddesses have long been viewed as the embodiment of the birth, death and renewal of life... This rich image displays the complete integration of all that is exquisitely feminine – the archetype of fertility and the giver of life... Your goddess elements have chosen this image to communicate with you on a divinely sacred, and maybe even mystical level... Communication happens in many forms... perhaps a “Goddess Celebration” party with several friends... The Divine Mother within you has great strength and is asking you to access the resilient and strong...”



## THE HEART

**GOSPEL:** “When Mary had said these things, she turned their heart toward the good.” (The Gospel of Mary)

**WISDOM:** When the disciples listened to Mary’s encouragement and love, they were moved by what she said and who she was. They stopped bickering and doubt and went out to do what they were called to do, which was to teach what Jesus taught.

**COMMENTARY:** The heart speaks of a great eternal truth. The fingers in this image are pointing to the heart, as if to say, “Look closely—do you see this flame, this passion? My fingers are pointing to the truth.” The eyes look vacant, almost as if this woman were in a trance, another world. She has gone within and transcended the mind, seeing only with her heart.

The rose is a traditional symbol of Mother Mary, representing divine love for self. As she points to the

heart, she is indicating that all parts of your spirit meet here, where truth resides.

Today, listen to what your heart is saying. There may be hidden aspects which you are not looking at clearly. Perhaps you have been betrayed in the past and now fear trusting your own convictions. Mistrusting your heart can disable the flow of self-love and confidence. Possibly, your spirit has simply lost the energy to renew itself. Maybe doubt has taken the place of certainty. There are action steps that you can take to reawaken the foundation of your essence.

....You can turn your heart to the good, and when you reveal your passion to other people, they will want to surround you simply because you are exhibiting the qualities that they themselves wish to possess. (More in the card deck book.)



## FAITH—THE DOVE AND SNAKE

**GOSPEL:** “Be as gentle as doves and wise as serpents.” The Gospel of Matthew

**WISDOM:** In life, one needs to show love and compassion, but must also use knowledge and wisdom to make intelligent decisions.

**COMMENTARY:** The serpent is an ancient symbol of wisdom and shrewdness. The dove represents innocent and guilelessness. In some ancient traditions, the serpent was seen as a symbol of death and rebirth and the dove as a messenger from Heaven (and also as the sacred bird of Sophia, the Goddess of Wisdom).

Although these symbols might seem like opposites, they are actually complementary to each other, inviting you to look more closely at corresponding situations in your life.

The dove’s gentleness asks that you treat yourself, and others, tenderly. By tending softly to the garden of your dreams, the roots will grow strong and spread stalwart wings. As your desires manifest into powerful acts, have faith that the world is waiting for your visions to be revealed. The wise serpent is protecting your visions and cautioning you to be discriminating in sharing your dreams. There may be a naivete within you that needs to be more vigilant when you are making important decisions.

The dove’s and serpent’s contrasting forces indicate that there may be conflicting themes in your life, pulling and pushing simultaneously. If you are experiencing divergent challenges, know that what is sometimes perceived as something difficult, can be exactly what is needed to help get to the next step of your path.

In fact, if you are feeling pushed away by a situation or person, this may be the time to draw all the facts closer together in order to examine the underlying concept that may be causing dissension. There may even be a side of yourself that you wish to avoid, sometimes called the “shadow self,” which Caroline Myss explains in her book, *Sacred Contracts*, as: “...the part of our being that is least familiar to our conscious mind...the shadow can be seen as unexplored power...” Like the shadow in your dreamtime, it may be necessary to turn and face the image so that you are able to assess the reality of whatever is now happening on your path. (Read more in the card deck book.)