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What the Future Holds

Francine Tesler Sees Beyond



Ever since she was a small child, Francine Tesler knew she had psychic abilities. "I thought everyone was like me," the professional psychic said chattily on the phone. "I thought everyone heard things, saw things, had visions and could see into the future." Tesler began giving readings around the age of 17. When she realized there was a huge demand for her services, she decided to pursue a career as a psychic full time. Since then her business has thrived and she has under her belt a steady stream of satisfied clients. In addition to her private readings which are done over the phone or in person, she is a specialist of party readings that can be done in private homes or in restaurants. Tesler has worked her magic at bridal showers, birthday parties, bar mitzvahs, graduations and at celebrations for retirement. She also offers private consultations and gives classes in psychic development, meditation, tarot reading and crystal gazing. She has offered her psychic services for real estate appraisals, business consulting, contract evaluations, and trend analysis. In addition to seeing into the future, other services she can provide include Hands of Light Healing, Spirit Channeling, Palmistry, and Psychometry, a form of psychic divination that uses the sense of touch to form a mental impression.

Tesler's corporate client list is impressive. She has done intuitive work for American Express, the American Red Cross, Bell Atlantic, the Baby Joey Foundation, Bloomingdale's, Citigroup, Pepsi Cola, Pitney Bowes, Sony/Aiwa Corporation and the United Way of Westchester, just to name a few. She calls herself "the psychic for people who don't ordinarily go to psychics."

"Ever since I can remember I've this ability," Tesler relayed to a journalist. "I've always been treated differently because I'm an artist. It's also very difficult for me to keep my mouth shut. I've been doing readings since I was a teenager. But I'm always learning."

In the most matter of fact tone, the way someone else might say, "Pass the peas," Tesler said, "The dead talk to me." She said she has psychic dreams and that she "hears things." She described the sensation as, "a slideshow of thousands of images," and said that because of her dyslexia and ADHD, sometimes her imagery is quite humorous. "I get some really weird messages. Like once I dreamed my dad was pregnant, and it turned out he was going to need surgery for a triple hernia!"

Although she does offer her services at no charge to police departments (because of her intuitions, cold cases have been reopened), and has worked with Project Find in

Psychic Francine Tesler, at left and with client, below.



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Rockland County for missing children, the great majority of her work, she said, falls under the categories of health, wealth and happiness. And business. It is her belief that the majority of people have answers to the questions they came in with inside themselves, and that much of her focus is on teaching people to pay attention to their own intuition.

Some people say they are reluctant to go to a psychic because they're afraid of hearing bad news. Other people have the idea that psychics practice a form of witchcraft and that they could put a hex or a spell on you.

"No psychic can tell you if you're going to die or put a spell on someone," Tesler said. "And I don't preach gloom and doom." She said people who seek the services of psychics need to beware of ones who deliver bad news. "Doom and gloom can lead to extortion," she warned. "If the so-called psychic says they see something wrong, but says that they have the power to fix it, that's wrong."

On the subject of tarot cards, which Tesler sometimes employs at parties, one image, she said, can mean many things. A medical intuition about someone's health is not a prognosis, but more like a heads up that the person should pay a

visit to their doctor. "We all have free will," the psychic said. "Someone like me is like I-287 on the highway. It leads to all roads. I just see different ways of getting to a place, but it's up to the person receiving the reading to get there."

Tesler is aware that many people are either fearful or skeptical of psychics or refuse to take psychic intuition very seriously. "I tell people to consider it with no preconceived notions. I'm not religious but I'm spiritual." The old religious adage to beware false prophets, she said, was to avoid charlatans. Tesler has no patience for charlatans herself and says there are people working in the field who purport to have psychic ability who really don't. Unfortunately she can't give a reading to herself and admitted it's hard for her to find someone to read her. "I just haven't found the person who is the right fit, or it could be that I block them subconsciously."

A half hour session with Tesler is the norm for private and phone sessions and she tapes the reading and gives it to the client because she said most people can't remember what she tells them while it is happening. Readings may be done over the phone because she is "clair audio." She says that in fact phone readings are often more

effective than those done face to face because her abilities are largely voice activated, she is not distracted by the other person's facial expressions. "I don't pretend to know everything," Tesler said. "I'm just a map, a guide to open people up. If I can help someone to be a little more open and to pay attention, I've done my job."

Having psychic ability, Tesler said, is "An awesome responsibility. You have to be very careful." ♦

Francine Tesler may be contacted at (718) 798-7571 and at www.francinetesler.com. The restaurant sessions are usually limited to fifteen minute due to the large demand. The sessions held in local venues are discounted.