

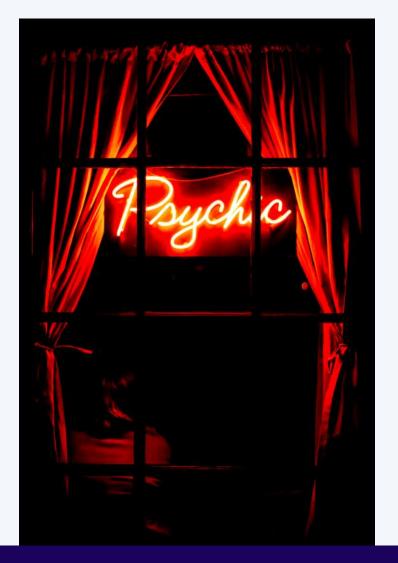
## How to **AVOID** PSYCHIC SCAMS

# AND CHOOSE AN INTUITIVE YOU CAN TRUST

#### We live in challenging times.

Wouldn't it be great if you could connect with someone who could give you answers to your most important questions?

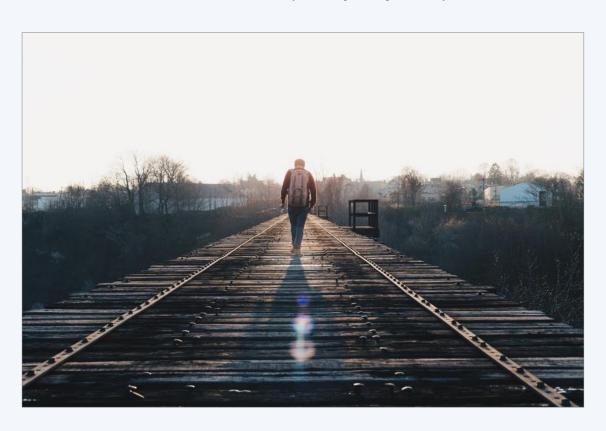
Someone who could advise about almost anything: love... work... relationships... heartaches... losses... whatever issue or decision you're wrestling with.





#### Support helps.

Most of us could use a bit of help navigating the ups and downs of our life journey.



It would be really great to talk with someone who could provide wise guidance. Someone with a bigger picture perspective.

Someone we can trust.

So it probably comes as no surprise that Google searches for "psychic" are at an all-time high.

But...

#### **Buyer beware!**

Finding a reputable psychic is not always easy. A typical search

yields thousands of links, each one claiming to be the real deal. Here's the thing...

All "psychics" are NOT created equal. Some psychics are good. Some are not so good.

While there are many legitimate professionals who've spent years developing their intuitive gifts, there are also a lot of fakes and phonies - scam artists that are ready and waiting to take advantage of you to make a quick buck. And that's not even the worst part.

An encounter with a psychic scammer doesn't just hurt your pocketbook. It can also do harm to your emotional and spiritual well-being. I've seen it far too many times. So I put together this Top 10 list of what to look for - and what to look out for - when you are looking for support. I hope and trust it will help you make more informed choices.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.



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## 1. Makes You Uncomfortable

Before you schedule with a reader check out their website thoroughly. Does their name, or the name of their company, sound authentic? Look for any photographs. When you see their picture, what are your first thoughts and feelings? Do they have any audio samples you can listen to? If so, do you like the sound of their voice?



Having a psychic reading is a very personal and intimate experience. Therefore, it's critical you feel completely comfortable before confiding in your reader. Above all else, trust your own intuition. Consider your gut instincts. What you're looking for is a feeling of resonance that is either an emotional or physical "Yes - this person is a good fit for me." You want a sense that this person would "get" you in a respectful way, that you can be relaxed and open with them. There is something about them that feels genuine or nice to you.

The goal is to choose someone you can connect with and who you feel is connecting with you. Often resonance shows up as a comfort level in your physical body – you just relax into the experience easily. At other times it will be more of an emotional tone. **Trust yourself and pay attention to your body's signals.** If anything about the reader makes you feel uncomfortable, they are not right for you.

## 2. No Set Price or Hidden Fees

A reputable psychic indicates what they charge. On their website, they will clearly list their rates and method of payment. Typically, sessions are billed by the hour or by the minute. The cost usually runs between \$50 and \$300 per hour, but there are those who charge as much as \$1,000 per hour. [Please Note: psychics who are more expensive do not necessarily have more skills. They may or may not be more accurate, or provide a "better" reading.]



There should be a clear set price that is easy to find, with no hidden costs or surprises. Be wary of anyone unwilling to state a price. Some professionals are willing and able to negotiate their fee, and others are not. If you really cannot afford the advertised fee, ask about a discount.

You definitely want to watch out for money scams – there are plenty of people out there who will charge you more and more for guidance or help. If someone tells you that you must pay them more money to save you from something or to protect you from something, look out.

Also, free readings can sometimes be a red flag. Be sure to read the fine print before handing over your credit card. Make sure you know the cost of what you've ordered - and what you'll receive.

## 3. Pumps You For Information

Fraudulent psychics seek to draw key information from you, which can later be used for their own advantage.

In contrast, a professional psychic does most of the talking initially, stopping only to ask you to validate or confirm any impressions they are receiving or round out the information.



#### A skilled reader will easily get information with little or no coaching from you.

Within the first eight minutes they should be receiving and relaying information that is personal, relevant, and meaningful to you.

## 4. Tells You What You Want to Hear

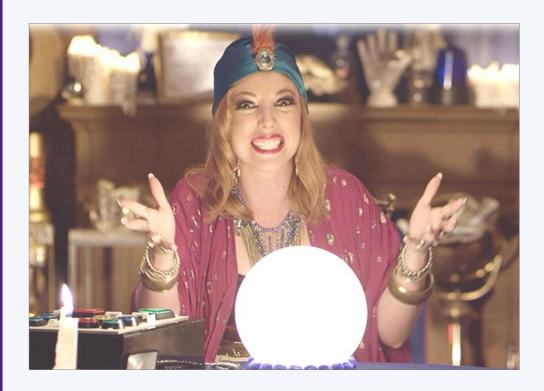


Psychic scammers are very good at telling clients exactly what they want to hear. They often speak in vague terms that could apply to anyone.

Instead of relating both good and bad news about any insights received, they instead provide a fairy tale solution to your problems. Or worse, they try to make you believe that only they can "save" you from some negative outcome.

Some people think that a good reading is one that tells them what they want to hear, one that makes them feel good. A competent psychic cannot guarantee you will hear what you want to hear, or that a session will make you feel happy. A much better measurement is if you feel validated, heard, and respected.

## 5. Claims To Predict The Future



While psychics may have insight into the spirit world, they can't work magic. Steer clear of anyone claiming to be a "fortune teller."

Anyone who says they can accurately predict your future is lying. There are very few things that are immovable or unchangeable. Anyone using free will (including you) can alter the outcome.

Talented readers may read your aura or your energy field. They may talk about

possibilities and probabilities. They might see your hopes, your dreams, and your fears - but they cannot accurately predict your future. A real psychic is NOT a fortune teller. While they may be willing to look at time-related issues, they can only do so by looking at the future through the present window, what is so in the moment, now. And there are many factors that can influence the ultimate outcome of a situation, any of which could easily compromise the accuracy of a prediction.

## 6. Fosters Dependency

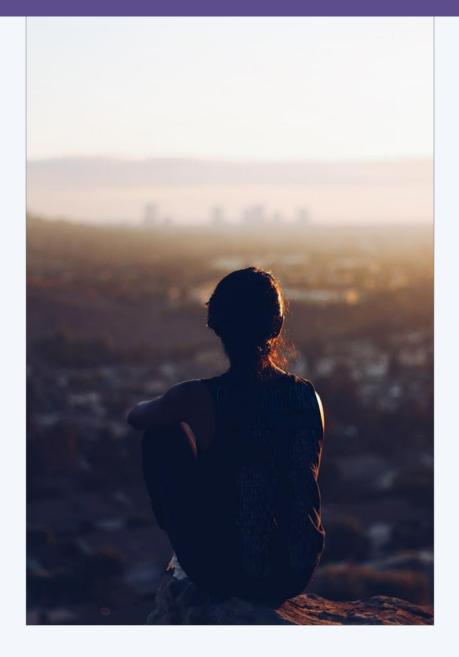
If a psychic tries to make you feel like you need them, that's a warning that they are not good for you.

Honest psychics want their clients to feel strengthened in themselves and their connection with the Divine. They want the client to grow in their own self-trust.

Choose a psychic who doesn't foster developing a dependency on them.

Avoid readers who put themselves above you or make themselves out to be specially gifted in a way you could never hope to be.

Remember, everyone is intuitive - including you.



## 7. Asks for Confidential Information



You should never be asked to provide private or confidential information. A fake psychic may tell you that sharing personal information may strengthen their connection to you. That is a lie.

Protecting yourself from a psychic scam is not much different than protecting yourself from any type of fraud. There should never be a need to share your social security number, bank account information, passwords, or other sensitive information. If you ever feel

uncomfortable with the information you are being asked to share, err on the side of caution.

Authentic psychics do their readings based on your energy and/or their own spiritual guidance.

No reputable psychic needs your confidential information.

## 8. Casts Love Spells



Beware if any psychic than claims they can fix your love life. Nobody has the power to make another person do something. Just say no to Love Spells.

If a psychic tells you they can cause someone to fall in love with you, return to you, or leave someone else for you, run the other way.

Even if they did have this terrible power, you would not want to get messed up in this karma of manipulation.

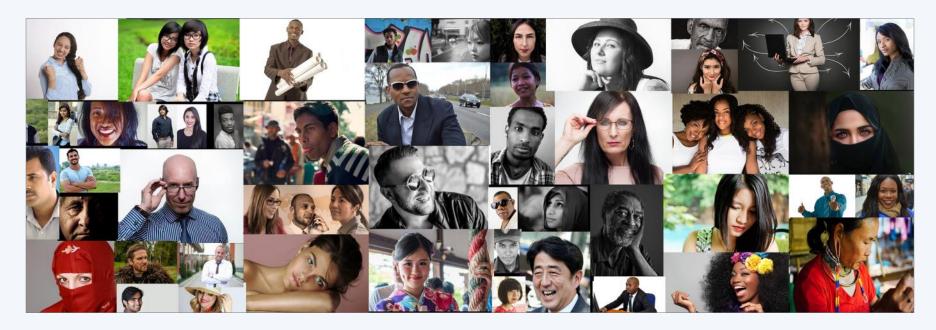
## 9. Removes Curses



One of the oldest tricks in the book is the offer to reverse a curse or clear bad karma.

It's a big red fraud flag if a psychic says you're cursed or have bad karma - and you must pay them to clear it for you. Usually such offers come with a hefty fee.

## 10. No References



Before you book a reading, check to see if they have any references or testimonials on their website. Many psychics build their business strictly by word-of-mouth advertising. The best referral is when a friend tells a friend.

When a psychic has no reviews, it could mean that they are new to the business. However, no references could also indicate they have a bad reputation. Use caution. **One of the best ways to find a reputable psychic is to ask other people who they've used and would recommend.** 

## **Summary**

There are many genuine and gifted psychics around. Unfortunately, there are also plenty of phonies, fakes, and frauds - scammers who are just in it to take your money.

The goal of a competent psychic is to help their clients understand what's behind their experience - what's the real cause of the distress, or the bigger opportunity available. The guidance offered may be something the client already knows, but has trouble acknowledging. Or it may be new information or a different perspective which can put things in a whole new light.

These days, many reputable psychics are choosing to refer to themselves as intuitive readers or intuitive counselors

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because the term "psychic" has such a bad connotation. **Personally, I use "professional intuitive."** It helps folks not familiar with my work steer clear of any misconception that I am a mind reader, or that I can provide their lucky lottery numbers, or tell them where and when they will meet their true love. **I focus on relaying information that is truth-filled, relevant, and practical.** I also help my clients awaken and develop their own intuitive skills, and often mentor other intuitive readers as they mature and deepen in their abilities and practice. I am honored to do this work.