

The Magic of the Lotus Symbol

Ancient Egypt, The Lotus Goddess, Queen of Pentacles:
Prosperity, Intuition, and Blossoming



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The **lotus flower** has captivated my imagination for years, weaving its way through my spiritual studies, tarot practice, and personal rituals. My fascination deepened when I came across a small bottle of **blue lotus essential oil infused with moringa oil** in Nimbin, a place known for its alternative healing traditions, a few years ago. A shop attendant handed it to me with an almost knowing smile, as if she sensed it was meant for me. The scent was intoxicating—earthy yet ethereal—something about

it felt **ancient**, as if I had just unlocked a portal to a deeper realm of wisdom.

That encounter was more than just a discovery; it was an initiation. The blue lotus had called to me, and I had answered.

Later, when I was planning a **women's circle**, I knew I had to incorporate **blue lotus tea** into our sacred space. We used it as a tool for **enhancing intuition**, a gentle guide leading us into the liminal space between wakefulness and dreaming. As we drank, the room softened—a **shared awareness settled in, as if we had stepped beyond time**, then we got ready to the chackra meditation.

I also want to mention that herbalism has always been in my blood. My grandmother had a tea for everything—**boldo, cidreira, hortelã, limão**—and I grew up believing that every plant held a story, a medicine, a message. My love for teas only increases. Soon, I will be offering **my own herbal blends**, a carefully curated selection of teas.

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But the lotus is more than an herb. It is a symbol, a **universal guide across time and traditions**, appearing in the myths of **Egypt, India, and even the wisdom of tarot**. Its meaning is rich, layered, infinite.

The Blue Lotus and the Art of Altered Consciousness

But what made this flower so important? Why was it held in such high regard, both in life and beyond? The answer lies in its effects.

The **blue lotus is psychoactive**, a well-kept secret hidden beneath its delicate petals. When consumed, it induces **a state of relaxation, heightened awareness, and dreamlike euphoria**—a sensation often compared to **LSD and cannabis**. It was no mere ornament; it was a tool for unlocking the mind.

Egyptians didn't just admire the blue lotus; they **drank it**. It was most often infused in **wine**, a process that **intensified its psychoactive effects**. The wealthy, the mystics, and the visionaries soaked the flowers for a few days, while the common people, who had to wait, let them steep for weeks in alcohol. There was even a **specific drinking**

instrument designed just for this purpose—imagine ancient Egypt's version of a ceremonial chalice, but dedicated to the art of transcendence.

The results? A heightened sense of well-being, an open heart, and a deep **connection to the unseen realms**. Some believed it allowed them to communicate with the gods. Others saw it as a doorway into their own **subconscious, dreams, and untapped wisdom**.



The Queen of Pentacles and Osho's Flowering Card: The Feminine in Full Bloom

It's no surprise that the **Queen of Pentacles** in the **Osho Zen Tarot** is reimagined as "**Flowering**". Seated gracefully atop a lotus, she radiates abundance—not just material wealth, but the richness of life itself. She reminds me of the **divine feminine in its fullest, most embodied form**: intuitive, grounded, flourishing in her own natural rhythm. I thought about tattooing something like that on me.

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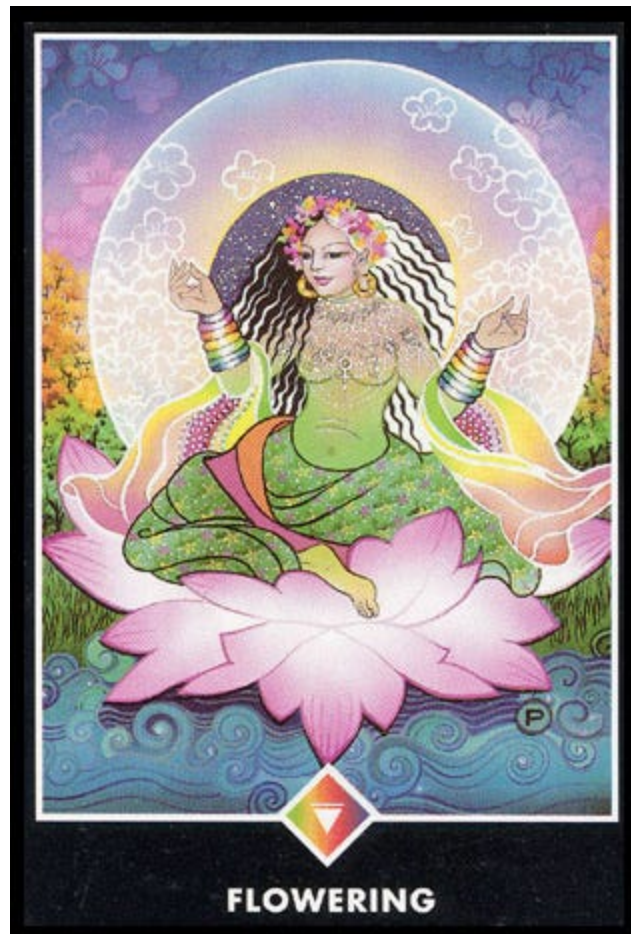
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Queen of Rainbows: Flowering Osho Zen Tarot

The **traditional Queen of Pentacles** carries a similar energy—she nurtures **both prosperity and the soul**, embodying the wisdom of nature, of cycles, of slow and steady growth. She is the earth priestess, the one who **tends the garden of life** with patience and trust.

Like the lotus, this queen does not **fight her surroundings**. She flourishes **despite them**.



Queen of Pentacles in Lightseers Tarot and Raide Waite-Smith Deck

Lakshmi and the Lotus: The Goddess of Sacred Wealth

Then there is **Lakshmi**, the **Hindu goddess of fortune**, seated upon a red lotus, her golden hands showering the world with abundance. She is the **manifestation of both spiritual and material prosperity**, a divine force reminding us that wealth is not just found in gold, but in **wisdom, integrity, and generosity**.



But Lakshmi is elusive. She stays only where there is **balance**. The moment greed, attachment, or impurity clouds the mind, she withdraws, leaving only shadows behind. In **Vedic teachings**, it is said that those

who seek only **external riches while remaining impure in their hearts** will never truly possess her blessings.

Her **red lotus** is significant. Red is the color of **Rajas**, the guna of **activity, passion, and motion**. Unlike the white lotus of detachment, Lakshmi's **red lotus** reminds us that the material world is not to be rejected but **harmonized**. True abundance comes when we engage with life fully but **remain unattached**, just as the **lotus in water never gets wet**.

Her presence is beautifully captured in the **ancient Vedic hymn**:

“Draw unto me, O sacred fire, the goddess Lakshmi, The resplendent, the golden, Doe-like, moon-lustrous, Garlanded in silver, and in gold...I invoke the goddess Sri, Who manifests as golden light. She blazes with the effulgence of fire Yet glistens like soothing, cool waters. Seated on a lotus, The lotus-hued one Smiles benevolently. Contented, she bestows contentment.”

Lotus, Tantra, and the Language of the Goddess

The lotus is not only Lakshmi's seat—it is her essence. The Sanskrit word *Lakshmi* is related to *laksya*, meaning “goal” or “aim.” Just as the lotus rises from the mud to bloom in radiant beauty, Lakshmi's energy teaches that **spiritual and material wealth must be cultivated together**.

The **golden coins** that flow from Lakshmi's hands are more than symbols of wealth. They are described as **bija mantras**, sacred seed syllables that vibrate with creative energy. In Hindu thought, these sounds are the very building blocks of the universe, much like the fifty-two letters of the Sanskrit alphabet. Lakshmi, as **Matrika Shakti (the matrix of cosmic energy)**, is not just the goddess of abundance—she is abundance itself, **unfolding creation through vibration and sound**.

This concept of **weaving reality through sacred energy** connects with the idea of **Tantra**, which literally means “weaving” or “loom.” Lakshmi's role as an upholder of dharma is also the art of weaving balance,

ensuring that the four aims of life—**Dharma (duty)**, **Artha (prosperity)**, **Kama (pleasure)**, and **Moksha (liberation)**—are in harmony.

The Flower That Always Rises

The lotus has guided me deeper into ancient wisdom, symbolism in religious art, and even my studies on **Egyptian spirituality**. This flower is everywhere in sacred imagery, a symbol of spiritual unfolding. And the more I dive into it, the more connections I find—between Lakshmi, the Queen of Pentacles, intuition, and the beauty of letting life bloom in its own time.

And perhaps that is the greatest lesson of the lotus:
To bloom **where we are**, untouched by the weight of the world, yet **fully present within it**.

As I continue my journey with this **sacred symbol**, I invite you to reflect:

Where is the lotus blooming in your own life? What murky waters have you risen from? And what petals are still waiting to unfold?

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*May we all find our center, seated in the heart of the lotus, blooming with
wisdom, grace, and purpose.*

*And now, I'm excited to share that I'll soon be launching my own **lotus tea blends!** They'll be available for pre-order soon (if you're in Australia, make sure to subscribe to get the first batch!).*

The journey is unfolding, and I can't wait to share more.

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