

## 25 degree of Capricorn: 'An oriental rug dealer'

In 1925 (when the Sabian images were channelled by medium Elsie Wheeler) a rug dealer of Middle Eastern, Indian or Asian appearance would not have been the affluent manager of a carpet superstore as we may imagine him today. He would have been more likely a poor migrant, recently moved to the USA, talking little English, trying to scratch a living by selling rugs on the Californian beaches or wherever wealthy tourists were known to gather. This figure is now back in

our midst, with the massive weave of migration from troubled Middle Eastern countries to Europe and America. These are masters of wheeling and dealing who can convince anyone to buy their goods.

This image for me is a symbol of great resourcefulness, adaptability and the ability to seize opportunities, triumphing against many odds. This dealer's rugs can become then veritable magic carpets.

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