

Murray mystic

Tracey reads tarot, runes and tea leaves on top of teaching



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Tracey, who uses one name, reads tarot cards at Tarot by Tracey in Murray. She also does readings using runes and tea leaves, though she prefers Tarot cards. "It's my forte," she said. Below are the tarot cards.

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At 4070 South in Murray, auto-body shops line both sides of the street. But one business among them doesn't replace car windshields and hubcaps. It traffics in herbs, crystals, candles — and clairvoyance.

Visitors to Tarot By Tracey, School of Medium Arts can expect to find a woman with long, thick locks of blond hair and a slightly gravelly voice giving a reading or teaching a class in formal prayer or extrasensory perception.

Is she a psychic?

"I guess you'd call me a predictive scientist," said Tracey, who

uses only one name. "It just depends on who's asking and what the flavor of the conversation is. I'm a lot of things."

One thing Tracey can be called is a small-business owner. She typically spends 12 to 14 hours a day at the school. On a recent work day, she had already given five readings by midday. She also teaches courses in tarot, rune reading, numerology, palmistry and astrology.

Tracey likens the classes, which are taught once a week for six weeks, to college courses. She said students are given homework and are expected to study history.

"It's like an educational feeding frenzy," she said. "It's so hands-on."

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Most students, Tracey added, study for about two years, then typically take a break and come back to take different courses. When she first began teaching, most of her students were middle-aged women. Now, she has nearly an equal mix of men and women of all ages.

"I've had 79-year-old women and 16-year-old boys," she said. "I have a 62-year-old male student and a 21-year-old man."

A lifelong Utahn, Tracey says she was born with the gift of clairvoyance. When she was 9, she began sharing the things she would "see" with others.

"I would just see things or see people, and I would share that with folks and that was kind of a little rough road for me," she said.

Tracey said having these experiences led her to study religion and turn to God for answers. She began to study theology, Christianity and mythology.

"I started to realize it was



Tea leaves, cups and pots used for classes in tea-leaf reading sit at the ready in the School of Medium Arts in Murray.

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If you go

The Tarot By Tracey, School of Medium Arts, 4070 S. 65 West in Murray, offers courses in Tarot card, palmistry, runes, astrology, numerology and formal prayer. Course fees are \$180. Readings, which are recorded on a cassette tape, are \$40 per half-hour session, \$70 for a full hour. For information, visit <http://www.tarotbytracey.com>.

a pretty big world, and it was all the same, regardless of culture or religion or belief system or even societal norms," she said. "I started

digging for the source and then just switched over to the predictive end."

Though many people attach a negative connotation to these types of practices, Tracey insists the predictive arts are a form of prayer and a way to communicate with God. She considers herself to be a biblical expert and says tarot cards, runes and other items used in predictive science are tools people can use to interpret the way God answers prayers.

"It's like God has a PC and we're using a Mac," she said. "These tools help us speak the same language."

Besides teaching classes, Tracey does readings using

runes and tea leaves, though she prefers tarot cards.

"It's my forte," she said. "You actually have a physical tool people can look at."

Tracey retires a deck of tarot cards about every 90 days because they become worn from use. She said the tools used in a reading help the patron receive the message, especially if it's a difficult one.

"Whenever you're giving bad news, you have to be very diplomatic because it's all about helping people," she said.

Typically, Tracey added, people already are aware of the answers.

"You wouldn't be asking if you didn't already know at a deep soul level."