The College of Metaphysical Studies is pleased to announce the Tarot course will be held every other Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm starting on June 13, 2015. It will be held at the CMS Clearwater Campus, 18514 U.S. 19 N, Clearwater & the instructor is Carla Beetar. Tuition is $50.00 per class session. This course will consist of the 22 Major arcana, Layouts and utilizing and interpreting the cards. Classes for the Major Arcana are 6/13, 6/27, 7/11 and 7/25. All participants must bring a Rider Waite Tarot deck to classes.

The word Tarot strikes a hidden chord, the love of mystery, in the hearts of many when they first look upon the beautiful cards of the Tarot. Questions are asked immediately. Are they used to divine the future? What is their history? What is the meaning of the symbols that appear on each card? What have they meant – and what do they still mean – to the student of the esoteric? This course is designed to give you a comprehensive understanding of the Tarot as well as encouraging as much as possible your own study and involvement in the learning process. Some of you may want to study the Tarot in order to interpret the cards for others; some may wish to use it as an aid in personal growth and development. We hope that most of you will wish to do both.

The standard tarot deck consists of 78 cards divided into two sections, the major and minor arcanas. The word arcana is the plural of arcanum which means “profound secret.” To the alchemists of the Middle Ages, the arcanum was the secret of nature. The tarot cards are therefore a collection of the "secrets" that underlie and explain our universe. The 22 cards of the major arcana are the heart of the deck. Each of these cards symbolizes some universal aspect of human experience. They represent the archetypes – consistent, directing patterns of influence that are an inherent part of human nature. The major arcana cards are special because they draw out deep and complex reactions. The images on the Rider-Waite deck are evocative because they combine esoteric symbolism with recognizable figures and situations. The symbolism is subtle, but effective. A major arcana card is always given extra weight in a reading. When one of these cards appears, you know the issues at stake are not mundane or temporary. They represent your most basic concerns - your major feelings and motivations. In later lessons, I show in more detail how you can recognize and interpret the themes of the major arcana in a reading. The major arcana is often considered as a unit. Different schemes have been developed to show how the cards form patterns that cast light on the human condition. Numerology, astrology and other esoteric sciences often play a role in these schemes.

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