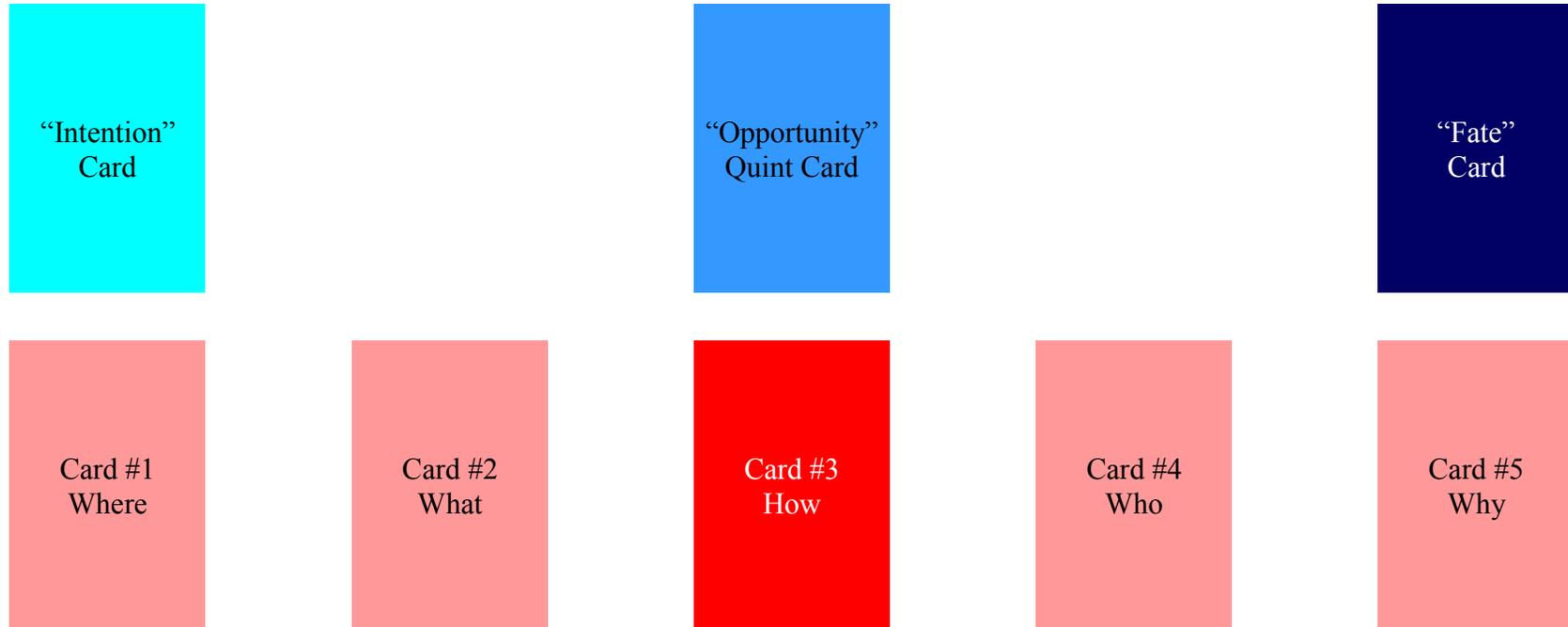


The “Mystic Traveler's Guide to the Future”



This spread is an attempt to put more situational “meat on the bones” of a fixed-duration reading (daily, weekly, monthly, etc). It is best used in situations where you have at least a hint of where you want to go during the period in question. The top three cards are “stage-setters;” the first two should be taken from a second deck (preferably one of your favorites for personal reading). The “Fate” card is pulled from the bottom of the reading deck, and forms a subconscious (or even unconscious) link between the two decks via the “quintessence” card. The “Intention” card is selected in advance as the outcome you most desire for yourself. The “Opportunity card is a trump-card “quint” derived via numerological calculation from the “Intention” and “Fate” pair; it can be read in conjunction with Card #3. The “Fate” card is another name for the “base” or “shadow” card. It should be pulled from the bottom of the reading deck after the shuffle, and its purpose is to show how the Universe may impersonally alter the course of your intentions and opportunistic actions (think of it as a “wild card”). All other cards are to be drawn from the reading deck in the usual manner.

Card #1: Where am I headed at this time? (Usually shows circumstances, not a literal place.)

Card #2: What can I expect to encounter? (This may simply be a “situation” rather than an “event.”)

Card #3: How can I best deal with what I find? (The main “advice” card; it can be fleshed out with Elemental Dignities if desired.)

Card #4: Who will I meet on the road, for good or ill? (If not a court card, it can show actions or postures of others that help or hinder.)

Card #5: What message will I receive at the end of the period? (It may just mean a realization and not an actual change in status.)