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UNFOGGING *The* FUTURE

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Foreward

In this book, students will study a myriad of ways to scry information about the future, including such methods as reading tea dregs, peering into crystal balls, receiving visions, and consulting Astrology and horoscope charts. Other methods of divining the future include smoke patterns, dreams, tarot cards, and the interpretation of prophecies, though the latter is quite rare.

Using this guidebook, students of Divination will learn how to discern or translate what observed symbols intend to mean.

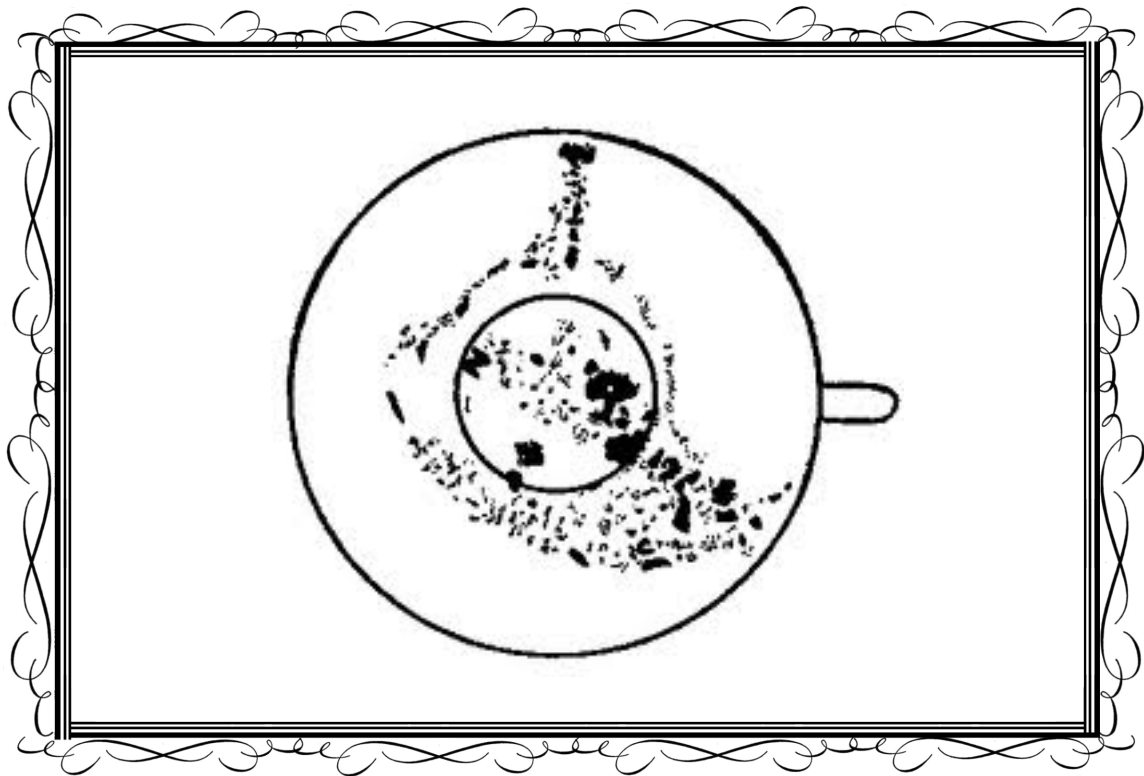


Chapter 1. Reading Tea Leaves

Tasseography (also known as tasseomancy or tassology) is a divination or fortune-telling method that interprets patterns in tea leaves, coffee grounds, or wine sediments. The terms derive from the French word tasse (cup), which in turn derives from the cognate Arabic word tassa, and the Greek suffixes -graph (writing), -logy (study of), and -mancy (divination).

Scotland, Ireland, and England have produced a number of authors and practitioners on the subject, and English potteries have crafted many elaborate tea cup sets specially designed and decorated to aid in fortune-telling.

Cultures of the Middle East that practice divination in this fashion usually use left-over coffee grounds from Turkish coffee turned over onto a plate.

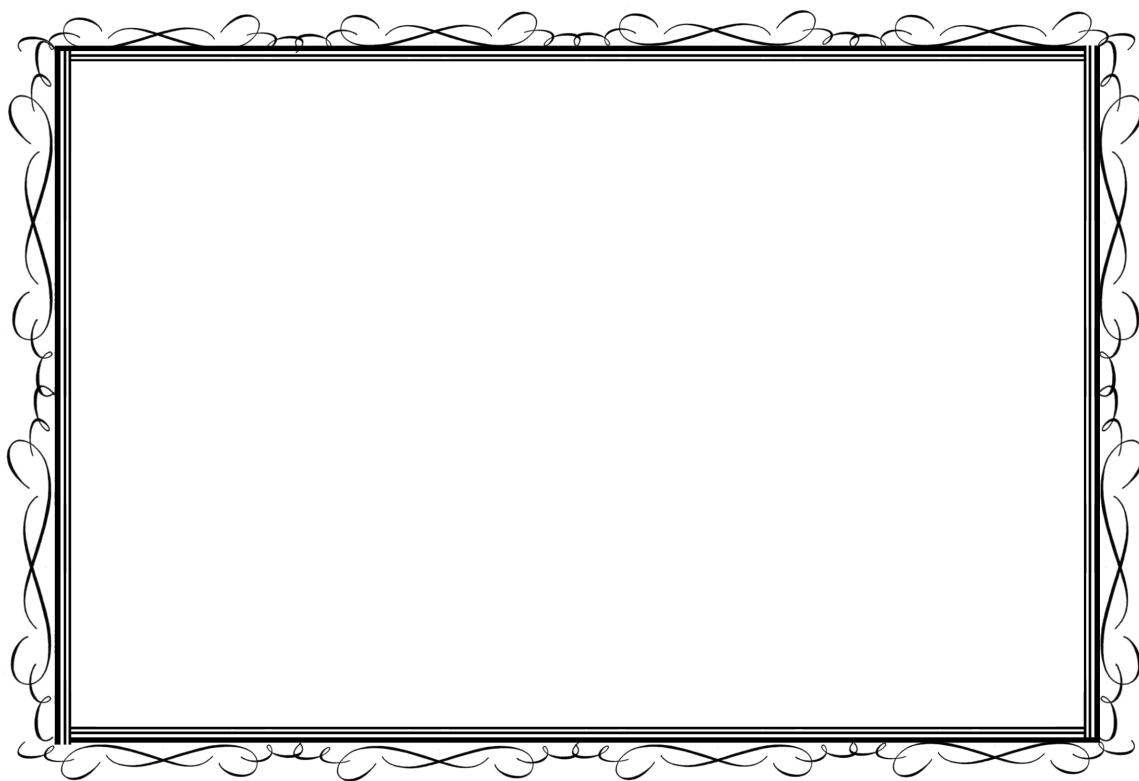


After a cup of tea has been poured, without using a tea strainer, the tea is drunk or poured away. The cup should then be shaken well and any remaining liquid drained off in the saucer.

The diviner now looks at the pattern of tea leaves in the cup and allows the imagination to play around the shapes suggested by them. They might look like a letter, a heart shape, or a ring.

These shapes are then interpreted intuitively or by means of a fairly standard system of symbolism, such as: snake (enmity or falsehood), spade (good fortune through industry), mountain (journey or hindrance), or house (change, success).

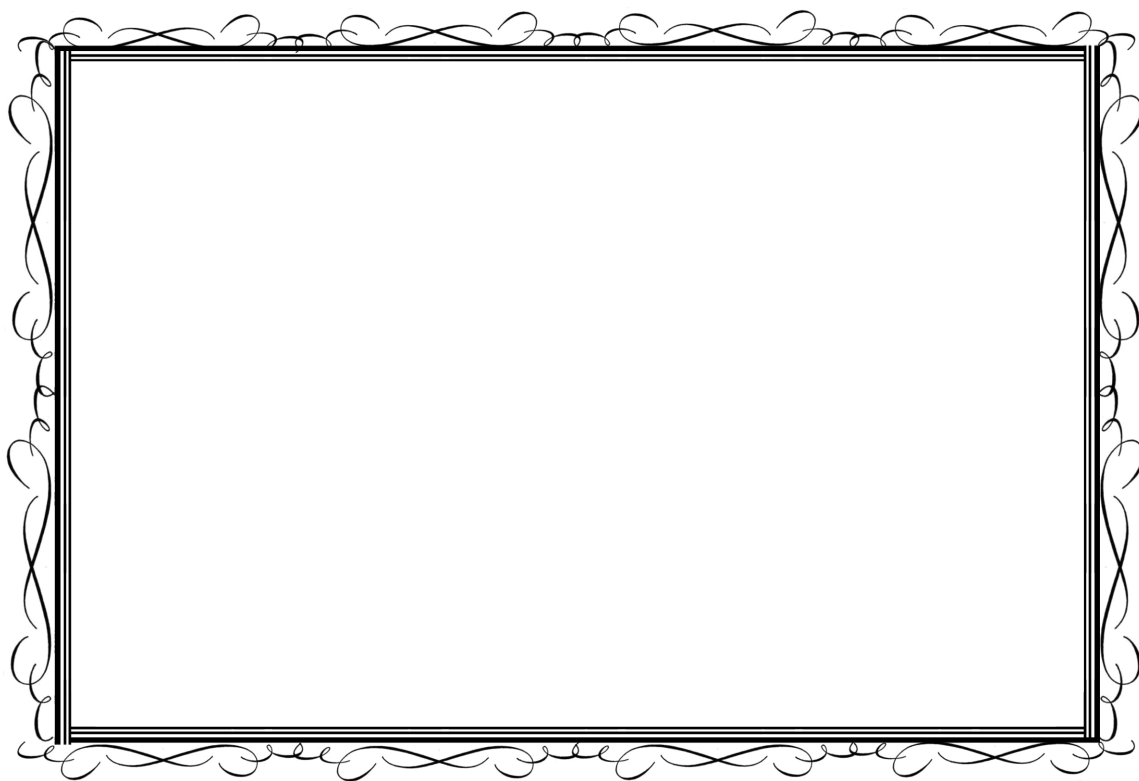
In the pages that follow, we will examine each shape and the future that it foretells.



Tea Leaf Pattern: Apple

To see an apple or apple-like shape in your cup means you will achieve knowledge, complete school, or possibly receive a diploma in the very near or distant future.

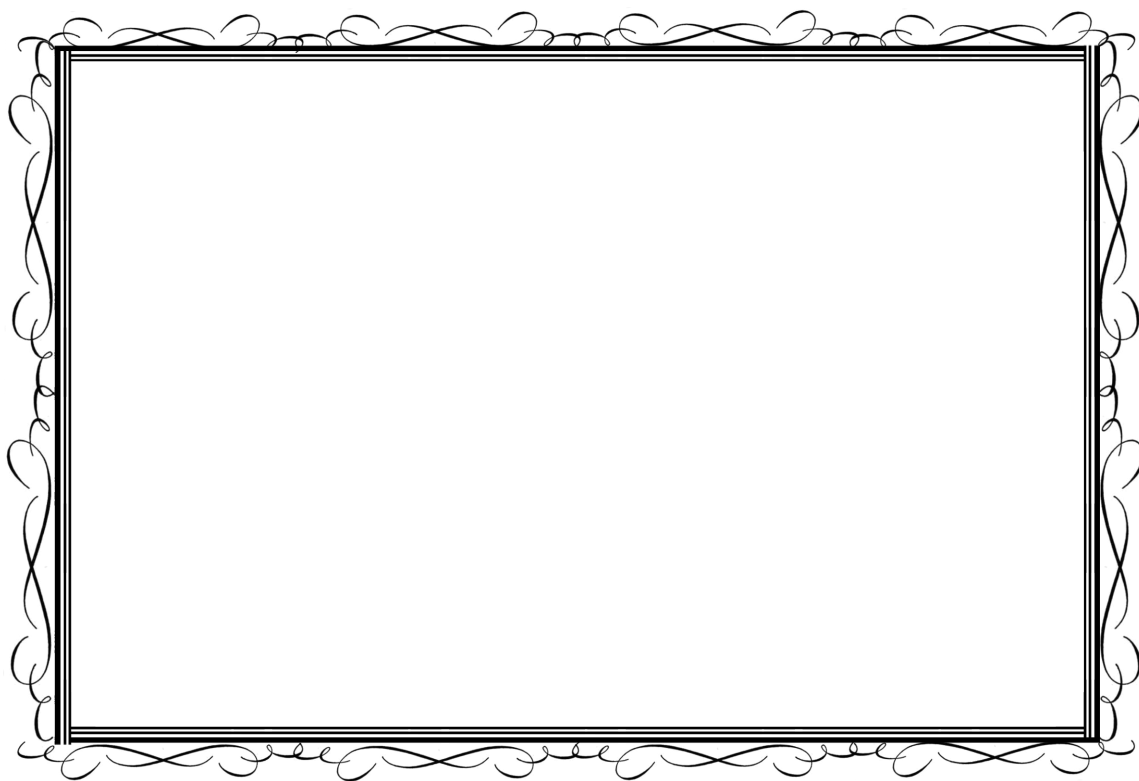
Keep to the tasks at hand so as not to disturb your karmic forces.



Tea Leaf Pattern: Flying Birds

To see a flying bird or birds in your cup means that you should be on the look out for good news that is sure to arrive at any moment.

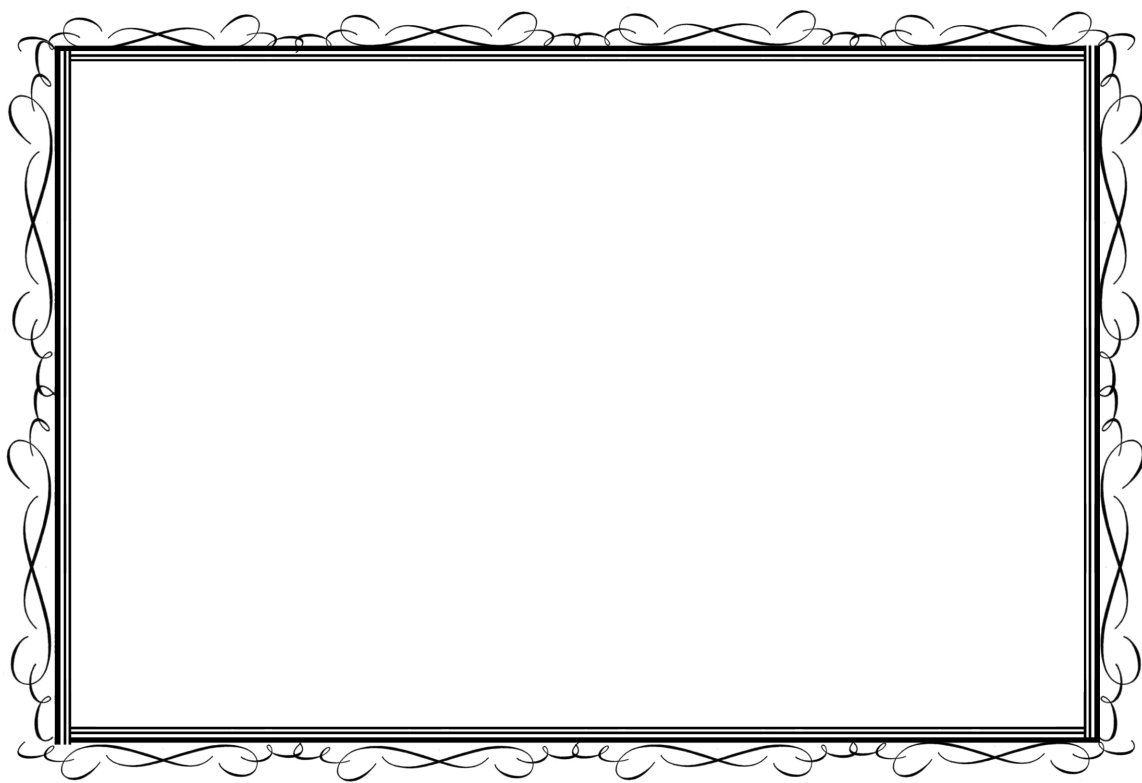
Take care to receive your news with a joyful and grateful heart.



Tea Leaf Pattern: Candle

To see a candle, a flame or anything which resembles a light source means that you are soon to receive enlightenment.

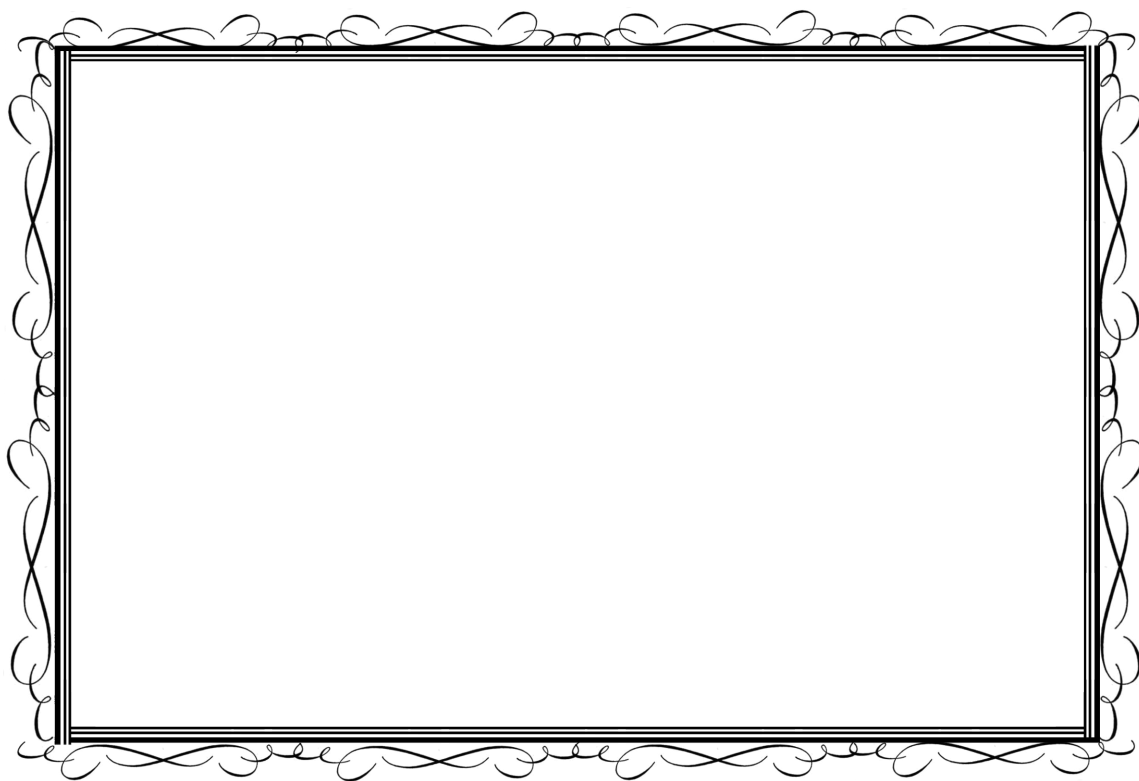
Concentrate on any questions you may have, repeating them over and over in your mind, and soon the answers will appear before your very eyes.



Tea Leaf Pattern: Dog

To see a dog, in either its full or partial form, means that you are receiving the blessings of a friend. It is a celestial signal that a close and trusted person is watching over you to keep you from harm.

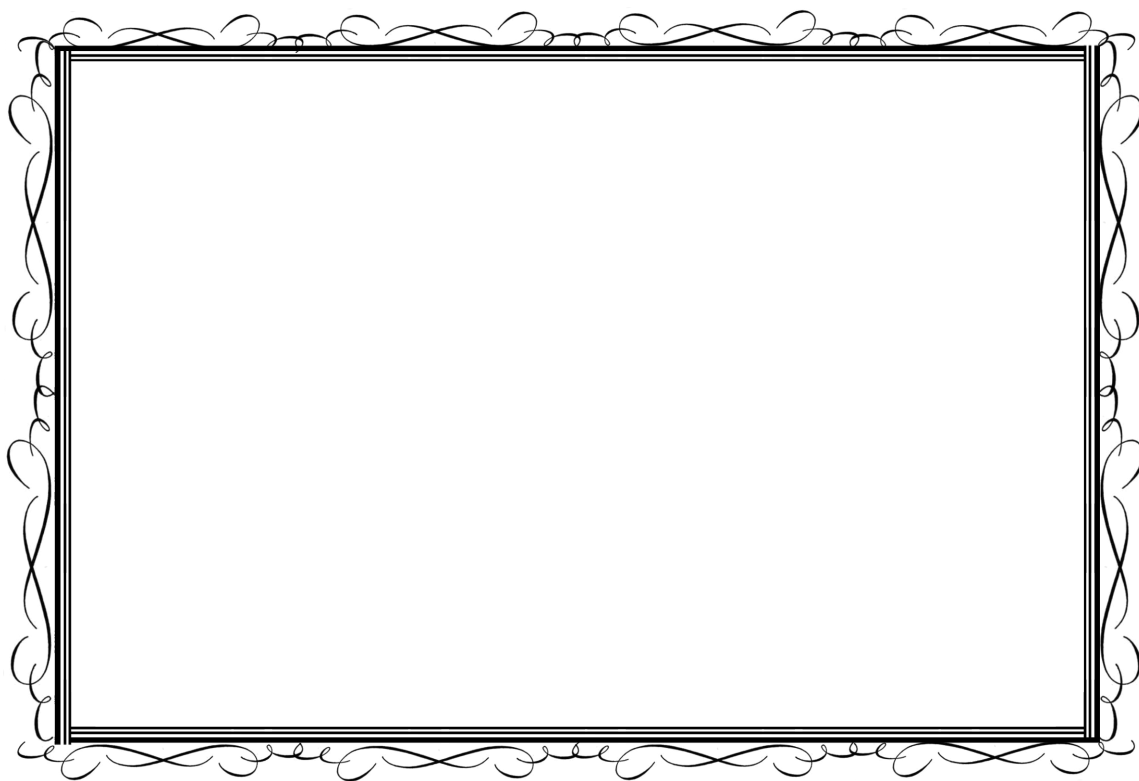
There is no need to acknowledge this watchfulness, simply appreciate that you have a loyal and caring friend nearby.



Tea Leaf Pattern: Kite

To see a flying kite, a partial kite or even the tail of a kite (signified by two triangles on their sides) means that you must be quick and make a wish.

This is the day that your fondest desire may come true!



Tea Leaf Pattern: Heart

To see a full or half heart shape in your cup means you will quite possibly fall in love in the very near future.

Beware of Cupid's bow if you do not wish to receive the affections of one of your peers. Once pierced, it is very difficult to avoid the charms of one who loves you.