

Shining Hearth 2026 Tarot Writeup

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The Past – The Eight of Cups

The Eight of Cups signifies a looking inward, a deep dive into one's self. The past six years have given ample opportunity for introspection and self-reflection, whether that is exploring your identity, your personality, your spiritual path, or something else. As with all retreats within, this can leave us disconnected with events outside ourselves; our community grows, but is, collectively, somewhat insulated. This can be both blessing and curse; isolation is good for holding on to one's own identity, but can blind one's self to their surroundings. This is especially relevant with regard to...

The Present – Judgement

Judgement signifies an inflection point, the end of one world and the beginning of another. Old systems are being swept away, and new ones are replacing them. Obviously, with recent events bearing themselves out, this is not necessarily a good thing. But Judgement is also a call to decision, and, if necessary, action. In this moment, we may have to make some hard choices, choices we were unsure about before, or were afraid to make. Now is the time for courage in making some of those choices. Remember that courage is not the absence of fear, but doing the thing despite your fear. Believe in yourself, and do the right thing, but do it in the context of the future.

The Future – The Hanged Man, Reversed

Upright, the Hanged Man represents a surrender, a letting go of control, a sacrifice. Reversed, this tells us that the way forward is in hanging on – not giving up, and not surrendering. In the coming months, it will be tempting to go along to get along, to change yourself for someone else's benefit. *It is imperative that you resist that temptation.* We have spent so much time figuring out who and what we are – should we throw all of that away at someone else's decree? No, I say. We must all exist as we are, as our unique, glorious, magical selves – not just for our own sakes, though that is important, but so that we can bring that forward into the world to come. The world will need it, crave it, be desperate for it, and we should give it to them – but that can only happen if we don't compromise with ourselves, and if we stay whole and intact. If we do that, we can create for ourselves a brighter, more magical future.