

Evaluation

For this project I wanted to work with Tarot and their meanings. During my research I found out some Tarot cards are very misunderstood and are either looked at as insults or bad omens, for example, The Fool and Death, the cards or the reader isn't calling you a fool or saying you're going to die when these cards are drawn, they simply mean new beginnings and rebirth, but a more skilled reader will see more than that as the colour, symbols and numbers all hold meaning too. So, knowing this, I wanted to create my own representation of the cards and possibly in some way link some of them to the current pandemic.

I started with The Tower as I felt this card really sums up 2020 as this card means chaos, dramatic change and destruction of the old. I scanned this card and took it to photoshop where I distorted it until it was almost unrecognisable. I feel this visually represents this year as there's so much going on it's all too much to take in to see the full clear picture and there is no solid answer as to when everything will be completely normal again, if ever.

Next was The Moon. This card represents mystery and secrets, which I feel could also be related to the pandemic as there is still a lot of mystery around how it all began and possible secrets still being held from us by higher authorities. For this photo I like the idea of the tape over the mouth as a symbol of secrets that want to come out but are forbidden.

Next was The Star. This is a more positive card as it means hope and a light at the end of the tunnel which I feel we all need right now; we need some hope for normality to return. For this photo I used a single candle with macro lenses and a high shutter speed so I get a really

close up photo of the flame and the back is dark, this way the candle symbolizes the light within the dark, the light at the end of the tunnel and guidance.

Lastly was The Hermit. This card represents solitude and isolation which I feel perfectly represents this year as we were all prisoners to our own homes not to see loved ones and friends, not even allowed to go for a simple coffee. For this photo I wanted to use myself in the photo as isolation is something I'm still struggling with now seeing everyone able to go out for meals and casual shopping I'm still confined to my home and workplace so I do not possibly expose my work place to the virus as our clientele are extremely high risk.

I have enjoyed this project as I get to express my love and understanding of the Tarot and share my interpretations and connections to the cards which I feel in Tarot reading is the most important. I would have liked to have been able to experiment more with film for this project but hopefully with more and more restrictions being lifted I might just be able to do that for my next upcoming project.







