



Anonymous Client

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*"I would like the reading to focus on my spiritual life. I'm at a huge transitional point and I would love some guidance/direction to help me maximize this momentum and create a strong foundation."*

## Understanding your Reading

Bone readings work a little differently than other divination methods. In a way, it's more akin to scrying than Tarot cards. Rather than there be any specific spreads or layouts, the pieces are allowed to fall as they will. Their positions, in relation to which pieces are nearest center and in relation to what other pieces they are closest to, aid in conveying the messages of each piece.

That is perhaps, also, the biggest difference: each piece is imbued with its own spirit. This is a very animistic approach that makes set meanings of the pieces impossible. However, each piece does speak along a general theme, e.g. Acorn denotes slow but steady progress, Turtle Bone indicates change and the liminal. Readings progress by listening to what each piece has to say, with particular attention given to groupings as multiple pieces lend more to the conversation and reveal more complex messages.



*This is the center of the spread.*

While shuffling the pieces prior to casting them, **Moonstone** jumped out of my hands and landed on the cloth. Jumpers act as a sort of instant answer, giving you a general answer to the question and highlighting especially important ideas.

**Moonstone** speaks of community. It says to continue to remain active in the community, reaching out to others, sharing inspiration and in turn being inspired. That openness with others will serve you as you serve your Gods and spirits.

Now, moving on to the rest of the reading...

**Copper Coin** features prominently at center and speaks of things that are given up in order to achieve or gain something else. In welcoming new foci in your life, there are other things that will naturally fall to the side in order to make room.

Moving down and to the left, **Hawk Bone** and **Mullein Root** are showing that, up until now, you've been moving more slowly in your spiritual pursuits. This is not to say that you were stagnant, rather that you were content with awareness, taking in every topic and experience as it presented itself and digging deeply into, savoring it and taking it into your very core.

**Frog** shows that this trend has changed recently and somewhat accidentally. **Frog** points to **Turtle Bone**, who is the harbinger of change and guardian of liminal spaces. **Stang** lays across **Turtle Bone**, echoing your statement of being in a transitional period spiritually.

This transition will continue to push you forward. One of the **Pig's Teeth** pulls this energy along from **Stang** toward **Apple Twig**, showing that your drive and determination aren't going to falter. Allow this fervor to continue to bring you joy and to possibly reconnect you with something from your childhood.

This forward and outward momentum is also seen in the placement of the other **Pig's Tooth** just above **Copper Coin** and pointing outward. The **Pig's Teeth** are listened to both individually (as separate pieces) and together (as one piece) and they show a strong outward (as opposed to internal) momentum, energy, and focus.

**Moonstone** says you'll find yourself becoming more stable in your practice this way, creating a methodology, familiar rituals, and practices that will form a secure foundation for you to continue to move forward from.

To the right is **Bloodroot**, showing that family (both blood and chosen) will play a huge role in helping you to create that stable foundation. They'll also play a big part in you sealing your spiritual practice as not just something you do but as a part of who you truly are as a person. They'll help you take things to that next level.





*This is the lower right hand corner.*

Continuing down along the right, **Die** says to embrace this and to jump in with both feet. Focus on yourself, strengthening your spiritual core (you'll see this sentiment echoed in another piece later in the reading.) But **Die** speaks of doing so while acknowledging that all choices we make have consequences. Even though a choice may be what you want to do and hope to accomplish, those actions will naturally ripple outward and affect other areas of your life. Change one area and you change them all. There is no way to make change to who you are as a person without affecting other areas of your life. That awareness is necessary in making an informed choice.

To the right of **Die** lays **Lotus Root** and **Snow Quartz**. They highlight one such consequence saying that as you "come home" spiritually, don't let it be your sanctuary in the sense that you use it to hide from the world or problems, don't use spirituality as a way to seclude yourself. Stay a part of the world, embrace life and the

experiences gained by interacting with the world. Experience is what takes knowledge and seats it bone deep, tending it toward wisdom. The spiritual world and the physical world are one and the same; you're already there.

Going back toward center, just above **Copper Coin** lays one of **Pig's Teeth** and **Sodalite**. They suggest that, before the pace quickens too much, to consider focusing on healing work for at least a short time. They say specifically internal/ spiritual healing (not concerning the physical body; "strengthening your spiritual core" as stated earlier) as a protective measure for yourself. That's not to say there's anything wrong or that there will be something wrong, rather these pieces say, "look into this now, do this for you."

This healing work could be some sort of Shadow work or beginning a meditation practice, anything that entails confronting and acknowledging your innermost being and everything about yourself that you avoid or ignore. The placement of these pieces shows that you very likely already know what they're talking about. If so, do that, do it for you because you need that right now.

To the upper left of **Copper Coin** is **Squirrel Tail**. It says that your intuition has been building and to trust it. Pay attention to what it's saying because it will help to confirm answers to certain questions and help you to remain grounded and on track.

To the right of **Copper Coin**, we see **Lava Rock** cuddling with **Key**. Of all things, these pieces are talking about past life experiences and exploring this concept. However, explore it for just a short time as it is the means to an end -not the end goal itself. I'm thinking that in exploring this idea and your possible past selves you'll learn something else that will prove of use later.



*This is the lower left hand corner.*

Along the edges lay **Gun Shell** (at the very top and moving away, showing that you'll encounter no major obstacles,) **Bone** (who speaks of travel and distance but is moving away and taking that influence with it,) **Fish Bone** (on the right in the above photo; it shows that the way forward will be relatively smooth,) and **Pinecone** (who speaks of the way things are; as you are in a liminal time it makes sense that this piece is moving away.)

**Stag Tooth** and **Acorn** landed off of the cloth and, thus, were not read. They speak of employment matters and slow long term progress, respectively. As your reading is focused on spiritual matters and is, overall, indicating speed, it is only natural these pieces should be silent.

## Summary

The pieces are showing that the momentum you're currently experiencing will continue and propel you forward on a path that focuses on being active within the community, sharing your spiritual experiences and being better for it.

Direction is advised in developing regularity, in allowing the rushing momentum to almost paradoxically create a stable base: that personal rock that keeps you anchored and that you can fall back on when needed. Let the current sweep you forward so you can better plant your feet.

See the balance of having a stable personal foundation so you can better reap the benefits of active interaction with others.

Short term, exploring your past lives may not be the destination but it may very well lead you to unexpected but beneficial places. Spend some time developing yourself as a person, strengthening your inner core and confronting the things about yourself that you would rather not. This is necessary now and will benefit you greatly later.