

# ANCIENT ANIMAL WISDOM

*Messages, Meanings & Numerology*

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—Stacy



# ORACLE CARDS

Oracle cards are ancient divination tools. These Ancient Animal Wisdom cards can support you in aligning with your soul's purpose, communicating with Spirit Guides, and connecting with your Inner Light, as they guide you towards your heart's desires.

Trusting your personal abilities will bring further clarity to your life questions, challenges and curiosities.

## GUIDANCE

Ancient Animal Wisdom cards are simple to use, and are predictable and powerful. Explore one of our spreads (pages 36-41) or use your creativity to configure your own array of cards. Every card tells a story, and multiple cards will tell a sequence of a story. The story is your message.

Please remember there is no wrong way to select your cards. Every selection will have personal significance. The card or cards you choose will have special meaning for you, your questions, and your connection to Spirit.

You may find it helpful to quiet your mind prior to selecting your cards, set your intention of what guidance you request from your Ancient Animal Guides, and be open to receive your message.

Enhancing your own intuition will also increase the clarity of your message. Meditating, interpreting

your dreams, journaling, and trusting your personal abilities will all bring further clarity to your life questions, challenges and curiosities.

## TAKING CARE OF YOUR CARDS

If you allow so, your cards will become dear friends, trusted confidantes, loving guides and an inspirational bridge from earth to the hereafter.

Before your first use, gently shuffle your cards until they are sufficiently mixed and feel like *your* cards. Place the deck in your hands and ask your Animal Guides to inspire a partnership of mind, body and spirit, with clear, powerful, positive and loving messages.

If you feel the need to cleanse your cards for any reason, we recommend spreading your cards across a table facedown, ask for a blessing to clear any non-healing energy from your cards and lightly smudge the air above your cards with sage. This will lift the energy of your animal friends and brighten the clarity of your messages.

## NUMEROLOGY

Numerology is the study of the symbolism of numbers. For thousands of years, philosophers, spiritual guides, mathematicians and healers have used numbers as a tool for personal understanding, spiritual awareness and growth.

If you have not yet explored your personal numerology, now may be the time to do so! The ever-growing Internet, library or local bookstore is sure to have whatever resources you desire.

You'll find below simple descriptions of qualities commonly associated with each number. By paying attention to the numbers you attract, you may find a message or insight meant just for you.

## NUMEROLOGY MEANINGS

- 1** Leadership, Strength, New Beginnings
- 2** Intuition, Feminine Divine, Sensitivity
- 3** Creativity, Mind/Body/Spirit, Divinity
- 4** Discipline, Order, Devotion
- 5** Sensuality, Change, Freedom
- 6** Compassion, Family, Harmony
- 7** Seeker of Truths, Solitude, Intelligence
- 8** Balance, Infinity, Material Satisfaction
- 9** Generosity, Global Contribution, Endings and Beginnings

# AFRICAN TRANSLATIONS

Although English is the official language of Zambia, Nyanja is the main local language spoken in many areas of Zambia. In total, there are 73 different languages represented in Zambia.

All of the Ancient Animals included in this Oracle Deck are found in Africa, most in Zambia. The names of the animals are given here in the local Zambian language Nyanja, for each animal residing in Zambia. If it is an animal located in another region of Africa, then the closest local language was used.

*Zikomo!*

*(a form of thank you ending most conversations)*



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## 1. ANT

*Nyelele*

### COMMUNITY

**A** beneficial opportunity presents itself to you today by contributing and working for your whole. This may bring to mind solidarity with your family, colleagues, or possibly your local or global community. It's time to roll up your sleeves and get motivated to support a bigger vision. Ant is offering an expansive perspective on life by asking you to work cooperatively with others for a cause that is much bigger than you alone. Success comes from knowing that you have shared in the communal workload, offered your unique gifts, and celebrated in your combined efforts to strengthen your family, government and community. Surrender the need to lead and choose to participate in a service-oriented direction today. Ant supports you with an extra dose of humility, honor, respect and tolerance for yourself and the world!

## 2. BLACK RHINO

*Chipembele*

### SURVIVAL OF SELF

**T**he Black Rhino, nearing extinction, is being poached because of the supposed magical and healing qualities of its horns. Mostly a solitary animal, the Black Rhino is a guide for perseverance and

determination. There is much significance with the Black Rhino's thick skin. This could be a signal for you to not be bothered by what others may say about you and the unique life path that you walk. Keep your head to the ground and fear not the magic of your horns! Use them as needed. Protect what you have created and have a good look at what drives you to survive. What aspect of yourself will you leave behind for future generations to follow? Forge forward for what you believe in and as always, move through life with integrity.

### 3. HIPPOPOTAMUS

*Mvuu*

#### HEALING WATERS

**H**ippopotamuses love water and spend much of the time submerged in rivers. The Greeks named them "River Horses." Being in or around water at this time could support you in becoming aware of your environment and life situations. Water is a primal source and is said to be the meeting place of heaven and earth. Choosing Hippopotamus may be a signal to submerge yourself in water, wash away all that is unserving, and heighten your personal awareness. Be humbled by the power of water by spending time in an aquatic location. Swim, play, relax, bathe...the life waters are calling you.

## 4. MOUNTAIN ZEBRA

*Bizi*

### OPPORTUNITIES

**O**pen your eyes to the abundance of options surrounding you. Your life is full of glorious opportunities. Mountain zebras are equipped to climb steep inclines in Africa. Their hooves are sturdy and can fit in small crevices, securing their footing for safe arrival. Just as zebras can secure their opportunities and overcome obstacles, so can you. Your willingness to take risks helps you in fully recognizing your potential and the opportunities awaiting you. As you embark on this new path, Zebra ensures your safe arrival at your destination. Choose what brings you pure joy. Take action on your dreams and be open to receive the gifts that come!

## 5. GIRAFFE

*Nyamalikiti*

### HEART-CENTERED RISKS

**G**iraffes are the tallest mammals in the world, and the earth animal with the largest heart. Giraffe may be telling you to stretch, elongate, and expand your body and mind. Delight in reaching the high hanging fruit that are beyond eye level. This isn't the time to seek approval or follow the group. Instead, pave your own way and follow your heart, your dream, your

own direction. Giraffe reminds you that this is your life path and this is your opportunity to replace obligations with heart-driven desires. Where or to whom is your heart guiding you today? Reach with love to create your inner vision and aim high for what you desire. Love is the answer to all things.

## 6. ELEPHANT

*Njobvu*

### COMPASSION

**W**e are all born as loving, compassionate human beings. Allow your own compassion to flow through you by releasing worry, fear or unhealthy judgments. If Elephant chose you today, it's time to be extra compassionate towards yourself and others. Elephant reminds you that your abundant compassion, sensitivity and intelligence will support you to overcome any challenges you may encounter now or in the future. Just as the elephant never stops growing in physical size, you too can continue to expand your sense of compassion and understanding of humanity. Elephant signifies the importance of self-love and reminds you of the role you play in Mother Earth's divine plan. Love and compassion act as a healing modality that cures all.

## 7. DUGONG TIGER

*Nguva Tiger Kale*

BALANCE

**A**n alchemical dictum states, “For a tree’s branches to reach the heights of Heaven, its roots need to touch Hell.” Are you a person of extremes? Do you sometimes neglect to find balance in your ideas, self-care, emotions, relationships or work? Perhaps you understand the tendency within your own personality to sway from one extreme to the other, while choosing to ignore the consequence of staying in the eye of the storm. Dugong Tiger poses a challenge for you to pause and look at the effects of your extreme behaviors. What adjustments can you make to bring balance and harmony into your life? Speak out loud with truth and compassion for what you want. The balance of these opposing animals will allow you your deepest power.

## 8. LION

*Mukango*

FAMILY

**Y**our family pride shall take precedence now. Be conscious of your loyalty to those closest to you and your courage to keep your family members close to your heart. This is of the utmost importance. There is strength in numbers. Lion families are called

“prides” and this could be a reminder to be proud of the company you keep. Recognize the goodness in each member of your family and at the same time, release any co-dependent relationships in your family. Find acceptance, love and support in your family members and they will find that in you.

## 9. NILE CROCODILE

*Ngwenya*

### AWARENESS

Using your deepest sense of awareness can determine the best direction for you to take at this time. Crocodile advises you to pay special attention to the path you are about to embark upon. Divine universal guidance is offered here to transform any potential obstacles into opportunities. Crocodile asks you to pull back, slow down and be aware of the decisions you are currently making in your life. It is best to make your choices based on what serves you and the lives of others, for the greatest good. You may want to ask yourself, “Is what I want in the best interest for all involved?” This perspective may simplify or clarify your decision.



## 10. FLAMINGO

*Heroe*

CELEBRATION

**I**t's time to celebrate! Put on your most vibrant costume and shake your tail feathers! Flamingos gather in the thousands and put on spectacular shows. Today is a celebration of life. Dance, sing, draw, cook. Just make sure you are sharing your flamboyance with a friend or lover. It's time to tempt your senses and embark on an adventurous journey. Choose one specific venture that inspires you this week and let Spirit guide you!

## 11. BLACK MAMBA SNAKE

*Njoka*

DEATH OF OLD WAYS

**S**nake is bringing you an opportunity to let go of old habits and beliefs that do not serve you anymore. What do you need to let go of to become who you were born to be? This card could be a signal that it is time to change what is not working. If you choose not to change this now, you may later experience more signs nudging you toward alignment. Life is always giving you confirmations. No matter how they come to you, the universe guides you in the direction of your true self. Be sure to listen to the message. Snake cautions you not to step in the same river twice;

life is a forward movement. Seize this opportunity to reclaim your innocence.

## 12. CHAMELEON

*Birimangwe*

AWAKENING

**Y**our intuitive senses are heightened at this time and you have the ability to hear and feel more than others. This awakening gives you access to other realms and allows you to see the world from four distinct viewpoints: Great Spirit above, Mother Earth below, your soul within, and the universe that surrounds you. If you find yourself not understanding a decision, person or situation, call on Chameleon to bring you clarity. Today, you can renew your spirit and be open to an expanded perspective by turning your heart toward the sun and listening to the whispers within. You are of the Rainbow Energy that is teaching new generations to live in a higher vibration. This awakened energy presents a positive influence on the world.

## 13. GORILLA

*Gorilla*

LOVE

**T**ranquil, loving and loyal, Gorilla is offering you a rediscovery of yourself and humanity through

the essence of living a gentle existence. Gorillas and humans share 98.6% of the same genetic makeup, therefore, we share a deeply connected emotional life. Questions you may want to ask yourself today are How can I bring forth unconditional love into my daily life? In what ways can I exude more love and peace towards my family members, community and my world? Gorillas remind you to become conscious of the quality of life you are leaving for future generations. It may be time to soften your heart and release your fears, judgments and wounds back to the rich soil of Mother Earth. Honor yourself and the spirit of life by giving and receiving love today.

## 14. GAZELLE

*Paa*

### SACRED SPIRAL

**A**s gazelles leap and whirl across the savannah, they express their freedom of movement with sensuality, grace and ease. Gazelle fluidly dances through life and invites you to do the same. This may be a time to notice if you have attachments to old, static energy of the past. Does any part of your life feel repressive, shameful or heavy? Gazelle reminds you that today could be an opportune time to release negative energies, maybe even generations of strict discipline, sexual repression or stifling of your creativity. Dance with Mother Earth and allow her to restore your

wholeness. The healing sacred spiral releasing the old and embracing the new brings sensual freedom, travel, and rejuvenation of your creative spirit.

## 15. DIK DIK

*Insha*

### GENTLENESS

**D**ik Dik brings gentleness into your mind, heart and relationships today. It may be time to release any harsh judgments of yourself or others and bask in the soft, loving energy of Dik Dik. You may find it beneficial to take a temporary vow of silence today and notice how this inner quietude recharges your natural energy source. Being gentle allows your body to heal at a cellular level, your mind to rest with ease, and the movement of your life to flow gently downstream. As with all animals that have horns, there is an association with psychic awareness. The gentleness of Dik Dik guides you to be fully aware of your surroundings and your higher self. Meditation, Yoga, Chi Gong or other mindful activities will support your growth. Consider being present in nature today and enjoy the stillness within.

## 16. HUMPBACK WHALE

*Nyangumi*

PAST LIFE

Selecting Humpback Whale today is an indication that spending time near the undulating waves of the ocean can open enlightening vistas for you. The sound of whale's ancient song assists you in recognizing new possibilities that reflect your gifts of the past. Whales sing the most complex songs of the sea, and some say the song of the whale connects heaven and earth. Whale calls on you to use the magical properties of water and your distinct voice to find your inner calling in today's world. Whale's song offers you echoes of enchantment spoken through your ancestors from past lives long ago. Today, your ancestors bring you an answered prayer.

## 17. CIVET

*Fungu*

MYSTERY

It's time to dabble in your wild, mysterious nature and the creative spirit of the many masks you wear. Your shadow of mystery beckons you to come out and play today. Civet exudes magic and curiosity with her black mask. Do you also have a mystical mask or desire you would like to explore? What aspects of self have you hidden from yourself or others? Today,

you are granted permission to honor and respect the alluring, playful, sexual and mysterious god/goddess within. Civet asks, "What is it specifically that you wish to discover and develop with more knowledge to ignite your curiosity?" Seek it now.

## 18. HONEY BADGER

*Chiwuli*

FIERCE

**I**t's time to access your personal power and advocate for yourself and your life direction. Honey Badger urges you to assert your power and break through your personal boundaries. It's possible to reclaim your fierce energy and use your assertiveness to create and protect what you have manifested. Honey Badger stands his ground and does not back down to naysayers who doubt his personal power. As a skilled digger, Honey Badger signals that you may need to dig deeper within to reach the solution for a challenge or task. Access the innate characteristics that Honey Badger shares with you, while standing by your truth and integrity.

## 19. WILD DOG

*Mubulu*

LISTENING

**W**ild Dog asks you to be conscious of the quality of your listening skills today. One of the greatest

gifts you can give and receive is to listen and be heard. Wild Dog asks you to share your awareness and full presence with those you encounter today. Give them the gift of your open mind, loving heart and willingness to just hear what is being said. Wild Dog cleanses you of any judgments and inner chatter while gifting you the magic of listening.

## 20. WARTHOG

*Munyili*

INNER GLOW

**S**top being so concerned about what is on the outside. Your title in life, what you represent, wear, drive, and what other people think, are all inferior to the true you. Warthog is a reminder that what is truly important in life is what resonates on the inside: your happiness, your spirit, your personal truths, your sense of sacred self and your connection to the Divine Creator. When you glow from within, you exude a tremendous light that shines through. Your greatest strength will always come from within. Warthog is reminding you that your divinity is your birthright. Honor the essence of your inner light, and nourish your spirit today.

## 21. DUSKY DOLPHIN

*Dolfyn*

SHOW OFF

**T**he Dusky Dolphin is the most acrobatic of all dolphins! Playful, cooperative, and flexible they are often seen leaping and somersaulting through the waters of the Southern Hemisphere with their Dusky friends. Dolphin never stops to think about whether she should or shouldn't be joyful or free... Dolphin just is! Now is the time to trust your own authenticity. Dive in, embrace your flair, and show off the special talents you have. Step right into the limelight and share your gifts with the world. Claim your vitality today!

## 22. CHEETAH

*Mbale*

DIVINE FEMININE

**C**heetah asks you to honor your feminine life force by sharing your divine passion. Acknowledge the yin energy on the planet as unconditionally beautiful and nourishing. You are an essential part of this radiant, feminine energy that feeds the planet. Often when the land suffers degradation, the essence of human spirit also frays. Celebrate the divine feminine energy in a sacred way with the special women in your life. Treat them to a handmade gift, a dinner,



or circle of inspiring communication. Gentlemen, if you have drawn this card, it is time to honor and appreciate the women in your life for their essence of beauty, nurturing and sensuality. When we exude and share love for our sisters, we also bring greater love to ourselves.

## 23. LEOPARD

*Kaingo*

INTUITION

**L**eopard is offering you a renewal of passion and fulfillment by asking that you follow your innate intuition. Calling on your spirit guides always supports you, although the light of intuition already exists deep within you. Gaze into Leopard's eyes and you will see a reflection of your inner flame of knowledge. As Leopard strides silently, she also encourages you to embrace your inner quietude. This stillness grants you access to your greatest insights. Leopard presents you with certainty, confidence and courage to follow your intuitive knowledge.

## 24. PENGUIN

*Pikkewyn*

FERTILITY

**T**he magical spirit of Penguin awakens in you today. Penguin represents cosmic parental energy and asks you to be open to love, responsibility and

nurturing of your physical and internal home. Penguin brings an offering of fertility and multiplying life gifts. Now may be a time to conceive a child, launch a new business or lovingly oversee a new project. Continued growth will occur by filling your mind with positive intentions, your spirit with faith, and your body with fresh foods. Knowing what you choose to birth today is your key to moving forward. Once you are clear, take a few moments to meditate, visualize, and celebrate your bountiful gift!

## 25. RABBIT

*Kalulu*

### CYCLES AND RHYTHMS

**P**ay attention to natural cycles, especially lunar cycles. The full moon signifies the completion of activities and projects you have already started and the new moon is a time of creating new endeavors. The saying, “go with the flow” stems from following the natural cycles of life and the everlasting rotation of the moon’s influential energy. Rabbit may be signaling that your life could be easier if you learn to go with the flow. There is great wisdom in recognizing when the time is right to act, withdraw, or simply wait for divine guidance. Trust that you are exactly where you need to be at this time and allow the rhythms of the earth to gently guide you. Look at the moon this evening. Is it waxing or waning? Meditate with

the powerful essence of Moon Mother to guide you through today's question.

## 26. MONKEY

*Mungili*

ADVENTURE

**I**t's time to climb out of your comfort zone and get adventurous! Where have you always wanted to travel? What lifelong dream gets to be realized? To whom have you been too shy to introduce yourself? It's an ideal time to pull out your journal and meditate on your heart's desires. Young monkeys will test each other by playing "King of the Castle". Where is your edge? What is your "Castle"? Identify one way to begin manifesting your adventure today! Bring the mystery alive. Swing into this divine moment of opportunity.

## 27. BUTTERFLY

*Kapususu*

TRANSFORMATION

**T**ransformation is occurring in your life and is fluttering toward renewal. Allow the universe to support you by asking for gentle guidance. You may want to evaluate the stage of your relationships, career, creative projects or the current condition of your health. Have you planted the seeds for transformational change? Are you nourishing those seeds

with love and intention to grow, prosper or heal? Have you taken the necessary steps and allowed time for maturity into its adult form? Or is it time to emerge and present your new wings to the world? Are you ready to fly?

## 28. WILDEBEEST

*Nyumbu*

TRAVEL

**W**ildebeest says It's time to go! It's time for a clean break, a fresh start or a change in location because abundance and renewal are just around the corner. Perhaps you've reached your peak or exhausted your resources in your current position and it's time to embrace something new. Wildebeest encourages new beginnings on your journey ahead toward renewal. Use your intuition and life desires to guide you on this divine exploration. Your future glows with the potential of the bright days that lie ahead.

## 29. FROG

*Chule*

CLEANSE

**I**f frog has hopped into your life today, it may be time to cleanse your environment, your mind or your physical body. Your body is your sacred temple and there comes a time in your life journey to clean house and bless your temple within. You may be

feeling sensory overload from past experiences. Frog is here to help you replenish and renew. Be conscious of what you allow in your soul space, mind, body and home. Become clear on what you wish to release and receive. You may find yourself inspired to cleanse your home of clutter and flush your body of toxins and impurities. With insight and support, Frog encourages you to seek peace of mind, optimal health and inner bliss.

## 30. BAOBAB TREE

*Mlambe Mti*

WISE OFFERING

**B**aobab says it is time to make an offering! Being one of the oldest forms of life on our planet, the baobab breathes ancient wisdom. Known as a gift from God, the baobab offers almost everything it has as never-ending gifts to its community. Baobab shares its afternoon shade with playful children. Elephants delight in its pulpy fruit, and its bark finds itself in the hands of villagers. For as much as the baobab gives out to others, in return it is nourished, replenished and continues to grow deeper and deeper into the earth. Baobab encourages you to give, share or make a peace offering to a loved one, to Mother Earth or even to a perfect stranger. Know that your offering is an infinite gift. Enjoy the gift of giving, there is always enough for everyone!

## 31. BABOON

*Bongwe*

PRIMAL LAW

**A**s a protector of your primal spirit, Baboon asks you to tap into your intuitive, spiritual and inborn truths. Baboon urges you to own up to your primal instincts and honor your role of expressing your masculine or feminine energy. Primal Law is not a contemplation of the mind. It lives in the present moment and guides you to make clear, concise decisions based on the unique feminine and masculine roles in your life. As you strengthen your self-awareness, your actions and decisions will become clear. Release any resistance to your innate truths, and accept the power your primal spirit has gifted you in this lifetime. Discipline and order will provide structure in your life while expanding and illuminating the journey.

## 32. SAUSAGE FRUIT TREE

*Mvungula Matunda Ya Mti*

ABUNDANCE

**T**his native tree bears abundant, radiant fruit and flowers. Local legends believe it to play a sacred role in the manifestation of great sexual energy. Drawing the Sausage Fruit Tree today encourages you to explore your creative, sensual and sexual energy

that your own body stores within. Like this tree, you embody primal life forces that can be accessed to create, procreate or to simply explore your life passions and desires. The roots of the Sausage Fruit Tree ensure your strong sense of grounding, so a stream of creative fire can flow forth. Sausage Fruit Tree asks you to honor and embrace your primitive power and share in this gift of abundance.

## 33. OWL

*Manchichi*

INNER SHAMAN

**S**haman lives with his heart in two places. One lives within and the other invisibly extends through the crown of his head, resting high above his auric field. This dual heart energy connects you and Owl to your spirit world and ancestors of light. Shaman's heart blesses you today in accepting that you are your greatest healer. When Owl comes calling it is time to tap into and trust your innate wisdom. Listen to the sound of a drum, rhythmically in tune with the beat of your own heart. Release the ego mind and become one with your true self. All of your answers live within you. Today is the day to embrace a nature walk, let loose with a tribal dance or perhaps seek out a fellow healer to share in light work together.

## 34. KITE

*Pungwa*

### MAGIC MESSENGER

**M**agic messages exist all around you. They are spiritual signs and confirmations from the universe. These messages may appear to you in cloud formations, recurring numbers, animal encounters or even in the media. Today, Kite is asking you to pay attention to the clues that appear and to stay open to the infinite supply of magic that exists all around us. Should you be seeking an answer or clear insight, ask Kite your question, then notice, acknowledge and take action on the information you receive. These messages are sacred signs that are divine in nature. The spirit realm is excited to participate in your journey with you and is always ready to collaborate on your life's vision and dreams.

## 35. KUDU

*Phuluphulu*

### HEALTH

**K**udu gifts you strength and nobility in optimal health. His magical, spiraling horns urge you to claim your vitality and radiance within. Quiet your mind, move inward and listen to what your body needs at this time. Kudu honors the divine wholeness for your body, mind and spirit and asks you to cleanse



yourself of excess. Internal restoration presents itself today and suggests that you consider consuming nutritious garden greens, fresh juices, omega oils and whole grains. You may also be drawn to strength training, physical exhilaration or a brisk hike in nature. Only you know what your body needs. Move intuitively and welcome your radiant health. Visualize a harmonic bridge that weaves the essence of your mind and body into a complete state of well-being. Kudu blesses you.

## 36. HYENA

*Fisi*

### COMMUNICATION

**H**yenas wail, scream and laugh with hysteria to communicate with their fellow creatures. Ask yourself where and with whom you may have been repressing your true thoughts or inhibiting honest expression. What you have to say is important and valuable to others. Trust the power of your communication today and reveal your personal truths. In doing so, you will bring clarity and ease to your throat chakra, which will assist in opening your voice and releasing repressed energy. Consider visualizing the color blue in your next meditation or simply wear the color blue to own and embody your self-expression.

## 37. LILAC-BREASTED ROLLER

*Chole*

### RECONCILIATION

**A**s the Lilac-Breasted Roller dips and swirls, peaceful reconciliation nestles in your heart. Begin this journey with honest communication, an open heart and a joyful spirit, for lilac-breasted roller is the bird of peace. Are there words or actions that may have caused concern? Forgive yourself or someone else. Lilac gives you an opportunity to release all negativity and resistance you have carried around for too long. You may communicate this with your choice of divine prayer, healing words or compassionate actions. What is most important is that reconciliation blossoms within you today.

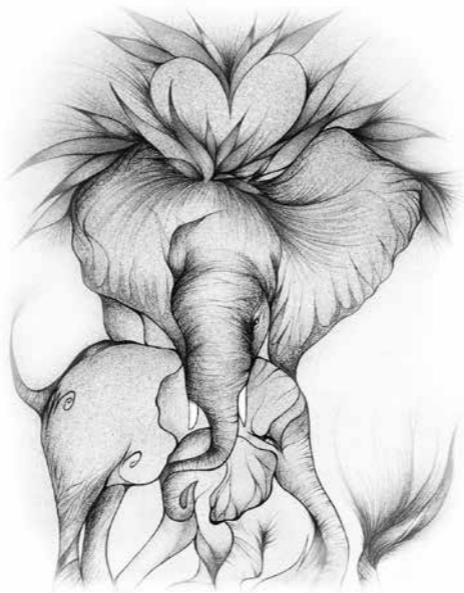
## 38. FISH EAGLE

*Nkwazi*

### GREAT SPIRIT

**F**ish Eagle circles and asks what I want to know. I tell him, the secrets of the earth and sky, the magic of your soul. Fish Eagle calls for silent observation of your life's purpose, and your soul's calling. As he circles overhead, sit quietly honoring Great Spirit. Fish Eagle sees all and knows all, for he is one with the elements. Sit quietly to connect with your inner calm and ask Fish Eagle to provide a guiding message

of your soul's calling. Fish Eagle reminds us that we can do nothing without the partnership of Great Spirit, for "Who can fly with only one wing?" Know that when Fish Eagle comes calling Great Spirit is reminding you that you are not alone. Open your eyes and ears to the signs that surround you as you embrace all that Great Spirit offers.



# ANIMAL CARD SPREADS

All cards should be mixed or shuffled gently between uses or between two different people selecting cards. After you feel like your cards are ready for use, start by selecting a spread from one of the following pages. Each spread offers a unique perspective and healing opportunity. All spreads begin with the selected cards facedown. They are then turned over one by one as described.

## UPRIGHT OR REVERSED

If your card is facing upright when you select it, read its passage as written. If you have chosen a card that is reversed (upside down), the energy of this animal is in its reversed form. For example, if you have chosen Dik Dik and its main message is Gentleness, but you have chosen this card in its reversed form, the message may be to acknowledge the resistance you have around the energy of Dik Dik and Gentleness in your life.

When you have chosen a reversed card, it signifies an imbalance between you and the energy of the chosen Animal Spirit Guide. In simple terms, you are heading in the reverse direction. Many times, cards will end up naturally reversed in your deck after completing a reading. Or, it may just “jump” out of the deck and land on the table already in reverse. No matter how it happens, this placement allows your Animal Spirit Guides to lead you toward wholeness.

## **INTENTION CARD**

Many people choose an Intention Card each morning as part of their daily ritual. This card will give you insight and help you align with your soul's purpose by choosing a message to support you with clarity, loving intention and focus throughout your day. Feel free to ask a question for guidance.

## **SPIRIT HEALING**

Ask your Animal Spirit Guides to bring you healing messages through the card(s) you select. Pay attention if a certain number appears or comes to mind during your day. Select this number of cards as well as look for your healing numerological message (as given on page 6). It is helpful to journal the messages you receive for further contemplation.

## **PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

At any point in time you can access insights and healing into your past, present and future. Choose three cards and read them from left to right representing your past, present and future.

## **TIGER DUGONG BALANCE**

As you lay out the cards, ask for guidance to balance your masculine and feminine energies. Select two cards and place them side-by-side in front of you. The card on your left represents your female, intuitive, receiving energy. The card on your right

represents your masculine, giving, goal-oriented energy. Allow the energy of both of these Animal Guides to offer you a message of balance for your Inner Spirit.

## **FOUR DIRECTIONS**

*(For transformation)*

Select four cards and place them in a square.

The card facing east is your message indicating what energy, action, or personal understanding will support your project, idea or dream to grow.

The card facing south indicates how you can nourish your project, idea, or dream for optimal health and prosperity.

The card facing west asks what are you willing to let go of or release from your past in order to lighten your way.

The card facing north is your gift of manifestation and your gifts from Spirit.

## **GATEWAY SPIRIT GUIDES SPREAD**

This spread is only done one time. Select two cards.

These two animals are your life protectors and your Animal Spirit Guides who walk beside you offering protection, guidance and love. Honor and respect them. The more you learn about their character traits and history, the more you will learn about your own life journey. Feel and accept their love. You may notice that they start appearing in unexpected places.

## AKASHIC ELEMENTAL SPREAD

Select five cards (facedown) and place them in the order of Above (Fire), Below (Earth), Left (Water), Right (Wind). Place the fifth card representing the Akashic card (Ether) in the middle, as the central point of focus that supports and strengthens each of the surrounding four elements. This spread will uncover your relationship to each element. When you are interpreting your cards, you may find it helpful to use this guide:

**Akashic:** Represents your soul's historical records.

**Fire:** Represents creativity, passion, desires, healing and renewal.

**Water:** Represents fluidity, softness, cleansing and clearing.

**Earth:** Represents the ability to ground and be rooted, committed and connected to the earth.

**Wind:** Represents action, change and taking initiative.

## CHAKRA SPREAD

Gently shuffle and select eight cards. Lay out your first seven cards from bottom to top in a vertical line. Save your eighth card and place it below the others. Each animal will provide a message of how best to balance each Chakra. You may want to take notes and notice from time to time how your energy is balancing or shifting.

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Crown Chakra — Connection to the Divine Creator

6

Third Eye — Intuition

5

Throat Chakra — Communication  
Self-Expression

4

Heart Chakra — Unconditional Love  
Forgiveness

3

Solar Plexus — Identity, Self-Esteem  
Digestive Harmony

2

Sacral Chakra — Relationships  
Sexuality, Money, Creative Life Force

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Root Chakra — Sense of Belonging  
Tribalism, Connection to the Planet, Soul Purpose

### **Auric Field Card (8th card)**

(This is a bonus card to be pulled last.) This card reinforces the lower seven chakras and governs them all providing an overall view and holistic message.

## **BLESSINGS**

Ted Andrews, author, teacher, and lecturer, has been a distant mentor for Ancient Animal Wisdom. His publi-



cations, wisdom and knowledge have guided Ancient Animal Wisdom to what it is today. We recommend his books to further your understanding of spirit, animal guides and nature's symbolism.

Jamie Sams and David Carson created Medicine Cards in 1988, establishing a foundation for many other card decks to follow. These cards have been used in my home for more than twenty years and are still just as transformative today. Medicine Cards represent North American animals.

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*"I feel a deeply primitive and sensual connection to these oracle cards. I know they will bring you healing and will generate enthusiasm to uncover even more magic in your life. They are intended to guide you in surrendering to the light of the Divine and sharpen your own intuitive flow. These animals, illustrations and passages come as insightful gifts from Creator and I am honored to share them with you. Peace, Passion & Compassion."*

Enjoy! Jada

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