

Navigating the Future

Palm Readings

by Shelley F. Marlow

Hi Shelley, What area in my life should I focus on in the next 3 months?
– Poetess in (e)Motion

Dear Poetess in Emotion,

You are quietly wild in your actions, surprising everyone who knows your gentle and sensitive veneer. Your curving headline on your prominent hand is an indication of a creative person. From the way that you have only success/business vertical lines, I would say it is important to focus on your work/money base as well as your creative career. The lines imply that you are already midstream in a time of progress with work that you absolutely love and are good at. Your longish pinky says communication. The rings of Solomon imply you are extremely empathic.

It's also a good time for you to keep transforming your broken heart like an alchemist into a heart of gold, deep and strong.

I am now doing a Random House Dictionary oracle to go with your reading. (This is a technique I learned from the wonderful painter/musician/poet Jane Gilday.) The heading on your page is moneyed and monkhood. I think this is a fair reading for now. Romance will come later, it can be with someone from nowadays or someone new, that blooms when you're in your thirties for a nice love relationship. Your lines imply that this will be a long-term thing.

Hi Shelley, What do my palms say about the future? What obstacles can I expect to encounter down the road?
– Seeking the Horizon

Dear Seeking the Horizon,

Your headline is separate from your lifeline, which implies someone who isn't afraid of taking risks or breaking rules in order to introduce new ideas to the world.

Your index or Jupiter fingerprint has an extremely unusual pattern. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, judgement, and law. This finger also speaks of the person's attitude towards authority. The way your print has a long loop that flops over a smaller triangle, well, I would read that as a certain split between dominance/control in you that represses while at the same time as it creating a quantity of cynicism and possible action in the face of doubt. Your sense of humor is strange and connected with these previously mentioned elements. I would describe your sense of humor as deep, slightly twisted and buried in a tragic-comic sensibility.

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It is important for you to remember your first initial response to a question, because your obsessive nature can run things through your head over and over and prevent you from taking action.

Aggression is something you have been fielding since you were little. This can be an obstacle if you're not consciously dealing with your own aggression these years. Your own obsessive temper can become tempered as you get older and your empathic side can have more space to live in. Your sharp mind will be less frustrated as you keep developing a language for your mysterious humor.

Dear Milky Way Magician,

Since you didn't ask any questions I will just read your palm. Your long Virgo fingers imply extreme propensity for details. Your dry sense of humor has depth. Your logic is stronger than your will. You have a fork at the end of your lifeline, which is often found on someone who lives for a time in a different country from their birth country.

All of your fingerprints are whorls. Whorls are often an indication of someone who has access to magic. It can be a spiritual, intellectual or physical magic. By magic I mean you can create something out of thin air, putting ancient ideas into application for today and these days.

Often a chain on a headline implies times of mental stress. This stress can be either from the pressure of intense study or just pressure. Your headline, though, grows stronger as you get older. Which is nice to see, rather than the other way around.

In palm reading, I read the palm you sign your name with because this implies what you are doing with your potential, while the non-prominent hand implies what you were given to work with.

Your non-prominent palm implies a creative mind with a physical application to that creativity. Your prominent palm is less moody, and more intellectual and intuitive. You have a number of fine lines on the line of sun, (under your ring finger), which implies that you have a number of irons on the fire that keep developing successfully. It will serve your nerves to simplify as much as possible. Your dictionary oracle is Mikado, an emperor of Japan and Milky Way, and the faintly luminous band stretching across the heavens composed of innumerable stars too distant to be seen clearly with the naked eye.

Dear Madame Palm Reader, Is there something in the layout of my palm that may give insight as to why I am so consumed with psychedelic culture? I am beginning to feel as though I am a reincarnation of someone lost at the Electric Circus. Also, I wonder why I have no desire for any mainstream intimacy. The idea of cuddly kisses and caresses with a man make me shiver, whereas the thought of latex, corseting, and gender bending force me into deep meditation. I am attaching a scan of my left hand, as I am a left-handed female.

Dear Psychedelic Re-incarnate,

Empathic, and a good teacher, more of a top than a bottom. If you recently didn't change things in your life, change came from the outside. You have two headlines. Let's look at the curve of that first headline that you have lived through and are currently taking a leap into the next incarnation of your mind. The first one swoops so low and curves in so much that I would say your life has been quite an extreme black and white circus with its highs and lows. I would say that it's a time of building on that newly found brain stability; your perceptions of life may appear in psychedelic full color after the black and white of your past. The way that your lifeline breaks and then resumes on a wider circumference from your thumb, reiterates the same thing that I said about your headline – your life has taken a serious turn for the better. You have a line that says you are very psychic. You have access to that lugubrious depth implied by your first headline, so that your creative sensibilities can embrace the broken heart of the world.

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