

## Tarot Cards? I Thought That She Must Be Joking

The student writer began her front page-center column article in the student newspaper by saying she had brought her deck of tarot cards with her to college, and she intends to rely upon them for guidance and comfort during her entire time in college. She believes that they bring her marvelous comfort. She intends to use them as her guide for life while away from home. The article also indicated that her goal is to share her belief in tarot cards with her peers.

Her article shocked me. I did not know what tarot cards were really all about, but I did know that the First Commandment tells us that we are to have “no other gods.” Yet, her tarot cards were to be her primary guide. I immediately found a dictionary to look up what tarot cards are exactly. The dictionary defines tarot cards as “Any set of 22 playing cards used for fortune-telling.” Tarot cards are clearly unchristian. Tarot cards are not what God wants for students to use as their guide and plan for life. Actually, it is tragic when students or anyone else believes their lives are in the hands of a deck of cards. Really?

All Saints realizes that many college students have never studied the Bible so they don’t know who God is. Some, however, have learned about Christianity but they have left their faith. So how should All Saints respond so that students can learn the difference between life with God or life with tarot cards?

Campus Pastor Rev. Jacob Deal and Vicar Zachary Wessel are working to let students know that tarot cards are not the answer; that Christianity is. Rev. Deal has created a class for students who do not know anything about Christianity. He has placed posters around campus inviting students to come for a free class called “What is Christianity?” They are very welcome to ask the questions they may have about Christianity. Rev. Deal and Vicar Wessel like nothing better than making time to teach the Christian faith to students.



### Sunday morning Bible

class at All Saints is another time when students are the focus. Several students drive to All Saints from Grove City College in order to attend this class. It’s an informal time when students can ask questions about the Psalms, which is the topic of the class right now. The students enjoy having their questions about the Psalms answered. They even bring friends from other denominations to the class; it is that enjoyable.

It appears that paganism is on the rise in America, and the world for that matter. The article on tarot cards was not written by a student who is alone in using such means to deal with life. The March 2024 issue of the Lutheran Witness has a column on page 4 called "Snippets." It noted the growth of paganism in Iceland. It describes the recent construction of a temple to a pagan Icelandic God. Worship at that temple is growing in popularity. And paganism is growing in the United States, too, including our college campuses.

Our goal at All Saints is to share the Christian faith so that students realize that Christianity is the right answer to their search for life's meaning.

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