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modernity
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This deck of cards offers questions and invitations related to affective and relational possibilities within and gesturing beyond modernity.

long-haul questions

how can we open and hold space for metabolic intelligence?

hard(ish) questions

how do we not lose sight of what we do not want to see?

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modernity questions

what do we need to let go of in order to open up new possibilities?

random invitations

how can we learn to de-center, to disarm and to discern?

calls to responsibility

how can we activate a visceral sense of responsibility "before will"?

fragility questions

how can we stop our insecurities and projections from limiting possibilities?

boxhead

dialectical utility maximizing
I think, therefore I am
I say, therefore it is
I own, therefore I rule
I feel, therefore you follow
I articulate, therefore you comply
I ask, therefore you suck!

Cartesian (teleological)
[erotic, aesthetic, utilitarian, ludic, divine, hilarious, other-than-human]

joker

how can we be taught by/at the limits of modernity (within us)?

Card reading suggestions

Self-reflexivity A: Shuffle the cards, take one card and reflect on what it says in relation to how you are feeling, thinking and/or relating at the moment. What is the card inviting you to do? How can the card be read in multiple ways?

Self-reflexivity B: Check where you are now in terms of your state of being (e.g. hopes, fears, aspirations, anxieties, etc.), take three cards representing past (where you are coming from), present (where you are at) and future (where you are going). What do the cards show in relation to your journey? How could the same cards be read differently?

Political/existential questions A: Check where you are now in terms of your state of being (e.g. hopes, fears, aspirations, anxieties, etc.), formulate a question. Take five cards representing past (where you are coming from), present (where you are at), future (where you are going), below (what is hidden) and above (what you are being shown). How do the cards contribute to your re-interpretation of the context where your question emerged from? Has your question changed as a result?

Political/existential questions B:

Separate the six different suits. Formulate a question individually or as a group. Take one card from each suit/pile and place the cards around the question. Are there any resonances between the different suits in relation to your question? How can the cards be read differently? How do the cards contribute to your re-interpretation of the context where your question emerged from? Has your question changed as a result?

Relationships A: Shuffle the cards. In pairs or individually, take one card representing the first person in the relationship, one card representing the second person and one card representing the dynamic of the relationship. What are the cards showing about this relationship? How can these insights help each person grow and the relationship to deepen? If there is a conflict, what needs to happen next for the relationship to move to a more generative space?

Relationships B: Shuffle the cards. In individually, in pairs or as a group take one card for each person involved plus three cards representing: the past foundation of the relationship, the present state of the relationship and the

looming future of the relationship. What insights have you gained about how to move differently together? If there is a conflict, what needs to happen next for the relationship to move to a more generative space?

Deepening self-knowledge: Shuffle the cards. Individually or in groups, take 7 cards representing: the current situation, current challenges, strengths, weaknesses, what to focus on now, what to focus on in the future, opportunities. What the cards show you about your medicine and the contributions you can make to the world?

You are responsible for finding your medicine (which is not usually what we want or enjoy doing, but what others find extremely useful for the balance and wellbeing of the whole collective metabolism). The next step is to “cook” it: learn as much as you can about it (what it is for, how it can be toxic, how much is enough). You are also responsible for learning how to offer it with humility and how to integrate it with other medicines. Therefore, you will need to experiment A LOT and learn to learn quickly from your failures.