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To Ken who showed me the light.

To Cameron who showed me the shadow.

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Preface



by Suzanne Wagner

As a child I was fascinated by the magic that I saw all around. Spirits, guides and angels were my first teachers. They assisted me in understanding that in life there are patterns and sequences that allow each of us to grow and evolve.

When I was about seven years old I discovered a deck of Tarot cards. I was instantly fascinated by them and began my exploration into this system of divination. Originally, I didn't have a book to go along with the cards so I allowed the angels to explain the pictures to me so I could translate and understand the meaning of each card. Over time I began to see patterns the angels spoke of and created my own system with which to understand the cards.

Because I learned the Tarot by experience rather than from a book, I gained an insight into the patterns that are held in each of life's lessons and I translate them in a way that is easy to understand and allows you to have fun with the exploration rather than be overwhelmed and confused. I believe that Tarot is something that everyone can understand and use.

After years of studying, reading, exploring, and teaching the Tarot, I found that I wanted to create a book that explored those facets of Tarot that I found most helpful and accurate; a user-friendly book that opens others to the joy and magic each holds inside; a book that one could use to deeply explore one's own life journey. I have chosen to explain and simplify the metaphors in a way that is logical and applicable to the modern mindset, using the Aleister Crowley designed deck. Each of the 80 cards in the deck is full of many symbols and metaphorical patterns. As you read, it will help you to ask, "What do these images mean to me?" When Tarot becomes a reminder of lessons you have already learned, it becomes less mysterious and more enjoyable. The content of this book is solely my interpretations acquired throughout my life. I encourage the reader to explore and apply his or her own interpretations to the fascination of Tarot.

In writing a book that attempts to speak directly to the reader, the use of pronouns can be an issue. In my attempt to keep lines of communication open and gender balanced, the reader will be referred to as "you" and at other times included in the universal "we". In most cases, instead of using the distant "one", I have chosen to switch between masculine and feminine pronouns. Although I have not counted to see that each has equal usage, my attempt was pure. I would also like to address the use of the word "God" in this book. Tarot brings in the concept of becoming more God-like internally first by exploring one's own consciousness. The word "God" does not solely represent the Christian version of God. It represents the quest of all souls for the higher truth and the desire to understand universal laws. It is not designed to separate or alienate. It is with hope that no reader will be offended.

The Tarot has a complex and hidden history that is difficult to track. The history I give in this book has been most helpful to me in teaching others how to understand and work with the Tarot. Much of the information is historical and some of this information has been channeled to fill in the gaps that religion and history have left for us.

In this book I have separated out the cards into categories that are interesting and fun to explore. I have used famous quotes from people who clearly were speaking from a particular archetypal position. I have used many types of metaphors because it helps me to find common ground in which to explore inner truths. I find that metaphor and stories help the brain to retain the meaning of the cards and give us the opportunity to find the depth to which each one of us is ready and able to explore in our lives.

I separate the Major Arcana into sections that help translate the journey into physical, emotional, and spiritual levels. I address the problem of reversed cards and cards that undermine or enhance each other. I separate the cards into clear Yes-No-Maybe positions so when you want a direct answer from the cards you can easily understand the reading. I explain how to understand the timing of outcomes with the cards. Body aspects are included with the Major Arcana as well as Health Significance cards for this deck. They are there to assist you in understanding what your body is trying to tell you and how to help yourself become more whole and present in your life. Information about the natural sequences and flow of each group of cards will help you identify where you are along the journey and what steps you still have to learn.

I chose to put the catalog of the symbols within each card at the back of the book so that the reader did not feel overloaded with the vast amount of information held in each card. I encourage you to use the catalog as a deeper exploration into your own personal interpretation and understanding of universal symbols.

When you begin to learn Tarot, it is best to pick any spread of cards and then place the cards and read from the book. But, as you continue you will notice that there will be one image or subject that will jump out of the card into your awareness. Often, that symbol may have a specific meaning or understanding to you personally. This is the moment when you will begin to understand the magical depth to which you can explore the many images and patterns that are buried in your nonconscious. The non-conscious mind attempts to connect to the conscious awareness of the soul and give information. This supports the soul as it attempts to process something. This could be coming from the angels or your non-conscious mind. Either way it is something to pay attention to.

You can spend a lifetime exploring all the intricacies of Tarot's varied spreads and perspectives. How willing you are to look at yourself is the key to understanding this deck. I hope you enjoy working with the Aleister Crowley deck and my interpretation gives you the incentive to grow and become more aware as you journey through the Tarot

History of the Tarot

This book's historical version of the Tarot begins in the 1100's with the Knights of Templar, who were the most decorated group of knights in the Crusades. The Knights of Templar were different from most other Catholics of their time. They were part of a group of Christians called the Cathars.



The Cathars believed that they were one of the first Christian groups in Europe. The Cathars believed that Mary Magdalene was secretly married to Christ before the crucifixion and had become pregnant with Christ's child and a man by the name of Joseph of Aramethea was to be given charge of Mary Magdalene to get her and the child out of Israel.

After Jesus' death, there is no information about what had happened to Mary Magdalene or Joseph of Aramethea, yet the Cathars believed that the two traveled to Egypt. At some point Mary Magdalene gave birth to a baby girl. If Mary Magdalene had given birth to a boy it would have been significant at that time in history as a sign from God validating her claim that she was the true wife of Christ. A son could have returned to Israel and become King. A son could have returned to Israel and become King. A girl however, called into question the validity of Mary Magdalene's claim and put her and the child in jeopardy. For this reason, it was decided that they would leave and move to Europe

to spread the word of Christ there.

Joseph of Aramethea bought passage for them all on a boat traveling to the South of France. Once there, Mary and her daughter started the first Christian churches and preached the Gospel. However, they taught a gospel that was different from how we understand Christianity today. They preached that Jesus had been married to Mary Magdalene and was a powerful, mystical, sexual human being. Mary Magdalene and her daughter created two churches in France called the Churches of the Black Madonna. These churches thrived and later became an offshoot of Catholicism called the Cathars.

When the Knights of Templar went on the Crusades, they knew that as Cathars they were not in keeping with the traditional beliefs of other Catholics and attempted to protect their belief system by keeping somewhat clandestine.

From channeled information, comes the possibility that the Knights overtook a town during one of their battles in the Middle East and in the town was a sacred scroll that had survived the fire at the Alexandrian Library.

This scroll told about the levels and patterns of angels who help us and it separated the angels into different groups. There were angels in charge of the transition points along our path in life (these became the Trumps/or the Major Arcana). There were angels in charge of the material plane, the emotional plane, the mental plane and the energetic plane (these became the Minor Arcana).

When the Knights of Templar read the scroll and began to understand its significance, they were extremely excited and eager to share their knowledge. However, they realized that if they took this infor - mation back to Europe, they would be regarded as heretics due to the rigidity of the Catholic religion at that time. So they decided they would use the information to create a set of cards and bring it back to Europe. This is what we know today as the Tarot.

The Knights of Templar were a valiant group during the Crusades and when they returned to be decorated by the Pope, they carried the Ancient Egyptian Book of Angels back with them in secret. Once

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they returned home to the south of France, the Pope realized that he had just knighted men who believed that Christ was sexual and married to Mary Magdalene. The Pope was furious and had every Knight of Templar tortured and killed for his heresy. The church documents that remain today tell us that even under torture, none of the Knights of Templar ever recanted their belief that Christ was sexual and married to Mary Magdalene. The Pope then tried to destroy all the information of the Cathars, forcing the group into hiding. The Cathars believed that they were the true blood of Christ and decided to quietly marry into all the noble families of Europe. The Cathars became a somewhat secret society and the Egyptian Book of Angels evolved into a card game called the Tarot. This is how the Cathars and the Tarot became associated with each other..

During this time the Tarot became a form of political dissension. Some of the cards began to depict distrust and anger directed toward the Catholic Church. In essence, the Tarot Cards became the political underground newspaper of the day. For instance, the Hanged Man card became a Christ-like figure being tortured upside down with the Cardinals and the Pope in the background. This insinuated that the Pope and the Cardinals were killing a Christ-like figure, which was intended to represent the Knights of Templar. The cards began to represent the torture and death of the Knights of Templar as well as an attempt of the Church to kill the ideas of the Cathars.

The Catholic Church was very upset and went after anything that politically opposed their positions. The Tarot was caught in the middle of this conflict. The Pope tried to stop the political dissent by banning the Tarot and labeling it as "demonic". But this only succeeded in creating more interest and sparked secret rebellion.

Historically, at this same time, the gypsies were roaming from France to the Middle East. When the cards fell into the hands of the gypsies, they immediately knew what they were. They had heard about the Sacred Book of the Angels and the stories about the scroll being taken. They knew that if these cards were depictions from the Sacred Book of the Angels, they could enable the gypsies to tell fortunes and predict the future. Unfortunately, some gypsies used the cards for manipulation and personal financial gain, thus giving the Tarot another negative connotation.

TAROT IN THE 1300's

The Tarot seems to appear in the form we know today in the 1300's and caused controversy from the very beginning. Our earliest information comes from a Dominican monk, Brother Johannes. He kept track of where the game was appearing so discipline could be handed out to the offenders. It is confusing because traditional playing cards at that time were also forbidden so it is not known how severe the differences in discipline were between Tarot offenders and normal playing cards used for gambling. The Tarot is similar to traditional playing cards from the standpoint that there are four suits of ten and four face cards in each suit. The Tarot uses Wands, Cups, Swords, and Disks. The French playing cards used Clubs, Hearts, Spades, and Diamonds.. But where the Tarot differs greatly is in the twenty-two Trumps or Major Arcana. There is no printed history that explains where exactly these cards came from or whose idea they were in the first place. Some believe that the Tarot is the Egyptian Book of Wisdom passed down by the priest caste. In the Major Arcana we see the remnants of the ancient mystery schools teachings that instruct the initiate into the mystical traditions of consciousness. These traditions were often found only through secret societies. Through the journey of the Tarot, you are allowed to follow into the magical world of the soul to the depth that you wish to go. What we are sure of is that the Minor Arcana aspect of this game was passed down from the Islamic world and was used as a game of entertainment. Yet, the Major Arcana remains a mystery as to where it originated. It is what makes the Tarot different from our modern form of cards and gives the depth and mysterious insights into the workings of the soul.

INTRODUCTION TO TAROT

LEARNING TO READ THE TAROT

Most people become intimidated by the apparent complexity of the Tarot. While indeed this is a method of exploring the unconscious and one can spend a lifetime continuing to learn, this shouldn't stop the novice from believing that she can jump in and begin.

One of the confusing aspects to Tarot is that most western minds have been trained in the understanding of words and linear thought. Some cultures educate using methods of leftbrain development. This helps to organize our experiences and create structures of thought and action. Often we see this as our conscious mind. The first thing to remember in learning the Tarot is that the cards speak to us on the right side of our brain. The right side of our brain understands pictures, feelings, and impressions.

Frieda Harris's images speak directly to the right brain. Angels and our higher self speak to us through images and symbols. Often these symbols are multidimensional and this is how they should be interpreted. The images allow one to begin to learn how to get the conscious mind (left brain) to speak to the non-conscious mind. (Notice the use of the word non-conscious mind instead of the unconscious mind. Our non-conscious mind is perfectly conscious, we just don't often allow the conscious mind and the non-conscious mind to exist together in a single moment in an awakened state.)

Through Tarot we begin to teach our conscious mind to let go of the control over our experience and allow the magical aspects of the dreamtime to come back into awareness. The only time most people have this experience is if they are lucidly dreaming or if they have just awakened from a dream and are still in a somewhat altered state between sleep and wakefulness.

Tarot gives us the opportunity to bring the magic and excitement of a spiritual journey back into our conscious experience. Everyone is on a spiritual journey in some way, but our modern existence does not always allow us to explore the magical side of reality. The Tarot is one doorway into those realms.

HOW TO BEGIN WITH THE TAROT

When you look at a card, see if you get a positive association or a negative association from the card. If there is a positive association then there is a positive message that is attempting to come in. If there is a negative association then the non-conscious mind is attempting to help you become aware of something that is buried deep inside and the angels or your soul wants to bring this to your awareness so it can begin to heal.

The question becomes, "What does it mean?" and "How do I translate that information?"

For example, first begin by asking what a rabbit means to you? Do you like rabbits? Do you not like rabbits? If you like rabbits and have a positive association, then the message is about something positive. If you do not like rabbits and the rabbit in the dream was a monster rabbit, then it is a message that is more negative or fearful. Often the negative dreams are about unexpressed emotions that are buried in the deep non-conscious and they only come up when the conscious mind

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is taking a break from reality.

In addition we can translate the image of a rabbit from more than one position. What does a rabbit mean to me on the physical? An example would be, "Do I have a positive association with rabbits in real life because I had one as a child?" There are also the levels of the emotional and spiritual. "What does a rabbit mean to me on an emotional level? " In this case, try to imagine what it would feel like to be a rabbit. Close your eyes and become a rabbit with all its fear and sense of awareness. Here the emotional rabbit is a representative of inner fear. On the spiritual level the question would be: "What does a rabbit mean to me on a spiritual level?" Now, imagine the higher message of a rabbit. It could be something like a white rabbit in Alice in Wonderland trying to show the way into another aspect or realm.

As you go further into the Tarot you will learn how to keep asking questions and go deeper into your personal metaphorical system by looking at the physical, emotional, and spiritual levels of certain cards.

In the journey of the Tarot, the process is about wholeness and centering of the polarity within yourself. Tarot attempts to bring awareness to aspects that you would prefer to remain buried deep in the nonconscious. The reason we want to do this is because we all want to see ourselves as positive and good. In reality, we have all made mistakes and are hard on ourselves in some areas of our life. **The Tarot attempts to teach understanding, compassion, and forgiveness of our mistakes by helping us see the patterns in our life that we create and perpetuate.** When we understand the patterns that make up our reality then we learn not to judge ourselves or others.

When we disown aspects within ourselves, we take energy away from other things that we could be doing. The Tarot shows how to get to know those parts and begin to love and reintegrate them into our conscious awareness. When aspects become integrated then you will notice that you no longer have a charge on the card when it shows up.

In the Tarot there are no bad cards, even the dark cards are lessons that are critical for growth. We all have had lessons that were difficult at the time but later on were one of our shining moments. This is the case with the darker cards. It would be wonderful if life never had any bumps along the path. In reality, life is full of problems, death, injuries, illnesses, and frightening emotional states. That is what makes life exciting and challenging. The Tarot attempts to be the early warning system to assist one in staying awake to a constantly changing environment. It gives insight as to how to handle the coming situation and assists in understanding lessons being presented without judgment and blame. Often, if you know that you are being presented with a lesson, then you are more awake in that moment and have the opportunity to make better choices that create better results in your life.

WHY USE THE ALEISTER CROWLEY TAROT?

Aleister Crowley (1875-1947) originally intended to update the medieval Tarot. He took the Tarot and realigned it astrologically, numerologically, and metaphorically, to modernize it into a tool that becomes more widely accepted each day. This deck survives because it is universal in its clarity of metaphor. No one will argue that this man was deeply interested in matters of magic as well as understanding pathways to awareness. Crowley's association with the artist, Frieda Harris, had a major impact on the design of the Thoth Tarot. Together they worked for five years to create a deck that was wholly new. Harris incorporated over 1200 symbols in the original 78 card deck (some decks have two additional Magus cards, bringing the total to 80). The symbols, colors, and perspectives in each card are understandable if one is willing to look closely while asking oneself, "What is the personal significance?"

All decks are energetically aligned to the person who is drawn to them. The Aleister Crowley deck is complex and deeply probing into the areas of the "nonconscious" where many would prefer not to go. When you choose to work with the Aleister Crowley deck, you set yourself apart as a person who is deeply curious about the inner workings of the soul and its potential balance with the human experience.

THE JOURNEY OF THE FOOL

The Journey of the Fool is perhaps what we are all on as we move in and out of different learning experiences in life. The Tarot serves as a map symbolizing where you are as you travel the pathways of life. As you go through the Major Arcana symbols and archetypes, you see The Fool creating a pathway through life and love. It is the same journey all of us take at different times. No matter what adventure we are undertaking, all journeys have a beginning, middle, and an end. The Major Arcana reflect all the different steps a person must take in order to journey from a particular beginning to a particular completion. All the steps will occur in one way or another, but not necessarily in the exact order of the Trumps.

Each Trump card is an archetype. Archetypes are universal symbols or aspects of yourself and your personality. Each part of your personality shows up as one of these aspects in different ways and in different places; at work you are one way and at home another. But Tarot is more complex than that. It is the complexity of the person's pattern and where she is in her journey that makes the Tarot interesting and difficult to interpret.

THE TAROT PROVIDES AN OUTLINE OF THE PERSON YOU ARE READING FROM A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL LEVEL

When you look at the cards' spread as a whole, it gives you both an impression of the person, and a picture of what is going on for that person. The cards are archetypes that you can define from your own reference points and personal experiences. In a reading, most of us will show up as a combination of cards, or overlapping archetypes. For example, you could be both at the beginning of a new job and your son could be challenging your personal belief systems by rebelling. Each of these situations appear as a different archetypes or Trump card in the Tarot.

The Trumps or Major Arcana are the archetypical steps in their purest form. Your personality has many dimensions and directions, and you can be many of the cards all at the same moment in time. The Major Arcana also represent the archangels that are in charge of major steps or transitions to be taken on your life's journey. The Major Arcana deal with the major life issues and processes that are imprinted and learned by your soul.

The Minor Arcana represent the lesser angels and signify the more day-to-day activities and challenges you come up against in your normal life including: money concerns, emotional distress, fears, confusions, learning steps, and impulses just to name a few.

The Court cards also represent people, circumstances, and experiences that are on a more mundane level.

IN THE MINOR ARCANA, EACH SUIT HAS A DIFFERENT QUALITY OR ANGLE FROM WHICH TO LOOK AT YOUR REALITY

<u>The Wands are fire.</u> Wands are the life-force energy natural to all living things; the driving masculine energy of the universe at work within life.

<u>The Cups are water.</u> Cups represents the emotional realm, feelings from joy to misery. Cups represent the emotional feminine aspect of God and those principals of the universe at work within your life.

<u>Swords are air.</u> Swords represents the mind and all its complex figuring of patterns and ways to do something; the masculine principal at work within the realm of logic and mind.

<u>Disks are earth.</u> Disks represents the energy of the feminine principal and the external, material and physical realities as they relate to life and creation. We still call our planet, "Mother Earth".

Certain cards also represent seasons and times of the year, astrological information, and numerology. These will be discussed throughout the book.

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THE TAROT TALKS TO YOU THROUGH YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES AND REFERENCE POINTS

Each card has a particular resonance or tone reflecting or creating meaning and perspective to each person depending upon where his journey has taken him . You are the aspect of all the cards at different times in your life, which is why you read the Tarot. Different sets of circumstances will bring up different parts of your personality in the cards and show you reacting and responding in certain ways depending upon your previous experiences. For instance, when I did a "spread" on my grandfather years ago, his central card was the Prince of Disks. The aspects of this card are very much like my grandfather; slow to anger, but then can suddenly erupt. He can be somewhat resentful of spiritual people who are out of touch with reality. He can be like a traditional, conservative, old school type of "Father Knows Best" father. This type of man can be controlling, and he sees his role as being the major money earner of the family. This typifies my grandfather and in certain generations will typify most of our fathers and grandfathers. By working with this spread, the Prince of Disks card then became an old school father energy card for me whenever it appeared. Our fathers will have a variety of energies, but I am giving you the energies and symbols of the cards from my experience and encouraging you to pay attention to your own experiences when giving readings and doing spreads.

BECOME AWARE OF PATTERNS AND OVERLAPS THAT SPECIFICALLY SPEAK TO YOU

Although the cards speak to you from your own point of reference, they also speak in a language of symbolism and therefore will speak one thing to one person and something else to another. This can create overlaps in the meaning of the cards.

Let's take the Father image. The cards that represent the Father are: The Emperor, The Knight of Disks, and The Prince of Disks. This can get confusing whenever there are cards that have similar meanings. Each of these cards looks at the father archetype from a somewhat different vantage point. Let's sort this out.

The Emperor is Major Arcana and represents the masculine protective energy inside each one of us. It reminds you where you need to be responsible and take charge in your life. Usually you learn this skill from your father but not always. Some people have mothers who are the representative of this archetype and have integrated the masculine principal from their feminine line. So this card does not always represent your father literally, but the father you have integrated within. It is about how we move our masculine energy in our life.

The Knight of Disks represents a man who is responsible and has good goals for his life. He is grounded and willing to take the necessary steps to be a father and a husband. This card usually shows up for women when they are in love with someone or getting ready to marry. This card is an idealistic version of the perfect man. Some see their father as this image and he is idealized in their minds. The Knight of Disks is the gentle image of the stable, reliable, consistent man, whom females desire to be in love with. This card can also represent you, so you would be reflecting those qualities at that time in your life.

The Prince of Disks is the old-school type of man who has traditional, moral values and judgments. He can be somewhat of a controlling, dominating, male archetype. He doesn't know how to express his emotions well and has a tendency to withhold feelings rather than express them. When they finally do come out he may explode because his feelings have been held in for so long. He means well but has a rigid belief system of what his job is as a male role model. Again, this card can represent the client and reflect a controlling behavior that he is allowing to dominate his life. It is a reminder to let go of the old pictures and drop judgmental patterns.

THE TAROT TEACHES ABOUT BEHAVIOR

The Tarot is an energetic map of who you are at this very moment in life. There is a predictable course of action that you will take according to your personality, behavior, and learned experiences. As a reader, you can assist the client in his growth by showing strengths and weaknesses and by pointing out inappropriate learned experiences. Then he will have an opportunity - a choice - to grow. The client gets to choose the next step and become engaged in the process of his own development and evolution.

READINGS ARE ABOUT SOUL DEVELOPMENT AND PERSONAL GROWTH; THEY ARE NOT REALLY ABOUT TELLING THE FUTURE

The Tarot attempts to help you understand the lessons of your life. Before you can do that, however, you have to see the dysfunctional patterns or behaviors that are throwing you off-center. In a reading ask yourself these questions: "What are the obstacles in front of me?" "Where am I in illusion about my life?" "Is there a way out of the present circumstances?" "How can I look at my circumstances differently?" Doing a reading is about learning how to engage the client to take responsibility for creating these patterns. If you approach any client with a sense of fun and excitement, you can then teach her that growth and change are powerfully transformative and a natural process of life.

The Crowley deck engages the personal growth process within each one of us. It shows how everything in our life is connected. This will become clearer as you personally experience the cards and allow them to integrate. Your personal reference points will give you the clues to the symbolism in the cards and their inherent meaning for whomever you are reading.

Sometimes a client cannot see the behavior pattern that is blocking his success. As the reader, you will have to trust your own intuition and confidence and come at the information from different angles, saying the same thing to clients several different ways before they finally see the pattern or the behavior. Remember that the reason this person is in front of you for a reading is because they can't see something. Consciously or unconsciously, she knows she can't see it and wants you to help her bring it into focus.

A person always has two sides—the light and the dark or shadow. The challenge is to help them see what they are doing in relation to a particular issue. Sometimes they can be doing the "light side" as well as the "dark side" of the card concurrently.

The shadow can show up in different areas of the person's life. As much as a person can be proud and noble, he can also be intolerant and prejudiced. For example, someone can have an intolerance of uneducated people. What that person is actually saying is that he is proud of his knowledge. At the same time, because he is proud of his knowledge, he can actually have a deep fear of not knowing or understanding others. This fear causes him to compensate by acquiring more and more knowledge so he can feel good about himself. He doesn't want to appear uneducated so he overcompensates and looks down upon others. Fear is causing the behavior. One force drives the other force. This type of pattern will appear and reappear in the cards. The reader needs to take a look at both sides of the card, the light as well as the shadow to accurately deliver the reading.

I like to think of people as a hologram. They are coming from many different, multi-dimensional directions. In a reading it is important to see a person from all vantage points. A person is not just happy or sad. She is all the emotions and all the patterns simultaneously. The goal in doing a reading with cards is to understand the relationships of the patterns to the person and to be able to translate that effectively to the person in such a way that it creates understanding and growth. (Through Crowley's cards, the investigation of this phenomenon is clearer than I have experienced with other decks of Tarot cards.)

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THE TAROT IS NOT ONE-DIMENSIONAL

The Tarot is sometimes hard for people to understand and learn. Each card exists on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level. Some of these levels will register more easily than others based on where your consciousness is more open. But do not doubt that all the levels are happening at the same time to some degree.

Remember change doesn't have to be painful, but if you resist the flow of the universe, change can be quite traumatic. If you understand that there are natural stages in life, you can learn to flow with them rather than against them. The Tarot teaches both the positive and negative aspects of life. It can teach the positive aspect to negative events. Then you can understand what the lesson is and accept the challenge in its rightful time.

Negative events were not designed to make us miserable, they were created to make us stretch out of our comfort zone. Just think how boring life would be if there were no change or challenge!

The Tarot is here to help make us more aware of the levels of consciousness and unconsciousness in our lives. If you know we are at the beginning, as with the Fool, we can choose more wisely, and also try not to expect the results instantly. After all, we are only at the beginning.

HOW DO I ASK A QUESTION TO THE TAROT?

When you are ready to ask a question to the Tarot, begin by shuffling the cards in whatever way is the most comfortable to you. As you are shuffling, think about the question you want to ask. Ask the angel of prophesy to come and assist you in this process, then spread the cards out in an arch shape.

You can use any prayer you feel comfortable with to bring divine guidance into your work with the cards. Any invocation that brings a sense of peace and balance within you will work.

Breathe and center yourself. Feel yourself move out of your head and into your heart. Let go of any fear, concerns, or attachments to a particular outcome.

Ask the question simply. "Should I take this new job?" Then as a separate question, "Should I stay at my old job?" Then after each question pick three cards with your left hand and turn them over. In the book you will see in the margins that there is a section at the bottom that says Yes/No Position. Turn to this section and read the answers.

It is possible to get a mixed answer such as: Knight of Swords (Maybe), Two of Swords/Peace (Yes), Seven of Disks/Failure (No). If you get this type of answer it means that the outcome has not yet been determined. The future is always in flux and is making small adjustments. The cards can also come out this way because the question is not clear enough, not specific enough or the question is irrelevant at this time. In such a case it is best to try to rephrase the question or to put the cards down and clear your mind and attachments.

In this situation you can also ask the question differently, "What are the lessons if I choose this path?" Often the Tarot prefers to answer from this angle rather from a straight Yes/No/Maybe position.

It is important to note that the Tarot is a guide to the lessons that you must learn at this time. Sometime the cards may give you a "Yes" answer to a question, "Am I supposed to be in relationship with this person?" You will go into that relationship and you may not get the outcome that you had envisioned in your mind. Look to how you asked the question. You asked, "Am I supposed to be in relationship with this person?" The answer was "Yes" because you were supposed to learn and grow through the process of this relationship. That is how all of us learn. That does not mean that you will live happily ever, will marry that person, or be in a long-term relationship.

It is important to notice your exact words when asking a question and interpreting the cards from the position that nothing is set in stone. The future is flexible and ever-changing. As you grow so will your experiences and lessons.

In asking a question, if you get three "Yes" cards then the answer is a definite "Yes".

If you get three "No" cards then the answer is definitely "No".

If you get two "Yes" cards and one "No" card the answer is "Yes" but there is something that you are not quite going to get in the outcome that you think is going to happen. In other words you are going to get most of what you are going for. The "No" card in this case is often going to give some insight as to what the problem is or what you are going to encounter.

If you get two "No" cards and one "Yes" card then the answer is "No" but there is something of which you are not quite aware. The "Yes" card in this case is going to give some insight as to what you will receive from this situation.

Often with two "Yes" cards and one "No" card the answer is in actuality going to be a "No", but the person is usually going to go in the direction of the "Yes" no matter what the reader says. This indicates that the person wants this very badly and is not really going to get the outcome she is looking for, but wants to use her will to attempt to get what she wants.

An interesting thing about the Tarot is that if you are not clear you will not get a clear answer. If you are attached to an outcome in the cards and you keep asking the question over and over again, you will eventually get the answer you are looking for. In such a situation getting the answer you wanted is probably not the true answer.

YOU CAN MANIPULATE THE CARDS WITH YOUR INTENTION AND DESIRE

Think of it as if the angel of prophecy is helping you pick the cards. When you don't get the answer you want, you become irritated and keep asking the question slightly differently, over and over. Imagine the frustration of the angel above you. Eventually, the angel surrenders to your desire because you are going to go that way even if it is not actually the best or easiest. Then you will get the answer you want.

If you are in fear and anger, when you work with the Tarot, sometimes it will reflect the anger and fear. An example is if you are going to court for something important. You want to know the outcome but you might be terrified of going to jail. If you are not clear that you are afraid, the cards will reflect your worst nightmare and tell you that you are going to jail.

In this case, ask the question like this, "Knowing that I am afraid. In this moment, I am willing to put my fear aside. How will I feel about the outcome of this court problem after the decision?" Then pull three cards. How you feel is a great indication of the outcome. If the cards are Happiness, Completion, and Peace, these show that you are relieved and relaxed. Then you know the outcome is favorable for you. If the cards show the Tower, Death and Ruin, you know that the outcome is not in your favor.

WHAT THE TAROT DOES NOT ANSWER WELL

Sometimes people believe that the Tarot can answer any question on any subject. This is not true. This oracle is about understanding life patterns and pathways. There are skills that you can develop as you use this oracle to better interpret and divine information from the cards. This takes time and practice but everyone is capable of uncovering the deeper meanings in the complex patterns that exist when cards come together or are touching each other.

One of the areas of discrepancy is Occupation. The question, "What am I supposed to do next?" is a challenge for the Tarot. There are sections in the book where occupations are indicated from certain cards. This is a good reference.

In general, the Tarot does not answer well questions such as; "What should my next job be?" If you ask this question you will probably get an answer that gives you the qualities of the job rather than the job itself.

Timing is the other difficult area for Tarot. In using the cards for years, I notice that if I ask how long something will take there is a basic equation that is helpful. Remember, this is not foolproof. Timing is

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based on how much the person is motivated by an answer to go for the outcome.

An example would be, "When will I get a house?" You might get an answer such as; Knight of Disks, Art (Fourteen of Trumps), and Peace (Two of Swords). The Court cards by themselves such as all Knights, Queens, Princesses, and Princes usually represent years. Trumps by themselves, usually represents months. Together Trumps and Court Cards represent that you can accomplish buying a house in two months to two years. Clients usually want an exact number and they don't like wide spreads in the timetables. So I will often say that they can accomplish this in two years. Sometimes the person comes back and says that they didn't like that it was going to take that long and so they got motivated and accomplished it in two months. Subtle opposition motivates some people.

Unfortunately, the opposite is also true. Some people love to resist and prove that everything in the psychic realm is wrong. You can take a person with tremendous resistance and have the same question about buying a house and they could get the same answer. Yet, they will not do any of the steps because they want to prove everything wrong. She will not get the timing because of her resistance to life and the pathways of the Tarot.

With most people, if you get the above answer, they will accomplish it in the shorter amount of time rather than the longer.

READING TAROT IS ABOUT UNDERSTANDING HOW TO MOVE THROUGH LIFE

Tarot doesn't answer "Where?" questions well. A difficult question for Tarot to answer would be, "Where will I meet my soul mate?" Again, cards don't pinpoint location well. In this case separate the questions out into: "Will I meet my soul mate in relationship to my work?" "Will I meet my soul mate in relationship to my family or friends?" "Will I meet my soul mate in relationship to a vacation?" "Does my soul mate live in this state?" "Does my soul mate live in another state?"

Hopefully, this gives you some insight as to how to ask questions with the Tarot. Keep refining your verbal skills so the answers begin to make sense. If nothing makes sense. Put the cards away for a time and come back to them later when you are calmer and less stressed.

CARDS THAT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER

In Tarot there are cards that don't necessarily like to be together.

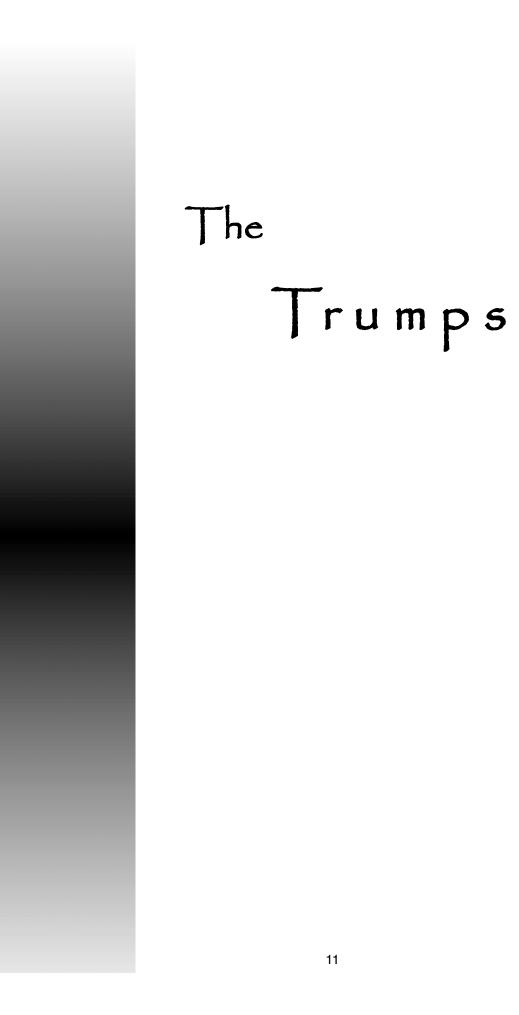
Wands = Fire Cups = Water Swords = Air Disks = Earth

It is natural to see that Wands (fire) would like Swords (air). This is because fire needs air to keep going forward. It is also natural to see that Cups (water) would like Disks (earth). This is because water flows on and in the earth.

From this point of view now see that if you put Wands (fire) with Cups (water), the water element of the Cups will put out the fire of the Wands and the energy gets stuck. The fire (energy) extinguishes under these conditions and the water (emotions) evaporates. Therefore Wands and Cups aggravate each other and diminish the power of each.

The same is true for Swords (air) and Disks (earth). The Swords (air) are the ideas of the mind and love to intellectualize. The Disks (earth) love to manifest and make something happen. One loves to think and one loves to do. The Swords (air) says, "Lets think about all the details before we move." And the other Disks (earth) says, "Lets just do something right now." Air can only affect earth slowly. Examples would be, wind swept rocks in the canyons. The movement is slower when these two elements are together.

The other combinations are more neutral. Wands (fire) work more neutrally with Disks (earth), as fire moves over the ground easily. Though this combination can make things move more quickly than one wants at times. Cups (water) work somewhat neutrally with Swords (air), as water and air blend easily and are incorporated within each other. Air (clouds) holds water (rain) and air is in water for fish and animals to be able to breathe in that environment.



INTRODUCTION TO THE TRUMPS

The Trumps are the pathways the soul naturally follows as it grows and learns about life and the environment in which we find ourselves.

The Trumps are an important element because they are what make this game different from a normal deck of playing cards. We still have four suits; Wands, Cups, Swords, and Disks, but the creation of the Trumps makes this a deeper and more complex exploration of the subconscious.

In life there are natural progressions with beginnings, middles, and ends. In a reading, you will get a variety of Trumps indicating where you are along the many interweaving pathways that life naturally creates. How to deal with each Trump is the challenge and what cards surround the Trump give it a flavor, personality, and depth. The first thing to remember is that all of us have actually experienced all the Trumps along our life's path. Through studying the Major Arcana, you will learn how to best integrate the lessons of the Trumps in your life with more conscious awareness. You will be better able to see ways of getting out of the challenging aspects more cleanly and easily because the Trumps always show the way.

Think of each Trump as an Angel. Each Trump's angel is in charge of guiding us along certain pathways so we can learn and grow. When we pass through that angel's lesson, then another will come in to guide and support our continuing journey. Certain angels are there to teach critical lessons even if we resist. No angel's perspective is inappropriate and no Trump card is bad. In the example of the Death card, the Angel of Death is there to help us grieve and let go of aspects in our life that have died or outgrown their usefulness. Each angel and the Trump that is associated with it has its good as well as challenging points. This is what makes the Tarot so valuable along our life's journey.

The Major Arcana or the Trumps point out when we are getting close to difficult lessons and show us moments to congratulate ourselves and share our joys. In this way we learn how to become more awake in our process and hopefully with the angels' insights we will choose more wisely.

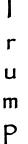
Included in the beginning of the Trump section you will see the natural progression or flow of the Trumps. It is there to assist you in understanding that in life there is always a flow or sequence. You may do the Trumps in any particular order but this order is the one most often used in life. To find completion you are required by life to not skip any steps along the way. If you do, you will experience a life that will keep repeating over the same issue or Trump causing frustration.

So, get ready. You are now embarking on the journey of the soul through the Tarot.

THE FLOW of the TRUMPS

- **0 THE FOOL:** You are at the beginning of a dream.
- I MAGUS/MAGICIAN: You are in need of skills and abilities to continue towards the dream.
- **II THE PRIESTESS:** You are opening to the intuitive magic and allowing it to catalyze you into a new space.
- **III THE EMPRESS:** You are learning how to love, how to have compassion, and to be nurtured.
- **IV THE EMPEROR:** You are learning the rules of family and the structure of honor and trust.
- V THE HIEROPHANT: You are learning the rules of your culture or religious system and how that defines who you are.
- VI THE LOVERS: You are learning how to love another and open your heart.
- VII THE CHARIOT: You are learning how to make and follow-through with commitments to those you love.
- VIII ADJUSTMENT: You are learning to honor others by your willingness to respect traditions and make legal agreements binding. You are learning to keep your promises.
- **IX THE HERMIT:** You are learning to seek out your own inner wisdom and integrate that into your life. You are learning who you are as separate from your social system or family dynamic.
- X FORTUNE: You are learning to change and grow throughout your life. Life is not stagnating; it is constantly changing and evolving, as should you. It is time to take a risk.
- **XI** LUST: Passion makes life worth living. You are learning to flow with the things in life about which you have passion.
- XII THE HANGED MAN: You are learning how to free yourself from your own stagnation and limitations of the mind; realizing that the mind must be a servant to the soul.
- XIII DEATH: You are learning to allow little ego deaths throughout your life. What you know now may not be completely true years from now. The mind needs to let go so the true journey of your soul can be seen.

- XIV ART: You need to learn how to cherish the small victories along the pathways of life. Enjoy as you go. You are not yet at your goal. But the end is in sight.
- XV THE DEVIL: You are getting to know the shadow within that keeps sabotaging you. Your wildness is trying to get out and get your attention. Remember no part may be left behind. You must integrate even shadow aspects in order to be whole. Where you are tempted in life holds great power if you can integrate it in a healthy way.
- XVI THE TOWER: Your world as you know it is breaking down because you now understand you are not what you had told yourself and others that you are. The old world needs to be broken down in order for the new you to emerge. You are in a healing crisis.
- XVII THE STAR: You can now have hope because you can see and understand yourself with more clarity than before. The journey now seems worth the struggle.
- XVIII THE MOON: You are standing at a spiritual/emotional doorway. You have gone into the subconscious and are willing to transmute death into life. You have found your way through the darkness and are willing to emerge into the new light of conscious awareness.
- **XIX THE SUN:** You have arrived and all the angels are singing your praises and victories. There is joy and abundance at becoming your whole self.
- XX THE AEON: You now have the discernment and awareness to not fall into the same holes and traps that life used to teach you. You see the potential problem before it arrives and simply choose not to go down pathways that do not serve you.
- XXI THE UNIVERSE: You have now completed this stage of your life's journey. You have the experiences integrated into your physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual bodies. You feel whole and balanced. Your new reality is coalescing into a new form and life looks different. You are patient and understanding of others on a similar path and can assist them by sharing your experience.



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THE Fool Mercury

ANGELS

Angel of New Beginnings Angel of Inspiration

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus leaving home at the age of 12 years

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mercury-Mercury in the form of the Fool shows up as the God of Communication and Swiftness. He is there to assist you in creating new movement for his feet have wings with which to propel you into new and uncharted places within your life.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, prepare for change in your environment such as a new job, new home, having a child, moving in

with a boyfriend/girlfriend, getting married, or starting school. Evaluate the tangible steps necessary to enter into this new level. Be alert to messages and signals telling you that it is time to try something new and create something better in your life. Acknowledge that lessons learned from failures later lead to success.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, you may be experiencing the fear of change or fear of taking risks. Don't panic, change is good. Look at your feelings of uncertainty and make sure you are not choosing without looking first. Allow yourself to be in the excitement of new circumstances but stay grounded and aware. Look ahead to where potential pitfalls might lie, so that you will be as prepared as possible for any unseen circumstances. You are going to be asked to become more than you know yourself to be. In this moment you are ready to find out.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the universe is opening your mind to new possibilities. Expansion of awareness happens when you let yourself out of the old patterns. Your spirit wants to open to the limitless opportunities this world has to offer. To truly understand something you must experience it in your whole being. This may challenge your present beliefs and values.

INTERPRETATION

All great adventure begins when you leave whatever is "home" to you. Sometimes "home" is literally the house where you grew up. In life, you need to leave your safety net in order to find out who you truly are. You are searching for the home within. You are learning to release external security to find internal serenity.

An allegory for the Fool card is Jesus leaving home when he was young. He knew that his life's destiny was somewhere else. He didn't know exactly where he was going or what he was going to do. He trusted his heart and took a risk. This is the feeling that everyone has as they step into the energy of the Fool.

Frequently, the Fool is depicted with one foot off the cliff. In the Aleister Crowley Tarot, both feet are extended off the cliff indicating that you have already made the decision to change; you have stepped out of your old safety zone and are trying something new. When you pull this card the journey has already begun.

Don't let others stop you from pursuing your dreams or hold you back to keep you safe on the

QUOTES

He who lives without folly isn't so wise as he thinks. Francois De La Rochefoucauld

Whatever you can do or dream you can begin it, bold ness has genius, power, and magic in it.

Goethe

Men who know themselves are no longer fools. They stand on the threshold of the door of Wisdom. Havelock Ellis

OTHER ARCHETYPES Hansel and Gretel

STONE

Sugilite

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Trumps

cliffs of your old reality. Manifesting your dreams is the key to finding fulfillment and happiness in life.

There is tremendous wealth and abundance that comes when you are willing to try new things. This is the driving force that fuels the Fool to begin the journey.

From all beginnings, there is a kind of innocent bliss, a type of childlike joy and spontaneity, as well as excitement and adventure. It is the desire for change inside that pulls you to change your external situations. The question to ask is, "Can I keep my eyes open when my heart is choosing the direction?" Since everything in life changes, the Tarot has many types of change cards. The test with the Fool is to start over, to begin again. It is about taking a risk without knowing what the outcome will be. So it is important to remember to be prepared as you begin this journey. Besides, not knowing is what makes the journey so much fun.

Noticing if you are awake at the beginning of the journey can make all the difference as to how you handle things when they start to get tough. Challenge is required in all growth. Your choices in life will be tested to see if you really understand how to get to the next level.

At the beginning with the Fool, it is always best to stay open and humble. Admit that you don't really know what the outcome will be. Decide to step forward and realize that you are ready for something new. Choose to be challenged. Understand that no matter what happens, you will grow from the experience.

If you are not awake to the subtleties of your life and refuse to change, you are being a Fool. Many outcomes are possible with this card. But the outcome depends on how aware you are during this transition and how responsible you will be with the changes that are coming. Remember to be open and receptive. The Fool is the inspiration of new ideas and beliefs.

REVERSED MEANING

If the Fool is reversed: you may be jumping without first looking; making a choice because of someone else; or resisting a change that is about to happen.

Are you being foolish or are you simply resisting change at this time in your life because of fear and uncertainty of what lies ahead? Remember change is good. You are on this earth to learn certain lessons of awareness and consciousness. It is important to be willing to adapt and to grow. Fear isn't real, it just looks very real. As you get close to change it is common for the mind to become afraid. After all, the mind looses control over events the moment you decide to change. Tell your mind that everything is not going to fall apart if you simply try something new. If it doesn't work you can always go back to the old way. Face your fears and walk slowly towards a new experience. The closer you get to breaking through, the more afraid you may become. Be careful of falling into eccentric ways. Check to see if you are becoming manic. Breathe and take another step towards the new anyway. It will be very liberating.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Why am I afraid to change? How can I make this change easily and swiftly? What do I need to be aware of if I make this change? Where are the potential problems in this new endeavor? What do I have to let go of in order to feel safe? What do I have to face inside myself? Am I afraid to fail?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Change is essential to live life to its fullest. You have to go the length of the journey. Besides your feet are already off the cliff!

BODY ASPECT

The One Brain System of a newborn baby

Very young children don't have two separate hemispheres; they have a one-brain system. That is why children are so idealistic and openly loving. Young children believe in such things as: imaginary playmates, monsters, ghosts, etc. At approximately five to seven years the brain divides into the right and left hemispheres and the child's perspective changes.

THE PATH

The path of the Fool requires you to stretch and evolve beyond your present circum stances. You are being asked to step out of what you know. Adaptability and change is required in this moment whether you like it or not. Be willing to say "Yes" to the universe.

SELF HELP

In opening to the Fool card it is good to do new things. Try driving to work a different way. Go to a new restaurant. Read a book that you normally wouldn't read. Go to a yoga class. Begin an exercise program. Do anything different. Get moving anyway you can. l r u m P



I THE MAGUS Mercury - Entrepreneur

ANGELS

Angel of Communication and Learning

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

When Jesus turned water into wine When Jesus multiplied fish and bread for his followers When Moses used his magic to free the Jews out of Egypt

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mercury-Mercury the God of Communication during the Roman times was also a full of guile and used his ability to be perceptive and assimilate information. He was quick, witty, amusing, and a shrewd bargainer.

LEVELS

Physical Level: When the Magus shows up on the physical level, it is a reminder that it is time to learn the physical skills that you will need

on the upcoming journey. Check your intentions to see why you want to learn a particular skill. Are you after power? Are you looking for revenge? Are you trying to prove something to yourself? How can learning this skill help you as well as others become more successful and happy? How can you challenge yourself to go to the next level of knowledge and awareness? Notice how you interact with others as well as how your choices affect those around you. You must learn to become effective in communicating your ideas to others at your work and home. This process can take time. Be patient and allow yourself to make mistakes and to learn from them.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Magus card may be creating some frustration with not understanding or not knowing how to communicate what you want. This is the time to go within and face your fear of not being good enough. Remind yourself that it is okay to learn through making small mistakes along the way. Try to remember how it was for you when you were a child and you had to attempt something new. At the time it seemed really frightening. You needed a lot of reinforcement from parents and guardians in order to feel secure enough to attempt something that was unfamiliar. Yet, inside of you was a part that really wanted to succeed. Reconnect to that part that can turn the fear into a success. Remember that you have done it before and so this time is really no different.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Magus card is asking you to look at magic, secret things, hidden agendas, and things that might be happening behind your back. Are powerful people trying to manipulate or maneuver you in a new direction? You are searching for something inside and hope to find a teacher or guide to assist you. It is important to notice when you have chosen someone whose integrity you admire and want to emulate or if you have chosen someone who is feeding off your energy for her own end.

INTERPRETATION

In the Aleister Crowley Tarot deck there are three Magus cards the Entrepreneur, the Bear/Dreamer, and the Trickster. Frieda Harris created three different versions that have different qualities even though the symbols are the same. (When I use this deck, I keep all three in the deck, because they each have very distinctive energy.) Magus cards represent communication of

QUOTES

The ability to express an idea is well nigh as important as the idea itself. **Bernard M. Baruch**

I think I can! I think I can! The Little Engine That Could, (children's story)

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Merlin the Magician, Mercury the Winged Messenger.

> **STONE** Chrysocolla

various forms, styles, and types, including telepathic communication.

The original Magus (which is the one we are presently working with) represents new business enterprises, new beginnings, and the willingness to embark in a new direction. This card has an indication of a strong forward movement. If this card shows up in someone's future, know that they need to start making business decisions or start doing something on their own.

Astrologically, we associate Mercury, the winged messenger and god of communication with this card. The planet Mercury represents the need to acquire skill and dexterity in the areas of commerce and communication.

When this card appears in a reading, you need to be careful, look clearly at situations and check details. You may need to learn to speak more clearly or empower yourself by improving your communication skills. It is about understanding the use of words and finding ways to express your dreams to others.

We all desire to communicate and connect with others. However, only a small percent of communication is language. The remaining percent is body language, facial expressions, energy, and telepathy. This card is a reminder to look at all areas of how you communicate. If you are not getting the response you believe you should be, look in the mirror and play act out the conversation. Are you convincing to yourself?

The Tarot reflects the possibility that magicians can show up in many different forms. You must become aware of all the types to know if you are being manipulated positively or negatively. The Magus can teach you, although not all the lessons will be pleasant. The Magus card will always present you with a new challenge.

REVERSED MEANING

If this card is reversed, it is a warning to be more aware. Things are not as they seem. Are you being fooled or lied to? Is someone only telling you things that you want to hear? Others might be out for themselves and not considering you. They may be intentionally lying or stealing for the sake of the game. You don't really need what others have. You only need to find the magical skills you already possess inside. Don't try to be someone else. You have unique talents and gifts. Don't give your power away to others. Inevitably you will have to find a way to take that power back. Believe in yourself. Remember no one has all the answers, no matter how magical they seem.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I being deceived in any way? What skills do I need to learn in order to grow? Am I being responsible for taking the next step? Am I deceiving myself? How do I learn my own magic? Do I have skills that I don't understand or know about? What do I have to face inside to allow myself to find my own gifts? Am I allowing myself to be manipulated by others? Am I awake in this moment? Am I becoming greedy in any endeavor at this time? Do I need to start my own business? Do I need to become my own boss? Do external circumstances match my internal dream? If not, why not?

Trumps

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe Things are not always what they seem. You can't make a clear decision in this moment. Wait a minute and re-evaluate before you choose. Expect the unexpected.

BODY ASPECT

The Left-Brain, or linear, cognitive mind

The Left-Brain or linear, cogni tive mind is the area of words and numbers: This aspect allows us to speak clearly and to learn discernment skills we will need to compete in the physical world. It is the center of verbal communication and knowledge.

THE PATH

Magic happens when you allow it. It is only a matter of opening to the possibilities. Anyone can learn a magical skill. Not everyone can use it with integrity. Be patient and allow yourself to learn by making mistakes. Use your skills to help others grow and open. Use your skills to under stand yourself better.

SELF HELP

Learn new skills of self-aware ness and internal perspective to communicate with others. Learn self-healing techniques. Learn to laugh at yourself and your own mistakes. Begin to see the sacredness and the humor in the world. Take a Neuro-linguistic Programming (NLP) class. I r u m P

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I THE MAGUS NEPTUNE - BEAR/DREAMER

ANGELS

Angel of Communication through Introspection and Dreaming

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

When Moses went to the mountain and saw the burning bush When Moses and his followers wandered in the desert for forty years When Jesus went into the garden to contemplate and meditate before he was arrested by the Romans

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Neptune-Neptune was the Roman god of the sea. He ruled all things hidden by the watery depths of the subconscious mind. He brings understanding to the worlds of dreams and imagination. He reminds us that it is through our dreams that we touch the potential within.

LEVELS

QUOTES

One receives as reward for much ennui, despondency, boredom --such as a solitude without friends, books, duties, passions must bring with it -those quarter-hours of profoundest contemplation within oneself and nature. He who completely entrenches himself against boredom also entrenches himself against himself: he will never get to drink the strongest refreshing draught from his own innermost fountain. Friedrich Nietzsche

What a man can be, he must be. This need we call self-actualization. **Abraham H. Maslow**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Buddha, Yogi's,

STONE

Azurite

Physical Level: On the physical level, this Magus card represents the need of the soul to journey inward for answers. This is a time for contemplation and being still. It is only by stopping the chaotic chattering of the mind that we allow a deeper knowing and understanding to begin to reveal itself. The universe is asking you to stop and re-evaluate your present circumstances before you begin. You may feel frustrated that things are not moving in the time period that you want. Do not worry. Sometimes it is better not to move until you understand that the universe is going to set this thing in motion naturally. Often the universe is preparing the ground within you first, before the physical can manifest. If you are not centered in the next level of awareness and a great change happens in the physical, the force of that manifestation can throw you. You are being asked to get ready. Take some time, go someplace quiet and imagine what would be the next step if you got what you have been asking for.

Emotional Level: This Magus card may indicate you are feeling emotions that are making you somewhat uncomfortable. With the Bear/Dreamer Magus the journey is inward and you're your inner light becomes a lantern as you face dark emotions held within. Along the path to self-awareness there are many mental distractions. When you feel emotionally distracted, gently bring yourself back in a non-judgmental way to the path that you have chosen. On inward journeys, you seek parts of yourself of which you are afraid. Remember it is all you. There is no need to be afraid.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Magus card is asking you to look where you spiritually are afraid of finding out your own truth. Sometimes journeys need to be a melting pot of many forms of information and perspectives until you can integrate what is a spiritual truth for you. Notice where it is easier to want to believe others' words rather than struggle to find the answers inside your own soul. Wisdom comes from the integration and digestion of words and information balanced with experience in the physical and spiritual planes of existence. That is what is being asked of you now. To do this, take some time to ask what is true for you in this moment then remain flexible. The phrase with this card is, "This is what is true for me now in this moment, but as I grow and evolve in the next moment that may change."

Trumps

INTERPRETATION

This particular Magus card has a bear behind the male image and the caduceus in the center representing the inner journey or psychic/intuitive ability. When you get this card you need to go deep inside and communicate with your inner self. You need to trust your own personal experience and learn not to depend on others' opinions.

Astrologically, we associate Neptune with this card. Neptune, the god of the sea, ruled over all things hidden within the watery depths. His realm is the subconscious world, hidden experiences, intuition, and clairvoyance. Neptune's nature is about subtlety, inspiration, and higher planes of consciousness. In this case Neptune is here to give you the imagination to open your dream life to its mystical qualities.

This Magus is letting you know that you need to start a new way of looking inside; the time is not about what you can do in the outer world, but where you need to look in your inner world.

If this card appears in a reading, things might be moving too quickly. Be careful. Things may not be what they seem. If you are not being aware you might find out that a shadow emotion is sabotaging you from the goal you want. The journey to success is about dealing with your unresolved emotions blocking forward movement. All these aspects are related to this Magus.

Your desire to communicate with yourself can be one of the most fulfilling journeys you will ever encounter. It can also be very long and time-consuming. This card can take you a lifetime to understand. Self-awareness is a continuous quest.

The Magus lets you in to see your hidden treasures that can lead to a conscious, magical life if you are willing to step onto the path being presented. If you are not ready to step into this place you may find yourself attracting mentors who appear to hold all the energy and knowledge that you are seeking. But be warned. You may be giving your power away to this person in order to avoid your own journey. You can delay the journey, but everyone at some point will have to go find the answers within. Take the short cut and begin to find out who is really inside you. You will never be disappointed. You are more complex and beautiful than you can imagine.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, the Magus can indicate that you are unwilling to go inside and find out the answer. You may be in the process of giving your power away to someone you respect. See this person as a mirror into the aspect within that you are seeking. This person may be the closest reflection of your inner self. You need to see that the skills this person has you also carry. At this time, it would be wise to check the quality of people you are attracting into your life. If this card is reversed, it is a warning to be more aware. Things are not as they seem. No one has all the answers to your soul. Allow the powerful people in your life to open you to a new perspective and possibility. But do not give up yourself to another. Inevitably you must learn to take yourself back and that is harder to do. It will leave you feeling damaged and less willing to open at a later time. You don't really need what others have. You only need to find the magical skills you already possess. Don't try to be someone else. You have unique talents and gifts you need to claim. Believe in yourself. Go inside and find out how really incredible you are.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I ready to face the internal mirror of my true self? Why am I afraid to look within for the answers? Am I afraid I will find out that I have no power? Am I afraid to find out where I have been lying to myself? Where is the pain that I have inside sabatoging me and my life? Why am I not standing up for what I truly want? Do I not want to know?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes If the question you are asking is about internal magical perspective, then it is time to take a risk and find out the answer to who you are.

BODY ASPECT

The place of no mind

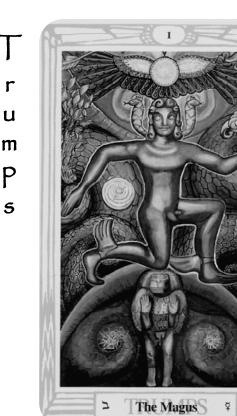
Look within to the center of your mind in the area of your pituitary gland/pineal gland. This area is visual and opens us up to the knowledge, memories and pictures of our past and future.

THE PATH

The path of this Magus card is to learn the value of going within to find the answers you seek. See the synchronicity happening in this moment and in all moments.

SELF HELP

Learn meditation skills from Zen, Buddhism, Vipassana, Biofeedback, etc., anything that gives you the skill you are looking for to see inside to your subconsciousness. Learning to be still and observe without judgment is the key to understanding this Magus.



I THE MAGUS Uranus - Trickster

ANGELS

Angel of Communication and Learning through the art of subterfuge

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

When Jesus' used any magic to inspire faith and hope

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Uranus-Uranus was the Roman sky god, the first ruler of the universe. This is the planet of invention and the unknown future. Uranus creates sudden upheaval that requires you to look at things from a new and unorthodox perspective. As a god Uranus was an eccentric, undisciplined, and reckless in his behavior. He teaches you to always be aware of your darker thoughts and feelings. Only then can you manifest with full consciousness.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, this Magus card is an indication that someone is not being totally honest with you. If this card is representing you, then you are not taking into account some aspects that may become a problem if not addressed. When this card shows up, you need to read between the lines and see what is not easy to see. Pay close attention to the places in your life where you have weaknesses and where you have been deceived by others. Stay awake and don't fall into the same traps.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, this Magus card may be trying to let you know that it is time to become more conscious of the darker aspects to your personality. You are about to be tested to go into the shadow of your emotional reality. Some of these parts may not be the aspects of your personality that you have determined to be the most helpful or productive. You are being asked to look at the areas you have judged. If you are reacting to someone who is lying, look to where you have lied to yourself in the past. You may not have forgiven yourself for that lie and so now when you see it happening around you it triggers an emotional response. Take a moment to forgive yourself for past mistakes. Allow all aspects within, even the ones that seem less constructive to integrate and be loved by your soul. Acceptance is the key to change and transition out of darkness into light. The darker aspects of our emotions give us depth and instinctive complexity. Learn to allow those parts to help you in your life. We would all love it if life was all light and positive energy, but it is not. These darker aspects of our subconscious keep us alive by forcing us to become awake to the challenges that surround us.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, this Magus card is asking you to look where your spiritual energy has an agenda to be right no matter what the consequences. Notice if you are defending a spiritual perception, belief, teacher, or religion. If you feel as if you have to defend something then you need to see that this belief is not quite so clearly positioned in your mind. If you need to use a spiritual crutch for support that means that the foundation of that belief is not as solid as you would want to believe. Be careful not to use things like drugs, alcohol, or dark spiritual practices as crutches at this time. When this card comes up, it means that you are in the arena of self-deception and are numbing yourself away from the truth. With this card you are being warned that there is a potential backlash if you are unaware and not careful.

QUOTES

Hateful to me as the gates of Hades is that man who hides one thing in his heart and speaks another. Homer

Cunning is the art of concealing our own defects, and discovering the weaknesses of others. William Hazlitt

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Drifters, Gamblers, and Underworld types

STONE

Smokey Quartz

INTERPRETATION

In the Aleister Crowley Tarot deck this is the third of the Magus cards. This Magus has the monkey and the male aspect in a dark golden godlike energy representing the most deceptive of the Magus cards. Monkeys are tricky and fast. This card can be trying to tell you that unreliable people are deceiving you. The gold in this card is like the King Midas Touch, which is a flawed belief system. Do not be like King Midas, where everything he touched turned to gold, because he asked for a wish to be granted from greed. Choices made from the position of this card could be a big mistake. This card represents the folly of love and the folly of pursuing certain things related to money that you have not thought through clearly. This is a warning to be very careful. You could be deceiving yourself with your own dream.

The image of Mercury, the winged messenger god in Greek mythology, is in the center of the card. Mercury is the god of communication and messages, but he was just the messenger. That means that all the messages did not necessarily need to be truthful, they just needed to be given. That is something to think about when this card appears in a spread.

This Magus card is the card of anything associated with the underworld and hidden plans. When this card shows up, know that things are not what they seem to be. Know that the person in question is hiding something or has an agenda. The hidden thing is important to that person even if it is not really that big of an issue. Realize that everyone has secrets. When this card shows up in association with someone you know, that hidden thing has the ability to affect you. Step back and take another look at the person, place, or thing on which you are focusing. Re-evaluate the situation and make a mentally awake decision.

When this Magus shows up you may also be being drawn into areas that are dark and on the edge for your experiences. Just realize that there are consequences to your actions. See if later you will feel guilty if you do this particular thing. Guilt is a debilitating emotion. It can quickly pull you into worthlessness. Just remember it is valuable to look before you walk into the shadow land.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, the Magus can mean that you are definitely walking into the shadow emotional realm of your conscious and unconscious mind. You are walking on thin ice and you need to be aware of where and when that ice may break through. You are testing fate and the ability of the angels to get you out safely. You are risking a lot and hoping to make a lot. You may be overextended in financial areas. Energetically you are at the end of a rope. You are losing too much energy in this present endeavor. You believe that you are affecting no one but yourself. You are wrong. Others are going to feel the impact of your actions at this time. The people around you are not the best to be associated with at this time. They seem exciting and fun but in reality they are pulling you into things that can have grave consequences. You are in danger of losing touch with a healthy reality. Check to see if you are actually in control of your life and actions. Where are you desperate enough to do something inappropriate? Where are you not taking care of yourself first? Other people's opinions are mattering too much to you or you are in total rebellion of what other's are saying. You are caring and seeing only your perception rather than the bigger picture. Open you eyes and see what you are creating for what it really is. You have a moment still to change your mind. Remember if you don't know, don't go!

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Who or what am I being deceived by? Where am I lying to myself? How does my shadow control me? What parts of myself am I not willing to look at? Where am I gullible? Am I believing someone's words and not looking at his/her actions? Where am I not awake to the danger right in front of me? Am I making excuses for someone's bad behavior? Do I want to have power to feel less powerless?

Trumps

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe Be aware that you are entering into the realm of shadow. These are important lessons for you to learn but they may not be pleasant or easy. Walk into this with your eyes wide open.

BODY ASPECT

The area of our brain where we lie and deceive ourselves or others. It is important to get to know the aspects inwardly that protect us from the harsh reality of the external world, as well as the negative world of our inner self.

THE PATH

The path of this Magus card is to learn to look beyond what someone is showing you into what their behavior reveals. If it seems too good to be true then it probably is. Dark wizards in our life only reveal to us what they want us to see. This is a lesson in learning to listen and look with all your senses not just with your eves. If you are not aware of your own dark areas then you will pull dark people into your life to awaken you to the aspects of life with which you are unfamiliar.

SELF HELP

Self help for this Magus is to learn skills of perception from the angle of subterfuge and manipu lation. This means that it is important to become more aware when you are being manipulated by others through guilt, shame, fear or anger? Begin to notice when you feel overridden and learn to take a neutral stand.





II THE PRIESTESS MOON

ANGELS

Angel of Intuition and Unconditional Love Angel of the Spiritual Mother

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

When Mary Magdalene intuitively went to Christ's tomb and was the first one to see the resurrected Christ

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Moon-the Moon represents the unconscious force within us that creates our personality. The Romans saw the Moon as the energy of the universe that dispensed wisdom and spiritual knowledge.

LEVELS

Physical Level: The High Priestess represents the desire to let go

OUOTES

Intuition is a spiritual faculty and does not explain, but simply points the way. Florence Scovel Shinn

> God still speaks to those who listen. Kristone

OTHER **ARCHETYPES**

Isis

STONE

Lapis

of knowledge and the mind. This is a time to begin to learn functional intuitive skills. Start with small steps, like noticing when things around you repeat. There is no such thing as coincidence. Events that repeat are a sign from the universe to pay attention. This is the Priestess at work in your physical world. Take notice of all multiple overlapping messages happening in your life and ask yourself the questions, "Why does this keep happening? What is the underlying message the universe is trying to tell me?" Angels will try to speak literally through your values and belief systems. Messages are given in metaphorical ways meant to help you understand or trust. If you trust the Bible, ask a question in your mind and randomly open the book; wherever your eyes land is the answer. Messages come in the manner in which you understand. Your angels know how you feel safe and how you best receive information. If you like animal metaphors the message will show up as animals crossing your path or birds flying in the sky. Your job is to stay alert to all signals coming to you from the divine.

Emotional Level: Trust your instincts and open to a bigger plan, but do not go too far out of balance. It is time to listen to the inner impulses of your heart. Let your heart decide as to the proper action at this time. Don't think! Respond to the natural flow being presented to you. Be open to the possibility that magic happens all the time, but you may not notice. Let go of old emotional pictures of who you are and find out who you might really be. Take a risk to find out what you may be hiding from yourself. The best of you may be buried in the deep subconscious of your soul. When you open to the magical elements of the Priestess, you discover aspects of your soul that you had hoped were there but never knew where to look.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Priestess is teaching you to access the place of unconditional love. Go to the place inside where everything is perfect in love. Remember that everything happening at this moment is designed to open you to more of yourself. The challenge is to see if you are willing to catalyze yourself into the next level of your spiritual development. This requires an expanded level of trust in your own process and your ability to continue to grow. On this level there are constant small adjustments as your intuition grows and you learn how to stay on your spiritual path.

INTERPRETATION

The Priestess, the Moon, is the ultimate, magical, feminine card. This is the Spiritual Mother

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at work in your life. She is the exalted feminine archetype. Like the Moon astrologically, she is the intuitive, mysterious, deep energy that creates changes in your perceptions.

Mary Magdalene represents the Spiritual Mother in the Christian model. Mary Magdalene as an archetype assists us in reaching to a higher form of love. She is about love beyond the physical realm.

When this card appears, the intuitive aspect of the feminine is at work in your life. A spiritual catalyst, she is mysterious, deep in feeling, empathetic, and pure feminine spiritual consciousness. You could think of this card as the angelic feminine. Inside everyone, there is a deep powerful Feminine aspect that is intuitive and knowing. If you deny your mystical feminine, you will live a life of unexpressed creativity. This does not mean everyone is supposed to be a painter. It's about learning to listen to your deeper feelings and instincts. Life is about learning to trust those feelings and follow their instruction when it is necessary. Let's go back to the metaphors: the Fool represents a new job; the Magician represents a desire to learn new skills for the job and knowledge-seeking; and the Priestess represents a desire to access a deeper creative side to find the solution.

The Priestess reminds us that most things cannot be learned simply cognitively; you must also use them creatively in your own way. Think of it like a ballet dancer. Dancers learn skills day in and day out. The body is trained with the mind. But, when a dancer goes out on stage she is not thinking about what the next step is, or if she can do it. She lets go of the mind and finds the magic within the flow of the steps. Then something happens that is transcendent. The dance goes beyond the choreography into something divine. This is the work of the Priestess card.

When this card shows up, it is letting you know that something magical can happen if you just let go. Listen to your gut feelings rather than to your mind. It is time to integrate the knowledge you have learned in a more creative way. It is time to learn to let knowledge expand beyond the present form and beyond your mind's perception.

This card is a challenge to go within and listen to the small feelings. Trust your intuition and allow something to be expressed creatively. The answer at this time cannot be found logically or through seeking cognitive knowledge. It is to be found experientially in the divine realm of magic.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that you are out of balance or caught in self-illusion or delusion. If you stay in this place you may be unable to function in the real world. It is possible to become too idealistic. It is important to listen to your intuition but still be a part of this physical world in which you live. There may be some aspect of your life that is not in touch with reality.

With this card reversed, you are in danger of becoming ungrounded. This can threaten the security that you have created so far in your life. Focus on bringing more balance back in your life. When the Priestess is reversed, idealism can turn into manic behavior.

Dreams are a wonderful impetus to grow and move toward a new vision. But dreams are simply a map, they are not the territory. As you move towards a dream, that dream must evolve and change. The dream as you see it now is not necessarily how it will look at the end. The Priestess reversed can indicate that you are trying to prove that your intuitive message is correct. Whenever the mind wants to prove its validity, then intuition is not actually working well. This indicates that the rational mind has a need to be right and to prove its point, and shows up as an attachment. Intuition has no attachment to the information. It moves spontaneously and is in the moment. Intuition only has the desire to assist. Step out of your need to be right and allow the true Priestess inside you to give you the assistance you.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I following my intuitive guidance? Am I out of touch with reality? Am I allowing love to guide me? Am I spiritually nurturing myself? Am I experiencing the magic life is showing all around me?

YES-NO POSITION

Trumps

Yes You may learn some thing that you do not totally see at the present moment.A mystery is drawing you in to the dance of life. Listen to your intuition and follow your heart and you will get the answer you seek.

BODY ASPECT

The Right Brain

This area helps us to under stand creative flow, feelings, emotions, and spiritual con nection to the divine. It is where artistic talent resides as well as where we construct our dreams.

THE PATH

The path of the Priestess is to listen to subtle messages around you. Intuition hap pens when you slow down enough to taste all the delicate flavors this world has to offer. Now is the time to pay closer attention to the nuances in life. You are surrounded and protected by the Spiritual Mother all the time. Ask for her help and you will be amazed at the results. Slow down and you will see the magic that is happening all around you.

SELF HELP

Sit by a stream and listen to the water's flow. Watch an anthill. Become more in touch with nature. Follow nature's flow rather than your own. Write letters to yourself to better understand your deeper feelings and per spective. Write poetry. Meditate. Color or draw. r u m P

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III THE EMPRESS Venus

ANGELS

Angel of the Feminine Protective Nurturing Mother Angel of the Physical Mother

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

The Virgin Mary

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Venus-Venus is the planet of love and pleasure. She helps us to express affection and enjoy beauty.

LEVELS

Physical Level: The Empress represents physical care and nurturing of all parts of yourself and others through love, acceptance, and forgive-

ness. The Empress wants peace and cooperation with others. The Empress is about home and safety. It is only through creating safety within home environments that children and adults can grow and evolve.

QUOTES

We must combine the toughness of the serpent and the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart. Martin Luther King Jr.

Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look that becomes a habit. **Peter Ustinov**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Guinevere, Cleopatra

STONE

Jade

When this card shows up it represents the need to get back to basics and rekindle the simplicity in your life. Start by eating better, sleeping more, and getting back to the dance of enjoying life. Take time to be with your family. Rediscover the joy of moving with the flow of nature. Lose yourself in the sound of sitting by a stream and relaxing. Allow the earth's energy to heal and balance the chaos of your normal life.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Empress card expresses the feeling and desire to protect and defend the people in your life who are important to you. The Empress card wants you to be kind to those less fortunate. When the Empress card shows up, it is reminding you to learn to be emotionally available to others. It is the small things in day to day living such as: the sharing of a good meal; reading your favorite book to someone you love; or taking the time to be with a friend when he is ill that are the reflections of the Empress at work in your life. Sometimes an act of kindness and protection for one helps and saves many. The Empress reminds you to step out of yourself for a moment and to look where you may be of assistance to others.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Empress is the Earth Mother, Gaia. She represents the interconnectedness of all things in nature and how the earth always supports the evolution of our soul and awareness. On this level, the Empress represents the ability to absorb negativity and to transmute it for the good of the whole. Gaia is always there to take the death energy of the planet and transform it. There is no judgment; she is the acceptance of the natural cycles of life and death. The Earth Mother is always there to offer love and support just when you think you don't need it or you don't believe you deserve it. The Earth Mother's energy inside us gives us permission to try new things and to fail without judgment.

INTERPRETATION

Next in the Trumps is the physical Earth Mother, The Empress, represented by Venus (the planet of love and femininity). The Empress can be a very soft influence in your life, but she will protect and defend herself and her loved ones if threatened. This is the nature of a mother to her

child. The Empress represents the home and all things inspired by mothers; cooking, nurturing, learning to care for others, sharing, teaching, etc.

Mothers teach children by example. Children learn by following in their mothers' footsteps. Mothers let children try new things, but are constantly aware of the dangers and try to guide children as they learn. A mother doesn't want the child to get hurt and will attempt to intervene if there is danger near by.

When the Empress shows up in your cards it is an indication that a nurturing break might be in order. All forms of self-nurturing are what the Empress tries to teach. As you learn new things it is natural to need to take a break. They say if you take a break for ten minutes after working for fifty minutes, you will feel better and remember more. A break gives you the opportunity to integrate the new information into your brain. Look to see what would register as a moment to relax. Remember it can be anything. Going to a good restaurant, taking a nap, and getting some exercise all register as an opportunity to take care of yourself.

Communication between the cognitive (left brain) and the visionary aspects (right brain) of the mind are essential to have harmony and balance within. To do this you must learn to be at peace with both sides. Self-love is what creates that balance. If you are at war with your essential nature you are not at peace and when you are not at peace all growth is stressful and difficult.

The Empress' energy can be a well-integrated aspect even in a male. This could show up as a man who is sensitive to the feelings of his family and takes time to play with his children.

If you get the Empress card it is a time to rejoice and be happy. You are learning to nurture yourself and others. It is a beautiful experience full of love and sharing. You have done well and it is important to feel success.

REVERSED MEANING

When this card is reversed, the Empress is warning you that some part of you is not feeling loved or accepted. See if you are taking care of yourself. Sometimes the Empress reversed can mean that you are overly protecting someone and not allowing them to grow. The Empress is protective but not enabling to those around her. See if you have a defensive posture up or preventing others to help you with the present problem. You may not have been taught as a child that to feel safe in the physical, emotional planes of life. You may have learned how to shut down and protect the wounded part inside. Now is the time to cultivate self-love. **It is only through loving ourself that we can learn to love others and to open our true self so that others can see our inner nature.** You may feel afraid that someone will see the damage you have experienced in this life and then judge you. Vulnerability is a scary step to take but at this time it is the right step.

This card is reversed to tell you that it is time to take a risk and open your heart to yourself or others. The judgment that you are afraid of facing is actually within you. Look where you have judged yourself and been unwilling to forgive yourself. Choose to forgive. You will become more approachable and feel more comfortable in your own skin.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Do I need to learn to slow down and nurture myself? Am I giving too much of myself away? How do I express my love and compassion in the real world on a daily basis? Who do I need to learn to open my heart to? Why am I afraid to love? How can I be loved if I am holding parts of myself away from others?

Trumps

YES-NO POSITION

Yes The Earth Mother always wants us to grow and evolve into our greatest potential. You always say "Yes" to love.

BODY ASPECT

The Corpus Callosum in the brain

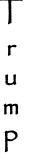
This is an area that connects the right and left hemispheres allow ing the two sides to communicate with each other. When these are in balance then you have learned a form of self-love. When you are in balance with your essential nature then growth is peaceful and easy.

THE PATH

The key to awareness is self-love. Take time to be with yourself. Do something uplifting and fun.

SELF HELP

Learn to cook healthy, nutritious meals for yourself. Remember to get enough sleep and to take herbs and vitamins. Be kind to yourself and you will be kind to others. Take a nap or a break. Read your favorite book to some one you love. Learn to open and share your true self with others. Donate time, goods, or money to organizations that help others.



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IV THE EMPEROR Aries

ANGELS

Angel of Masculine Protection Angel of Family Rules and Values

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Joseph - father to Jesus

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Aries-Aries is the Greek god of war. Aries is a very action oriented, determined, masculine archetype. Aries supports us in movement and gives us the energy we need to claim our power and truth.

LEVELS

Physical Level: It is time to learn the rules of home life. This means that it is time to become responsible for your choices and to under-

stand that there are consequences for your actions. The Emperor teaches us about understanding the rules of fairness and honesty. The Emperor archetype is here to remind us that as a family, we must learn to work together as a cohesive unit. When the Emperor card shows up, look for where you need to be more responsible. To make things happen in life, the first step is to be responsible for the choices in life. Remember there are always other ways of doing things. There is not just one way to get to a goal. If something is stuck, choose another path. If it doesn't work take responsibility that you tried something and failed. If you keep trying new things you will eventually find something that works.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Emperor card is about strength of will and self-determination. Take the stand that you are now choosing to believe in yourself and stand up for what you believe. It is time to find the patient, gentle warrior inside and to understand that just because your have great strength or power doesn't mean that you throw your weight around. To be truly powerful means that you can show mercy and compassion. When you are powerful you can look at your challenger and decide if he is actually a threat. Success comes from calm not from reaction. See if you are challenging yourself in an area where you are not quite ready. Honestly evaluate your situation and see if you are skilled enough in this moment to succeed in the endeavor you are choosing. It is not weakness to know when you need help. You must learn to balance your emotions with logic and consistency, honesty, and awareness.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Emperor is where power and responsibility are learned and earned. If you believe in yourself and you have a dream, then you have the energy to make the dream a reality. Spiritually, it is time to step into your power and get something done. When you have knowledge and power, it is your responsibility to teach others what you know and guide them in meaningful ways. There are cultures in the world where if you are the best at something, the culture obligates you to teach others to be better than you. In the American culture we want to keep everything to ourselves. We sometimes operate from the standpoint that, "He who dies with the most toys, wins." The motto for the Emperor would be more like, "He who shares the most honest and powerful aspects of himself, wins." Or, "He who inspires others to their own greatness the most, wins." The question to ask on this level is, "Are you using your power to better society, your family, your workmates, or life for others?" If the answer is No, then there is work to do on the spiritual level of the Emperor.

QUOTES

Brute force, no matter how strongly applied, can never subdue the basic desire for freedom and dignity. Dali Lama

The price of greatness is responsibility. **Winston Churchill**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

King Arthur, Osiris

STONE

Tiger Iron

INTERPRETATION

The Emperor is the archetypal card for the earthly father. The astrological energy for this card is Aries, the God of War. Aries is a very action-oriented, goal-setting, masculine archetype.

In the old days of the Tarot, men were seen as powerful, dynamic, and warlike. Males have represented power and authority on the planet for the last two thousand years. This is the image of the Emperor at work in our subconscious. For most of you with healthy fathers, you saw your father as godlike. He was all knowing, all powerful, everything that was strong in a masculine way on the earth plane. There are women who also hold this energy, and they may pull this card to represent them in a reading. In this case the women will be the archetype of the Emperor and will be the authority figure in her household.

Think of the Trumps as ancient archetypal patterns in your mind. The earthy father aspect was physically strong, authoritative, protective, and capable of heavy work. Whether you are male or female this is how this archetype will appear inside you.

The positive aspect of this card is a King Arthur archetype, powerful, positive, fair, noble, and a generous leader. He created the Round Table, itself an archetype, telling us that it is possible to lead in a way that gives everyone a voice. This is the reflection of a positive, healthy, masculine archetype at work. In this way the masculine never loses any of its power and gains peace.

The balanced masculine is where you experience pride through achieving external goals. It is where you want to challenge yourself to attain things that you thought were previously unattainable. The Emperor shows you how you choose to conquer the challenges that life presents without collapsing and to create positive outcomes for everyone.

The Emperor loves a good challenge. Those who have a strong inner Emperor can easily motivate themselves to get new projects going and do not become discouraged by small blocks along the way. The Emperor loves to discover ways of creating new things and how to go about achieving goals. The Emperor's way of accomplishing a goal is to chip away at something until it finally gives way. The Emperor believes that you can accomplish anything you want if you want it badly enough.

When the Emperor shows up, it is a wake up call to rise to the challenge. To claim your power, sometimes you have to be pushed all the way to your edge and then step beyond what you thought was previously possible. It means it is time to gather up your courage and get going and know that with that energy you will eventually accomplish what you want.

REVERSED MEANING

If this card is reversed, you may not be standing up for what you believe or you may need to have constant control to be right. When the Emperor card is reversed, it is time to notice if you have any unresolved issues with your father. Are you holding resentment about not feeling seen or recognized by someone of authority? Where are you not feeling accepted? Is this in your work or your life? You may feel inadequate with the challenges being presented at this time. Are you being challenged over and over again in an area that has been a problem for you since you were a child? What are the voices in your mind saying to justify staying stuck? When this card is reversed you are stopping yourself from realizing that you have created this reality. The only one who can change it is you. Take charge and learn by following your own truth.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I ready for the next level of responsibility? Am I willing to take charge of my life? Am I willing to stand up for what I believe? Am I judging others unfairly because of my own self-doubt? Am I overriding others with my power to get my own way? Am I justifying the reason I feel so stuck?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes This card is related to taking control over your own power. You must find out where you stand.

BODY ASPECT

Limbic Brain or the primal aspect of our brain This part of our brain controls the more reactive and fighting aspects of our mind.

THE PATH

The path of the Emperor is to force you to accept challenges in order to grow and to stand up for what is right even when oth ers might disagree with you. The test for power is not if you will have power but what you will do with power. You can use power for the negative or the positive. It is time to see if you will stand up for what is right even if you think you will lose some power and credibility. You are now being asked to hold true to your values and beliefs no matter what the conse quences.

SELF HELP

Do Marshal Arts such as Kung Fu, Aikido, or Karate, because those systems teach that to have great power you must be able to use it appropriately with balance and fairness. If you are a woman then it means that you must cultivate a more consis tent, less emotional outlook on your work or your life. r u m P s



LEVELS

V THE HIEROPHANT Taurus

ANGELS

Angel of Spiritual Teachings Angel of Social Systems Angel of the Spiritual Father Gabriel-the Angel of Divine Rule and Order

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus

Gabriel-the archangel

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Taurus-Taurus is the sign of the bull and as such cultivates fixed earth energy. That means that change comes slowly and new things create stress inwardly. Taurus teaches us to be steady and consistent in our movements. In this way we learn to have deep appreciation for people and things in our life.

QUOTES

Religion. A daughter of Hope and Fear, explaining to Ignorance the nature of the Unknowable. **Ambrose Bierce**

Do unto others as you would have done unto you. **Bible**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

The Pope, Gandhi, Nelson Mandela.

STONES

Aquamarine, Lazurite

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Hierophant is about living life from the center of your personal values. It is about aligning your physical world around your personal moral codes; creating balance between what you have been taught as a child (your spiritual or religious beliefs) and your present circumstances. An example of the Hierophant on the physical level would be choosing to become vegetarian. The true vegetarian is being honest and congruent with her choice on a physical level and she lives her life in a state of awareness and understanding. The other is out of sync with her mind and body.

Emotional Level: What areas are not awakened within you? Is your emotional life reflecting your spiritual self? This is about finding the balance between spiritual awareness and wisdom. Your emotions may be contradicting the values you were raised with. The positive intention might be that you want to feel truth for yourself rather than just repeating others' words without feeling and understanding. Now is the time to find your inner truth and then reflect it in the outer world. All you have to do is to find the emotional keys to the inner sanctum of your own wisdom.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Hierophant card is showing that you are searching for a spiritual path or teacher. You may seek groups that help open up internal awareness without judgment or blame; a group that will help give voice and validation to your personal truths. You are on a spiritual journey to reclaim your personal values and beliefs. Stay open to new possibilities and ideas. The universe is bringing in new people and perspectives to expand your spiritual awareness. Realize that there is truth everywhere. There are so many perspectives of truth because there are so many types of people. Each person in his own way is trying to get to some form of God connection and awareness. Stay flexible and respectful to all beliefs and take what resonates with you and integrate it into your life. Let go of things that do not resonate with your core.

INTERPRETATION

The Hierophant is the Spiritual Father. This is the spiritual masculine in its highest intended form. It represents the positive aspects of religion, culture, and society.

nination and desire to YES-NO POSITION

Yes The guides and angels are requesting that you take a risk and try. Trust that they know something you cannot see at the moment. There is a divine plan at work. Let go and let the angels show you.

BODY ASPECT

The Heart of unconditional love and acceptance

Within each of us are the teachings of unconditional love and forgiveness of mankind. All religions have a similar map to learn to be together with oth ers in a way of acceptance and understanding. Our hearts want to love everyone and have world peace. Allow your heart to teach you the pathway to unconditional love.

THE PATH

Spiritual teachings help you step onto the path of self-awareness and become one with your true nature. Learn to value your own experiences and share the insights with others. They are a map to a greater self-awareness.

SELF HELP

Read books that open your mind to other religions, beliefs, philosophies and perceptions. Look where you might be caught in fear of your old religious codes. Are you using your spiritual models as a weapon against others? Are your spiritual values telling you that you are unworthy and unlovable in God's eyes?

The Hierophant is represented by Taurus because of its strong determination and desire to adhere to the spiritual foundations of culture and civilization. Taurus's lesson is about dependability and practicality. Taurus energy can be resistant to change because of its earthiness.

If you pulled this card, your personal values are being called into question at this time. You may have a conflict with your inner beliefs, your foundational beliefs or the religion with which you were raised.

This card reflects the need of human beings to have a strong spiritual foundation that can become the grounding for your soul. There is a natural evolution for the soul to find its spiritual place by looking at religions and social systems. You are not alone and the commonality helps you grow and to take risks because you are in a group that accepts you because you are one of them.

The Hierophant represents the highest form of spiritual values in the male-dominated world. This card can also represent moral codes and values or social beliefs. It is how your family saw the rules of the society and how they taught you. Even today, you will tend to identify with a religion, a culture, or a race. You do not always realize how much your cultural identity has a profound effect upon your ideas about yourself as well as others. In modern society you are more aligned with groups rather than religions. But they are essentially the same thing. If you are in a minority group, that group and its beliefs and ideas affect many subtle aspects of your life. Even if you are not in the minority, the beliefs you identify with tend to influence your everyday actions.

When this card shows up, it is important to notice what you are rebelling against. Create experiences that help you find what is true for you. In time you will understand your own spiritual teachings, creating calm and balance in your life.

When you live by your own healthy boundaries and personal values, your life becomes more balanced and there will be less internal conflict. When you are not at war with yourself, you will have more energy to use in areas that mean something to you.

REVERSED MEANING

If the Hierophant card is reversed, you may be in conflict with your personal values. You may be resistant to what you know to be true. If this card is reversed, you may be making things hard in your life by not seeing and following the signals of the guides and angels all around you. You may believe that no one is there for you. There is always spiritual help and support along every journey. Sometimes you have to ask for it. There may be help that you are not willing to receive because your aperture for receiving is very narrow. Reversed, the Hierophant is reminding you that you may not always get what you want, but you will always get what you really need if you are willing to let it in.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I in conflict with my spiritual or moral values? Am I going against my own belief systems? Am I in rebellion with society or my family? Do I believe that I am unworthy of God's love? Am I afraid of being rejected by others because of some label I have given myself? Am I afraid to listen to the angels because I don't want to hear what they have to say? Am I using my spiritual values as weapons against others? l r u m P

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VI THE LOVERS GEMINI

ANGELS

Angel of Innocent Love Angel of Attraction Angel of Infatuation

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus' love for all beings

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Gemini-Gemini is the sign of mutable air and as such flows with the energy of attraction and love. Gemini teaches that it is through the duality of love that we are attracted to our opposite sexually in order to learn and grow.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, this card appears as love at its early, innocent stage when your heart opens for someone you may not really know. You feel a boundless joy and see a light inside his soul rather than his shadows. Take some time to get to know this person and find out who he truly is apart from the reflection he represents.

This card is also about learning to love others for who they are, even if they are quite different from you. Remember no one is perfect. Everyone has flaws and we are all healing in some way. You may feel a powerful attraction to this person on a sexual level. When this happens, all your chakras open, especially the sexual chakra. Just because you feel attracted does not mean you have to become sexually intimate with that person.

Emotional Level: This is the beginning of the desire to merge with another. Take the time to first learn to love the aspects inside yourself that this person reflects. Look at your true gifts and talents. You will find that those gifts can be more fabulous than any fairy tale if you let yourself explore the reality you are creating for yourself. This life is more exciting than any fiction. From this place, absorb the lessons of love and infatuation and see that you are still trying to mature emotionally. Give yourself permission to let that be alright, but stay conscious to the potential pitfalls of the illusions of love.

Spiritual Level: The Lovers' card taps into the innocent idealism you possessed as a child when you believed you could make a difference in the world. Here you are still innocent and idealistic. You can see the hand of God moving through everything in your life and you feel blessed. You can make a difference when you direct that positive energy outward.

INTERPRETATION

Astrologically, the Lovers' card indicates the sign of Gemini. Gemini's twins represent duality and difference. Twins can be very much alike or nothing alike. Either way, conflict is bound to come up. You have probably fallen in love with someone who you think she is just like you, when actually she may be very different. We learn about aspects of ourselves from loving another. Parts you cannot access inwardly will become externalized so you can heal and grow. With this card, you are full of innocent bliss and not thinking clearly. You cannot see the negatives because you are only at the beginning of seeing your shadow.

The card helps you learn to be conscious through your relationships. It is a time to give love

QUOTES

I know I am but summer to your heart, and not the full four seasons of the year. Edna St. Vincent Millay

> The first duty of love is to listen. **Paul Tillich**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Romeo and Juliet Adam and Eve Eros and Psyche

STONE

Rose Quartz

and feel accepted by others. Find balance between your male and female sides by realizing your connection to all things. If you are in a relationship, it is important to notice whether you can actually see the other person's shadow. If you cannot find anything wrong with this person, and he appears to be perfect, you are probably missing something. No one is perfect. If you want to believe this person is the answer to all your problems or has all the answers, you are in deep illusion. It is a good idea to step back until you can separate what is real from what is your illusion. Sometimes when this card shows up it can mean you are giving too much of yourself away to others because of a deep internal need to feel accepted.

The card is about learning to open to love. First appreciate and love yourself. When you are fulfilled, others will want to bask in the light of who you are. When you share your true self with another, allow him to know the gift you are giving him.

REVERSED MEANING

This card reversed is a warning of potential infatuation rather than true love. Yet love can grow out of this position by your willingness to accept the person or situation with faults and problems in an honest and communicative way. When this card is reversed, it is time to sit down, ask questions, and find out the truth about where this pattern leads. You might be afraid to ask the questions because you don't really want to know the answers. It is also important to see if everyone is being faithful in the relationship. Reversed, this card can indicate that there is a lie in the space and you need to find out everyone's intentions.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I in love or infatuation? Has spirit magically put us together to learn something? How is this person like an unhealed aspect within me? How is this love bringing me to become my highest spiritual potential? Am I becoming too idealistic? Am I not seeing this person for whom she really is? Can I love this person even if he is not perfect? Can I love this person if she does not actually fit all my internal pictures? Can I love this person if he is not what he is presenting to me at this time? Am I in love if I want to change this person?

Trumps

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Your innocent inner child wants to reach out with her love. You are yearning to open to a deeper emotional experi ence of life.

BODY ASPECT

The Endocrine System When you fall in love there is a surge of hormones and your body responds in hundreds of subtle ways to let you know that something incredible is happening.

THE PATH

Learning to love is the desire o find wholeness through opposition. Opposites attract in the dance of love and intimacy. Remember if you are drawn to someone, they are reflecting something to you that you are unable to see at this moment. In learning to love them you are learning to love them you are learning to love that fragmented aspect within you. Bring that concept into your conscious awareness and allow the love to heal lost parts within.

SELF HELP

Help the new neighbor move in. Help someone who is older and needs assistance. Watch children play and reclaim your innocence. Write a story about your childhood or about your first love. Roll down a hill sideways. Play in a sandbox. r u m P s



VII THE CHARIOT CANCER

ANGELS

Angel of Commitment and Follow Through

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus' agreement to his disciples to give up his body and blood for the redemption of the sins of mankind

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Cancer-Cancer is the sign of home and family life. When the energy of Cancer shows up it pulls us to find safety by creating close personal relationships with whom we can share our deepest feelings.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Chariot is about making and keeping agreements with others. Physical completion is good for our psyche and soul. It gives us a sense of accomplishment in our physical

existence. When we accomplish things, we build personal power. Even if we fail, we will have a sense of completion because we know we tried everything in our power.

The Chariot card is the metaphor of verbal engagements, agreements, and contracts such as a marriage proposal or contracts in the process of being negotiated.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Chariot is about understanding the power of your words. When you are true to your word and speak with conviction, others believe you and trust you. This helps you grow and value what you can contribute to the system you wish to live in. When you get this card, the Chariot is teaching you to stand up for what you believe and let your voice become a catalyst for things that are important to you in your life.

You may need to stand up to someone but are afraid of being rejected or put down. It is normal to have apprehension when voicing your opinions. Take the time to notice where you have an emotional charge about an issue and see if you can objectively choose to let go of it. Underneath the emotional charge is the true desire or belief.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Chariot is about the desire to develop your own family or community. When you get this card you are broadening and opening to new ways of evolving by learning to merge with others. As this begins to happen, you are drawn to people who have convictions that you also want to believe in or that you choose to cultivate at this time. Sometimes this looks like wanting to join groups that you see have value to you. These can be groups that are religious or political, but not limited to that. What they have in common is that everyone has a similar goal in mind whether it is eating organically or supporting a cause. By joining with others on a similar quest we grow and open to new things that would be frightening to do alone. This card is about learning to stretch to find others who believe as we do and to have the strength by being together to speak out for what we believe in.

INTERPRETATION

The Chariot card is a sign of deep commitments and promises to others. Cancer holds the energy of family and the desire to create safety within a family unit. It is a challenge to stand in a new place and become recognized as a mature contributing member of the society.

QUOTES

He who every morning plans the transaction of the day and follows out that plan carries a thread that will guide him through the labyrinth of the most busy life...But where no plan is laid, where the disposal of time is surrendered merely to the chance of incidents, chaos will soon reign.

Victor Hugo

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Ben Hur

STONE *Rhodonite*

The Chariot is Cancer astrologically. The sign of Cancer is about learning the lessons of sensitivity, imagination, and protection. The lesson of Cancer is to feel, be vulnerable, to ask for what you want, and be willing to protect the dynamic of family.

Once you believe you are in love (the Lovers card) the natural progression is to talk about commitments and goals for the future in a relationship (the Chariot card). With the Chariot, two are becoming one inside you, there is more energy to try new things, and there is a new-found confidence to take risks, because you don't feel alone.

This card will come up when there has been talk of marriage and verbal promises or agreements. This can show up as legal commitments as well as emotional commitments like moving in together, getting engaged, or any other kind of verbal agreement. Whatever the agreement, you are stepping into a more mature part of your life by making that choice now.

Through our commitments we learn where our edges are. The challenge with this card is not to over-commit yourself in a situation. In your enthusiasm, you begin to make promises. Now would be a good time to double check and see if you are about to get yourself into a bind.

Falling in love with a person or a project is about caring enough to say that you are willing to walk this path and make an agreement to stick with it until the situation has reached its natural conclusion. Take your time and make sure of your agreements and commitments before you choose. From a calm position decide if this is actually the correct timing for this commitment.

When you are fulfilled, whole, and happy, then others will want to bask in the light of who you are. To be part of a group means to be willing to bring your whole self to the table. Know that you will continue to grow by the reflections and perspectives of others you choose to bring into your life. We are communal creatures. We need each other's reflection to be able to go deeper into becoming our true self. This opportunity can challenge what we believe is true about ourselves. But it is the only way to grow and be able to engage our life as a viable member of the society we choose to belong to.

REVERSED MEANING

When the Chariot card is reversed, you may be overly committed; spinning your wheels but feeling as if you are not getting anywhere. See if some part of you may want to stay stuck in the old pattern. The belief may be, "The evil you know is better than the evil you don't know." Ask, "Am I holding another to such a high ideal that I will become disillusioned?" Now is the time to reevaluate your choices and create a more constructive pattern for your life. Remember, not choosing is a choice and this pattern isn't working at the moment. Look where you have a fear of commitment. Track this belief back to where it originated. Where did you learn to hesitate instead of jump? Are you afraid of looking bad and making mistakes? Play out the worst case scenario in your mind. If you can live with the worst case scenario, what do you have to loose?

When the Chariot card is reversed, fear is stopping you from putting all your energy into something. Fear has the ability to block the true clarity of your soul. In life there is only choice and no choice. Which will you choose in this moment? Do you want to live a life of unexpressed potential or are you willing to try something new?

When the Chariot is reversed, you may be associated with a group that is not really aligned with your true nature. You might not agree with all the group's beliefs but you may be afraid to do anything different. Look at the fear you have inside of not belonging. Are you afraid to leave this group because of the repercussions? Gather up your courage and be willing to tell yourself the truth about what is not working. Then make a choice for your life. Choosing is always better than staying stuck in the old pattern.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I truly committed to the change needed at this time? Am I willing to follow this through to the end? Am I over-committed at this time? Do I have a loving home and family to help provide safety and security at this time in my life?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes You must follow through with the commitments you have made.

BODY ASPECT

The Blood

Blood circulating throughout the body is connected to this archetype, but it is the blood of bonding, commitments and brotherhood. The spiritual side of the mystery of blood within you rather than the physical aspect is at work. It represents a binding spiritual agreement.

THE PATH

The Chariot is like the Native American belief, "Before enlightenment--chop wood, carry water; after enlighten ment--chop wood, carry water." In all spiritual jour neys, one must still deal with the normal day-to-day needs of the family and each other. Enlighten-ment doesn't mean you neglect yourself or others along your journey.

SELF HELP

Now is a good time to go to relationship classes and read books to find new ways of handling challenges with fami ly patterns. Have friends help you keep commitments by calling and asking how you are doing with the project or problem.



VIII

Adjustment

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ANGELS

Angel of Balance and Justice

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

The union between Joseph and Mary

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Libra-Libra is the sign of marriage and partnership. To the energy of Libra, systems create a feeling of balance and justice in life. When we fully choose and make commitments then we are free to open and find peace.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, this card represents legal systems and the completion of all legal documents. The Adjustment card is an indicator of such things as; marriages, divorces, pre-nuptials, trials,

court issues, traffic tickets, contract negotiations, business deals, stock agreements, anything that has to be negotiated and agreed upon by more than one person.

QUOTES

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Marriage is not just spiritual communion and passionate embraces; marriage is also three meals a day, sharing the work and remembering to carry out the trash. Dr. Joyce Brothers

Balance is an internal experience not an external circumstance. Suzanne Wagner

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Athena, Greek Goddess of Justice and Wisdom

STONE

Diamond

Life is about learning how to stay centered when you get out of balance. This card teaches you how to cultivate your inner neutrality and reminds you when you are not in balance. The rules and laws that society creates are designed to ensure the safety of the people and are guidelines for ways of conduct. When anyone is part of a group it is necessary to generate standards of behavior so everyone is able to work together with the least amount of difficulty. When this card shows up, you need to look back to what you agreed. If you are not doing what you said, a reprimand may be on the way. If you act quickly with conscious intent you may be able to bypass a more serious problem later on. Take a good, hard look at yourself and make an adjustment.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Adjustment card represents the things, activities, and people who help you feel neutral and safe. The people who we admire and want acceptance from are also the ones who can challenge that same balance when they disapprove of us. Emotionally, this card is about the potential disruptive influence of loved ones such as in a divorce or separation. When this card shows up it is time to look at what type of emotional experiences could come up in your life to create disruption and chaos.

This card is to remind you that you too must become balanced in your dealings with others as well as in balance with your physical, emotional, and spiritual self. Notice when you are not lighthearted. What do you need to do in order to let go of anger and forgive? What are you afraid to show someone about yourself for fear of rejection and judgment? Remember balance is achieved by knowing your positive, as well as your negative traits.

Spiritual Level: When this card shows up on the spiritual level, it is an opportunity to let go of heavy spiritual beliefs that cause fear or imbalance within the soul. Spiritual balance is even more challenging because you must take the information given to you that has been translated by others for centuries and learn to sort the truth from the untruth. You must weigh the information based on your experience and personal values and then seek a higher awareness to understand the information. Only when information is fully integrated with your physical and emotional self can you experience spiritual balance

You are being asked to integrate your spiritual beliefs into a realistic perspective. If your beliefs are causing fear, uncertainty, feeling not good enough, hopelessness, or depression, you should

probably take another look at them and see if they are appropriate at this time. See what you can do to love and balance yourself within your beliefs without ridiculing yourself.

INTERPRETATION

The Adjustment card in other traditional decks is seen as the Justice card. Adjustment is the card for Libra, which represents the sign of balance and diplomacy. This card is about legal systems, justice, and courts.

This card represents the challenges of keeping your center in a larger more chaotic world and learning how to balance your life. It can also represent the inner conflicts of trying to make decisions or the suspending of actions pending further decisions. It is about knowing what you are doing before you sign papers or get into legally binding agreements. This card is a reminder that you might need to look more closely at legal issues before proceeding in order to avoid negative consequences.

This card represents marriages and divorces. In a spread, if this is the center card in a reading, it usually means a marriage or a divorce is coming. The other cards around it define the type of balance you may be required to do at this time. You will learn intuitively by working with these cards whether it will be marriage or divorce depending on the emotional impact of the cards surrounding it.

Structures and rules come into play with this card and there are consequences for your actions. There are rules in belonging to the society and you are being challenged to see where your priorities lie.

This card represents a time of major life decisions and the need to weigh those decisions carefully. Remember to check all the details and to read the fine print before signing anything when the Adjustment card appears.

It is important to learn to communicate from the heart in a clear truthful manner. Deception is not a good idea when this card shows up. Lying can get you caught and place you in a more desperate situation. You may feel the need to become brutally honest with yourself when you pull this card in a spread.

Commitments made when this card appears will need to be honored. There are legal ramifications at stake. If you are not sure, don't do it. Know what you are signing before you sign.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is a warning that you are out of touch with yourself and your heart. Something in your life is out of balance and is making itself known or you are about to get informed about it. You are about to be challenged. You may soon be embroiled in a legal battle. Start to find ways to cultivate your own sense of center and balance. Tell the truth to yourself about what is not working well. Talk to your mate about finding a new balance with each other. Talk about what is not working for you in the relationship. Often we are afraid to communicate because we don't want to upset the other, but communication is the key to finding balance in any relationship. Those who truly love you will appreciate you more when you have the ability to admit that what you have been doing is not working. It is not a failure to admit that something is off balance. It is a great win to be able to see what is not working and to finally be able to change it. **Great people are created out of challenging times.** You will make everyone's life easier and happier when you do not always appear to have everything all together. Like the stone for this card, the diamond, relationships need to be able to handle the heat and pressure of each person telling the truth, then there is clarity and balance inside and out.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

In what area do I need to let go of anger and forgive? Am I about to have legal problems, such as a divorce or lawsuit? Do I need to take a good look at my internal sense of hopelessness? Why is my heart so heavy? What is my heart really trying to tell me? Why am I cultivating imbalance in my life?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe but probably Yes You need to cultivate balance in order to succeed in this endeavor.

BODY ASPECT

The Heart

The heart is the center point within your body between the upper three chakras and the lower three chakras. The lower three are aligned with keeping the body in the physical plane of existence. The upper three are connected to expression of the higher functions of the soul's connection to the divine. The heart is in the middle attempt ing to harmonize and balance out these hugely different aspects. When your heart feels loved and accepted then every thing else in life has hope. When the heart is out of bal ance and holding resentment and anger, such as in a divorce or separation, everything feels as if it will fall apart.

THE PATH

It is time for you to honestly look at your life and see what you are doing that doesn't allow balance in your life. The path is to be constantly aware and see the potential problems before they arise. If you are centered within, no one can throw you.

SELF HELP

Try anything that creates a sense of physical, emotional and spiritual harmony within. For some this can be Tai Chi, Yoga, exercise, meditation, good books, cuddling with the family pet, etc. l r u m P s



IX THE HERMIT Virgo

ANGELS

Angel of Inner Wisdom and Introspection

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Moses, leaving the group, to find the Ten Commandments

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Virgo-Virgo is the sign of work and self-improvement. Virgo teaches us that by working towards our inner and outer awareness we become more whole. Virgo shows that by going inward we re-define our roles in life and the ways to express our true light.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, you are beginning a journey alone; creating an opportunity to find out about your hidden abilities and talents. You could be moving to a new place where you don't know

anyone. This journey may not make sense to others in your life. That is okay. This is a time when you need to be alone to sort out the confusing patterns within your life. There is a feeling of wanting to get away from the world as you know it.

QUOTES

Never confuse motion with action. Ernest Hemingway

> Be still and know God. **Bible**

Seek and you shall find. **Bible**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Tibetan monks, Buddha

STONE

Fluorite

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, you are searching for a breakthrough. By cultivating the stillness inside, you will have more energy and light to share with others. You are looking for a release from the frantic pace of life. You know there is more but chasing after it doesn't seem to work. It is time to face the fear of loneliness. Remember you don't have to be alone to be lonely. **Loneliness is when you know that you have lost some aspect of yourself.** You are lonely when you want to share with others but don't know how to engage the process. You feel the need to connect with others but right now you must first get to know who is really inside you.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Hermit is an internal compass that will guide you throughout your life; your spiritual compass into your deep subconscious. With this archetype well-integrated you will always know that times of darkness will pass and eventually you will not be afraid. Once we can accept our own darkness, it will be easier to accept and love others when they are in theirs. With the Hermit, there is an opportunity to find clarity through your willingness to be still.

INTERPRETATION

The Hermit card is aligned with Virgo's love to analyze and painstakingly seek to know and understand. The Hermit is a light bearer, even though this is the first of what are considered the dark cards. The first eight cards are quite light and fluffy, but with the Hermit you begin to enter the darker stages of life.

If society had given you a negative consequence from the Adjustment card for your actions, such as going to jail, you would now be experiencing the Hermit. If you know that you have done something wrong, you can throw yourself into the Hermit stage simply by feeling guilty.

This is the first card that goes into the deeper psyche, into the depths of your shadow emotions. It is the moment when you realize that the external world will not have all the answers. You are now forced by your reality, or by a need, to understand who you are in the grand picture of life. To do this you must look inside to those deeper areas you have been avoiding.

Up to this point, the Trumps you have served as guides, mentors, social systems, and mother/father images to help lead and teach you. The Hermit is the first of the Trumps telling you to go on the path alone. Here the only guide is you! No one at this time will have the answer you are looking for. If you keep searching for the perfect answer, teacher, or guru you will find disappointment and frustration.

You are going into the cave of the subconscious mind and the only light you have is what you carry within you. That light represents how much inner self-awareness you have at this time. With that light you can see only so far into the darkness. You are not completely lost and you are not completely able to see what is ahead. You feel caught between your old pictures of what you thought you were and the reality of the vastness of the aspects within that you don't know. Sometimes you will fail, but each time you fail, you will learn something else to try and eventually you will find what you are seeking.

You are on a quest to find out who you are. What you need to trust is your ability to adapt and grow through the challenges being presented at this time. The great joke in the game of consciousness is that when you get there you realize that you were always there. Explorations into the Hermit are always fruitful. You can spend a lifetime finding all the hidden treasures you hold inside. Do not be afraid when the Hermit card shows up. It lights the way to the skill you have forgotten you possess. Trust the Hermit and you will never feel lost and alone.

REVERSED MEANING

The Hermit reversed, means that you are unwilling to listen to the quiet voice within. Your life is too full of noise. You may not know how to take a break. You are a person in danger of burning out. The universe is giving you a warning that you need to take a break. You may be so concerned with the physical world that you are neglecting your emotional and spiritual well-being. Eventually this will take its toll on your health if you are not careful.

Turn to face whatever will come up when you get quiet and still inside. When you actually take a look, it is never as bad as your mind has made it out to be in the first place. The Hermit reversed, is telling you that it is now time to go on a journey within. You may be feeling afraid of the darkness inside you. You may be afraid of parts of yourself that you don't want to see. With this card reversed, it is time to begin to look into you own shadow aspects; the parts of yourself that you have not wanted to notice. You may be feeling totally alone and afraid of what that means about you. Some doorways must be walked through alone. Sometimes we are the only ones who hold the keys to our inner secrets. You may be feeling as if you were abandoned by a teacher or mentor. Remember that teachers are only guides into certain areas of awareness. Teachers can take you to the door. You must choose to step through. But only you may step on to the path yourself.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

What am I so afraid of facing inside myself? Why can I not sit still? How can I allow my brain to stop for just a moment? Who am I if I don't do what everyone wants me to do? Why am I in so much physical pain when I try to sit still for long periods of time? Where am I obsessive-compulsive? What am I afraid is true about me? Can I heal myself by learning to listen to the voices within me? What would really happen if I just stopped for a moment?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe What you are looking for may be inside yourself and not out in the world. If you look inside then you will find what you are looking for

BODY ASPECT

The Pelvis

The Pelvis allows us to stand on our own two feet. It is what connects us to the earth, give birth, and be a part of the human experience. When the pelvis is broken there is no stability for the body.

THE PATH

Awareness is not learned, it is experienced. Some things must come from aloneness. Be will ing to walk on your own path and learn to trust the guidance that is constantly being given. Be willing to allow life to teach you. Be open to the magic that is being offered in your life. Learn to stay awake and in the present moment. Then you will see that you have all the knowl edge you seek within you.

SELF HELP

Practice Vipassana, the form of meditation that Buddha did under the tree to become enlightened. Try to get away to a cabin in the woods. Write. Meditate. Try anything that allows you to sit still for long periods of time without distractions. l r u m P s



X FORTUNE JUPITER

ANGELS

Angel of Change and Challenge

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus turning himself over to the Romans to be tried and crucified

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Jupiter-Jupiter was the ruler of the heavens. He symbolized abundance, optimism, and good luck. Jupiter bestows blessings but blessings need to be used wisely.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Fortune card is a reminder that it is time to make a decision. It may feel like you are tak-

QUOTES

Opportunities multiply as they are seized. Sun Tzu

> Luck is the residue of design. **Branch Rickey**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Gamblers, Risk Takers, Adventure Seekers.

STONE

Gold

ing a risk, but your inner self is aligned with the change in the moment. Change may look like moving homes, changing relationships, taking a new job, etc. This may feel like a leap of faith, but the universe is actually promoting this change. An example would be that you are getting laid off and the only job opportunity is going to force you to move to another state. You really do not want to move but suddenly that is the only option. Once you get to the new place you find that all your apprehension was just fear of change. You find that the job is wonderful and you feel more empowered. Change on the physical level is a necessary step to survival. If you can not adapt you cannot survive. The universe is forcing you to do what will ultimately be so much better for you. It is time to trust and know that life is always trying to create improvements for your well-being.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Fortune card is where all creative ideas can come to life. Energy is available to manifest some internal dream. Passion is in alignment with knowledge. Energy is in alignment with matter. When you see the possibilities, you still need to do the work necessary to make the dream a reality. Emotionally, the Fortune card requires the strength and power of a Sphinx, the humor and wildness of a Monkey, and the steadiness and consistency of a Reptile. We have all these aspects in us pushing, pulling, and resisting at every turn when we attempt to change. It is important to understand all these aspects but not to let one override the others. Listen inside to the conflicts and then take the risk anyway. At the very least you will learn something and at the most you just may get the goal you are seeking.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Fortune card can create amazing things when you allow the magic of change to grace your life. Sometimes what you think you want is only the tip of the iceberg. Spiritually, you have the opportunity to receive more than you dared. Anytime you open your mind to other ways of being, perceiving, and experiencing you always deepen your experience of life. The universe is going to show you new ways of perceiving.

INTERPRETATION

The Fortune card is from the Wheel of Fortune or the Wheel of Karma. You have to take a gamble and decide where you are willing to place your bet. When you are willing to choose new experiences, then everything begins to change.

When you change, you are choosing to get off the karmic wheel that has gotten you stuck. Usually this card has a very positive outcome. Change is going to be good no matter what. You may not understand how, but that is okay. This is a moment of breakthrough. You finally realize that something inside needs to change. Only when you experience that awareness, can you change your fortune.

They say that when you finally realize there is a pattern to change, then you have done about seventy percent of the work to complete that change. So think of this card as an acknowledgement that you have seventy percent of the work done to create what you want.

This is a card associated with Jupiter. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, money, and abundance. Expansion comes when you are aligned within and understand that you can become a vehicle for a greater reality than you previously thought.

When you are internally in conflict with a particular outcome, it creates a block and it takes more energy to make something manifest. This card is a reminder that you have a moment to make life easier. Will you take it? Let go of the old struggles. Align with your dreams and send a clear message to the universe to let you create something effortlessly this time.

Remember as you open and make changes there may be some old emotional issues that will crop up. Just breathe and know that trying something new is always scary. But fear and excitement are very similar energies. Learn to turn the energy of fear into excitement. Then life will always seem as a grand adventurous game.

REVERSED MEANING

If the Fortune card is reversed, you may want to jump but your timing is a little off. The risk at this time may be too high. You may not have the skills you think you possess. You might be deceiving yourself that this is what you really want to do. This adventure might be an escape from someone or something in your life. When the Fortune card is reversed, you might be about to go for a quick fix. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. In life there are no quick doors to money, power, and awareness. What parts are not in agreement with this goal? Check to see if you are coming from your ego rather than your essence. Ask someone's opinion whom you trust to give you honest feedback or fresh ideas about how to approach your goal.

Reversed, the Fortune card is telling you that what you are about to try may have a high cost. That cost may involve loss of money, loss of stature, loss of a loved one (because of risking too much and not considering their feelings or position), loss of a job opportunity, etc.

This card reversed is putting you on notice that what you think is true may not be totally accurate. Stop and check to see if you are doing this activity to prove your point, to be right, or to show how powerful you are. If you need this to happen, this card reversed is a warning that things are not what they seem.

Be careful about being deceived by others. Know your boundaries and know where to draw the line. Be careful that you are not becoming a risk junkie, someone who needs to feel that adrenaline rush just for the sake of the chase and the game. It is fun to risk and it is fun to win. But the key is how much are you willing to loose?

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I ready to take action now? What are the steps to achieve my goal? Can my creative idea come to life? Do I really want this change? Can I make this challenge into something fun? How much am I willing to loose? Am I running away from something by taking this risk? Can I see what the gamble is in this situation? Is someone taking advantage of me?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes The wheel of life is turn ing and this may be the only time to catch this particular experience.

BODY ASPECT

The Hands The hands help to begin the project and be creative.

THE PATH

All great things require some risk. Create a strategy, plan it out, then jump. You cannot know all the outcomes. If you did life would be boring. What would be the fun of knowing all the answers? The path of Fortune is to know that life is an adventure and you don't always see the end goal when you begin the journey. This path is about learning that life is always about risk. Check around, get as much informa tion as you can, make a decision, and take a risk.

SELF HELP

Take steps to activate the dream, one at a time. See where each step will lead you. Take your television away and rediscover how much time you really have when you are not trying to escape from your reality. l r u m P s



XI LUST LEO

ANGELS

Angel of Sexuality and Passion

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

The sexual energy of Mary Magdalene before she became one of Christ's followers

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Leo-Leo is the sign of pleasure and creativity. This energy is seeking what fulfills it and from that tends to dominate others with what it needs in the moment. Leo teaches us to find passion in all of life.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level of the Lust card, passion is very tangible. Those passions can be about a job that totally fulfills you;

athletic events that inspire you to feel the joys of competition; or they can be about discovering the passion of sexual intimacy and love.

QUOTES

Without passion man is a mere latent force and possibility, like the flint which awaits the shock of the iron before it can give forth its spark. Henri Frederic Amiel

The fire which enlightens is the same fire which consumes. Henri Frederic Amiel

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Henry the VIII, Aphrodite

STONES

Ruby, Carnelian

Most people when they see the Lust card think it is about learning how to be sexually fulfilled. It is also the biological desire to merge with another. The challenge is to be fully present and conscious in your body and to stay God-connected at the same time.

Life itself is a passionate experience. In reality, it is about learning to control the energy and to be appropriate with it so you don't hurt people with the lust and passion you hold inside. If this energy is suppressed too much it turns dark. Learn to be present with the passion you hold inside. Respect it and it will respect those around you.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Lust card is about yearning for someone to understand us and love us on a deep level. It is about finally understanding that you have emotional needs that you don't know how to give to yourself. You realize you are a communal being and you need feedback from others to help you to find your passion. By merging with another and sharing our deepest feelings and dreams we uncover and rediscover the meaning of our true self.

Spiritual Level: On this level, lust is about learning that everything on this planet moves in a sexual manner. When you accept the sexual aspect of your human nature and learn to be at peace with it, then it no longer has control. Our mind doesn't always see the passionate side of our human nature as spiritual. This creates a conflict. If we are being sexual can we still be a spiritual being? Yes, you can be both. When your sexual side is in balance with your spiritual self, then you have more life-force and inner power. When you become aligned on the inside with the fact that you are human and have passions, the outside world is easier to manifest in and more fulfilling to experience.

INTERPRETATION

The Lust card is the Strength card in other Tarot decks. Astrologically, Leo represents this card because of its sunny disposition and its passion for life and love. With this card, you become aware that your passions can be your greatest strengths. This card would appear to be a light card. However, it is a shadow card. If you are ruled by your passions, you can get caught in the addiction to fulfill your personal needs. If you use your power to get what you want, then that is shadow.

Sexual energy is a powerful energy. It is creative chaos at work in the world. This energy has the ability to create life. Such a powerful energy is hard to harness and to keep in balance with other aspects of our consciousness. The sexual drive almost controls you during your hormonal youth. It is like trying to reign in the seven-headed beast on this card. But sexual energy is trying to teach you how to experience joy in your physical body. Joy is the reward energy for opening to the beauty and magic that the world and life have to offer. The challenge is how to maintain the balance and to choose appropriate action when all this powerful life-force energy is moving so intensely through you.

Sexual energy and money are very connected. Business men will pull this card because they harness their sexuality into their business to create money. Knowing how to control life-force/sexual energy and not be manipulative is a great challenge. Controlling the energy and allowing it to inspire your dream is the key.

Sexual energy is chaotic energy. Lust awakens our mind to new dreams and possibilities. But this energy is challenging for our mind and spirit to handle. In learning to work with the Lust card you begin to understand how to balance life-force with spirit. Having passion and drive enables us to create the dreams of our spirit. When you pull the Lust card you are being asked to allow the passionate side of life to have the reins for a time. You must give the wildness inside some opportunity to breathe and expand. Just keep both eyes open in the process.

REVERSED MEANING

The Lust card reversed can mean that your passion is out of control. You desire something without seeing the problems that can be created if you leap before you look. The Lust card reversed can also mean that life-force energy is being blocked by the mind's moralistic, controlling belief systems; you might be hiding behind the desire for perfection; you may be afraid of getting out of control, or in denial that you are attracted to someone at this time. When the Lust card is reversed you may behaving inappropriately with your sexual energy. Are you being honest with your sexual partner about your secret behaviors? Are you hiding something from others? Are you using sex as a way of dumping your negative energy on others?

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I ready to take action? What am I afraid of in the sexual area of my life? Am I unwilling to find ways to experience joy? Am I afraid of my own passion? Do I feel that if I let my passion out I will not be a good person? Am I controlling myself too much? Am I afraid of sex? Am I afraid of letting anyone really into my experience? Do I believe that life has to be about suffering? Am I in control of my own passion or is the passion controlling me? If I am being sexual, am I we still a spiritual being? Where/how am I doing an inappropriate behavior that I feel guilty about?

Trumps

YES-NO POSITION

No You are making a choice based on passion rather than the balance between your desires and your soul.

BODY ASPECT

Second Chakra

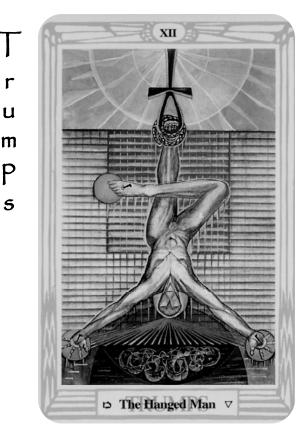
Three fingers below the navel is where we hold joy in the physical plane. If your second chakra is not open then life seems dull and boring. How much joy you are willing to have in your life? Learn to open to new ways of feeling fully alive.

THE PATH

Learn to reclaim your life from your fears. Take a warrior's path to assertively look for where you are blocked from being fully present in your life. Seek out your shadow with consciousness and clarity. Reclaim your passion and learn to honor your life-force within.

SELF HELP

Explore ways to sexually relate healthily. It could be through Tantra, Taoism, White Tantric Yoga, or learning to find where you are blocked. Learn how to be in healthy sexual relationships with healthy sexual boundaries. Find a sexual partner who you feel safe with and learn to explore sexuality in a loving environment.



XII THE HANGED MAN Pluto

ANGELS

Angel of Suffering and Struggle

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus' crucifixion Peters' crucifixion The torture of the Cathars by the Pope

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Pluto-Pluto was the Roman god of the underworld. Pluto teaches us to use the power of regenerative forces within life and death. When we are willing to eliminate the old then we wipe the slate clean and are reborn. It teaches that destruction and creation are compliments of each other.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Hanged Man card represents feeling trapped by your circumstances; you are tied up by your fear of change. The mind wants security and stability. The soul wants to grow and expand. You are trapped in between and unable to choose. You must make a choice. Choosing will change the feeling of being stuck and loosen the strings of attachment. When this card shows up in the physical you are being put on notice that you will have to give up something at this time. Check to see what it is and see if you can surrender gracefully. If you don't it may be a long, slow, tortuous process.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Hanged Man shows that the emotions internally are torturing the spirit of the soul. The internal dialogue has become very loud with negative feelings you are holding about yourself. It is important to hear those voices but now you need to decide if you are willing to make your own choices and your own mistakes to then free you to try new things.

Spiritual Level: On this level, your spirit is challenging you to let go of the old mindset. It wants to soar and find its own definition and its own potential. Where does your spirit want to go? You are afraid to challenge the authority of certain systems because you might be ostracized, ex-communicated, or shamed. It is time to see if you have tolerance for yourself to become different. Will you judge yourself for stepping out of the social norm? Look where you are denying your spiritual beliefs because of a fear of being persecuted or tortured.

INTERPRETATION

With the Hanged Man card you are moving deeper into your shadow. The sexual energy has reared its head with the last card (Lust) and now everything is moving very quickly. You allowed yourself to get out of control for a moment and now you have bound yourself up and are feeling stuck (The Hanged Man).

Pluto, the god of the underworld, is associated with this card. Pluto helps us wipe the slate clean by showing us where we are suppressed and trapped. These traps and constrictions can be internal or external. Often it is only through the process of enough suffering that we allow ourselves to make other choices. Suffering causes us to release our fears and create a transformation. Pluto can cause us to reach the greatest spiritual transformations or its negative power can lead to

QUOTES

No idea can succeed except at the expense of sacrifice; no one ever escapes without enduring strain from the struggle of life.

Ernest Renan

Sacrifice is nothing other than the production of sacred things. Georges Bataille

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Aslan -"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe", and Obewan Kanobe and Darth Vadar -"Star Wars Trilogy".

STONE

Onyx

total breakdown of the old world within.

This card shows up when you have created a circumstance that is making you feel like Christ being crucified on the cross. It is the belief of many religions that all good deeds require suffering. This card personifies the torture of the Cathars by the Catholic Church. It represents that you are trying to break through the social conditions within a society. It usually happens after you find your passion and life-force. Then all of a sudden, you are not sure that you want to follow someone else's rules. Be careful that you don't become stuck and trapped by your passion or rebellion. You are being tortured by not knowing which way to go and what to do to break through to a new pattern.

This card represents redemption through sacrifice, as with Peter, the disciple of Christ. Peter denied three times that he was a follower of Jesus before Christ's death. As a result, when Peter went to be crucified he requested to be turned upside down because he did not feel worthy of being compared to Jesus. Sometimes in life there are sacrifices that have to be made to get to the next level of consciousness. Sometimes you have to give up something—your old identity, your old belief system, your fears, your religion—any number of things to find that higher truth. It is the first test that if something is really true and you let it go, it will come back to you. The fire of passion, the creative life force has pushed you out into a new perspective. Now you are looking for your own truth and values by which to live. It is hard to break out of those old ways. Sometimes it is painful and lonely to break away from what is familiar. This card is about forming your own beliefs, but it sometimes takes getting stuck and immobilized to actually see what will work for you.

It is important to note that this is one of the death cards. If this is on the physical level, this type of death can be long and painful. If this death is on the emotional level, this type of death can be anguishing and you may have trouble letting go of the trauma. Go cautiously into the death aspect of this card because it can be a struggle.

If you are being challenged at this time with this card know that it can be a long road. Remember to let go and surrender to what is true for you even if others don't understand. Struggle may be necessary at this time.

People can become angry and resentful when they have to make changes. Sometimes in order to change you have to make others or situations bad or wrong. This is to give you momentum. Anger is a great motivator to break free. It helps you to have the courage and energy to take a chance and to go on your own. Learn to break free without hurting others in the process. Use the anger but don't take your anger out on others.

REVERSED MEANING

When the Hanged Man is reversed, you are not letting something go. This may be that you do not want to let go of a relationship, a job, or a belief. You are willing to be in terrible suffering to attempt to hang on to it. Only you can decide how much misery you are willing to put up with before you decide to change. You might believe that you must suffer to prove yourself worthy to God. God doesn't want us to create suffering. Suffering is caused by our unwillingness to adapt to the changing circumstances. It takes energy to stay stuck. It might be important to see if someone else is causing your suffering or if you are doing it to yourself. Ask yourself, "What do I have to do to become worthy of joy and success in my life? How would I know if I achieved it?"

Choose to believe in yourself. As soon as you do, you will feel freedom and energy come back to you.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I judging others? Am I afraid of finding out that life can be easier? What do I believe I have to do to achieve salvation? In what areas of my life am I struggling? How do my beliefs cause suffering in my life? Am I willing to make the choice to live and become a vibrant human being?

YES-NO POSITION

No A choice here would lead to struggle and hardship. You can choose to do this thing but remember you may have to sacrifice something for this knowledge. Is it worth it?

BODY ASPECT

The Stomach and the Third Chakra

This card represents being in a fetal position and rocking your self back and forth, while hold ing your stomach. You literally cannot stomach feeling stuck.

THE PATH

Look at how the mind causes you the most suffering. When you surrender the mind to life and feel joy, it is amazing how quickly the left brain will jump in and try to block that experience. Choose to give permission to the creative lifeforce so you can be free. Thank your mind for trying to protect you from the dangers of the external world yet allow yourself to find your own joy. Do not permit others to drag you into their struggle.

SELF HELP

Try new things. Take a risk. Face your fears and do anything that will allow you to become "unstuck". Decide! T u m P

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XIII DEATH Scorpio

ANGELS

Angel of Death

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus being forced to carry the cross to his own crucifixion

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Scorpio-Scorpio is the sign of inheritances and legacies. Scorpio is the sign of fixed water and as such reminds us that below the surface there are emotions that we are afraid might some day get out of control. Scorpio is magnetic by nature and shows that as we live, death is magnetically drawing us into its clutches.

LEVELS

Physical Level: The Death card is a warning that there is going to be a major transformation happening in your life. Some part of you needs to die in order to grow. There is a death coming to an old way of being. This situation is going to require nothing less than the total transformation of everything you believe yourself to be. Jobs are going to end. Layoffs may happen. You might be required to move homes. You might have to go through a bankruptcy. Your ego now needs to let go. Take a deep breath and surrender. (Notice the word, surrender, rather than give up.) When you give up, someone has to loose. When you surrender, everyone wins.

Emotional Level: On this level, your emotions are attached to an old way of being. You can no longer lie to yourself that everything is going to be fine. It is time to tell the truth to yourself about the amount of pain you have felt. You are at an emotional low. There is nothing to do but admit your humanness and forgive yourself for not being as perfect as you wanted to be. This is a moment to ask for help and support. Sometimes someone else has the key to the door you are trying to open. All you have to do is ask and the answer will come to you.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Death card reminds you that your spiritual self is overriding your ego. Your spiritual self is desperate to grow and the ego has been desperate to maintain the status quo. Choose to let your spirit guide the path for a moment. You will feel more alive and vibrant. Give your soul a chance to prove that something different might just be what will work.

INTERPRETATION

Scorpio is the astrological archetype of this card because this sign is the guardian of the underworld. Scorpion energy is transformative and emotionally intense. Death shares this energy. You move along this road, acquiring all this passionate life-force energy (Lust), end up getting stuck (The Hanged Man), and now you see that you are going to have to let go of your identity in order to transform and move (Death).

The Death card in the Tarot rarely means a physical death. It generally indicates an ego death and transformation of your personal identity. This can be death of a relationship, an old job, or a marriage. This card means that many external changes are about to happen. You are being asked to totally shift directions. Are you willing to let go of your old identity and how you see yourself

QUOTES

Dying is a troublesome busi ness: there is pain to be suffered, and it wrings one's heart; but death is a splendid thing -a warfare accomplished, a beginning all over again, a triumph. You can always see that in their faces.

George Bernard Shaw

Die before you die. Sufi Phrase Consume or be consumed. Joseph Campbell

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Hades, Persephone, Nephthys, the Black Madonna, Grim Reaper, and Kali Ma.

STONES

Neptunite, Nephrite

in order to step to the next level?

This is a card of challenge beyond the physical realm. It is understanding that you will not always get what you want from life but you will always get what you need in order to grow, change and evolve.

At this time the Death card indicates that circumstances have been taken out of your hands. You will be forced to surrender to a higher power in this matter. You are no longer in control. God has a plan and it is important that you learn not to resist it. Have you ever seen people who seem to create the same problem and trauma over and over again? This is the Death card in action. Often, the person feels as if the universe is trying to punish her for something. She will ask, "Why does this always happen to me?" The answer is because she still has not learned the lesson. She is trying to avoid something in her life and so her circumstances keep bringing the same thing up for her to finally make a different choice.

When you get this card, notice if you keep having the same problem or lesson happening over and over again? Try to see the similarities in the different events. Look honestly at the lessons the universe keeps trying to give you. Are you getting the message?

Remember death doesn't have to be painful. It can be a loving, gentle release into a new domain. The Sufis have a saying, "Die before you die!" This means that life is full of small deaths. If you learn all the lessons of surrender and letting go in your lifetime, then death can be a gentle process.

When a part inside wants to die, it means something else wants to be transformed. Energy is always being rearranged or transmuted into something different.

Joseph Campbell talks that life is about consuming or being consumed. This is the Death card at work. It is hard to look at the blocks inside your consciousness. In the evolution of consciousness it is critical for your soul to come to terms with the dance of life and death. This card lets you know that something in your life is dying in order to be transformed into the next needed piece on your journey. Don't panic. The only reason that death processes in your life are hard is because your ego is still so attached to the old pattern and is refusing to change. That can create a slow painful death process. When you surrender, the death can be gentle and pleasant.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, the Death card means that you are not willing to let go of your ego. You are telling yourself that you cannot change without causing a tremendous amount of problems. Notice if you are making excuses not to allow yourself the possibility of change. The Death card reversed means that if you do not let go now you will continue to get hit by the universe harder and harder until you are forced to break out of this old belief pattern. What do you need in order to realize that and change? When this card is reversed, it is a warning that if you refuse to do something different in your life, over time, your health may be affected.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I unwilling to see myself as others see me? How am I living in a self-created illusion and lie? What am I afraid is true about me? What aspects and beliefs do I need to let go of from an ego level? What is dying in my life? How can I allow this death to be a type of surrender into a new life? What is the worst that could happen if I did something different? Where am I holding a false sense of hope? Who am I afraid to let down? Myself? Am I arguing for my limitations?

YES-NO POSITION

No Your ego is probably mak ing this decision and it is not in alignment with your higher soul's purpose.

BODY ASPECT

The Lungs exhaling

When you are afraid you tend to not fully breathe. If you fully breathe, you become present in the moment. When you are present, you will have to make changes in the reality of your existence.

THE PATH

It takes a tremendous amount of your personal power and energy to constantly maintain and create an illusion for yourself and others. The path is to simplify your life by not allowing the ego to create power drains. When you know your self and believe in yourself there is no need to bolster or exaggerate the truth of who you are. The path is the path of self- acceptance.

SELF HELP

Take a risk and do something like bungee jumping. As you jump off tell yourself that you are committing suicide to your old fear patterns and behaviors. As you jump imagine that the old you is going to fall down and die. But the new you is going to be attached to that bungee cord and is going to spring back to life, resurrected and happy. I r u m P

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XIV ART Sagittarius

ANGELS

Angel of Being in the Moment Angel of Recognition and Awareness

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus at the Last Supper

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sagittarius-Sagittarius is the sign of higher learning and philosophy. As we allow our mind to grow and evolve, art in all its beauty and depth is a natural occurance.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On this level, this card lets you know that there still needs to be caution in handling money and spending patterns. You

have been deep in the shadow lands and now you must be aware of the physical financial level of your life. You think you can see what needs to be done and it seems like you are almost at the top of the mountain.

The Art card is teaching you how to take satisfaction in the small victories along the way. It is a reminder to enjoy the process of getting to the goal. The goal is not the only thing in life. At this time you may want a mentor to look up to. We connect to mentors not because we think that they are perfect but because we can relate to their pain and struggle. It gives us hope for our own journey. It is time to see yourself as your own mentor. Compliment yourself on how far you have come. Take a moment and look back at where you started and where you are now. Allow your process to be seen and shared by others. Even allow the mistakes to be seen. Failures make the journey more real and achievable by others.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Art card is teaching self-acceptance and personal pride at succeeding against the odds. You now know where you are in the journey and the way home seems certain. That calms down the nervous system and allows you to take a muchneeded break and recalculate what to do next. In life there are always guides or markers along the path to let us know where we are and how far we have come. Emotionally, put yourself in the position of Jesus at the Last Supper when he took the moment to be with the disciples and share wisdom and love. Jesus accepted what was in front of him and knew that there was a greater goal than just his own life.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Art card is a creative burst of new possibilities. Nothing is more exciting than to get even a small validation that you are on the right path. That is what this card represents in the spiritual domain. The worst seems over. Everyone wishes to share the ideas and dreams they have for the new experience. You can feel that soon everything will be different. The work ahead takes on a renewed excitement and energy. You get your second wind. Spiritually, you understand that life is what you make of it in each moment.

INTERPRETATION

Sagittarius is the astrological archetype that best suits this card because it is about mutable fire. Art is about being present in the moment and capturing it through the creative process. It is also about learning to use the fire inside you in a constructive manner and being flexible

QUOTES

The artist is extremely lucky who is presented with the worst possible ordeal which will not actually kill him. At that point, he's in business.

John Berryman

Just a little bit further! Robert Wagner

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Saturn, God of Honesty and Truth

STONES

Sapphire, Topaz

with your life-force. When you can be flexible and passionate then you can be awake and conscious to what still needs to be done. It is the dream inside us that maintains the momentum when

scious to what still needs to be done. It is the dream inside us that maintains the momentum when we are exhausted and not sure if we will make it. In each of us we must learn how to dig down into something within that is greater than what we know ourselves to be at this moment. When you pull this card, you are being asked to find this part of yourself that will rise to the occasion when it is challenged.

When you get the Art card it is an acknowledgement that you have passed the first test of the shadow aspects of the Trumps in relationship to what you were choosing to learn. All lessons must be challenged in the physical plane to become fully integrated into the awareness of your soul. Learning to follow your dream is the Fool card. Continuing the dream when you start to realize how much work it will be is the Art card.

In a way you can think of this card as a small breathing place in the dance of life. This means that you should congratulate yourself and understand that you have passed the first test of this new awareness. You made a decision and stood by it after much consideration and thought. You carefully weighed the pros and cons and after much toil succeeded in achieving something. You are not yet at the goal, but you can see and understand what is required to continue. Take a moment to look back and see how far you have come. Remember to look around at the scenery and to enjoy the process of the journey.

You have gone into the darkness of your shadow, faced your passions (the Lust card), faced being stuck and experienced the pain of restriction (the Hanged Man), faced that you have to surrender and let go of your old identity and old persona to get there (the Death card). Now, the Art card lets you know that you are beginning to unify the opposite sides of your nature; your light and dark sides.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card means that you believe you have succeeded but there is a long way yet to go. Step out of the illusion and take a good hard look at the problems directly in front of you. You may have an unwillingness to continue because of disappointments along the journey. You may have missed the true goal of the journey, which is the awareness and growth of the soul. Step back and see what you have accomplished instead of longing for things you do not yet have in your life. You may be beating yourself up for not succeeding. Reversed, the Art card may mean that you must consider money aspects at this time. You may be neglecting the money issues that are now causing fear in your life. It might be time to get a job and put the dream on a temporary hold in order to get back to an even place financially. You may need to do something to stabilize the financial picture in order to continue on the path.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Have I carefully considered all my options?Am I thinking I have arrived at the goal?How am I handling money and economic factors?Am I letting my creative ideas take root?Am I criticizing myself?Do I need to take a break for just a moment to catch my breath before moving on?How can I bring my inner child back into this project or process?

YES-NO POSITION

Trumps

Yes You always say yes to creative ideas. This is the sec ond highest Yes card in the Tarot. In life we dream of making things better, or of improving our self-awareness. You have looked at the situa tion ,carefully analyzed the problems and are ready to make the attempt.

BODY ASPECT

The Lungs inhaling

When you finally relax and breathe deeply it creates a renewed sense of energy and life-force. As you breathe in you are breathing in energy from the universe. This ener gy is critical for life.

THE PATH

The path is to find joy in the small accomplishments along the way in life. The journey is the actual goal where you learn about yourself; how to appreciate vourself and how vou handle the challenges in life. Take a moment to breathe in the excitement of the journey. Share what you have learned so far along this path of life. Start a creative project and remember to just take one step at a time. Support your inner artist. Do not criticize it or abuse its ideas. Just listen and dream.

SELF HELP

Take an art class that is inter esting to you. Learn let go of the mind by engrossing your self in a creative project. See each step of the creative process as fun and exciting. l r u m P s



XV THE DEVIL CAPRICORN

ANGELS

Angel of Temptation and Obsession Lucifer

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus on the mountain being tempted by the Devil

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Capricorn-Capricorn is the sign of needing to find how to create approval and acceptance in the world. It is through responsibility, determination and restriction that one learns how to succeed.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Devil card expresses itself as physical and sexual temptation. Someone is tempting you into the sexuality. Some part of you wants to surrender. Be careful! What is attracting you

Devil's dance of sexuality. Some part of you wants to surrender. Be careful! What is attracting you so much? The Devil card is also a health warning card in the area of sexually transmitted diseases. If you are going to play in the sexual arena, play it safe!

Emotional Level: On this level, you want to be desired by others. This reflects a level of emotional insecurity that usually heals as you get older. To be desired by others tells us that we have something that is valuable in the eyes of others and helps us feel accepted. Be careful to not mistake lust as true love. Tell yourself the truth of what you want in a relationship. Learn to develop more self-worth. Know that attraction doesn't always mean you have to do something about it. Cultivate your self-esteem and then others will want to be with you. You won't have to do anything to belong. You won't have to prove who you are. You will feel included.

Spiritual Level: On this level, you are being asked to see where you can be tempted into the games of spiritual power. This is about how you are using your sexual magnetism to control other people's behaviors and actions. Are you tempted to craftily manipulate another's mind to achieve the goal you want? **Manipulation is not true power it is the reflection of power in the shadow.** Using magic and power with integrity is more of a challenge. The most positive aspect of using the Devil card correctly is to use power to help.

INTERPRETATION

The Devil card is one that panic people when it comes up in a reading, but it is not a bad card. It is the next level of internal shadow. Capricorn represents it astrologically. Capricorn's lesson is about learning to balance your inner light with your primal brain life-force. Light wants to only see the best in everyone while life-force wants to explore the darker aspects of life such as sexuality, passion, and obsessions.

In the last card Art, you received a small break along the difficult path of life. Now the Devil card is testing you with distractions and temptations. In the journey of life, you can always be thrown off your direction by desires and needs.

The Devil card is the test of personal will and internal discipline. It is the question, "Will you allow your human weaknesses to stop you from your bigger goal?" What are you really interested

QUOTES

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Lord Acton

Anger and jealousy can no more bear to lose sight of their objects than love. **George Eliot**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Archetypes for this card are The Snow Queen in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."

STONE

Obsidian

in? Honestly evaluate it and see that what you are attracted to is a shadow aspect within yourself. Remember you are looking for wholeness. Where you are tempted is an internal unhealed aspect trying to come into your awareness. It is important to integrate your wild aspects and passions into your life. If you see those wild aspects as bad, then you can get hurt or damaged by them.

The Devil card is a pathway to obsession. Sometimes you become so attached to external things to define yourself that the mind struggles to find a way not to lose control over its experience. Under these stressful circumstances your passion moves in a darker, more manipulative way. Sexual energy can flood up your body and for moments override your mind. You do not think rationally and it feels like a moment of internal chaos and madness. You can follow the pathways of chaos and create more negativity in your life, or you can see and feel the temptations all around you and choose a pathway that allows your passion to move effectively. The life-force energy is designed to move. You have to learn to move it in a productive way. It is important to learn to dance this energy with power and consciousness.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, the Devil card means that you are succumbing to temptation and at risk of loosing everything. Your neediness and unhealed human aspects are in control of the situation. You try to justify the choices you make knowing they are incorrect. You are in a conflict with your true nature. Tougher lessons will be ahead because of your present choices if you do not take a moment to clearly tell yourself the truth. Notice if you are trying to justify your position. Justification is a sure sign that you are feeling insecure and off balance somehow. If you are in balance there is no need to justify what is true for you.

When the Devil card shows up reversed, remember that your shadow aspects are stalking you. They are waiting for you to have a weak moment in order to tempt you into areas you have been unwilling to go. If you are going to do the shadow aspect of the Devil card it is essential to be very awake as to the circumstances of the situation.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I being tempted by money, sex or luxury at this time? Am I lacking internal discipline? Is my human side ready to sell out my spirit? Am I rationalizing that this is about as good as I am going to find? What are the things tempting me at this point? Where do I need to look at my internal greedy side? Why do I believe that the universe will not give me what I really want? What is the positive intention of my soul being tempted at this time? Where am I not seeing my wild, fun side? Am I willing to loose everything for a moment of fun?

YES-NO POSITION

No This decision is made on a blind impulse. You are being tested and tempted into creating more problems than answers.

BODY ASPECT

The Sex Organs

This is the energy of life that has the ability to overcome our rational, cognitive mind and force us to do something spon taneous and possibly inappro priate. It is the drive of procre ation, sex, desire, and passion.

THE PATH

The path of the Devil is about being tested into the darkness of the unconsciousness mind. The Devil forces you to look at aspects that you do not like about yourself.

SELF HELP

Take some time to understand why you have certain desires. Go deeper within to understand what you need in order to have balance in your life. To fully integrate the Devil card it is helpful to have a safe sexual partner. This is not required but it is supportive. Learn the flow of sexual energy through things like: Tantara, Taoism, White Tantric Yoga, past life regressions, Neurolinguistic Programming, and sexual part ners who are willing to allow healing through sexual intimacy.

T u m P s



XVI TOWER Mars

ANGELS

Angel of Breakdown/Breakthrough, Healing and Transformation

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus' torture in the prison by King Herod

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mars-Mars is the planet of physical energy and aggression. Mars was the Roman god of war. Mars teaches that through battle and strife we learn to turn ideas into action.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Tower represents the breakdown of health and personal well-being. Rather than see it as a failure, think of this moment as a reconstruction. Sometimes death energy

in our life needs to be forcefully removed, like a cancer. If you are willing to do what it takes, like go through a surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy, you can be happy and fulfilled again. This is a hard transition. Take it slow and keep what is essential for your inner self to continue the journey. Physically, the Tower can mean surgeries, accidents, heart attacks, and strokes.

Emotional Level: On this level, the Tower represents a deep emotional breakdown and loss. It is time to admit to a certain amount of failure. Emotionally this can be a perilous time. You may feel lost in your own despair. It is likely that you are feeling depressed and down. This is okay. Let it all out. Only when you release the suppressed pain and emotion will you be able to see that there is a doorway through this mess. It is okay to admit that you do not have it all figured out. Sometimes the Universe has to remind us that we are not really in control. You may need some healing time before you can really see that this terrible moment is actually one of the most defining times of your life.

Spiritual Level: On this level, your spirit seems broken. You may not want to believe in anything. A teacher, religion, or spiritual path may have disillusioned you. Disillusionment is the key to this card's teaching. You must let go of your old pictures in order to understand your true self. Most people don't want to go through the Tower because it is telling you that you must find your own truth and your own path.

INTERPRETATION

The Tower represents the destructive energy of Mars, the planet of war, which is needed to break down the old in order to build the new. Mars has the ability to force us to our knees and humble ourselves in the face of powers that are greater than we previously understood. Now is the time to learn the lessons of assertion, motivation, and action. The Tower card is the ultimate breakdown of your life's pattern and structure.

When Jesus was being tortured by King Herod and his men, they were trying to break his spirit. They wanted to prove him a false god. They wanted him to show pain and humbleness. Jesus' death wasn't just the death of a man. It was the death of hope and an ideal. Any of the torturous deaths of any of the disciples fall into the category of the Tower.

This card is the myth of the phoenix rising out of the ashes. Through the destruction of the

QUOTES

What quarrel, what harshness, what unbelief in each other can subsist in the presence of a great calamity, when all the artificial vesture of our life is gone, and we are all one with each other in primi tive mortal needs? George Eliot

> God, why hast thou forsaken me? **Bible**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Pele (Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes). Phoenix

STONE *Malachite* fire the phoenix is reborn. This is a trait of the Tower that you must allow into your life experience. You can see this as breakdown or as breakthrough. If you are willing to let go, and allow the resurrection of your spirit, you will receive a spiritual renewal and self-knowledge.

Once the ego has surrendered you have the opportunity to become your true self, free from all the constraints and negative patterns of the past. But sometimes you have to breakdown the old structure in order to rebuild.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card represents a breakdown coming that you are unwilling to see. It can represent a major health crisis such as a heart attack, stroke, or car accident. Honestly evaluate where you are in denial. Your pride and ego may be trying to control your life. With the Tower reversed, take a moment to evaluate what you are the most afraid to express. What would be the most embarrassing thing for you to experience? If you can accept the fact that you could still survive even if you had to face your worst fear and others saw you at your worst moment then you can turn the Reversed Tower back in your favor. **Remember, we are not omnipotent**.

If your ego refuses to learn how to ask for help in times of crisis, then the universe will simply make the crisis larger. An example of the Tower reversed is a person whose ego refuses to be bedridden because of a health problem. As the health problem gets worst he has to learn to let others be there to assist. At first he may not like it but eventually the ego relaxes and he appreciates what others are doing for him. He learns that people love to help others and that there is a natural exchange of energy even in a crisis. In allowing others into your moment of weakness you give them a chance to give their gift back to you.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I unwilling to admit to myself that I have failed? Am I not letting go? Am I feeling disillusioned by my religion, beliefs, values, or others? Where am I creating toxicity in my life? What must I cut out of my life in order to make it flow better? Where have I been stubborn and unyielding? Are my withheld toxic emotions finally causing a health crisis? Where has my pride gotten in the way of the truth in this moment? What is my greatest fear? What would be the most embarrassing thing for me to experience?

Trumps

YES-NO POSITION

No This is the strongest no card in the deck. Something is going to be destroyed. Ask yourself how much pain you are willing to endure.

BODY ASPECT

The Large Intestine

If the body is unwilling to let go of old patterns things can become toxic. They can eventually kill the body if not allowed to move. Allow your body to eliminate the negativity and toxic elements in your life.

THE PATH

The path of the Tower is to allow the old world to come crashing down. Somehow your ego got control of your life and it was managing to protect you very well. But now your soul's power is reasserting itself and the ego must let go and allow the natural flow of your soul to emerge. Your ego may try to keep the battle going. Instead of fighting your ego it is best to acknowledge it and thank it for trying to protect you. Let it know that now you are strong enough to handle the situation and proceed.

SELF HELP

Make a list of what has been true for you in the past. Then make a list of what is true for you now. See how you have evolved from your own experiences. Look at the people in your life who you respect. Make a list of all their positive traits. Then make a list of all their negative traits. See that they are all human and doing the very best they can with the knowledge they have acquired up to this point. Remind vourself to stop putting people up on pedestals. Realize that you don't have to be perfect to share your gifts and insights.

T u m P s



XVII THE STAR Aquarius

ANGELS

Angel of Hope and Clarity

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus rising from the dead

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Aquarius-Aquarius is the water bearer in astrology and shows us how to remain hopeful at all times. It teaches persistence in the area of intellectual exploration and communication.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Star reminds you that it is time to rejoice at the possibility that you have finally found clarity from the challenges of the shadow in your life. This card lets you know

that help is on the way to assist you in the next level of your evolution. If you pay attention, things are going to clear up. New dreams are evolving and flowing at this time.

QUOTES

If we hope for what we are not likely to possess, we act and think in vain, and make life a greater dream and shadow than it really is. Joseph Addison

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Frodo in "The Lord of the Rings Trilogy"

STONE

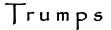
Star Sapphire

Emotional Level: On this level, you feel as if you have stepped out of the old karma and you are more awake and alert to all the options in life. You have learned to accept responsibility for your choices and make the necessary corrections to get back on the path that is easier and more aligned with your essential self. From this angle, you are amazed that you could not see all the options that were right in front of you when you felt stuck (Tower). Now, there are an infinite number of avenues available to you. This allows your emotions to flow and create because you see options everywhere. It is easy to be hopeful when there are open doors and choices that are easy and helpful. You can feel the humanitarian inside of you expand. You feel more inventive in a sharing, open, and eccentric sort of way.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Star card helps you remember that before you were on this planet, you were somewhere else in spirit. You have an opportunity at this time to reconnect to your star essence and allow that energy to bring its wider perspective into your life. This broadens the horizon of your experience. It opens pathways of understanding into dark parts of your life and clears out cobwebs in your mind. You begin to understand that you exist physically and spiritually at the same time. You begin to see that some part of yourself has been outside you guiding the choices and challenges you have encountered. The world wasn't punishing you after all. You were trying to bring more love and light into the darkness of this three dimensional existence by bringing your knowledge and experience to this plane of existence. From this place all the challenges seem worthwhile. Spiritually, you have evolved beyond the drama of the mind's game of control and now trust in something bigger than you to assist in the continuing evolution of the soul.

INTERPRETATION

The Star card is represented by Aquarius's expanded vision and hopefulness. Aquarius is the powerfully inventive, humanitarian energy that comes in to bless us with energy and light from the stars. It gives us a feeling that we have direct access to the higher information that we need to live better and move on Earth. When the Star shows up, we are sensing the magic that is all



around. More synchronicity happens in our life and we meet the people who can help us achieve our goals. All we have to do is to remain open to possibilities and speak about our dream then we will naturally find those who think as we do.

The Star card appears when you are ready to recognize yourself. You radiate a new vision, you are trusting, and finally accept who you are. You are feeling comfortable in your own skin.

This card represents self-realization. You realize there is more to you than you ever believed possible. Most people try to stay on the light side of the Tarot, but you have to come all the way through each level. You must go through the shadow and the darker aspects in order to find yourself. You can start to expand into the whole emerging possibility of your place and position in the world. Your dharma (what you came here to do) and your mission all start to seem possible.

You already know and understand your own challenges and you accept them as part of the natural process of growth. When you can own all parts of yourself and ask for forgiveness from yourself for putting you through hell, then you have a true understanding of the Star energy. When we own our shadow, admit to its presence, accept it as part of the whole of our being, then we become self-actualized.

The Star card is where wishes and dreams come true and you know that you can create what you want. In such an atmosphere, hope springs eternal. Everything seems possible and in truth, it is. Hope is now grounded in the physical plane and comes from understanding the laws of nature and trusting yourself enough to create any option that your soul chooses to create.

When you understand that fear is an illusion, you play the game of life with more intention and enthusiasm. The only challenge is to see if you are willing to go into the shadow to retrieve your own light. With the Star card, the dance to find shadow begins to be a natural progression of the light. Light is always going to try to go into darkness. Darkness may rebuff the energy at times, but light will eventually bring clarity into your subconscious awareness.

REVERSED MEANING

You are presently being caught in hopelessness. Remember even when there is no hope you must keep going. Loosing yourself can be worse than dying. Sometimes hope is all that is left when everything else is taken away. Hang on to hope. Things may seem impossible but there are always ways that you cannot see when you are in the depths of hopelessness. If you just stick to the original process you set for yourself, there is often a door that you did not see. Freedom in life is about evolving beyond the knowledge of the mind. Minds pull us even further down emotionally when they cannot figure out the answer. The answer isn't in the mind. It is in the dream of the soul. Expand beyond what you know and the answer will be there.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I willing to finally choose to be fully awake?

Am I willing to allow all parts within me to have a voice?

Am I willing to do the work necessary to find my own personal clarity?

Am I willing to stop depending on others for the answers I seek inside?

Am I willing to laugh at the drama I have created in my life in order to get to this new level of clarity?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes There is a renewed hope and clarity.

BODY ASPECT

The Eyes

Eyes are the mirrors of the soul. When someone is not truly home inside herself, she appears to be uncomfortable and will not look you in the eyes. Look at vour own face in the mirror. Play with your own eyes through the mirror and see if you can detect when your genuine essence comes through your face and eyes. Let your guard drop for a moment and allow sweet openness to come through your eyes. When you love all parts of vourself, others will automatically see you.

THE PATH

The path of the Star card is to trust in yourself and learning to be hopeful that at some point you will break through blockages in your life and have fulfillment and clarity. When you finally trust yourself to be able to get through all the challenges presented, then you are truly free.

SELF HELP

Do things that open you up to higher spiritual ideals and val ues. Do a meditation to find your star essence and integrate it into yourself. Try a soulretrieval with a shaman. Do things that bring light into your life. Repaint the inside of your home. Catch someone's eye and beam positive energy in his or her direction. I r u m P

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XVIII THE MOON Pisces

ANGELS

Angel of Illusion and Deception

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Judas secretly betraying Jesus for thirty pieces of silver

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Pisces-Pisces is the sign of mysticism and compassion. By having compassion we step out of illusion and into the true meaning of our inner magic.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, you must face the things you fear most. Make a list of all the things that you are afraid of doing. Are they real fears or fears you have created to keep yourself safe? Are you

holding the perception that you are unhappy, depressed, a victim, or stuck in a terrible place? Face the fear and find out who is on the other side. If you need help from friends or a professional, make the request.

QUOTES

Our greatest fear is not that we are insignificant. Our greatest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. Nelson Mandela's Inaugural speech

Whatever deceives men seems to produce a magical enchantment. Plato

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Diana, Roman goddess of the moon

STONES

Moonstone, Water Opal

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Moon is challenging you to face your fear of mental instability. You might find out what you perceived as a bad characteristic in the past might be quite useful in the future. Now is the time to own that there may be positive qualities to that previously scary trait you hold inside. Let that quality out for some fresh air and you may find out that it has evolved into something quite useful.

Spiritual Level: On the spiritual level, the Moon is asking you to have a leap of faith into the void of your unfulfilled dreams. The angels don't test you unless they believe that you can pass. If you surrender and trust, then you will make it. You are stronger than you realize. You are protected and guided. Trust your instincts.

INTERPRETATION

The last shadow card in the deck is The Moon card, represented by Pisces, the last astrological sign. Pisces is the old man in astrology and so this card represents the final test in the realm of shadow. In astrology, the position of Pisces is like a salmon going upstream to its spawning ground. The salmon feels the pressure of the water trying to push it backwards. There are constant struggles trying to stop the salmon from getting to its home; waterfalls, bears, people, nets, dams, etc. Yet, the salmon must keep going even though to reach its goal means death. Such are the challenges of the Moon.

The water in this card represents the emotional pressures the Moon places upon us as we move through this section of the Trumps. In the previous card (The Star) you found out that hope is the key to continued success. Now the universe is going to check if you really got the lesson. It is easier to stay hopeful when you can see what is ahead. With the Moon you cannot readily see the outcome.

This card is a spiritual door into a previously unknown realm of consciousness. You must think creatively and find a relaxed flow to pass through this door.

Some doorways need to be managed alone. You must be willing to do this for yourself. At the

beginning of the Trumps, you are often motivated by others. You want to help or get something in return. When you have to go it alone without any guarantees it can be quite scary and unnerving. But this is the test. Are you willing to be as big as your soul requires even if there may be no one who truly understands?

You are like a sword that needs to go into the fire five times in order for all the impurities to be burned off. The first time you are in the fire (The Hanged Man), the fire burns off some impurities and you can begin to flatten the blade. The second time (Death), you can begin to sharpen the blade of power that is you. The third time you are in the fire (Devil), you begin to find your edges in life. The fourth time (Tower), you really begin to rework the blade in order to make the edge very sharp and powerful. The fifth time you are in the fire (The Moon), you can put your initials on the hilt to establish that you have earned this strength and sharpness.

The Moon card is the final test of mental clarity and physical strength. You are aware and awake enough to see the test coming and you recognize the test when it shows up. The universe is asking, "Are you going to be in illusion any more?" "Are you going to deny yourself anymore?" If you are unwilling to handle this last test, it can lead to severe mental imbalance. You must be willing to walk through all aspects of life of which you are afraid, not just the tests you like. To come face to face with your own crazy aspects can be a frightening thing to do. To become extraordinary you must be willing to look a little crazy. If you are not willing to be different, you will not be able to break through the test of this card.

Insanity can turn to genius if you are allowed to face the truth of who you are. If you will turn and face the fear you have of looking bad and failing, then you have the opportunity to create greatness. The Moon card is about letting go of what other people think. It is the phrase, "What you think of me is none of my business."

REVERSED MEANING

You do not see where you are losing touch with reality. Step back and take a look at where you are unwilling to hear the lesson being presented. You may want to escape reality by becoming depressed. You may allow things like alcoholism or drugs to numb you out of facing the issue.

With this card reversed, you are being put on notice that you need to bring yourself back to the present moment. It is important for you to take responsibility for your own emotional state and get help or feedback to assist you in becoming more sober and in present time. Your path is yours alone and others may not completely understand why you need to do it this way. This is your journey and your story. Let it be unique. Let it be interesting. But be careful how close to the edge of insanity you are walking. Remember, there is a fine line between genius and insanity. If you are acting in a manic way, slow down and choose to bring all of yourself into this moment. If you are depressed get help. Don't let the illusion of the Moon card pull you into despair. Let the light that shines within you illuminate the pathway in front of you.

Reversed, this card can also indicate sleep disorders and/or nightmares. If this is the case, be aware that your deep subconscious is trying to get the attention of your conscious mind. Try some dream interpretation workshops or anything that allows you to translate the intricate metaphors of the subconscious.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Where am I deluding myself? Am I deluding myself into believing something that isn't really true? Am I unwilling to look different to my peers? Am I afraid to be extraordinary? Am I willing to get to know my parts inside that I consider crazy? Do I think that I will crumble with one more challenge? Am I going to be in delusion anymore? Am I going to deny myself anymore?

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YES-NO POSITION

No Things are not what they seem. Step back to see if you really know what you are doing.

BODY ASPECT

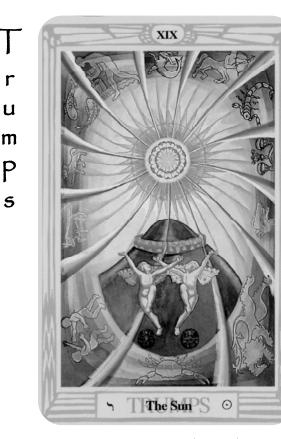
The Small and Large Intestines (The Guts) The guts represent the energy and determination it takes to do something extraordinary.

THE PATH

The path of The Moon is to be able to detect truth from illusion and fear. Look your fear directly in the face and take another step towards your dream.

SELF HELP

Take responsibility for your own emotional state. Go talk to a therapist, take some herbs, or medication. Ask for help in navigating through the emotions challenging you at this time. Asking for help is not a failure it is a big win. When you ask for help it shortens the time in the despair.



XIX THE SUN Sun

ANGELS

Angel of Success Angel Uriel (Angel of Work and Jobs)

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

The resurrection of Christ

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sun-The Sun is the energy that gives us life, warmth, energy, and food. The Sun points us in the direction of our souls fulfillment. It inspires us to find our own individuality and uniqueness.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Sun card represents a positive change. Opportunities will come your way. The challenge is to know which one to pick. Finances are about to improve. Look at financial opportunities carefully and be willing to take a risk. Health will improve, energy will increase, ideas will ignite, your stock portfolio may take a sudden upswing, and opportunities will knock at your door. See if there is something that you would like to change about yourself; it might be style of dress or a change in your office. On this level, it is important to look at how to be part of a team and work together for a greater goal. Where can you inspire or stimulate others to be their best?

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Sun card represents feeling happy and joyous. Your disposition is sunny and bright. The stress level will drop and things feel as if they are going your way. There is a sense that anything is possible. The angels are letting you know your praises are being sung by many around you and the financial picture is about to improve, both lead to a stronger sense of self-confidence and personal well-being. This card shows resolution of a conflict that has been bothering you and this allows improvement in your disposition and outlook.

Spiritual Level: On this level, the Sun card is telling you that the angels approve of the job you have done in your life. You are to be congratulated. As you feel this abundance, remember to share the light and joy of your journey with others. With abundance comes power. With power and abundance comes responsibility to give back to others. Allow yourself to integrate that success at every level of your life, but do not be selfish. This card is about being proud of yourself and making it okay for others to also be proud of what they have accomplished. Acknowledge others for what they do well and the energy will circulate back to you later.

INTERPRETATION

Astrologically, the Sun teaches us to be our natural, vital, distinctive, expressive self. With this card, you have finally passed through the challenges of the Moon and have arrived into the place of illumination and awareness. The willingness to face your fears (the Moon) is greeted on the other side by the acknowledgement of the angelic vibration and the gold rays of divine inspiration. You are now surrounded by the light and love of the angelic consciousness. You

QUOTES

One only gets to the top rung of the ladder by steadily climbing up one at a time, and suddenly all sorts of powers, all sorts of abilities which you thought never belonged to you suddenly become within your own possibility and you think, "Well, I'll have a go, too."

Margaret Thatcher

All for one and one for all. **Three Musketeers**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Ra, the Sun God.

STONE

Amber

can feel a sense of light and clarity flood into your awareness and there is gratitude from the angels for your willingness to undertake the journey.

There is a sense that life can flow in a new way. Understanding has replaced uncertainty. Clarity has replaced cloudiness. There is a great sense of relief and a relaxation in the stress patterns of your life.

In the Christian allegory, the resurrection of Christ reflects the Sun card because Christ became a beacon of light and truth by transcending the limitations of the physical body and becoming the messenger of something higher and more powerful.

The Sun card is an indicator that you have passed all the tests the angels felt you needed. Some people think that success is luck. But most of the time it is either good Karma or lots of inner work and soul searching.

Those who have money will tell you that they faced many challenges in order to get their success. The difference was that they did not give up. They took those challenges one at a time and eventually everything worked out.

The Sun card is the highest "Yes" card in the deck. That is because the angels are telling you that if you are willing to do what it takes, they will give you the dream. When this card shows up in a Yes/No position it will override any other card that is pulled with it. This is because the angels are telling you that something about the question is the next step to the fulfillment of your soul's learning and awareness. You may not understand what the lesson is at the time. But later on you will see the value of having that experience.

This card is a signal to celebrate yourself. You have surpassed your expectations and are basking in the glory of a moment well done.

Another aspect of the Sun card is to create a job that is fulfilling and allows the fullest expression of who you are moment by moment. Try modeling the people who you know are successful in their lives and work. Notice how they dress, present themselves, speak, and respond to problems. Try them on and see if anything about their patterns works for you. Then synthesize it down to flow with your own patterns. This way you are integrating their sunlight energy into your awareness and translating it into something that you can work within your day to day life.

REVERSED MEANING

With the Sun reversed, you may not be doing the thing that fulfills you. What do you need to do to have your dream job? If you need to go back to school and learn new skills to find your destiny, do it. The angels applaud all efforts undertaken to breakthrough. You may be afraid that you will not be able to stand up to the dreams you hold inside. As you go for the truth that is inside you, the dream may change but the reality of what you can be is greater than what you are dreaming now.

The Sun card reversed is a warning to take a look at where you might be in business partnerships that are not moving or that are depleting your resources or energy. Other's might be using your light to get what they want from you and not giving anything in return. You might feel as if you are not as exuberant or enthusiastic as you want to be. Now is the time to get away and take a vacation to regenerate and regroup. You need to heal. As your energy returns then the natural magnetic quality of your spirit will come back with ideas.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Do I truly enjoy what I am doing? Am I feeling happy and fulfilled? For what am I waiting? Do I love my job? Am I trying to do everything alone without help from others? Am I feeling depleted? What do I need to do to regenerate myself? What kind of people do I want to surround myself with to help me reach my potential?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes This card is the highest Yes card in the deck. The cards around it will tell you what the circumstances are that you are going to encounter and what you need to do for your soul's evolution.

BODY ASPECT

The Legs

You can tell if someone is happy by the way they walk and move. Someone who is happy has a joyous spring to her walk. Someone who is sad practically drags her feet. Notice if you are aware of how you walk and how others interpret that information.

THE PATH

The path of the Sun card is to find joy in work. Right livelihood is important. Sometimes you do not need to change your job: you need to change your attitude at vour job. The Sun card is a powerful internal shift that allows the true you to shine out of your old perceptions. Try going to the job with a new, sunny attitude. Don't buy into the trauma or drama of others. Choose happiness every moment. Believe in a positive attitude and you will be amazed at how far you can go.

SELF HELP

Take a vacation. Try camp ing. Get away from cell phones and computers. Get back into nature. It is nature that can bring light and love back into life. r u m P s



XX THE AEON VENUS

ANGELS

Angel of Discernment

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

The disciples leaving their old lives to follow Jesus and spread the word of Christianity

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Venus-Venus teaches us to love and to open to our own awareness and observe the perspective of others without judgment. In that way we stay open and loving to all.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Aeon is here to remind you to check to see how adaptable you are to changes in your life. See what you need to do to create more flexibility in your mind and heart.

QUOTES

To see, to hear, means nothing. To recognize (or not to recognize) means everything. Between what I do recognize and what I do not recognize there stands myself. And what I do not recognize I shall continue not to recognize. **Andre Breton**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Prometheus, stole fire from the gods then gave it to the humans

STONES *Celestite, Emerald*

Physically where is your body inflexible? Take steps to change. It is time to try something new. As one aspect in our life completes, others are just beginning. You are to learn how to use the discernment in the mind to reveal the truth to your soul. **Remember, truth shatters all illusion, eventually.**

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, this is the time to notice the new level of emotional balance you have created in your life by your willingness to adapt. Allow your emotions to flow like constantly changing weather. Calmness is coming back into your life. Stay awake and alert to the balance you are feeling. Know how to find this place at all times when you are stressed. You are integrating your knowledge into wisdom. This creates a calming sensation within the soul. When you know that no matter what the universe sends you, you have the ability to survive; life becomes a totally different game. You have left the pattern of the animal kingdom's survival of the fittest and moved into a higher game of awareness and balance.

Spiritual Level: Congratulations! You have reached a new level of awareness. Your discernment and clarity have been tested and proven worthy of a new inner perspective. Share that perspective and clarity with others. Don't keep it to yourself. Others are searching for doorways into peacefulness. Tell your story. Show others that if you can do it, so can they. It is now your turn to be a guide and mentor at the level you understand. Have a sense of pride, but do not go into the inner dialogue of, "Therefore I am better than you." There are always souls more evolved. Remember, you are not the first. You are not the last. You are in the great big group in the middle.

INTERPRETATION

The Aeon is a card to help you get through the trials and tribulations of the journey called life. You have finally arrived at the place of discernment and awareness. You are no longer caught by old belief systems. Your mind is flexible and adaptable to new circumstances and developments. You are to be congratulated. You have learned to love yourself enough to become awake and aware.

In the Christian archetype, after Jesus was crucified the disciples went out to spread the knowledge and wisdom they learned from Christ. They integrated the lessons and became the teachings. Venus is the goddess of love but she is also the planet that helps us learn how to enjoy and appreciate ourselves and others. Venus gives us the ability to see others as they are and still love and accept them. To truly love means that you are not in the past; you are not wasting energy wishing for something in the future. You are in present time and there is no better place to be. You can now look at situations more objectively and without judgment.

It is only through learning how to let go that we can truly become objective. You are learning to not take responsibility for things that you cannot change; such as being responsible for people who cannot learn to take care of themselves. You now know that you can only carry others so far, then they must learn how to stand up for what they believe in. They must find their own truth. You can give them insight but you cannot give them your awareness. You can help them find a new path but you cannot do the work for them. That type of awareness and discernment is sometimes painful to experience. You know others are in pain but pain is a tool the universe uses to help motivate us to grow. Through pain we learn how to change and adapt to the environment in which we have found ourselves.

When life has challenged you, and you know that life is about the process of adapting, then it is easier to let go and not be attached to your ego's perspective of situations and people.

Everyone is down here doing the very best he can. We must be compassionate to those on the journey who are experiencing a difficult moment and remember not to judge, least we be judged later by others.

The Aeon is the awareness that you know you don't always know everything. If you know you do not know, then you will understand you will need to change and adapt to different situations and circumstances. This is about learning how not to be in reaction to the aspects of life you cannot control.

With the Aeon you have finally made a decision about things and patterns in the past that no longer serve the development of your soul. You are willing to take a new direction and step out of reactive behavior.

Where the Fool card is a step into a new physical path, the Aeon is a leap of consciousness. The change is irreversible. You will find it impossible to fall back asleep in the density again, even if you wanted to.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, the Aeon card means that your discernment is still not quite seeing things clearly. You need to see if there is a pattern happening again in your life around power and control. The universe is testing your ability to discern this situation correctly and to respond appropriately. You are in danger of falling into the old trap. You may need to make a change that you are hesitating about and not trusting your ability to discern the outcome.

Reversed, this card means that your ego is not being objective to the present situation. You are still attached to being right. You might be reacting negatively to feedback and not listening to others trying to help you. If this is the case step back and ask yourself, "Why am I being so defensive and protective?" "What is wrong with getting small corrections along the way?" "Do you think you will loose credibility with others somehow?"

The Aeon reversed, is letting you know that if you do not take feedback what you are going for is going to fail and fall apart. The powers that be are guiding you towards success if you will get your mind and ego out of the way. With discernment comes the ability of the soul to have guidance from your higher self and the angels. Things will work better that way.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I strong enough to stand up for what is right?

Is my perception correct?

Have I learned the new skills well enough to be tested by the universe and pass the test? Can I calmly respond to the challenge?

Am I willing to make the decision to change?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes You must change now and make this new decision. Your discernment is being tested at this time. Look carefully at all the potential problems and make a decision based on past lessons learned.

BODY ASPECT

The Spine

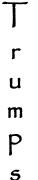
It is the basis for all positions of how we stand and how we take stands in the world. The spine must be moveable and flexible. If the spine can bend then it is easier for the mind to bend. To be rigid does not allow the soul to express itself fully in the physical plane.

THE PATH

The path of the Aeon is to remind you to feel the joy that comes from being fully present. Feel how easy and effortless it is when you are in this place of balance and flexibility. Remind yourself to be like the willow tree bending and flowing with the wind and weather. In flexi bility is great strength. In your weaknesses are great strengths; and in your strengths are some of your greatest weaknesses.

SELF HELP

Learn things like Pilates and Yoga. Where you are inflexible is where there are still unhealed inner aspects. In these areas you are still learning discern ment. Get massages. Bring pli ability back into the body, mind and soul.





XXI THE UNIVERSE SATURN

ANGELS

Angel of Resolution

CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY

Jesus sitting at the right hand of the Father forever

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Saturn-Saturn is the planet of responsibility. Saturn was the Roman titan-god and our metaphor for Father Time. He was the symbol of diligence and self-control. He teaches through patience, stability, maturity, and realism that all challenges can be won.

LEVELS

Physical Level: On the physical level, the Universe card is letting you know that there will be an end of something in your life. There will be a sense of acceptance and understanding. You will know that you have succeeded. See if anyone in your life might be in the completing phase of dying. Pay attention to that person and resolve anything that is left undone. You may not have as much time as you think.

The Universe is also letting you know that it is time for you to remove yourself from your cultural conditioning. Let go of judging others as different from yourself. See yourself in everyone around you. The people in your life are simply reflections of the processes and patterns you are here to work through. When you get the Universe card get ready, for you are about to go on a trip somewhere new and different.

Emotional Level: On the emotional level, the Universe card creates a feeling as if you have finally found the last few pieces of a puzzle, it finally makes sense, and you understand the picture of your life. The positive and negative qualities within you have finally come together and merged into a new form. As you balance the light and shadow aspects of your personality you are able to cut through the restrictions and limitations that have hindered your progress up to this point. As you let go you are able to move forward.

Spiritual Level: On this level, the Universe card is a transcendent experience of ecstasy and bliss. The world as you have known it is no longer applicable. You have expanded your perception beyond the boundaries of what you previously understood. Now the world feels full of infinite possibilities and seems an exciting place to be. Remember there is always more to perceive and learn. For now this moment feels complete. Enjoy it and remember the goal is not the prize. **The journey is the gift.** You are now having the opportunity to bring new ideas and creative projects into form. You are in the moment of reconciling your human self with the limitlessness of the spiritual self.

INTERPRETATION

The Universe is the last card and represents completion of the old work. Saturn rules this card because completions are hard work and require effort in order to succeed. You have traveled a long journey and have liberated yourself from your own bondage.

QUOTES The reward of a thing well done is to have done it. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Completion is neutral. John Traver

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Orpheus, he looked back and lost his love.

STONE

Amethyst

This card is about completion, union, alignment, and stepping totally out of the old persona and old Karma. You have the opportunity not to be controlled anymore by that old pattern.

Just remember, you will travel this journey of the Tarot many times in your life. So this completion is just the completion of this particular round of the game. There are many more games to go. You have arrived at this time to a completion point. Enjoy it as long as it lasts. **Remember completion is only a temporary state of affairs.** If you are completing something now, that means there will be a new beginning soon enough.

It might be a time to have a party. Create some way of acknowledging yourself for a job well done. If you got that new job, take someone out to dinner to celebrate. Sometimes we forget to applaud our successes for fear that we will seem arrogant or proud. It is important for all aspects within to feel that they all came together for a job well done. If you learn to acknowledge yourself and all the parts inside that worked together to make that possible then later on those same parts will be more willing to assist again. Sometimes it is as simple as saying "Thank You" in a meaningful and honest way. Thank others who have helped you. We never get there totally on our own. Find some way to give back to others who have been on your path or give to those in need.

Take a moment to be grateful to all those who have helped along the journey, even those tough people who took a whack at you. They too helped to refine the luster of who you have become.

REVERSED MEANING

If this card is reversed, you may think you are complete when there is something that is left undone. You may tell yourself that everything is fine and that you can live without someone or something in your life but you are lying to yourself. This card reversed, is telling you that you may actually be at the place of the Art card instead. Take an honest look and see that things never really end.

With this card reversed, you may not be as resolved as you thought. Where are you still incomplete? Just remember that unresolved feelings don't ever really go away until you face them and get the lesson from them integrated into your souls experience. If you need to take a break from this subject for awhile that is okay. Just be honest with yourself and know that you will come back to this at a later date, so don't get upset when that moment comes and you say, "I thought I already did this piece of work years ago." The angels will make you come back to this part if you still have any charge left on it at all. Sometimes even when we complete things from this lifetime and they keep coming back up, it is a hint that the origin is further in the past and now the past life aspect wants to be healed also.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

What do I need to do to feel complete at this time in my life?What is still unresolved in my life?What do I need to complete in order to free myself energetically?Who do I need to forgive?Who do I need to release?Have I done everything to the best of my ability?Am I letting something slide by when I know I did not give 100%?Is anyone in my life having a health problem? Are they in the process of dying?Who am I if I am complete?Have I resolved the conflict between my human self and my soul?

Trumps

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe It is better to stop and re-evaluate everything first, then push through to the end.

BODY ASPECT

Homeostasis

The experience of the body being in a state of homeostasis is the best experience of the Universe card. Inherent in completion is a state of calm awareness and balanced clarity.

THE PATH

The path of completion is the final experience of the original goal. Though at this point, the result is probably looking very different from where you start ed. This is what makes it excit ing. It is learning the lesson that you may not always get what you want, but you will always get what you truly need in order to grow.

SELF HELP

Take a moment to imagine what completion looks like to you. Who are you if you don't have a dream? It is time to realize that there are many new dreams available to you. Complete one and then know that there are many more challenges and thrills ahead.

THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE TRUMPS

In the Trumps there is an interrelationship between some of them. Sometimes this is an oppositional pattern and sometimes it is an interrelational pattern.

Interrelational patterns are two cards that connect in some way that is natural and harmonizing. They flow or communicate on a frequency that supports each one.

Oppositional patterns mean that the cards show opposing viewpoints or opposite perspectives. The examples are as follows.

OPPOSITIONAL PATTERN

The Lovers-The Devil

The Lovers represent innocent love. The Devil represents forbidden love.

The Emperor-The Hanged Man

The Emperor represents balanced use of power. The Hanged Man represents the misuse of power over others.

The Fool-The Universe

The Fool represents the beginning of something. The Universe represents the completion of something.

The Tower-Art

The Tower represents the destruction of ideas and ego. The Art card represents the continued striving and finding victories along the path to the dream.

The Sun-The Moon

The Sun represents the conscious awareness and external victory. The Moon represents the subconscious challenges and internal victories.

Lust-Death

The Lust card represents life force. The Death card represents the loss of life force.

The Hierophant-The Hermit

The Hierophant represents the learning of cultural and religious systems in the external. The Hermit represents the learning of self-awareness and internal perspective.

INTERRELATIONAL PATTERN

The Aeon-Adjustment

The Aeon represents the ability to have discernment and to come to your own conclusions and decisions for yourself. The Adjustment card represents being at the mercy of governing bodies for legal issues being settled outside yourself.

The Priestess-The Star

The Priestess represents the spiritual catalyst in the physical plane, intuition, and emotional clarity. The Star represents hope, visions, and clarity from the spiritual plane.

The Empress-The Chariot

The Empress represents learning that we are loveable and worthy of protection and nurturing. The Chariot represents learning to protect and nurture others.

Fortune-All Magus/Magicians

The Fortune card represents conscious risk and the desire to create change in order to create what you want in the external world. The Magus/Magician cards represent the unconscious desire for deception and manipulation to get what you want internally or externally.

The Court Cards

THE Court Cards

The sixteen cards of the Court Arcana are the Knights, Queens, Princes, and Princesses. These cards represent people in your life and they show up to help you recognize others that are affecting your journey. The qualities, gifts, and weaknesses of others and yourself are expressed through these Court Cards. Court cards tell us what we are trying to learn about others that may have an impact on our lives. They can often be about family patterns that you have learned and integrated within yourself. They can be the triggers in the external world you have not addressed.

Princes most often represent people in your life who you need to see as reflections of your shadow aspects. These shadow aspects are trying to get your attention by externalizing and forcing you to relate to them in the physical. Princes will also represent anyone holding the characteristic of a particular group, such as Fire (Wands). The Prince of Wands will be anyone holding the qualities of any of the fire signs. The Prince of Cups (Water) will be anyone holding the water signs, etc.

Knights always represent Fire. Queens always represent Water. Princes always represent Air. Princesses always represent Earth. Wands represent Fire. Cups represent Water. Swords represent Air. Disks represent Earth.

Here is a graph to assist you in understanding the progression of the Court Cards.

	Knights	Queens	Prince	Princess
	Fire	Water	Air	Earth
Wands	Knight of Wands	Queen of Wands	Prince of Wands	Princess of Wands
Fiery Aspect	Fiery Aspect of Fire	Fiery Aspect of Water	Fiery Aspect of Air	Fiery Aspect of Earth
Cups	Knight of Cups	Queen of Cups	Prince of Cups	Princess of Cups
Watery Aspect	Watery Aspect of Fire	Watery Aspect of Water	Watery Aspect of Air	Watery Aspect of Earth
Swords	Knight of Swords	Queen of Swords	Prince of Swords	Princess of Swords
Airy Aspect	Airy Aspect of Fire	Airy Aspect of Water	Airy Aspect of Air	Airy Aspect of Earth
Disks	Knight of Disks	Queen of Disks	Prince of Disks	Princess of Disks
Earthy Aspect	Earthy Aspect of Fire	Earthy Aspect of Water	Earthy Aspect of Air	Earthy Aspect of Earth

While the Court Cards can literally represent a person whether male or female, you may find that it is the quality of the person rather than the gender that is being described.

The Court Cards represent the different Astrological Time periods as follows:

Knight of Wands	Aries	March 21-April 19
Queen of Wands	Leo	July 23-August 22
Princess of Wands	Sagittarius	November 22-December 21
Knight of Cups	Cancer	June 21-July 22
Queen of Cups	Scorpio	October 23-November 21
Princess of Cups	Pisces	February 19-March 20
Knight of Swords	Gemini	May 21-June 20
Queen of Swords	Libra	September 23-October 22
Princess of Swords	Aquarius	January 20-February 19
Knight of Disks	Taurus	April 20-May 20
Queen of Disks	Virgo	August 23-September 22
Princess of Disks	Capricorn	December 22-January 19

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The need of expansion is as genuine an instinct in man as the need in a plant for the light, or the need in man himself for going upright. The love of liberty is simply the instinct in man for expansion. Matthew Arnold

Those who have high thoughts are ever striving; they are not happy to remain in the same place. Like swans that leave their lake and rise into the air, they leave their home and fly for a higher home. Dhammapada

> OTHER ARCHETYPES Alexander the Great

YES-NO POSITION Maybe turer in the area he finds interesting. He is the part within each of us that wants to prove his ability to do something unique. He is pure in his intent to move things forward. He loves to overcome obstacles that others say are impossible. He is confident and idealistic. He always seeks better ways of doing something. His ideas are convincing and inspirational to others.

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

POSITIVE QUALITIES

Knight of Wands

ARIES

ANGELS

Angel of Expansion of the Individual's Potential

Aries-Aries is the Greek god of war. He is a very action oriented, determined masculine archetype. Aries supports us in movement and

This card represents a person who is like a wildfire moving across the plains. He is active and energetic. He loves a challenge and will jump into situations sometimes before he thinks. He is an initiator and an activator. He loves to get energy moving and inspire others to jump on the wagon. This person's goal is change and expansion. He wants to

find the ultimate potential of each person and in the process create challenges to overcome. This type of person dreams of being an adven-

gives us the energy we need to claim our power and truth.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

In the negative aspect, the Knight of Wands can mean a person in your life or an aspect of yourself is like fire out of control. This type of person can create a lot of damage to everyone around him. This card is volatile and dangerous to others when put under undue pressure. In the negative aspect, this person's ego can get in the way of rational behavior. He can make decisions from a heated moment of passion without taking feedback from others. When that happens, it ends in disaster.

INTERPRETATION

This card is asking you to take charge of your life and to initiate some new patterns. Are you ready for those changes? Are you overriding others with your need to do everything your way? When this card shows up it is telling you to step up to the challenge and go for it. Choose to believe in yourself and learn to motivate and inspire yourself and others.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card means that you lack the energy and vitality to make a change. You have lost the fiery impulses inside. Are you over-analyzing the situation or caught in emotional chaos? Expansion of dreams is about being willing to dream your dream even if no one else believes in it.

QUEEN of WANds LEO

ANGELS

Angel of Independent Self Reliance

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Leo-Leo is the sign of pleasure and creativity. This energy is seeking what fulfills it and from that tends to dominate others with what it needs in the moment. Leo teaches us to find passion in all of life.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

When you get water heated enough by fire it can generate a tremendous amount of energy through steam. This is the ultimate Leo persona. She can be powerful and righteous. This type of woman is the strongest of all the Queens. She can intimidate others intentionally to make them do what she wants, but she always believes her own judgment is well thought out and correct. When you look at the picture of the Queen of Wands she appears as a volcano. Volcanoes are created by molten rock that flows slowly. She can consistently and directly create whatever she chooses when she sets her mind to it.



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NEGATIVE QUALITIES

This type of person doesn't like opposition or others telling her what to do. Out of balance, this person can dominate and overreact in situations. She can hold a grudge and try to get even when her authority is challenged. Like a volcano, she can blow her top occasionally. When she is angry she is a formidable obstacle to overcome. This person doesn't understand the word "lose". Usually, her temper will be enough to get everyone scurrying out of the way. Not many want to stand up to her. Those who do might be surprised by the Queen of Wands reaction. If approached correctly, the Queen of Wands will eventually calm down and admit when she is wrong.

INTERPRETATION

This card lets you know that you may be working up a head of steam over some situation. Check if your emotions are in balance with your reaction to the situation. Is someone trying to intimidate you? Are you trying to intimidate others? Before you leap into action, stop and consider what is really going on. Try to cool down for a minute and see what the best way to proceed is before you start up another plan. When you get this card, it is an indication that you need to rely on your own judgment and personal power. But it does not give you the right to override others in the process.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card indicates that you are unwilling to take feedback. Check to see if you are being revengeful. Is your motivation for the highest good or to get your own way? Notice if you felt someone insulted your integrity or self esteem. You may be feeling stuck about the present circumstances in your life. If you are feeling desperate, don't panic. You are being tested to see if you are going to listen and make a few adjustments without losing personal power in the process. Remember, true power and self-reliance come from being able to admit your mistakes and then make the corrections.

The highest manifestation of life consists in this: that a being governs its own actions. A thing which is always subject to the direction of another is somewhat of a dead thing. **St. Thomas Aquinas**

Self-reliance is the only road to true freedom, and being one's own person is its ultimate reward. **Patricia Sampson**

OTHER ARCHETYPES Catherine the Great

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QUOTES

I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else. Winston Churchill

Who dares nothing, need hope for nothing. Johann Friedrich Von Schiller

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Lancelot

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe

Prince of Wands any earth sign

ANGELS

Angel of Optimism and Adventure

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Any fire sign

POSITIVE QUALITIES

Fire needs air in order to burn. It is the inspirational aspect of spirit that ignites the idealistic side of mankind to do things of optimism and power. This person holds aspects of all the fire signs. This can be an intelligent forthcoming individual, who evaluates a situation quickly and then acts. He is willing to try new things that seem reasonably thought through. He is a passionate idealist. This person believes that everything works out for the best. He is wonderful at knowing how to present himself. Unfortunately, he is not always what he pretends to be. Yet, we have a tendency to like him none the less. He is fun to be around. He is funny and easy to talk to.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

This can be an intolerant, prejudicial individual when the airy aspect of fire is out of balance. This is a person, who over-analyzes and cannot move forward because of his mind. At times he can seem cowardly. Under the negative aspects of this card the person can be impatient and mentally destructive to those around him. He can be clever enough to undermine someone's belief in herself and can try to pull others to him, creating a form of protection. He can have a million excuses for staying stuck in the misery he has created, consequently losing his dream and himself.

INTERPRETATION

This card often shows up for people in love. Think of it as idealistic love. It is that time when you think the other person is perfect in every way. Enjoy this temporary moment. Optimism and idealism are good to jump start our internal engines. This card represents that spark of enthusiasm we all seek to give us energy and hope.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that something or someone may be moving too quickly. You may want to take another look at the pictures in your mind. Take a deep breath and get more realistic about what you actually want. You are not seeing something because of the desire for the perfect answer or outlet. Reversed, this card is telling you to slow the engine down a minute and look at the road map before you go running head long into the vast desert in front of you.

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Princess of Wands Sagittarius

ANGELS

Angel of Charisma and Enthusiasm

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sagittarius- Sagittarius is the sign of higher learning and philosophy. As we allow our mind to grow and evolve, art in all its beauty and depth is a natural occurrence. In the creation of beauty we find what inspires us.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

When fire is grounded and stable the energy can be put to practical use. It is powerful if it is contained and controlled. The Princess of Wands is ready to do what it takes in order to get the job done. She is an optimistic person because her energy is grounded. But do not underestimate the cunning and awareness underneath the fiery flow. This type of person is well-aware of what she wants and how to get it. She loves movement and the dance of sexual energy and life-force. Energy with posi-

tive physical movement creates a person who is brilliant and full of enthu-

siasm. It also creates a person of great power and mental acuity to manipulate others with her beauty and energy. She shows instinctive sexuality that is carefree and refreshing. She is hard to resist.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

A person holding the negative qualities of this card could be false and deceptive. Fire ungrounded in a person can be shallow and suddenly aggressive. This type of person can have a short fuse when triggered in anger. She likes to have control and when that is taken away from her she is manipulative and cunning. On the negative side, this type of person is extremely sexual and uses it to her advantage. She can be impatient and irresponsible when she doesn't get her way. Her temper can stormaround an office or home loudly voicing a disapproving attitude. She can be moody and eccentric when not allowed to move in the ways she chooses.

INTERPRETATION

This card is reminding you to check if you are being realistic in your goals. Are you being your authentic self? Are you intentionally manipulating the circumstances to your advantage? Notice if you love the attention and adoration you receive when you walk into the room. This is not bad, if you use this kind of power with consciousness and clarity of intent. If you pull this card, you may need to look at how you charm the people around you. If you don't feel that you are good at this, then you need to learn some skills to magnetize energy in your direction. It might be time to change your look in some way and allow the beauty inside to be seen by others. Remember not to become arrogant or use others to get your own way.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that someone is being unrealistic of her capabilities around you. Take a good look around before you charge ahead. Look at where you are being deceived in some way. You may have promised something to someone that you are unable to give. It might be wise to confess that you cannot complete the project and ask for help. Your enthusiasm has gotten you into trouble and you might be feeling a little over your head.



QUOTES

The prudent person may direct a state, but it is the enthusiast who regenerates or ruins it. Edward G. Bulwer-Lytton

Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success. **Dale Carnegie**

OTHER ARCHETYPES Artemis, Goddess of the Hunt

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Knight of Cups Cancer

ANGELS

Angel of the Spiritual Quest

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Cancer-Cancer is the sign of home and family life. When the energy of Cancer shows up it pulls us to find safety by creating close personal relationships with which we can share our deepest feelings. In doing this we must often seek out our true spiritual family and find where we belong.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This is a person who has the qualities of slowly warming water. His emotions stir him to create things of beauty and consciousness. He is idealistic and strives to understand himself and the world around him. He can envision himself as a prophet, poet, artist, or spiritual wanderer.

His emotions run deep and it is difficult for him to express them outwardly, yet he is loving and emotionally protective of his family. He often inspires others without allowing them into deeper levels of his emotional intimacy.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

When this card moves into the negative aspects, the water in the pot seems as if it is boiling over. This person's emotions overwhelm him and he often will blow things out of proportion, overreact, become unstable, or create avoidance patterns. He may turn to drugs or alcohol as a way to escape the internal pain. He may become a Peter Pan type who resists growing up, causing him to become less grounded and more dependent on others for financial and emotional support.

INTERPRETATION

This card supports you to become aware when your feelings attempt to stir you into action. Allow your emotions to generate movement. Allow your desire and dreams to bring in new possibilities. Your soul yearns to go on a spiritual quest to expand out of its present circumstances.

REVERSED MEANING

When this card is reversed, it is a warning that you are emotionally obsessive or avoiding something that needs to be done. Look where you are allowing deep addictive behavior or thought patterns to undermine what you truly wish to create.

QUOTES Every form of addiction is bad, no matter whether the narcotic be alcohol or morphine or idealism. **Carl Jung**

People spend a lifetime searching for happiness; look ing for peace. They chase idle dreams, addictions, religions, even other people, hoping to fill the emptiness that plagues them. The irony is the only place they ever needed to search was within. **Ramona L. Anderson**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Percival following the Holy Grail. Peter Pan, alcoholics, drug addicts.

QUEEN OF CUPS Scorpio

ANGELS

Angel of Vision and Prophecy

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Scorpio-Scorpio is the sign of inheritances and legacies. Scorpio is the sign of fixed water and as such reminds us that below the surface there are emotions that we are afraid might some day get out of control. Yet it is through our emotions that we learn to fully be alive.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This card represents a person who is like a great river running into the ocean. Pulled back and forth by her feelings, she is emotional and she picks up psychically what others feel as if it were her own. This type of person is changeable and adapts to any environment. She is like a chameleon or actress.

She often wants to help in environmental issues and things that assist humanity. This type of person is intuitive and often does not understand others who do not use intuition. Her life is a series of magical signals and signs from the universe. This can be a person who is always dreaming about the future.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

The negative qualities of this type of person can be chaotic emotions and an inability to stay in touch with reality. She can get lost in worrying about others to the point that she does not completely understand herself. She attempts to take care of others when she should be taking care of herself.

INTERPRETATION

Pulling this card lets you know that you need to develop better boundaries with others in your life. Learn to say no. Take some time for yourself. Why are you afraid to make yourself the priority? Are you caught in the definition that you have to rescue everyone? Allow others to find their own way. Listen to your intuition and tell the truth about what you see in a gentle, loving, and accepting manner and then step back. It is hard to do, but life is to be lived, not constantly fixed.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card lets you know that you are out of touch with your true feelings. You may have allowed others to override what you need. You are not listening to the signs and signals happening all around you. Stop and slow down. The angels are trying to tell you something. What is it that you are afraid to hear? Reversed, you are being reminded that information is attempting to come in.



QUOTES

Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead. Louisa May Alcott

No vision and you perish; No ideal, and you're lost; Your heart must ever cherish Some faith at any cost. Some hope, some dream to cling to, Some rainbow in the sky, Some melody to sing to, Some service that is high. Harriet Du Autermont

> OTHER ARCHETYPES Hera, wife of Zeus

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Prince of Cups any water sign

ANGELS

Angel of Seductive Fantasy

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Any water sign.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This person has an unpredictable nature like ocean waves that are gentle for a while and then suddenly crash down. He uses his emotions to motivate and fuel his mental fantasies. He often lives in an idealized dream world. He loves to love and be in love. He senses how someone wants him to behave and adjusts to please in order to feel love.

This person loves to experience all the feelings in life that fascinate him. He can be very seductive in a sexual/sensual way. This magnetic draw will cause him to be surrounded by many admirers.

QUOTES

It is a man's own mind, not his enemy or foe, that lures him to evil ways. **Buddha**

> I don't do drugs. I am drugs. **Salvador Dali**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Marquis de Sade

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

In the negative aspect, this type of person can be ruthless, cold, and calculating to achieve his own ends. He is emotionally unstable and unable to see other's perspectives. He does not care about what others feel or think. His only intention is to fulfill his own dreams and look to see who can most easily give him what he wants. He can be dangerously seductive and manipulative.

INTERPRETATION

This is a reminder to look at what is driving you to succeed at this time. Are you going to get what you want no matter whom or what gets in the way? Is your sexual drive overriding your realistic side? This card signifies an inability to relate to others in the pursuit of your dream. Notice what you are willing to sacrifice in order to get what you want. Notice whom you are hurting. Look at all the justifications that are happening in your mind. Come back to present time and look at your inability to cope when someone has a different opinion than yours. See if you can take a breath and listen to what someone is saying.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that you may be out of touch with reality. You need to take a deep breath and step back. If you are obsessing about someone or some situation tell yourself to let go. Not one person or thing can fulfill all your dreams. It is time to get out of the world of fantasy and get back into reality. You are at risk of losing your sense of inner balance.

Princess of Cups Pisces

ANGELS

Angel of Romantic Dreams

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Pisces-Pisces is the sign of mysticism and compassion. By having compassion we step out of illusion and into the true meaning of our inner magic and beauty. Yet it is through our illusions that we birth dreams into being. Our romantic idealism drives us to create and desire things to be better.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This is a Piscean type of person who is gentle, flowing, romantic, and dreamlike. Her energy is like a river gently flowing in the mountains, full of trout and deep pockets for the fish. She is comfortable in her emotions and prefers to glide through life. This person loves to be in a supportive position to her loved ones and family. She is often unusually beautiful and striking. She knows how to make an entrance, yet she appears gentle and soft.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

On the negative side, this person can be petty and jealous. She can get lost in her ideals and when reality hits, can be self-centered and indulgent. This type of person can stubbornly resist changes that affect her lifestyle. When she is not getting her own way she can become difficult and negating. She can be a master manipulator in order to get what she wants.

INTERPRETATION

This card is a reminder to let life flow. Learn to be one with what you feel. Ask yourself, "Where can I indulge myself for just a moment?" "Am I taking care of myself?" "How can I improve the flow of my life?" When you get this card you may need to take some time for yourself. When you take some time for yourself, you become more energized and inspired to move forward. Be open to getting a massage, a manicure and pedicure, going on a picnic, etc. This card is reminding you to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. The Princess of Cups teaches us to enjoy being human and remember to indulge ourselves every once in awhile.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card indicates that you are not one with what you are feeling. You may be acting petty, jealous, selfish, or insensitive. This card lets you know that your emotions are becoming the victim to your mind's romantic ideal. Be careful that you are not overextending in some area to make yourself feel better.



QUOTES

Romance, like the rabbit at the dog track, is the elusive, fake, and never attained reward which, for the benefit and amusement of our masters, keeps us running and thinking in safe circles. **Beverly Jones**

> In a great romance, each person plays a part the other really likes. Elizabeth Ashley

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Madame DuBarry (The Mistress of Louis the XV)

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Knight of Swords Gemini

ANGELS

Angel of Gregariousness and Salesmanship

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Gemini- Gemini is the sign of mutable air and as such flows with the energy of attraction and love. Gemini teaches that it is through the duality of love that we are attracted to our opposite sexually in order to learn and grow. When we are at peace between the duality of passion (fire) and mind (air) then we can expand.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This is a person driven to succeed. He is like a hot wind blowing over the desert. He is communicates well and comes across as gregarious and likeable. He is an excellent salesman, very creative, loves to be challenged, and prefers to work with deadlines.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

QUOTES

There are four ways, and only four ways, in which we have contact with the world. We are evaluated and classified by these four contacts: what we do, how we look, what we say, and how we say it. Dale Carnegie

Pure truth cannot be assimilated by the crowd; it must be communicated by contagion. **Henri Frederic Amiel**

OTHER ARCHETYPES Hermes, God of Communication

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe

In the negative, this person can be incapable of looking at his own issues and reluctant to look at past behavior. He can be too clever for his own good and intentionally deceptive. He can be running away from something or someone. He is willing to avoid the issue rather than face it. This wastes a tremendous amount of energy and time.

INTERPRETATION

This card is a reminder to be willing to look at past events in your life and use them to make better decisions in the future. Own what has happened in the past. Let others help. Create your life to become an exploration into the complex workings of yourself. If this card represents you, then it is time to come out in some way and be seen. Take charge and see what will happen. The first step to being successful is to become responsible. Now is the time to make a decision to give it a go. Find out how great you can become if you believe in yourself. Be aware that some may become jealous as you step into a bigger position, but also be mindful that jealousy stems from a fear of not being willing to try.

If this card is showing up as you, take a moment to look where you might be creating busy work to avoid dealing with a more personal problem. Do you talk the talk, but do not walk the walk?

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that someone may be trying to out-maneuver you in a situation. They may be playing upon your weaknesses and fears. You might not want to do something and desire to give that responsibility to others. Don't! It will end in disaster. It is time to take charge and stretch to a new way of seeing yourself.

QUEEN OF Swords Libra

ANGELS

Angel of Truth and Freedom

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Libra-Libra is the sign of marriage and partnership. To the energy of Libra, systems create a feeling of balance and justice in life. When we fully choose and make commitments then we are free to open and find peace. This allows our mind to be guided and softened by the feelings of our heart.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This person is like all the types of clouds in the sky. A Libra type person, she is intellectual, objective, and rational. She sees everything around her and she is hard to fool. She notices the subtle things and can piece information together. This is the second most powerful female card in the Court Cards. The Queen of Swords is authoritative and powerful. She has claimed her own mind and beliefs. She believes in truth and is willing to make the choices necessary to protect and defend her

own. She cuts away illusions. She is calculatedly clear-minded and direct in her approach to life.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

A person holding the negative qualities of this card can be dangerously clever, sly, and manipulative. If you do not tell the truth, this type of female will cut you out of her life. She can be insensitive to others when she feels slighted. Her feelings and her feminine side become buried under the mantle of male authority and self-protection. She has the mental capacity to manipulate circumstances to her own end. When this happens, she can be ruthless and overly protective of what she deems right.

INTERPRETATION

This card has some wonderful freeing and independent qualities. If this card represents you, know that you are in a better state of personal awareness and you have broken free from old oppressive aspects. You are valiantly trying to know and understand what is true for you. This is an opportunity to claim your power and share your opinions and perspectives. You are feeling stronger and more alive, as if you can change and inspire the world. Now is the time for those new ideas to take form and begin. Others will take notice and believe in you as well.

REVERSED MEANING

This card reversed, is a reminder to look at the sharpness you may be holding inside. Are you using your intellect as a weapon? Do others see you as abrupt? Do you use the excuse of others being dishonest to keep people from you? Are you afraid for others to see the real you? Are you hiding behind your need to know everything and to be right? Now is not the time to over-react. Ground some of that intellect into action. There is no need to tear others down to validate your position.



QUOTES

Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought. Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us; to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it. **Abraham Lincoln**

Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves. Abraham Lincoln

OTHER ARCHTYPES The Hindu Goddess Cali

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Prince of Swords ANY AIR SIGN

ANGELS

Angel of Turbulent Thought

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Any air sign

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This very intellectual aspect represents people who are full of ideas. These people are in constant movement like the wind. They love thinking and questioning everything. They love to philosophize about all the latest events and consider themselves the intellectual elite. They love to take opposing views just to see what will happen to the conversation.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

QUOTES

The attainment of an ideal is often the beginning of a disillusion. **Stanley Baldwin**

Idealism is fine, but as it approaches reality the cost becomes prohibitive. **William F. Buckley**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Computer Programmers, Inventors, Lawyers

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe

The negative quality is that they are ungrounded about the practical application of their ideas. They depend on others to handle the details. They can be cautious and picky. They are easily bored and change for no apparent reason.

INTERPRETATION

This is a reminder to ground all your ideas in reality. You must be willing to be responsible for what you create. Are you willing to see this project through to its completion? Are you overthinking to the point that you get yourself stuck and talk yourself out of doing something constructive?

If this card shows up representing you, it is time to be careful about what ideas you may be creating that really don't serve the greater picture. Ask yourself the question, "Am I interested in only generating ideas, but not really interested in doing them?" If you are not really interested in following through, these ideas become a waste of time and effort. You might be better served to take action in some other area of your life rather than just think of all the possibilities and get stuck.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card means that you are caught in the endless maze of the mind. You may not be willing to find a creative solution to the problem at this time. You may be not sleeping well. This will cause you to feel neurotic and sharp-tongued. Notice if you are taking your stress out on others. With this card reversed, you need to take charge of your inappropriate behavior and choose to do something different. Are you becoming erratic and unpredictable? If you constantly need to change things, notice if that is confusing others. Is this behavior really being helpful and constructive? Do you create confusion in order to feel in control? Are you creating problems just to show that you are the boss? This is a form of tearing others down and has negative consequences over time. Stop and see that the constant need to change is coming from a fear of failure. If you always have to make changes then it looks as if you are trying to make it the best. In reality you might be destroying the very thing that was magical about the original idea in the first place.

Princess of Swords Aquarius

ANGELS

Angel of Tempestuousness

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Aquarius-Aquarius is the water bearer in astrology and shows us how to remain hopeful at all times. It teaches persistence in the area of intellectual exploration and communication. Sometimes that driving intellect creates the illusion that everything is possible now and that creates strain by overextending.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This card is a reflection of how the wind can sculpt rock into beautiful shapes and patterns. It is through the ideas of the mind that the physical manifestation is eventually created. This is an Aquarian energy model. That means that this person is often willing to take on more than her fair share of work. She over-extends and then feels as if she is

not doing things well enough for the high standards she keeps for herself. This type of person is impetuous and demanding. She is ruled by her impulsive emotional mind and thinks that she is wise and mature. She is tempestuous, irrational, and unconscious. She responds to every impulse with aggression and wildness.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

This person wants what she wants when she wants it. She can be firmly aggressive and demanding. The energy she carries creates storms of chaos and confusion. This person can be volatile and destructive to those around her. She is at war with herself and she is at war with everyone around who disagrees with her.

INTERPRETATION

This card represents the Superwoman Complex. It is a reminder to become aware of where you are hurting yourself by over-committing to others. "Where am I overworking so I don't have to look at something within myself?" It is the belief that you have to do everything or you are not okay.

REVERSED MEANING

When this card is reversed, you may not want to admit failure. You want to blame others for your poor choices and behaviors. Learn the lessons and make changes so you can have what you really want. Learn to not blame others for your feeling overwhelmed. It is time to rein in your impulsiveness and admit that you don't know how to move without creating a great drama.



QUOTES

The most decisive actions of our life -- I mean those that are most likely to decide the whole course of our future are, more often than not, unconsidered. Andre Gide

Every act of rebellion expresses a nostalgia for innocence and an appeal to the essence of being. Albert Camus

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Palis Athena Minerva, Goddess of Truth and Wisdom

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Knight of Disks Taurus

ANGELS

Angel of Family Goals and Values

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Taurus-Taurus is the sign of the bull and as such cultivates fixed earth energy. That means that change comes slowly and new things create stress inwardly. Taurus teaches us to be steady and consistent in our movements. In this way we learn to have deep appreciation for people and things in our life.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

Think of this card as the constructive wild fires that burn across the prairies. This is part of a natural cycle to allow new growth; it is help-ful and part of nature. The prairie roots underground always remain ready to spring forth again. This is the best aspect of the Taurus energy. This type of person is consistent, stable, concerned about making money, and creating security. He is the idealistic husband. He seems

QUOTES

Some pray to marry the man they love, my prayer will somewhat vary; I humbly pray to Heaven above that I love the man I marry. **Rose Pastor Stokes**

Consistency is the foundation of virtue. Francis Bacon

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Chiron, God of Integrity, Healing, and Teaching

YES-NO POSITION Maybe perfect in every way, good with children, and willing to work hard. He is kind and considerate to his family. He does not like to take big risks and prefers to do things in a stable way. His passion is often his work. This kind of man is the type women dream of as the perfect mate. He is capable of handling many things. He loves, cares, and protects his family and friends. He is faithful, loyal, steadfast, and true.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

The negative side to this person is that he can only focus on one thing at a time. He can be dull, predictable, plodding, and strong-willed. He wants dinner on the table when he gets home. When stressed, he can be petty and withdrawn. This type of person can be too sober and pragmatic in his approach to life. He may be unwilling to spend money on things he considers foolish and frivolous. If this is the case, it is important for him to learn how to bend, allow others to have opinions and ideas, and let go of needing to be right all the time.

INTERPRETATION

This card is a reminder to stay consistent with life and to approach things in a reasonable, timely manner. This card reminds you to take one day at a time and to remember to appreciate those around you, like your family and work associates. It is important to get your goals and more important to have family to share the successes with when you are done. You are stepping into a more responsible role and becoming more grounded and reliable. You may be considering marriage or having a long-term relationship.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, it means that you are not doing what you need to do to get your dreams. You are expecting the world to deliver your silver spoon. You need to look at where you are not applying yourself fully. Reversed, this card may be telling you that you are sacrificing intimacy in your family and relationships for money and security. If you are not careful you may end up alone.

QUEEN OF Disks Virgo

ANGELS

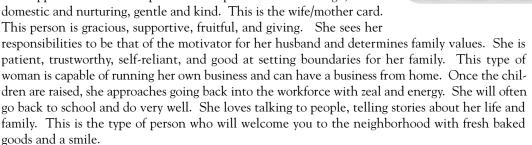
Angel of Motherhood and Wifely Duties

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Virgo-Virgo is the sign of work and self-improvement. Virgo teaches us that by working towards our inner and outer awareness we become more whole. Virgo shows that by going inward we re-define our roles in life and the ways to express our true light. As we allow the pure joy of work to infuse our everyday world we learn that giving to others creates a giving back to ourselves in other ways.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This card can be explained metaphorically as a river that has been partially dammed so it can be used for electricity and energy. The energy of emotions has found a grounded and practical application that helps and supports others. This person is the practical side of Virgo; she is domestic and nurturing, gentle and kind. This is the wife/mother card. This person is gracious, supportive, fruitful, and giving. She sees her



NEGATIVE QUALITIES

In the negative perspective, this person can be resentful if she has been doing one thing for too long. If everyone is constantly depending on her she can feel trapped by her circumstances. If not allowed to grow, she becomes depressed from sheer boredom. This type of person loves activities and mingling with people. If she is not allowed to do that she can become hag-like, unhappy, and negative. This person can become quite stubborn if she lives a life of unexpressed creativity.

INTERPRETATION

When this card shows up it is a reminder to play. Are you giving everyone else the permission you need to give yourself? Are you allowing others to nurture you as much as you nurture others? Take a moment and see what you really want to be doing with your life. Now, is the moment to create your dream. Everyone else will be fine.

REVERSED MEANING

You need to get out the house. You are becoming trapped and entrenched in your reality. Let someone else take responsibility for a moment. You don't have to do everything. You are loosing energy. It is time to recharge your batteries.



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Meek wifehood is no part of my profession; I am your friend, but never your possession. Vera Brittain

A man's wife has more power over him than the state has. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Gaia, Earth Mother Rhea, wife of Cronos

YES-NO POSITION Maybe

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PRINCE of Disks ANY EARTH SIGN

ANGELS

Angel of Concentration and Purposefulness

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Any earth sign

POSITIVE QUALITIES

This type of energy is like a windmill. They have learned how to harness the energy of the wind (mind) and are finding a practical application for it. This is a person who loves the patterns and structures of how things work. He has great energy in dealing with the mundane aspects of life. He is powerful and a leader in his field because of hard work and great follow-through. People respect him and listen to his advice. This type of man loves to understand the structure of anything; relationships, money, work, children, family, etc. He finds something that works and sticks with it. This can make him somewhat inflexible but

reliable. He prefers the tried and true pathways in life. He can be a traditional religious person and his beliefs can be quite strong.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

The negative side of this card is an unbending, rigid-minded person. It takes this person a long time to become angry but when he does it is like a volcano going off. He becomes angry if you break his personal boundary in some way. That could be simply by having a different opinion than he, or wanting to change how something is done. This person likes to stick to the plan and doesn't handle change well. Changes have to be approached slowly and cautiously. He can slowly change with patience and diligence. He is intelligent and sometimes condescending to those around him. He has a tendency to put others down as a way to build up himself.

INTERPRETATION

This card is a reminder to become more flexible in your outlooks on life. Nothing is set in stone. **Change is the constant of the universe.** Are you unwilling to change your viewpoint? Are you afraid to let go of your traditional viewpoint? Do you allow fear to control your behavior? Do you berate yourself for not doing things correctly? With this card you might look at your history to see if there is someone in your family who has these traits. It is important with this card to do what you say and complete the tasks at hand. Remember to be flexible in getting to your goal.

REVERSED MEANING

Evangelist, Billy Graham

YES-NO POSITION Maybe

Reversed, this card means that anger is bubbling up inside. You think someone is doing something to make you look bad. Step back and re-examine the situation. They may not be doing it on purpose. Allow your anger to release in a fashion that is appropriate and doesn't hurt others. Be responsible with what you feel. Express it in a neutral way to others and you will have a better outcome than if you allow your temper to go off. Reversed, you need to let go of the past history that blocks you from allowing others into your more gentle side.

OUOTES

I never could have done what I have done without the habits of punctuality, order, and diligence, without the determination to concentrate myself on one subject at a time... Charles Dickens

> Concentration is my motto -- first honesty, then industry, then concentration. Andrew Carnegie

OTHER **ARCHETYPES**

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Princess of Disks CAPRICORN

ANGELS

Angel of Pregnancy and Birth

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Capricorn-Capricorn is the sign of needing to find how to create approval and acceptance in the world. It is through responsibility, determination, and restriction that one learns how to succeed. When you want to give birth to anything you must follow through and take responsibility for your actions.

POSITIVE QUALITIES

Nothing is earthier than the process of giving birth to children, new ideas, or new possibilities. This is a kind and gentle person striving to be at peace with the process of being human and in the human condition. This is a person who is sensitive, protective, independent, and full of life. She has surrendered to the natural processes within herself. She

holds much compassion and understanding of other's problems and their weaknesses. She tries not to judge others and stays grounded in her approach to life.

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

The negative side of this card is a person at war with herself internally. She has to be careful not to give too much away. The negative aspect of this card shows a person who has felt abused in some way by her circumstances. This creates conflict with her natural ability to be abundant. Instead, she uses earth energy to override others with her demanding personality. This type of person can become anxious and afraid when the circumstances do not go her way. This can be a young woman who has not been responsible with her sexuality and now finds herself pregnant and confused as to what to do.

INTERPRETATION

With this card, it is time to become calm and balanced in whatever you are choosing to give birth to in your life. If you do not, you make yourself miserable. This card is a reminder to be not only alive but to live life fully. You can be alive and not be conscious of all the possibilities around you. Are you present and fully breathing in what life has to offer? Are you willing to accept your human failings? Are you willing to see that you are not perfect? With this card, opportunities abound and change is happening as we speak. This card is fortunate in the ways of jobs and money. The changes required at this time will provide more abundance down the road.

REVERSED MEANING

With this card reversed, you are not at peace with your procreative feminine aspects. You need to see that every challenge is designed to help you grow and awaken to the hidden gifts you hold inside. You have allowed yourself to become ungrounded in some way. You are out of sync with your inner nature. You may be unwilling to do what will work for you. Let go of worrying about what others might think and choose what supports your growth.



QUOTES Every person is a God in embryo. Its only desire is to be born. **Deepak Chopra**

It is as painful perhaps to be awakened from a vision as to be born. James Augustine

OTHER ARCHETYPES

Vesta, Roman Goddess of Hearth and Home Ceres, Goddess of Nourishment and Nurturing

The Mínor Arcana

INTRODUCTION TO THE MINOR ARCANA

The Minor Arcana is separated out into four suits; Wands, Cups, Swords, and Disks. These suits assist in describing the different qualities that happen as we evolve along the pathways of the Trumps. Think of the Minor Arcana as the adjectives to the Trumps. The Minor Arcana describe the energy (Wands), emotions (Cups), mind (Swords), and the manifestation qualities (Disks) of any spread in the Tarot.

The Minor Arcana are the subtle flavorings within the soup of your life that make this moment unique and different from any other. The Minor Arcana give depth and added insight into the major pathways that you are on as you journey through the Trumps of the Tarot.

Wands give the Trumps the fire, spunk, energy, and enthusiasm that is needed as you journey along the pathways of life. Wands ignite the driving force within you that wants to accomplish the task challenging you at this time. Wands love to feel the life-force as we step up to challenges and overcome obstacles in our path through our determination and drive. Through the Wands, we learn to allow our passion and energy out in safe and supportive ways. Through the Wands we learn that fire is necessary to get things in life going and inspire others to assist and come together.

Cups give the Trumps feelings, emotional depth, satisfaction, and fulfillment. Cups give dimension to what we feel and experience within ourself as we encounter others along our path. When we open to our feelings, we learn to love and accept those around us and in doing so we learn to love those reflections of ourself. Cups love to feel all that life has to offer. Cups want to experience all the emotions, joy as well as pain. Through Cups we learn how powerful our emotions are and how connected we are to everything in our life, be it longing and desire, love and abundance, or pain and misery. Through our feelings we allow ourself to touch others and touch God. Through the Cups we learn to appreciate and respect what other people feel and what they are going through by learning empathy and compassion.

Swords give the Trumps the mental insight, inspirational clarity, inventiveness, and cognitive perspective of the mind's attempt to understand the world in which we live. Swords give us our breathe and inspiration as we learn to allow our mind to explore the vastness of our awareness by experiencing our world through mental challenges as well as our imagination and dreams. Swords love to analyze and think. The mind (Swords) is always on the quest to understand and know. Through Swords, we come to appreciate the process of learning and growing through understanding the world in which we live.

Disks give the Trumps the physical steps required for us to take along the pathway that can create success or failure and the sequence of how things flow and manifest in the physical plane. Disks teach us how to ground our dream through hard work and effort. It is through our work that we learn to appreciate ourself and our physical body through the effort of learning to manifest and create our reality. Disks love to create and manifest our dreams into reality. Disks are associated with our physical bodies and the effort and struggle that life requires for us to exist in the here and now. Through the Disks, we learn to appreciate our physical self and learn to take care of ourselves and others.

Wands and Swords are considered male in their nature, as Fire (drive/determination) and Air (mind/knowledge) have often been associated with the masculine principal on this planet.

Cups and Disks are considered female in their nature, as Water (feelings/emotions) and Earth (birth/creation) are most often associated with the feminine principal in life.

Think of the Major Arcana or Trumps as a type of meal you wish to experience. In life we desire to have many of the different flavors and taste sensations that give life its wonder and magic. Each of the Trumps is a unique meal that we crave. There are often flavors that are favorites but that does not stop us from wanting to try different things, take risks, and be bold in trying styles that we are unfamiliar with.

The Minor Arcana are like the individual courses that come along with that meal that we have chosen to experience. The Wands are the appetizer that awakens the palate with its energetic beginning and hints of the flavors that are coming. Wands open us to the desire for more with its fiery energy and enthusiasm. Cups are the soup that is warm and soothing to the emotional depths of our soul. Cups are are also the sweet desserts that await us at the end of this feast of life that we are creating. Our feelings or Cups allow us to relax into the continued experience awaiting as we feel safe and nurtured. Swords are the crisp clean experience of the salad in a four course meal. Salads are a feast for the eyes with all the colors and freshness. The Swords stimulate us through sight and sound as you bite into the rawness of life and allow the mind to understand and digest what it has learned. Disks are the main course that you have chosen for yourself. The Disks give substance and the feeling of satisfaction to a good meal and experience.

The exception to this rule is that a negative Cup (emotion) can cause great problems with a negative Sword (mind). Think of this as a big storm. If you get a lot of water (Cup) moving in a lot of wind (Sword), a great deal of destruction can happen.

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Wands

THE WANDS

Wands are Fire, the masculine life force energy natural to all living things. This can be sexual energy or any driving energies inside your life.

Think of this energy as how fire moves through different environments as in a desert, a forest, or a plain. Wands teach you about your energetic perceptions, your instinctual insights into things, how you grow in your life, how you deal with your ambitions, and how you cope with expansion and change. Wands are energy in their purest form. Wands make us feel that all dreams are possible to some extent.

If there is a dominance of Wands in a reading, it usually indicates that conditions are in the creative stage in that person's life. Energy is flowing and there is a great excitement when the creative juices get going. But energy by itself will not be enough to manifest the dream into the physical. It is important to remind the person to keep dreaming; but to find small steps he can accomplish along the way in getting to the goal. Dreams open up the possibilities but they are not enough by themselves.

Wands are the vital energetic push that the physical plane requires in order to manifest dreams. You must become excited about an idea in order to want to do the work to make it happen.

Energy has its own biorhythm and fluctuations. Energy is not constant in how it moves. It breathes like a forest fire in nature. Sometimes it is a quick burn; sometimes it smolders over long periods of time. The challenge of the Wands is to understand the inherent nature of fire within your life and learn to flow with it as it is happening.

The Ace of Wands represents Autumn. Think of it as fires often happen when the heat of summer has gone on for a long time and the plants dry out. This makes perfect fuel for fires.

THE FLOW OF WANDS

- 1 Ace of Wands: This is the spark that ignites ideas.
- 2 **Dominion:** This is the conflict that arises when you have an idea and others are jealous, competitive or resistant. As your ideas push out; the resistance that the world has to any change, pushes back.
- 3 **Virtue:** This is the need to come back to your own center and re-evaluate if this idea is worthwhile. It is about finding the balance within your beliefs and strengths.
- 4 **Completion:** This is where energy stabilizes and you have decided that this idea is valuable. From this place others will hear your idea better. They will be more receptive because you are in harmony with the idea.
- 5 **Strife:** You have put out the energy in a big way and now others are actively resisting you. Your energy has built up to the point that it is bumping into others who want to resist you.
- 6 **Victory:** You are winning them over and you have faced the fire of somone's negative perception. Your skill, energy and enthusiasm have carried the energy through to a new level of balance.
- 7 **Valor:** You are now being tested to complete this idea while in a space of sheer exhaustion. You are willing to do whatever it takes but you are running out of energy.
- 8 **Swiftness:** You have decided that you don't have to carry everything by yourself. You now have a network of support and things are coming together quickly and easily. The energy has taken hold and now has a life of its own.
- 9 **Strength:** You have a balanced, stable, life-validating energy that is making a difference in the world. Others see it and value what it has to offer.
- 10 **Oppression:** You have now taken this energy to the next level and there is new resistance. This resistance may be that you are so locked into this new way that it consumes your life. You need to find a way to free yourself from this energy you created for something new. From here the process of fire/energy starts over with the Ace again.



1 Ace of Wands

ANGELS

Angel of Impulse

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Fire

INTERPRETATION

This card represents the initial energy that gets things going. It is the initial spark that generates new ideas into movement. There is something new to discover and create. It is time to begin. Allow the energy of this card to release old blocks of resistance within. This driving force of energy attempts to break you out of the old narrow-mindedness. You will feel compelled to try new things and change the way you respond to the world. A new energy has ignited something that has not yet found its home. A spark seeks the fuel it needs to change the reality that you find yourself in. Follow your impulse at this time. You will

have more energy than you thought. You are ready for something different.

QUOTES

Energy is an eternal delight, and he who desires, but acts not, breeds pestilence. William Blake

Energy and persistence alter all things. Benjamin Franklin

AFFIRMATION

I am ready willing and able to create my own dream

REVERSED MEANING

You have energy working against you at this time. Energy is not moving outward. It is blocked and causing internal havoc because you are unwilling to let the fires within come out. It is time to look at getting out of your own way. If you are unwilling to let this energy out you may find yourself getting sick and/or stressed. When energy gets stuck inwardly it can become destructive to the person carrying it. You feel as if you are running on the inside with nowhere to go. If you wake up in the middle of the night angry from some dream then you know some energy is blocked. Close your eyes and give the energy permission to move. Then allow yourself to go back to sleep.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I ready to begin? How am I going to find the energy to spark myself into new movement? What do I feel compelled to do? What is the restlessness inside me attempting to awaken? Am I afraid to let myself out? Am I afraid that I will get out of control? Am I afraid of my own power? Why do I believe that it is okay for everyone else to have power but not me?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe Energy is trying to move, but it is without direction.

2 Dominion Mars - Aries

ANGELS

Angel of Dominance

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The power of Mars (Planet of War) coming into direct conflict with Aries (God of War)

INTERPRETATION

This card indicates that a battle is happening somewhere in your life. There is the feeling of needing to go to war for something. You may feel so strongly about something that your body is ready to defend its position at all costs. You may feel as if you need to dominate the present situation. Someone may be trying to intimidate others and causing a confrontation in your work or family. No matter what, a situation has become volatile. This card indicates that things are not going well in some area of your life. You may need to see if the conflict is within you

or if it is coming from an outside source. Either way, there is a tremendous amount of energy attempting to move but it feels blocked. It is important to stay awake in this process. Otherwise you can get sideswiped by the energy that is presently moving.

REVERSED MEANING

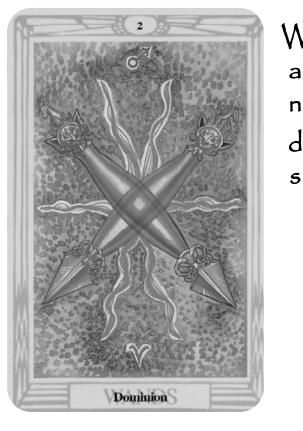
Reversed, this means that aggressive tendencies have gotten out of control. You are in danger of loosing control over the present situation. You need to find a way to constructively deal with the energy running through you at this time. You may feel very angry and not know how to deal with the present situation. Reversed, this could also mean that you are suppressing the anger you are feeling. Neither of these are good options. Take a moment and hit some pillows or go for a long hike or bike ride. It is important to let off some steam. Once the energy has moved you will feel better and your head will be able to make a more rational decision.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Do I want to intimidate others at this time? Can I see how my energies are causing conflicts? Is my anger affecting others? How can I let off some steam without hurting others? Who am I in conflict with? How can I handle the conflict rationally? Who am I feeling at war with in my work or home life?

YES-NO POSITION

No Action now is reaction.



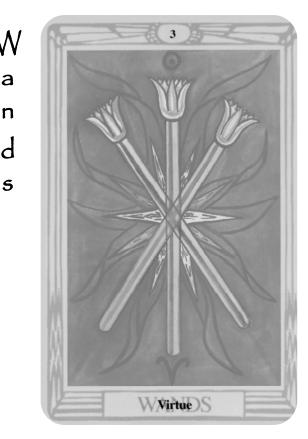
QUOTES

It is the eternal struggle between these two principles -- right and wrong. They are the two principles that have stood face to face from the beginning of time and will ever continue to struggle. It is the same spirit that says, ''You work and toil and earn bread, and I'll eat it.'' **Abraham Lincoln.**

> A quarrel is quickly settled when deserted by one party; there is no battle unless there be two. Seneca

AFFIRMATION

I release all conflict at this time.



3 VIRTUE Sun - Aries

ANGELS

Angel of Virtue

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The power of the Sun (Planet of Light and Energy) in Aries (God of War). When you feel mentally clear (Sun) and empowered energetically (Aries) there is no need to prove who you are.

INTERPRETATION

To be able under all circumstances to practice five things constitutes perfect virtue. These five things are gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, earnestness, and kindness. With this card you feel strong in your position and have the space inside to be generous. You have a sense of pride that comes from the desire to help and create happiness for others. Others see your power and do not question your authority. Your integrity means a lot to you at this time. You choose to not create war

(Aries). You have become illuminated (Sun) by your willingness to see others viewpoints as valuable. Through your clarity and strength you are bringing balance back into your life. With this card, know that you are doing the right thing in this moment, and others are seeing you in a better light.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card says that you are out of integrity at this time. Your pride has gotten in the way of the truth. If you are not careful you will lose respect from others. You may be working too hard at something. You cannot always be perfect. You are on a quest to find balance. Don't let the ego get in the way of dealing justly with the situation. With this card reversed, you may need to look at where you might be hiding your anger behind a veil of feigned virtue. You might be trying to be better than others. Are you following other's rules so you don't feel insecure? Looking good and feeling good are two different things. Reversed, you may feel as if you are looking good, but inside you know that you are not feeling as good as you appear.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I using my pride to honestly help others? Is my integrity intact? Do I believe in what I am saying? How do I reclaim my lost innocence? Am I as virtuous as I think? Am I hiding my anger behind a veil of feigned virtue? Am I trying to be better than others?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes You can accomplish this with a sense of pride.

QUOTES

Virtue is simply happiness, and happiness is a by-product of function. You are happy when you are functioning. William S. Burroughs

> All virtue is summed up in dealing justly. **Aristotle**

AFFIRMATION

I am willing to be brutally honest with myself. I am willing to stand on my integrity.

4 Completion Venus - Aries

ANGELS

Angel of Completion

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Venus (Planet of Love) coming together with Aries (God of War)

INTERPRETATION

This card represents a coming together of opposites. When you bring love into conflict, healing happens. You finally love the parts of yourself with which you have been in conflict. This is all anyone could ever want. Life is about the willingness to dance with the aspects inside us that are angry or distressed. When we are willing to communicate with these parts there is a coming to resolution and healing occurs. When this type of completion occurs there is a physical sensation of relaxation and calmness that comes into the awareness of the soul. In this moment you are given a break to rest and regroup.

REVERSED MEANING

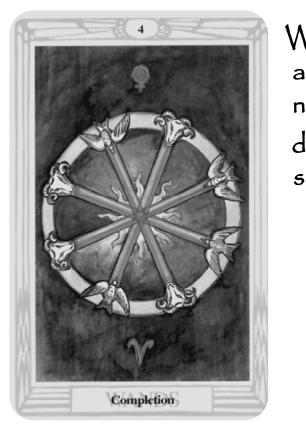
Reversed, this means that there is still an unresolved conflict to be dealt with. Completion is close but you are not there yet. You are still looking at how to love all parts of yourself. Deep down inside you are not at rest. Look inside to the areas where you might be trying to convince yourself that you are complete when in actuality you are not. Sometimes our mind tries to say we are done when we become discouraged and do not know how to find the final pieces to completion. Instead of feeling like giving up, which is the opposite of completion, take a small break and ask others for feedback as to how to think of things differently. Maybe an answer will come and give you a way to really complete.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Where am I still afraid of my power? Where do I not love myself? Where do I need to look to finally be at peace? What does completion look like to me? How will I know when I have gotten there? Am I afraid to complete for fear of not knowing what to do next?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes You must complete this task.



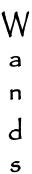
QUOTES

All this will not be finished in the first one hundred days, nor will it be finished in the first one thousand days, nor in the life of this administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin. John F. Kennedy

The world cares very little about what a man or woman knows; it is what that man or woman is able to do that counts. Booker T. Washington

AFFIRMATION

I can choose to be complete in this moment and allow myself to rest. Tomorrow there is always more to do.





5 Strife Saturn - Leo

ANGELS

Angel of Strife and Conflict

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Saturn (Planet of Struggle and Hardship) coming together with Leo (Sign of Power and Authority). Saturn has an agenda and Leo has desire and drive. They end up pulling in opposite directions, hence the conflict.

INTERPRETATION

This card indicates a great deal of tension and conflict. You need to look at where you feel divided internally. Notice if you are arguing with yourself. Something is trying to give you a wake-up call by pushing the conflict into your face so you will see it. Do not get bitter about the hand life has dealt you. Stand up and deal with it. Resistance will cause eventual exhaustion. A house divided, falls. Resistance is just a form of protection. It is a defensive posture you learned a long time ago. Choose to let go of the resistance. Choose to forgive. Be willing to understand another person's position. Step out of your own needs for a moment. Inside, is

all the power you seek. To be truly powerful means you can be generous to others and listen objectively without creating conflicts.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, it means that you are unwilling to address the conflict at hand. This may be a costly error in judgment. You might want to re-evaluate your choice. You may have made a choice that will cause more hardship. You may be trying to avoid the conflict by trying to make everyone happy. This is not going to work. Deal with the issue now or it will get worse later. Reversed, this card is a warning to not put more fuel on the fire by resisting with your ego. You may not be willing to hear what another has to say about you. Stop and listen. See if there is a kernel of truth in anything she is saying. Try to integrate that learning and let go of the emotional charge. The universe is trying to tell you something that is valuable.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I willing to learn that to step into power means I will have to deal with conflicts? Is my power in balance or am I struggling to hold my position by brute force? Where am I in conflict with my own energy? Where am I in conflict with others? Do I want to fight just for the sake of feeling the energy rush? Does feeling angry feel better than feeling depressed?

YES-NO POSITION

No You are in too much conflict to make a decision.

QUOTES

The most intense conflicts, if overcome, leave behind a sense of security and calm that is not easily disturbed. It is just these intense conflicts and their conflagration which are needed to produce valuable and lasting results. **Carl Jung**

No man ever did a designed injury to another, but at the same time he did a greater to himself. Lord Kames

AFFIRMATION

As I learn about my own power I will also learn how to accept myself as my own best friend. I am learning to accept all parts of myself.

6 Victory Jupiter - Leo

ANGELS

Angel of Victory

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Jupiter (Planet of Abundance) coming into balance with Leo (Sign of Authority and Power). This creates expansion of power and abundance through challenge.

INTERPRETATION

You have arrived to create success from the challenges in your life. You are more balanced energetically at this moment. Love is shining a new pathway through your life and everything feels unified. Victories only come after times of challenge. There is a breakthrough with this card. Take a moment to celebrate these victories along the way. Over time, when we appreciate all the small steps it takes to get to the bigger goal, the journey feels sweeter and more enjoyable. You are feeling more optimistic than you have in a while. The path ahead seems full of new possibilities.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that this victory may be short-lived. Be prepared. There may be another challenge just around the corner. You may think this is the end but you might be deceiving yourself. You may be ignoring the signs that what you thought was success is just a side track in the wrong direction to the larger goal. When this card is reversed, it is important to look if someone you assumed you could trust is actually following through with what was promised. You might be mistaken. If you are depending on someone other than yourself then you might get a wake up call. Make sure you get the agreement in writing. Reversed, this card can mean that a victory is going to get snatched out of your hand at the last minute. Pay attention. Don't get caught unaware.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Is the victory I am looking for really here? What do I need to do to maintain this new level of awareness? How do I accept breakthroughs as part of the natural process of life? What is true victory? Where am I already victorious in my life? How can I appreciate the small victories along the way?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Learn what the meaning of true victory is.



QUOTES Victory without danger is a triumph without glory.

Pierre Corneille

No matter how often you are defeated, you are born to victory. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

AFFIRMATION

I accept challenges gracefully and lovingly. I bring balance to discord within me.

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7 Valour Mars - Leo

ANGELS

Angel of Valour

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mars (Planet of War) opposing Leo (Sign of Authority and Power). This indicates that you are struggling against yourself or forces in the external world.

INTERPRETATION

If you resist and struggle at this time you will only succeed in becoming exhausted. This card creates a reduction of energy in the force of movement in your life. Your spirit wants to go ahead but your physical energy cannot. Take a moment to listen to what you actually need to continue forward. A good warrior knows when to retreat. Sometimes it is better to fight another day. A wise warrior knows that to push ahead at this time is actually fool-hearty. Sometimes a short break is all you need to recharge the batteries. At the moment, your spirit is stronger than your human physical self. Don't worry about what others think. You

need to take a moment to regroup.

OUOTES

Valor consists in the power of self recovery. Ralph Waldo Emerson

True valor lies between cowardice and rashness. Miguel De Cervantes

AFFIRMATION

I am good enough just as I am. I deserve to take a break every now and then.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card means you have allowed other agendas to override your energetic boundary. You are literally running out of gas. If you do not make yourself the priority you may find yourself sick and exhausted. Stop while you can do it gracefully. Don't run yourself into the ground. There are many obstacles and challenges ahead. Strategize before you move. You need a new plan of attack. At the moment you feel indecisive and confused. If you are not sure, don't make a decision. Decisions made at this time need to be well thought out. Caution is the name of the game. Anything attempted will create more confusion rather than less. It would be best to wait until the smoke clears and you can actually see what is happening from a more neutral vantage point.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I stubbornly refusing to change my routine? Am I allowing others to run my life? Am I being courageous or just plain stupid? Why do I believe that I have to give all my energy away? How would I know that I am worthy? Is it time for a well-planned withdrawal? Where do I need to regroup because of exhaustion?

YES-NO POSITION

No You do not have the energy to make it through. Wait and try again later.

W a n d

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8 Swiftness Mercury - Sagittarius

ANGELS

Angel of Swiftness

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mercury (Planet of Communication) coming together with Sagittarius (Sign of Mutable Fire). This indicates that there is a great deal of flexible communication and sharing of ideas and thoughts.

INTERPRETATION

This card lets you know that many things are coming together at this time. It is a good time to sign papers, to buy homes, or anything to do with contract negotiations. Others will understand what you are trying to accomplish and want to help you. It is a time of learning to compromise and negotiate so all parties will feel as if they are winning. This card signals a good time to go back to school or to learn some new skills. Often this will show up as new systems being implemented into the office. There will be lots of phone calls and communication that move the project along rapidly. With this card, you can get a lot done in a short period of time. When this window opens, take advantage of it



because these things do not last forever. This card is good to get if you need to go to court or deal with legal systems. When it is upright, things will go in your favor.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that negotiations will not go as smoothly as planned. Be prepared to make some concessions. The judge may not give you everything you want. Make sure your communications are clear and concise. Know before you go, what you intend to say. Stay centered, there will be a way through the problem. Take your time and the answer will present itself. You must stay true to your own nature. Yet, you must be willing to take responsibility for what has happened. It takes two to create a problem. See what your part in the problem is and then move forward. Reversed, this card is saying that there might be a delay to the project at hand. Things are not moving as quickly as you wanted. Someone may try to get out of the deal. Someone may want more money. Make sure you know and understand all the parties' agendas before you begin.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Do I know to what I am agreeing? Is the communication I am doing being heard the way I intended it? Do I need to learn new skills in order to progress? Do I need to go back to school? Are all parts of myself ready to make this commitment?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Now is the time. The door is right there. Go for it!

QUOTES

I keep the subject of my inquiry constantly before me, and wait till the first dawning opens gradually, by little and little, into a full and clear light. Sir Isaac Newton

Light is the symbol of truth. James Russell Lowell

AFFIRMATION

The meaning of my communication is the result I produce. I can learn the skills necessary to move ahead in my life. W a n d s



9 Strength Sun/Moon - Sagittarius

ANGELS

Angel of Strength

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sun (Planet of Light and Clarity) and Moon (Planet of Dreams and Visions) in balance with Sagittarius (Sign of Mutable Fire). When you feel empowered and clear it is much easier to be flexible and adapt to changing situations.

INTERPRETATION

This card represents more light in your life. The strength of the light is powerful for you at this time because you have decided to bring energy and light into your shadow. With that comes great clarity. You are honoring your conscious mind and your unconscious soul. They are working in harmony and that creates clear directions for the future. It is a great strength if you know your own weakness. Strength comes from your willingness to take part in the process of life and death. As you come in touch

with opposing aspects and learn to accept and love yourself, healing takes place. Strength is a byproduct of healing. When you are strong in your own beliefs or perceptions you radiate light outward. When you exude radiance, others take notice of you. Take a moment to allow your strengths and radiance out into the world to be seen.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card lets you know that your strength is not quite up to the level you think it is. Be careful. Don't let others put you into a compromised situation by thinking you have everything under control. Don't let compliments from others manipulate you into doing things that you really don't want to do. You may believe that you have a great skill in some area. However, with this card reversed, it is time to look again and see if you need to learn some more about that area. Strength comes from one's ability to adapt. If you think you already know everything you are putting yourself in a compromised position. Look to see that your perceived mental strength is not over-powered in the physical world by your inability to manifest your imagined strength. It is time to learn and take action to acquire the strength you will need later. Sometimes the thing you most resist learning, ends up being your greatest strength and asset.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Do I understand what my weakness is? Where could someone manipulate me? Do I know how to turn my greatest weaknesses into potential strengths? Am I afraid to show my strengths for fear others will expect more from me? Am I expressing my strengths in a healthy, helpful way to others? Am I overriding others with my skills and strengths?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes You may experience some shadow as you try but you will end up stronger.

QUOTES

We confide in our strength, without boasting of it; we respect that of others, without fearing it. **Thomas Jefferson**

The strength of a man consists in finding out the way God is going, and going that way. Henry Ward Beecher

AFFIRMATION

My greatest strengths I have yet to discover. Parts that I judge within me now may become my greatest gifts.

10 Oppression Saturn - Sagittarius

ANGELS

Angel of Oppression

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Saturn (Planet of Hard Work and Struggle) opposing Sagittarius (Sign of Mutable Fire). This causes energy to become held back and oppressed.

INTERPRETATION

When you hold yourself back from life it creates hidden anger and resentment. This kind of anger (which is really at yourself) eventually erodes your self-esteem and becomes destructive. People can only be held down for so long before there is a revolt either internally or externally. If you struggle against yourself you can make no headway in the game of life. Notice if you are holding yourself down or if you are allowing others to do it to you. Take a moment to chose to not allow others

to keep you from your dreams. Look to see if you are not forgiving others for the past and if you are holding on to small hurts as an excuse for not moving. **Remember the past is over.** From this moment on you can change what you have experienced into something better. Maybe some of those bad experiences were to motivate you to change and do the opposite from what you experienced. Often it takes something bad to happen for people to rally around an issue and make changes. Take the problems in your life and turn them into rallying points for change. Don't let oppressive people or situations hold you back from your potential. Forgive and let go so you can begin again. Life is full of new beginnings. Let now be one of them.

REVERSED MEANING

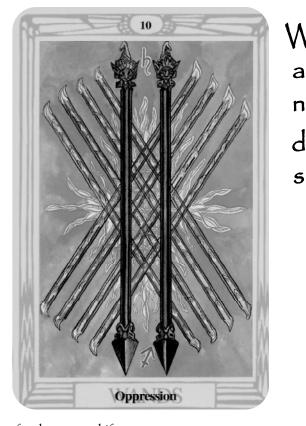
Reversed, this card is warning you that anger is about to explode somewhere. You or someone around you may need to let off some steam without hurting others. Releasing anger is difficult because most people only have the experience of anger being destructive. Anger is appropriate in certain situations but it is never good to let it build up to the point of exploding all over others. You need to find appropriate outlets for your anger. Do exercise, boxing, running, hitting pillows, yelling in your car (when it is parked). Try doing something to move the energy without hurting others or yourself. Repressed anger boils over and needs to be redirected into more prosperous activities. Let go of what others think of you and come back to your center. You will be happier and healthier for it. You cannot please everyone all the time. Do what works for you!

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Who am I really angry at? How can I learn to express myself better? How can I let off steam in this moment without hurting others? Where do I feel oppressed at this time? Am I oppressing myself?

YES-NO POSITION

No You will get trapped by the circumstances.



QUOTES

Tyranny destroys or strengthens the individual; freedom enervates him, until he becomes no more than a puppet. Man has more chances of saving himself by hell than by paradise **E. M. Cioran**

All oppression creates a state of war. We fight, get beat, rise, and fight again. Simone De Beauvoir

AFFIRMATION

It is okay to be angry. I can release anger without hurting anyone, especially myself.



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THE CUPS

Cups represent water and the emotional realm and all its depth. Cups are about all the feelings from joy to misery. Cups represent the feminine feeling principals of the universe at work within your life.

Cups move like water melting off a glacier and flowing downhill. The water warms and broadens, becomes a river, and eventually ends at the ultimate destination for water, the ocean. Emotion at its completion is total fulfillment and satiety. Emotion in its purest form is total acceptance of all feelings without judgment. Cups hold the emotions of love, longing, despair, and sexual energy from the feminine perspective. These cards are the bridge between the original idea and the next stage, which is action. It is the marriage of thought and feelings that eventually create change.

When there is a dominance of Cups in a spread it means that emotions are ruling the course of this stage in the development of an idea. Sometimes you have to feel your way through a challenge in order to understand yourself and the places where you are holding back emotionally in life. If you do not understand what emotionally motivates you, then you have a harder time creating anything that others can relate to from a feeling level.

The Ace of Cups represents Summer. Think of it as the water that needs to fill the fruits in order for them to ripen

THE FLOW OF CUPS

- 1 Ace of Cups: Emotions open up like a spring coming out the ground. They are happy and boundless. This is a state of natural joy.
- 2 Love: The emotion of love naturally emerges when you are allowed to have all your feelings.
- 3 **Abundance:** When you feel loved you believe everything is possible. From that belief, positive change flows. Abundance in emotional, financial, and physical levels is a natural occurrence. Joy and love create abundance in life.
- 4 **Luxury:** When you have abundance there is a natural emotional desire for more and more. Luxury is the outcome of this energy. But in Luxury is a warning. Too much of a good thing can be bad. The desire for more, unchecked, can lead you to needing to fill emotional places that are lacking inside with things from the outside. This creates imbalance and eventually problems.
- 5 **Disappointment:** When you go too far you will ultimately become disappointed in others and your life. External things can never fill up internal emptiness. When you go too far others abandon you and you feel hurt and disappointed.
- 6 **Pleasure:** You will then try to fix the problem somehow emotionally. But, unfortunately you have a hard time looking at your inner insecurities. So you cover them up with looking happy and trying to get what you need through different forms of self-manipulation. Often you will turn to sexual satisfaction and gratification to feel okay.
- 7 **Debauch:** Now you are in deep denial and have turned to self-medicating your emotional state in some way. For some this is alcohol, drugs, sex, medications, chocolate, etc. Anything that makes you temporarily "feel" better. Unfortunately, this only pulls you deeper into an emotional quagmire.
- 8 **Indolence:** Now you are deep in internal misery and stuck because of your unhealthy emotional choices. You are stuck and you are the only one who can get you out. This requires a lot of internal soul searching and others giving insight and help.
- 9 **Happiness:** Once you are out of the self-created hole, there is a deep relief and happiness that naturally springs forth from filling your own cup from the inside out.
- 10 **Satiety:** When you know that you can be happy in any circumstance there is a feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction. Things no longer hold as much value. You value true friends and loved ones. Abundance comes from inside and flows out to all things in your life. From here the emotional cycle begins again.



1 ACE of CUPS

ANGELS

Angel of New Love

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Water

INTERPRETATION

This card represents the idealistic type of love. You are now at the beginning of feeling love. Emotions overflow and you feel the need to give and receive love. This can be for the love of God, the love of a person, or the longing to merge with the mystery of love itself. In this moment you believe that everything will be fine because you are on the quest for love. It is the belief in love that we will live, "Happily ever after." In this moment you are looking for the experience of opening your heart into the great mystery of merging with another. You are on a quest for the Holy Grail in the emotional realm, love. This quest for love is a driving force in life. It makes life worthwhile. Yet, sometimes

we are afraid to begin because of the fear of being rejected and having our heart broken. It is always valuable and necessary to find love. Love is worth the risk.

QUOTES

Strange, that some of us, with quick alternate vision, see beyond our infatuations, and even while we rave on the heights, behold the wide plain where our persistent self pauses and awaits us. George Eliot

> Love is the wisdom of the fool and the folly of the wise. Samuel Johnson

AFFIRMATION

I am a loving person worthy of having love in my life.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that the love you are feeling may be one-sided. Check to see if the other person is feeling as much love as you. Do not let your emotions deceive you from the truth. It is good to feel love for others. But keep love in balance. Reversed, this card may be telling you that you are idealizing someone and he is not really how he appears in your mind. Take an honest look at his struggles and problems. Look to where he is in this moment rather than how you idealize him in your mind. You want the person to be a Knight in Shining Armor. If this card is reversed, he probably is not. That does not mean you cannot learn from this experience of opening your heart. It does not mean that you cannot love in this moment, just realize that no one can fulfill your innermost self. **People come into our life to assist us in opening up to ourself**.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I at the beginning of learning to love? Are both parties feeling the same? Am I being naive? Am I about to get my heart hurt? Am I about to be disappointed?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Doing this will create productiveness and happiness.

2 LOVE Venus - Cancer

ANGELS

Angel of Love

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Venus (Planet of Love) in balance with Cancer (Sign of Home and Hearth). When the feelings of love combine with the feelings of home and safety then love naturally blossoms.

INTERPRETATION

Venus and Cancer together create bonding and intimacy. You want to surrender and open to another at this time. There is a feeling of the coming together of opposites, male and female. It is through learning to love others that we finally truly love ourselves. It is time to learn how to let love into your life. Allow the dance of intimacy to heal and open you. Feel the sexual chemistry and pull of polarity. This person is reflecting the need of your soul to find a lost aspect so you can become more whole. Something in your soul dissolves with the integration of this person or aspect. The dissolving of the ego allows the binding of the

heart and emotions. In this moment whatever has shown up in your life, whether an opportunity or a person, feels right. You have probably never felt this magic and synchronicity so strongly before.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that things may not be what they seem. There is love in this moment but it may be short-lived, a flash in the pan. Learn the lessons of love without attachment. Reversed, this card may be telling you to enjoy the energy rush that happens with this card but know that the universe is giving you a push to get you out of an old pattern or perception. The Love card reversed is attempting to tell you that there are other ways to do something and there are other options that you were unwilling to look at until you felt safe and loved. You are being opened to new possibilities and one of the ways to open us is to show love and affection. It is time to look at where you are not being fulfilled in the area of love. Armed with that information, take charge and make some changes in your life.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Can I love someone who is so different from myself? Is there anything that this person does that over time will drive me crazy? Am I willing to learn to let another into my inner self? Am I willing to learn to love myself though the reflections this person is giving me?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Your heart and sexual energy is asking to open and grow.



QUOTES

Love is the flower of life, and blossoms unexpectedly and without law, and must be plucked where it is found, and enjoyed for the brief hour of its duration. **D. H. Lawrence**

Love possesses not nor will it be possessed, for love is sufficient unto love. Kahil Kibran

AFFIRMATION

I am learning to love all parts of myself by looking at the reflections I am drawing into my life.



3 Abundance Mercury - Cancer

ANGELS

Angel of Abundance

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mercury (Planet of Communication) in balance with Cancer (Sign of Home and Hearth). When we feel safe and heard it is easy to create abundance.

INTERPRETATION

This card shows that through learning how to open to others, love continues to grow and change. Love desires to expand at this time. This is a card of fertility, plenty, feelings of friendship, and overflowing joy. Just remember these times do not last forever. When fruit is at its ripest and sweetest, the only direction for it to go is into rotting and breakdown. Share what you have with others. For tomorrow you may need something in return. Enjoy this feeling while it lasts. This is a card of the joys that come from feeling loved and received by others.

This allows love to expand and deepen further than you ever realized was possible. This is an opportunity to explore where the boundaries of love have previously been and move beyond them.

QUOTES

Everything you need you already have. You are com plete right now; you are a whole, total person, not an apprentice person on the way to someplace else. Your completeness must be understood by you and experienced in your thoughts as your own personal reality. Wayne Dyer

Abundance is not something we acquire. It is something we tune into. **Wayne Dyer**

AFFIRMATION

I am grateful for all the gifts and challenges I have had in my life. Gratitude creates abundance.

REVERSED MEANING

It is important to plan ahead now for a time of want directly in front of you. You may think that the good times are going to continue to roll but if you really look, you will notice that things are starting to change. Tuck some money away for a rainy day. Things are going to get tight. Reversed, this card is telling you that you need to be careful about overdoing it in any way. Are you giving too expensive gifts trying to convince someone to love you? Stop for a moment and re-evaluate your financial situation. Where have you overextended? Are you doing this to love someone who doesn't love you back? Are you spending too much money and trying to keep up with the Jones? Either way, this card reversed is a caution to become more aware of where you might be moving beyond your means. It might be fun for a bit but the consequences might be more than you want in the long run.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I overdoing it? Am I spending too much money to make myself feel better? Do I think the good times will last forever? How can I remain open and abundant emotionally even if the material plane changes? Am I feeling grateful for the joys and experiences in my life?

Am I giving too expensive gifts trying to convince someone to love me?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Go for it now while you can.

4 LUXURY Moon - Cancer

ANGELS

Angel of Luxury

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Moon (Planet of Illusion and Deception) challenging Cancer (Sign of Home and Hearth). This creates an emotional need to desire the fruits of pleasure.

INTERPRETATION

This card takes the desire of emotional fulfillment too far. It degenerates into desire for excess. This can mean you desire an excess of food, drugs, alcohol, or sex. Abundance creates excess, which eventually creates downfall through luxury. This card is the feeling "I just have to have it!" It is a warning of an obsessive quality. This can also create boredom in the presence of excess. With this card it is now necessary to get out of the old patterns and ruts and begin a new pattern or project. You are in danger of becoming lethargic in the excesses that once gave



you joy. Now they are becoming a crutch which is weakening you. You are lapsing into boredom and the tedious repetition of the old pattern hoping for a new experience. **If you want a change**, **you need to make the change.** Continuing this old pattern is now getting you nowhere.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card becomes deeply entrenched in all types of obsessive thinking and extreme behaviors. There is a need to be extremely cautious in sexual behaviors. This card can be a warning of contracting sexually transmitted diseases from others. It indicates that now you are attempting to run away from the pain within by numbing yourself to the present reality. You are looking for a momentary relief from the conflicts that are inside. Running away is not going to help. It is time to take an honest look at the aspects within that control you and do not allow you to grow emotionally. It is time to be honest and vulnerable. It is time to take charge of yourself before it is too late and the universe gives you a tougher lesson. Reversed, this card is telling you that the past good times are coming to an end. Be ready for a wake-up call. You can have too much of a good thing.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

How can I express the care and devotion I feel inside without becoming dependent on material goods? Have I lapsed into excess? Am I deluding myself into thinking my behavior is all right when I am really out of control? Am I becoming addicted to anything? Am I not willing to look at the breakdown happening right in front of me?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Be careful. Everything is about to turn.

QUOTES

When you're not used to comfort and good things to eat, you're intoxicated by them in no time. Truth's only too pleased to leave you. Very little is ever needed for Truth to let go of you. And after all, you're not really very keen to keep hold of it. Louis-Ferdinand Celine

On the soft bed of luxury many kingdoms have expired. Andrew Young

AFFIRMATION

I choose to become aware of what my actions can create if I am not careful.



5 Disappointment Mars - Scorpio

ANGELS

Angel of Disappointment

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mars (Planet of War) opposing Scorpio (Sign of Passion and Sexuality)

INTERPRETATION

This creates feelings of disappointment and conflict in the arena of friendships and intimate relationships. You have become disappointed in someone or something. In reality, you have stepped out of the illusion you were in and finally see it for what it is. You feel a loss of balance in the face of the truth. When you push the limits then someone can get hurt when things go too far. You might want to cut your losses at this time and make some big changes. Disappointment can be a great teacher if you are willing to see what went wrong. You might be feeling a fear of loss in your life at this time. Letting go of old pictures frees the possibility of something better coming in. Disappointments open up old pains from the past so we can heal them. Disappointments in work sit-

QUOTES

Disappointment is a sort of bankruptcy -the bankruptcy of a soul that expends too much in hope and expectation. Eric Hoffer

There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love. Martin Luther King Jr.

AFFIRMATION

I am willing to let go of the things that have hurt me in my past. I am learning what makes me truly happy. I am willing to forgive my friends and myself for my choices. uations show us where we were not paying attention to some aspect. Disappointment opens us up to new possibilities that we were unwilling to look at previously.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, you may be in denial that you are feeling terribly hurt and disappointed in someone or something. To admit you are hurt is frightening because it indicates that you may have made some poor choices. Who you are really disappointed in is yourself. Remember, mistakes are how we learn and grow. Be honest and the truth will start some new patterns in motion. You need to admit to your partner what is not working in the relationship so it can heal. Admitting failure is the beginning of true success. Reversed, this card is telling you that you cannot hide from what you feel. Take a moment and let the truth of the pain sink in. Don't worry, you are not going to die. If you allow yourself to love the parts that feel disappointed and hurt, then they can heal. When you are honest with yourself, it is easier to be honest with others. When you are being honest with others, they feel let in and new love and intimacy can grow again.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I feeling hurt? Am I willing to admit that I am disappointed in myself? Am I willing to let go of the hurt and forgive? Can I step out of my own suffering? Am I willing to let go of being right and try something else?

YES-NO POSITION

No If you hold on to unrealistic expectations. You may end up feeling disappointed.

6 Pleasure Sun - Scorpio

ANGELS

Angel of Pleasure

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sun (Planet of Light and Clarity) in balance with Scorpio (Sign of Passion and Sexuality). When we feel emotionally clear and able to express our passion we feel pleasure and joy.

INTERPRETATION

When light shines on the area of passion it creates an emotional renewal. There is pleasure in sexual relationships and feelings of lust and enjoyment. Healing has taken place by your willingness to tell your partners, friends, and lovers truthfully what you want. Energy is restored and vibrant. There are feelings of calm sensuality. This is a card of primary sexual gratification. You are not feeling limited by emotional baggage at this time in your relationship. Yet, this can be the card of a onenight stand. Enjoyment is renewed by the willingness of the soul to pass <image>

through the difficulty of the Disappointment card. Life feels as if it is flowing again.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card has the potential of being a person who may be in a committed relationship but has so much emotional baggage, she wants to have an affair. You may want to escape from your reality for a moment because you don't like what you have become in it. You may have lost touch with parts of yourself from your belief that you have to be responsible. Now you don't want to be responsible at all. You want to throw caution to the wind. But be warned. Pleasure without responsibility can cause more breakdown after the small bit of renewal you are seeking. You may be looking back into the past nostalgically. You may want to go back to a younger and freer you from your childhood. Unfortunately, you cannot go back. You are now older and wiser and there are more responsibilities than there were before. Stop for a second and realize that you can take this feeling of pleasure and allow it to mature your present relationships into a fuller and more balanced experiences.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

What do I really want? Do I need to face my primary relationship and tell the truth about what I have been feeling? Am I feeling fully satisfied with my life? How can I bring the feelings of my youth back into my present experience? Is temporary pleasure what I am seeking or a more fulfilled experience of love?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes This will create pleasure and you will enjoy it.

QUOTES

For the rational, psychologically healthy man, the desire for pleasure is the desire to celebrate his control over reality. For the neurotic, the desire for pleasure is the desire to escape from reality. **Nathaniel Branden**

A fool bolts pleasure, and then complains of moral indigestion. Minna Antrim

AFFIRMATION

I am learning how to relax and be my authentic self in my sexual relationships. I am learning to express what I need and want.



7 DEbauch Venus - Scorpio

ANGELS

Angel of Debauch

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Venus (Planet of Love) opposing Scorpio (Sign of Passion and Sexuality). When we want love but think that in order to have that we need to sell out and become sexual this is Debauch. It is love mixed with guilt and need.

INTERPRETATION

This card causes conflict because it creates the desire for sex just for the sake of having sex. There is a strong influence of the primal brain at work with this card. Usually this is caused by over indulgence in drugs, alcohol, and sex. Energy is turning putrid and stagnant. You can feel stuck and confused because you are in another world at the moment. You can feel depressed and trapped in your own prison. You are stuck with this card but you are trying to pretend you are not. You are deceiving yourself and you are going to have to face up to something very soon. You may feel disgusted with life and annoyed with yourself. It is

QUOTES

The goal of every culture is to decay through overcivilization; the factors of decadence; luxury, skepticism, weariness and superstition are constant. The civilization of one epoch becomes the manure of the next. **Cyril Connolly**

Men first feel necessity, then look for utility, next attend to comfort, still later amuse themselves with pleasure, thence grow dissolute in luxury, and finally go mad and waste their substance.

Giambattista Vico

AFFIRMATION

I feel guilty about something and I am willing to make changes that allow me to like myself more. time to detoxify, either emotionally or physically. Relationships begun with this card are destined to fail. They have begun without honesty and without each person being in present time. This type of relationship is based on illusion and need rather than two sincere beings willing to share.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card brings your emotional and physical health into question. You are unwilling to look truth in the face. You are becoming an escapist. Remember, no matter how far you run you still have to be with yourself. You may be surrounded by people of questionable character. This card indicates a stagnant lymphatics and a gummy blood system. There is a need for antioxidants and better dietary behavior changes. Reversed, this card is a warning that the body cannot keep going at this rate. Eventually something will break down. You are being warned that you are at the point of breakdown. Tell yourself the truth and get help from people who you trust.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I running away? Is my heath pulling my emotional state down? Am I not paying attention to the messages my body is telling me? Am I really stuck? Am I addicted to drugs, alcohol, sex?

YES-NO POSITION

No Fear is controlling.

8 Indolence Saturn - Pisces

ANGELS

Angel of Indolence

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Saturn (Planet of Struggle and Hard Work) opposing Pisces (Sign of Emotional Healing and Life Completion). This indicates that all emotional healing will require great effort in order to manifest change.

INTERPRETATION

This combination causes obstructive emotional patterns to come to the surface. You feel stuck in a swamp of despair, hopelessness, and misery. Obsessive patterns you hold inside have finally taken their toll. Your health is suffering and now you must make some radical changes. Old friends who are unsupportive must go. You are deep in emotional shadow and you are at risk of wasting your life. It is time to set some limits. You have to move towards people who support you in being your higher self. This card also indicates travel over water or the desire to move to a locale where there is foggy water. You are at risk of being seen as in-



to a locale where there is foggy water. You are at risk of being seen as inauthentic. You might be saying that you are trying very hard but in reality you are not changing.

It is time to try a new approach to your life.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card indicates health problems such as stagnant digestive system, colitis, cancer, polyps, and weaknesses in the endocrine system. You may feel as if you want to move from place to place. The problem is inside yourself, not outside in your place of living or in your job. Reversed, this card is a warning that you may need some outside help to get out of this internally miserable pattern. The Indolence card reversed, can feel like depression with no way out of the circumstances. Even when you cannot see it, there is always a solution. However, your ego may not be willing to do what it takes to get it done. Laziness has become stagnation and the body is now trapped in its own lethargy. It is time to get moving. Get out of the house, go for a walk, start an exercise program, change your diet. Do something different. Only you can make the changes necessary to break out of the old pattern. Start with something small. Clear the pile off your desk, clean a closet, or clean out the garage. Notice how much better you feel afterwards.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Has my stubbornness pushed me past my limits? Am I really that stuck? Do I need to move? Do I need to take a trip? Am I emotionally blocked? Where do I need to create firm boundaries? Do I need to replace the material successes I have in my life for spiritual successes?

YES-NO POSITION

No If you do you will be stuck and miserable. Find another way.

QUOTES

I look upon indolence as a sort of suicide; for the man is effectually destroyed, though the appetites of the brute may survive. Lord Chesterfield

For suffering and enduring there is no remedy, but striving and doing. Thomas Carlyle

AFFIRMATION

I am ready to make some changes in my life and lifestyle. I am willing to admit that I need to be at peace within myself.



9 HAPPINESS Jupiter - Pisces

ANGELS

Angel of Happiness

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Jupiter (Planet of Abundance and Joy) in balance with Pisces (Sign of Emotional Healing and Life Completion)

INTERPRETATION

You have finally found the keys to your emotional happiness. You take responsibility and through cultivating inner harmony your energy has picked up and you experience happiness and joy. You have taken back your own emotional control. You do not expect others to fulfill all your emotional needs. You now know you can do this for yourself. You feel blessed by all the challenges in the past and accept them as part of the natural process of emotional evolution. You experience that others are enjoying you and you are creating new warm friendships in your life. Going to work is an enjoyable experience and you feel appreciated by

those around you. A wellspring of joy flows out into your life helping and inspiring others.

QUOTES

Happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you. Nathaniel Hawthorne

Pleasure may come from illusion, but happiness can come only of reality. Sebastien-Roch Nicolas De Chamfort

AFFIRMATION

I am choosing to cultivate happiness in my life. I am able to fulfill all my emotional needs.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card says that you still have a few things you need to do. You need to take charge of your life in order to understand happiness. You might need to take a break and look where you are trying too hard to be happy. You may be trying to be happy when you are not. You don't need to convince anybody. Be yourself, that is enough. Reversed, you may be putting on a happy face but underneath you may be afraid to show others the depth of your pain. Remember that you are still lovable even if you are in pain. Allow others to assist you in finding out what will really make you happy. Notice when you force yourself to say that you are happy in a relationships or jobs. See that you are trying to convince yourself and override the parts that are trying to get you to change. Wake up to the possibility that there may be something better for you. Happiness is not something you can run after or something that will happen tomorrow when you have a million dollars. **Happiness is within all the time.** Through knowing and understanding yourself, you naturally become fulfilled and happy.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Is my happiness real? Am I willing to create my own emotional fulfillment? Do I love my self enough to do it for myself? What creates the feelings of joy and happiness within me?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes This will make you happy.

10 Satiety Mars - Pisces

ANGELS

Angel of Satiety

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mars (Planet of War) in balance with Pisces (Sign of Emotional Healing and Life Completion). When we feel emotionally healed and complete then our energy is more available to enjoy each precious moment.

INTERPRETATION

When we understand our emotional self and learn to love all parts of ourselves, then there is a feeling that all the cups inside us are filled to the brim. You now have the emotional endurance to create anything you want. You have gone for your dream, faced all the emotional dragons along the way and have reached for the gold ring of success. Now is the time to celebrate and enjoy what you have earned. It is as if you have eaten a great feast and now there is no way to eat any more. In all completions is a time to feel grateful and realize that the universe is

going to challenge you to emotionally grow in new areas. You ran this emotional race all the way to its resolution. Now it is time for a new challenge and opening. Now is a good time to shift because you are optimistic and self-confident.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card means you have found success but there may be a few more trials ahead. Don't get disappointed. Successes sometimes have to be challenged so they have enduring power over time. Enjoy this moment and know that you have the tools inside to be able to get to where you want. Be careful with your retirement money. Things may not be as stable as they look. Realize that you are looking down the road to another time and the future is always changing. The choice now may be inappropriate later. You may be thinking that if you had just done that one thing that the outcome could have been even better. If you follow this thinking you may miss the joy of this moment's resolution. Don't get caught in what might have been. Stay in the now and allow what is to be enough. Otherwise you will live a life of regrets and lost chances. Acceptance is the key to future accomplishments. If you can appreciate and be grateful for these moments then the universe gives you more of them.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Is my self-esteem tied to my long-term success? Am I willing to do whatever it takes to get to my goal? Do I know how to be happy and to let go? Is there ever enough? Am I enjoying the fulfillment of this moment? Am I allowing the satiety to expand me into the next level of emotional joy?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Going in this direction will create long term success.



QUOTES

I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle -- victorious. Vince Lombardi

People want riches; they need fulfillment. **Robert Conklin**

AFFIRMATION

I am emotionally fulfilled and know that I can handle whatever the universe presents to me. I believe in my ability to adapt to changing experiences



THE SWORDS

Swords represent air or the mind and all of its complex figuring of patterns and ways to do something. This is also a masculine principal at work within the realm of logic. The masculine mind loves to figure out the "How To" in things

Swords move like wind across the planet of your life. Air as it moves can whisper softly or be deafening. The same is true of your mind. Swords teach you to pay attention to the subtle voices within your mind. If you do not listen, then those voices will get louder and louder until you do pay attention. In its purest form, Swords are the dialogue of your conscious mind.

Swords represent the difficulties you must go through to turn a thought into reality on the physical plane. The lessons of Swords are about learning to handle the details of life in a constructive and clear-cut manner. When the details are in order, then the physical manifestation can proceed in a straightforward way. When others know what you want to do, it is easier to finally create the dream.

When Sword cards dominate a reading, it shows over-activity in the mind. This can cause agitation or acceleration of a process. Swords are the mental effort before the final result.

The Ace of Swords represents Winter. Think of it as how the mind becomes very active when there is nothing to do. Minds love activities. In the olden days, winter was a time were there was less to do. Often you would escape into planning what you were going to do in the next growing season and get as prepared as possible before the next big push in springtime.

THE FLOW OF SWORDS

- 1 Ace of Swords: The mind lets go of old concepts and rearranges its patterning into a new form.
- 2 **Peace:** When the mind understands a new concept, it causes the brain to relax and stabilize. It is the reason you often need to have information before you feel safe enough to try new things.
- 3 **Sorrow:** When the mind tries to understand something there is always the potential for a glitch. When the mind hits a snag in logic it becomes sorrowful and depressed. Depression is a mental illness coming from inconsistencies between physical experience and mental rationalization.
- 4 **Truce:** Balance is achieved mentally when you allow the sorrow to be released and expressed. The mind then relaxes and you can come to a compromise with your beliefs and your external reality.
- 5 **Defeat:** Just when you come to some sort of balance through compromise, you begin to hear other's viewpoints or perceptions. This can throw the balance again. You have to decide whether to believe other's words or your own experience. To believe another's words can cause mental confusion and internal chaos. Sometimes too much information from others is not a good thing.
- 6 **Science:** Now you must be willing to seek out the truth. This is a process of researching information and coming to your own conclusion. However, knowledge is often not enough.
- 7 **Futility:** Now you begin to understand how much information is really out there. It makes you feel as if you know nothing. You realize that to have complete understanding would take a tremendous amount of effort. It feels futile because you finally understand what you don't know. Minds always want easy answers. They want to be definite and certain. Minds hate uncertainty, but at this time that is where you are.
- 8 **Interference:** At this point minds can become an endless maze. There are always more and more thoughts to have. This can be a trap. Some people never get out of this phase. They refuse to move until they are certain. You can get bogged down in silly details and neglect other aspects of your life. Too much thinking causes restriction.
- 9 **Cruelty:** When the mind becomes over-developed, knowledge can be used as a weapon against anyone whose views are different. The mind can become arrogant, selfish, and self-deceptive.
- 10 **Ruin:** When you over analyze things you can create mental instability. You can become out of touch with the normal reality. You must recognize how you have trapped yourself in your own illusion and break free.

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I ACE of Swords

ANGELS

Angel of New Ideas

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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INTERPRETATION

When you pull this card, it is letting you know that the Archangel Michael, the angel of truth, clarity, and protection is trying to assist you in finding some truth. Michael can be a tough taskmaster because he teaches you to first be honest with yourself. When this card shows up, it is letting you know that some confusion is going to be clarified. You are being asked to think creatively and originally. You are learning to balance masculine aggression with feminine assertion. It is now time to change, and the way will become crystal clear. In this moment it is important to allow the mind to dream and open to all the possibilities being offered. Give the dreams inside you a voice. Some of

them may be able to bring light and awareness back into confusing areas in your life.

QUOTES

The vitality of thought is in adventure. Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them. When the idea is new, its custodians have fervor, live for it, and if need be, die for it. **Alfred North Whitehead**

When an idea reaches critical mass there is no stopping the shift its presence will induce. Marianne Williamson

AFFIRMATION

I trust my divine guidance to open me to the truth, now.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is a warning that the you are going to be forced to let go of some aspect of your life that you have been unwilling to shift. It is best to be prepared for the inevitable. Michael, the Archangel, is going to show you in no uncertain terms how to let go of the present problem or situation. If you will not willingly let go, then something may get taken from you. You are going to have to totally let go. Reversed, this card might be pointing out that you are worried about people stealing your ideas. Relax. If your ideas are any good, you'll have to ram them down people's throats to get them to listen. To bring new ideas into action takes effort. Do not let fear stop your ideas from evolving into something great. Reversed, this card can also be a warning. Look to see if you are not willing to tell yourself the truth about something in this moment. Allow the clarity of the angel Michael, to clear out all illusion and self-deception.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I ready to hear the truth? Am I willing to prune the dead wood off the trees in my life? How can I solve this problem from an original perspective? Am I allowing inspiration to guide me? Am I remembering to ask Michael the Archangel for help in my present situation?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes

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2 PEACE Moon - Libra

ANGELS

Angel of Peace

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Moon (Planet of Illusion and Delusion) in balance with Libra (Sign of Justice and Balance). When emotions are in balance then there is peace.

INTERPRETATION

The journey to peace begins when you can see how to step out of judgment and allow similarities to be seen rather than differences. This is the way to balance discord. Peace is something that must be fought for to keep. This card lets you know that you are attempting to find balance between differing views in your life. This is a time of mental challenge because balance is a constantly changing equation. It is a time to negotiate with yourself and others to find a meaningful agree-

ment. Sometimes you have to give up something in order to gain something back at a later moment. Remember, peace can be experienced internally regardless of the external circumstance. Take the present situation and find the doorway to peaceful resolution.

REVERSED MEANING

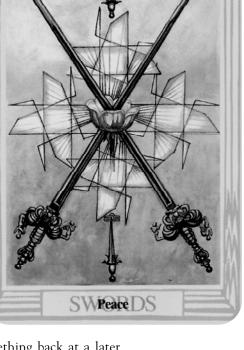
Reversed, this card means that you are in for a longer negotiation with the present conflict or situation than you thought. Old illusions die hard. Balanced peace is achievable if you are willing to work towards it. Things are not as peaceful as they seem. Learn to hold your boundaries but don't override others with your own agendas. Peace means that sometimes there have to be compromises. Reversed, this card is saying that you might need to bend a little. Look to where your ego is unwilling to let go of its need to be right. Being right is not always the answer when you are looking towards peace. Peace is about blending and learning to share. Look to where you are not at peace within yourself and notice if you are projecting an internal lack onto the present situation. Heal the inside conflict before you try to tackle the outside conflict.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I willing to work towards peace? Am I willing to change my position in order to bring balance back into my life? Am I willing to let go of the fight? Do I really need to be right? Does my need to be right stop people from wanting to be with me? Am I an easy person to be with? Where am I in internal or external conflict? How do I cultivate peace within myself?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe Go for it in a peaceful way. Learn to accept and flow.



QUOTES If the history of the past fifty

years teaches us anything, it is that peace does not follow dis armament -- disarmament fol lows peace. Bernard M. Baruch

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies. Moshe Dayan

AFFIRMATION

I believe there are solutions to all problems. I am willing to dedicate my life to finding and maintaining peace. Sword s



3 Sorrow Saturn - Libra

ANGELS

Angel of Sorrow

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Saturn (Planet of Struggle and Hardship) in opposition with Libra (Sign of Justice and Balance). When we struggle with the belief that life is not fair or just this causes sorrow within.

INTERPRETATION

This pattern creates worry, grief, heaviness, disruption, despair, sorrow, and separation from things and the ones we love. Tarot places sadness as a mental condition rather than as an emotional condition. Selfdoubt is an internal dialogue of the mind. That internal dialogue causes depression and sorrow. Depression can be a label you use to identify who you are being in this moment. This is why the Tarot places Sorrow in the area of Swords (mind). Depression and sorrow come when the mind is unable to let go of an event or perspective. With this card, the Tarot is letting you know that it is time to let your mind out of the

destructive loop it is in. Choose to begin to cultivate joy. Whenever sorrow comes into your mind, acknowledge it and then choose to find a more pleasant thought.

QUOTES

Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness the face the heart is made better. **Bible**

We should feel sorrow, but not sink under its oppression. **Confucius**

AFFIRMATION

I am learning that the depth of my sorrow is in direct pro portion to how much I love and care for others. **REVERSED MEANING**

When the Three of Swords is reversed, you may feel depressed and down about the loss of love or the loss of aspects in your life you have treasured. Remember loss is a natural consequence of living on Earth. Sadness does not last forever. You may be afraid to be alone. Things in your life might feel delayed at this time. This is so you can complete the grieving process. Reversed, this card is reminding you that sorrow and grief teach you to appreciate every moment of every day. Sorrow gives you depth and awareness of the transience within life. Without loss, we could forget to appreciate those we love. Sorrow is the reminder of how much we truly care.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I strong enough to allow the sorrow to move through me?Am I prepared to be transformed into a more positive energy?Am I afraid of my inner pain?Am I afraid to be alone?Am I afraid there is no one out there for me?Am I afraid I will never stop crying?Am I afraid to admit where I have sorrow for fear that no one will love me?

YES-NO POSITION

No The Sorrow card is letting you know that choosing this situation will cause grief and is not what you want at this time.

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4 TRUCE Jupiter - Libra

ANGELS

Angel of Truce

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Jupiter (Planet of Expansion and Abundance) in balance with Libra (Sign of Justice and Balance). When our mind is balanced and allowed to expand then there is a sense of truce and alignment.

INTERPRETATION

This card creates calm and the experience of things coming back to a center. There is an integration happening at this time. Things are changing for the better. You now have an opportunity to integrate what you have learned. Sometimes you have to release grief (Sorrow) first in order to gain balance. By letting the sorrow move through to its natural completion, a new state of peace and rest can come into place. With this card, there is a state of tolerance being cultivated within. The conflict in the past has run its course and mental strength has returned. Seeking self-knowledge creates balance and is the key to resolv-



ing sorrow. Through awareness we begin to see how we create our own suffering through our unwillingness to accept situations as tools for our inner healing. With this card, truce and stability have renewed the mind's ability to compromise and find a new way to come together.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that you are presently out of balance in your life. Learn to come to a place of acceptance and forgiveness. The universe is not trying to punish you. It is simply trying to show you where you are out of alignment and where you have become rigid in your thinking. Compromise is necessary in this situation. You may feel as if you are struggling to hold on to old beliefs. Your mind may be looping over the same problem incessantly. This card is asking you to look at where you are being intolerant and judging others. Reversed, this card is letting you know that some part of you is unwilling to forgive and let something go. Forgiveness is a choice. A choice that frees up your energy for more important things in life. Just notice how much energy you have wasted already contemplating this situation.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I unwilling to compromise? Do I need time to integrate some new perspectives? Am I trying too hard to look balanced? Where am I intolerant of others? What do I not tolerate about myself? Where am I still looping mentally in the past and keeping myself in a place of suffering?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe If there is a way to come to a place of balance and truce, then do it.

QUOTES

What are facts but compromises? A fact merely marks the point where we have agreed to let investigation cease. Bliss Carman

Once you consent to some concession, you can never cancel it and put things back the way they were. Howard Hughes

AFFIRMATION

I am willing to compromise. I am releasing struggle.

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5 Defeat Venus - Aquarius

ANGELS

Angel of Defeat

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Venus (Planet of Love) opposing Aquarius (Sign of Free Spirit and Hope). This creates feelings of inadequacy and self-doubt.

INTERPRETATION

This card can represent a psychic attack from someone you know or negative energy in your home or workplace. There is a fear of not succeeding with this card. Petty, bitchy, back-stabbing, gossipy, and anxious people may surround you. This is a good time to learn to defend against other's negative energy. This card may be telling you that you are in a non-productive work environment. If you are not careful you can be pulled into hopelessness by others around you. Look to where someone is sending you a negative thought virus. **Defeat begins first in the mind.** When you doubt yourself then it is easier for others to get under your skin. Notice where in your mind you have already lost. Are

QUOTES

Defeat is a school in which truth always grows strong. It is defeat that turns bone to flint; it is defeat that turns gristle to muscle; it is defeat that makes men invincible. We are not retreating -- we are advancing in another direction. A man is not defeated by his opponents but by himself. **Henry Ward Beecher**

> You can learn a line from a win and a book from a defeat. **Paul Brown**

AFFIRMATION

I believe in myself. I am choosing to be positive in all the things I do. you going through the motions just to look as if you tried when in actuality you don't believe in yourself enough? If you are not careful the mind will stop you before you have even started.

REVERSED MEANING

You are worrying too much about what other people think. You are being dragged down by the negativity around you. You may be at risk of becoming a gossip yourself. Be careful of what you say to others. It may backfire on you. Know that with this card reversed, you are being warned that someone is overhearing you and that may cause you more problems. It is important to notice if you are thinking out loud and using that as a way to vent your frustration. Reversed, this card is telling you that it might be wise to keep your own council for a time. It is difficult to sit with the discomfort but this might be necessary. Remember to speak only after you have thought about it for awhile. Be careful to not fly off the handle at others. It may put you in a deeper mess than before. Notice that where you feel defeated is a place for growth and change. When you learn from a mistake then it is worth the effort. That is how you turn the card "Defeat" into an asset.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I caught in the wheel of gossip? Am I worrying about what others think of me? Am I afraid to fail? Do I believe that others have the power to keep me from my success?

YES-NO POSITION

No You are not thinking in a positive mind set.

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6 SCIENCE Mercury - Aquarius

ANGELS

Angel of Science and Knowledge

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mercury (Planet of Communication) aligned with Aquarius (Sign of Free Spirit and Hope). This creates a balance because the mind is communicating with the soul.

INTERPRETATION

Things are finally making sense. This is a card of school and the reminder to seek out knowledge and skills you may need to continue along your journey. You may have pulled this card because you want to go back to school. You may need to learn new skills for your work. Whatever the case, you will want to learn something new. You are seeking new directions and exploring other options in your life. You have the ability now to put together things that have previously been difficult. This card can mean that you are going to college, a university, a

graduate school program, or some form of higher education. This card signals that it is time to grow. This time will be exciting and rewarding.

REVERSED MEANING

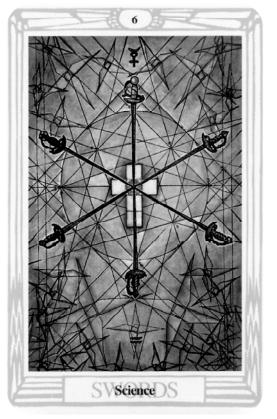
Reversed, this card is letting you know that the angels are trying to guide you toward some form of education that is in a non-traditional form, such as trade school, computer classes, classes for self-improvement, yoga, or other classes to improve your health. You may be resisting the thought of going back to school. It is time to expand the mind and to grow beyond what you know. Lessons come in many forms and with this card reversed, you are stretching into some areas that are less familiar and more esoteric. Don't worry. This is going to be a glorious experience. This card reversed is letting you know that traditional approaches will not work at this time. You need to think outside the box of your present reality. You might be noticing fear or uncertainty coming up as you work your way out of the old models of reality. All vantage points are valuable. Sometimes when this card is reversed, you may be resisting attempts by the universe to get you to finish that degree or project. Be honest and admit where you have been in a rut. Life is about change and improving upon the knowledge that has been passed down. There is always room for improvement. This is your moment. Take it.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Do I need to go back to school? What skills am I lacking? Will learning new things bring hope back into my life?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe There is a lot more information that needs to be acquired before a decision can be made effec - tively. If you get the information you will succeed.

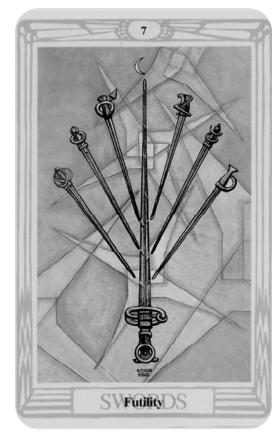


QUOTES It is impossible to begin to learn that which one thinks one already knows. **Epictetus**

It is what we think we know already that often prevents us from learning. **Claude Bernard**

AFFIRMATION

I am ready to learn new skills or go back to school. I am ready to experience my own abilities to learn and understand. S vords



7 Futility Moon - Aquarius

ANGELS

Angel of Futility

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Moon (Planet of Illusion and Deception) opposing Aquarius (Sign of Free Spirit and Hope). This causes a sense of uncertainty and instability in the mind.

INTERPRETATION

You are going back and forth about something, afraid to make the wrong decision. You cannot decide. There is a fear of admitting that you were wrong. You are feeling unstable and are experiencing major oppositions at this time. The mind is deluding you into thinking that there is no hope. There is a feeling of futility. You wonder, "Why should I even bother?" The answer is that we bother in order to stretch and to grow. Where we have feelings of futility are the areas where our mind has not allowed us to step beyond our experiences. It is our past history that tells us that the situation is hopeless. There are always ways

QUOTES

The gods had condemned Sisyphus to ceaselessly rolling a rock to the top of a mountain, whence the stone would fall back of its own weight. They had thought with some reason that there is no more dreadful punishment than futile and hopeless labor. Albert Camus

It is the superfluous things for which men sweat. Seneca

AFFIRMATION

I am now choosing even though I may be afraid of the outcome. I trust the Angels to guide me through my fears and uncertainties. to move beyond our past traumas. At the present, it seems futile. This is the trick the mind uses to keep us safe. The mind can always find a million reasons not to try. Find one good reason to step beyond your fear and hopelessness to try something different than your past experiences.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that you are becoming increasingly unstable in your outlook over something. Stop and take an honest look at what is really happening. Things are not as bad as you are making them out to be. You know they are not great but do not exaggerate the negative any further. You are in the mind-set that everything is going to get worse. This is not necessarily true. Learn how to be consistent and life will eventually turn around. If you are wobbling then everything around you will wobble. Learn to not over-analyze. Just take one small step and then another and another. Before you know it, this impossible thing will be done and you will wonder why you were in so much resistance.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I overreacting to the situation? Have I given up? How can I turn this feeling around? What do I need to decide? Do I want to be safe in my past ruts or am I willing to step out of my traumas to find out who is really inside me?

YES-NO POSITION

No Your mind is not stable. Do not make decisions from this position.

8 Interference Jupiter - Gemini

ANGELS

Angel of Interference

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Jupiter (Planet of Expansion and Abundance) opposing Gemini (Sign of Duality). This causes the mind to interfere with the expansion of the soul.

INTERPRETATION

With this card, you are looking too closely at all the details. You become entrenched in not moving at all. You may be wasting a tremendous amount of energy on things that do not really matter. You may think you have to have all these things done before you can be happy. This is not true. You can be happy at this moment if you are willing to step out of the rigidity of the mind. If you keep this up, you will not have enough energy to do what you really want to do. Remember, every problem has a solution. When the mind gets locked into a narrow perspective, it can create the feelings of bad luck and



QUOTES

There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it reluctantly. **Publius Terentius Afer**

Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict. **William Ellery Channing**

AFFIRMATION

I am learning to give permission to myself to have the things I want.

restriction. You may feel very organized in some areas, but neglect to look at those areas in chaos. This is like putting a band-aid on a gaping wound. Stop the mind's chatter and look at the agreements in your mind that prevent you from moving. Where does your mind interfere with doing something that actually gives you joy? Stop doing for everyone for just a moment and do something for yourself. That will break the cycle of the mind's constant need to create tasks and problems.

REVERSED MEANING

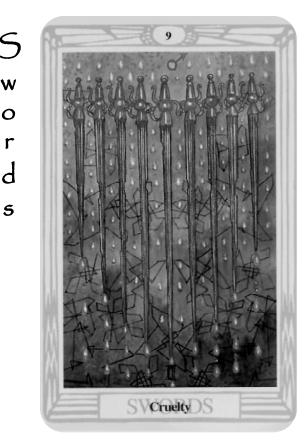
Reversed, this card is telling you that your mind is distracting you from the truth. You believe the mind when it says you cannot complete something and win. You must learn that your mind is sometimes not your friend. Think of it like this: Your mind has lied to you, made things up, and exaggerated the weaknesses you hold. So, do not believe everything you think. Your mind wants to create consistency at all costs. You try to change and the mind gets frightened when things change. It will try every way it knows to distract you or interfere with your outcome. Do not listen to it. Fear is not real. It just feels really real. The Interference card reversed, is also an indication that you are being interfered with on the external. Notice who is putting you down and where you become embroiled in someone else's drama. Do not allow others' negative thoughts to stop you from doing things differently. An angel may also be trying to dissuade you from a difficult path you are choosing. This angel may be creating problems, delays and interference so you change directions.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I allowing my mind to distract me from the real goal? Where am I procrastinating? What do I have to do to prove that I am worthy to have my dream now?

YES-NO POSITION

No You are focusing on a detail instead of the larger picture. You need to re-evaluate what is the priority in your life.



9 Cruelty Mars - Gemini

ANGELS

Angel of Cruelty and Self Sacrifice

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mars (Planet of War) opposing Gemini (Sign of Duality). This causes you to be in conflict with all sides of yourself.

INTERPRETATION

With this card, look to where you are being cruel to yourself or others. You are being passive-aggressive in some way. You may want revenge over someone. It is time to learn how to not punish yourself with your mind. Minds can be very cruel. It is not good to put yourself down. It is not good to slander others. It is not good to wish harm to come to others. Look where you may be sacrificing yourself for others. You may believe this is what they want, but it is never good to give yourself away. With this card, it is time to look at all areas where you feel victimized and tortured by your circumstances. The universe is attempting to force you to face your fear of abandonment and loss. It is better to be alone than to stay in some situation that is miserable and demeaning. This

QUOTES

He who would accomplish little must sacrifice little; he who would achieve much must sacrifice much; he who would attain highly must sacrifice greatly. James Allen

Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness. Napoleon Hill

AFFIRMATION

I am learning to be at peace with my duality. All parts of me are loveable. angel is showing you that it is time to stand up for yourself but not in a cruel way.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that you are being heartless or fanatical in some way. You have a desire to be malicious or condescending. You feel like you want to get even. Do not forget what goes around, comes around. This is not the time to prove you are right. Look at the dualistic beliefs that are inside you. Learn to come to a compromise between these sides. Battling yourself and others is not a good thing. Everyone feels right from their own perspective. Putting yourself and others down does not solve anything. With this card reversed, it would be wise to carefully think before you jump and react. If you do not you may feel worse and regret the choices you are now making. Take a moment and see if there is a way to be generous and giving in this situation. Sometimes to learn lessons, the cost is a part of our ego must die. Let go and let the lessons in.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Do I believe others are more worthy than I? Am I being passive-aggressive? Do I want someone else to hurt as much as I do in this moment? Do I feel victimized? Am I afraid to let go into an unknown? Do I feel it is okay for others to treat me like that?

YES-NO POSITION

No You are going to give too much of yourself away. Decisions here can create gossip and hearsay.

10 Ruin Sun/Moon - Gemini

ANGELS

Angel of Ruin

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sun (Planet of Light and Clarity) and Moon (Planet of Illusion and Deception) opposing Gemini (Sign of Duality). This pattern causes fragmentation of the mind to a dangerous level.

INTERPRETATION

You may feel as if you are going insane. Anger has accumulated to the point of becoming destructive. There is tremendous hurt inside that must be addressed. Your mind is potentially at the point of being completely out of touch with what is really happening. Stop and create a reality check. Ask others what they see from their perspective. The way through this card is to break out of the illusion by seeking higher knowledge and awareness. The answer is not in your mind. You are finally bringing the mind into balance with the soul. You are not just your mind. You are not just what you think. Do not let the mind run away from the truth. Allow the mind to bend instead of break.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, you are feeling fragmented from this reality. You cannot see a way out. You want out of this situation. There is a door that you cannot see at the moment because of the great fear you are experiencing. You may need to seek help from others to find the door. You feel as if there is a disaster happening to you at this time. Do not give up hope. When old doors close the universe always opens another pathway. Do not let the negative energy consume you. Your fears are trying to show you where you are in pain and where you need healing. First listen to yourself. Learn to love the parts inside that are in pain. Then the fears will lessen and you will have more energy to find the door. Remember, the mind is a servant of the soul, not the other way around. **Your essence is more than what you are experiencing at this time.** You can overcome this pain and you will be free and happy again. Pain is simply a door out of where we have been stuck.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Where am I out of touch with myself? How do I heal lost parts? How do I integrate aspects that feel scary to me? Where can I find someone to help me? How can I make my mind stop racing around? Am I looking for the answer I want rather than the reality of what is in this moment?

YES-NO POSITION

No To do this here can cause ruin and breakdown.



QUOTES

Insanity is doing the same thing in the same way and expecting a different outcome. **Chinese Proverb**

Insanity is often the logic of an accurate mind over tasked. **Oliver Wendell Holmes**

AFFIRMATION

I can heal the parts of me that are in pain and afraid.

The Disks

THE DISKS

Disks (or pentacles) are earth. Earth represents the material and physical realities as they relate to life. This is also the energy of the feminine principal as it relates to manifestation in the physical. In most cultures the earth has been the domain of the feminine archetype, Mother Earth.

Disks show the flow of the material, physical realm. Earth teaches practicality, responsibility, commitment, and the nature of manifestation. Disk cards show you how the external will mirror the internal. Disks contain information regarding health, body, nutrition, possessions, finances, poverty, and wealth. It is the belief that you will achieve what you are willing to work for. If you have never had to work towards a goal, you will not have much skill in the area of manifestation in the physical realm.

When Disks dominate in a reading, it indicates that something is manifesting and preparing to be born. It also indicates that thoughts and desires are taking form. Manifestation (Disks) without inspiration (Wands), or desire (Cups), or planning (Swords) is not often worth very much in the earth plane.

The Ace of Disks represents Spring. Think of it as if Disks are like the process of planting seeds in the springtime. Each small thing you do in the physical plane (seeds/Disks) will help you eventually have a crop to harvest later on in your life.

THE FLOW OF DISKS

- 1 Ace of Disks: On the material plane something is ready to be brought into existence.
- 2 **Change:** The process of change begins through balance between your masculine and feminine sides.
- 3 **Works:** You have laid the foundation stones for this new aspect in the material plane. The foundation is the critical element for things to manifest in the physical plane. There is work to be done.
- 4 **Power:** When you are on stable ground you naturally have power. The manifestation process is about learning how to focus your life-force energy into matter. Once you are able to do that, it is an acknowledgment of power.
- 5 **Worry:** Once you have power, there is always the fear and worry of losing power. Before you have power there really isn't anything to loose. Once power is established you know that others will try to take some of it for themselves.
- 6 **Success:** Remember, imitation is the greatest form of flattery. For others to want what you have is a show of the success you have achieved in the material plane.
- 7 **Failure:** In the process of success there must be ups and downs. Failures are a natural occurrence. How you handle them is another test of endurance in the physical plane.
- 8 **Prudence:** When things are not going the way you want you must learn the lessons of patience. Things always come to those who wait. To get out of failure you must chip away at the old physical structure in order to revamp it. That takes time and patience in the material world.
- 9 **Gain:** Your patience has finally paid off and there is now a natural coming and going with flow of money and material prosperity.
- 10 **Wealth:** Having patience, consistently saving money, and reinvesting the profits of your life put you into the position of being responsible. In this way you attain wealth for old age and long term success. Then the cycle of the material plane begins again.

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Ace of Disks

ANGELS

Angel of Materialism and Accumulation

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Earth

INTERPRETATION

This card represents the balance that happens when you are spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically in balance. Things finally are coming together because you have learned many different skills and are willing to use all of them. You want to be rich inside as well as outside. You seek absolute wholeness. You have become unified and willing to bring all of yourself into the physical plane in order to have a complete and genuine experience. This card is like having your cake and eating it too. This is not a bad thing. Ask what you need in order to feel secure in the physical plane. What are the steps that you can take now to begin to have that journey? You are on the journey of manifestation in

the material realm. It is important to take one step at a time and with endurance and stability you will succeed. The seeds are sprouting. It is time to begin.

QUOTES

Any so-called material thing that you want is merely a symbol: you want it not for itself, but because it will content your spirit for the moment. Mark Twain

Not what I have, but what I do is my kingdom. **Thomas Carlyle**

AFFIRMATION

It is okay to want to have my cake and eat it too.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, the Ace of Disks warns that you want more than is available. You are becoming selfish and self-obsessed. Do you want it all right now? You must learn how to balance the skills you have learned with honesty and integrity. You must learn to adapt to the changing environment. Be like a tree. Know how to grow slowly and deliberately. The rings of the tree tell its story. Some seasons were abundant with water and sun. Others were dry and parched. But the tree knows how to endure and grow no matter what. You must learn these same lessons. You must learn to take what you get and still create something with it. Reversed, you may not be getting what you want at this time but you are getting the necessary lessons so that you can grow strong and be successful later.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I being adaptable in the physical plane? How can I get all that I seek? Does my inward abundance match my outward request for success? Do I want to have my cake and eat it too? Is this a realistic goal?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe You want to have everything. If you do not sabotage yourself then you can get the outcome.

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2 CHANGE Jupiter - Capricorn

ANGELS

Angel of Change

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Jupiter (Planet of Expansion and Abundance) in balance with Capricorn (Sign of Challenges Overcome). When you are willing to meet each challenge and continue the expansion then change is a natural occurance.

INTERPRETATION

When challenges are met head on and you are willing to allow the expansion to flow, you get a natural growth. Things have the ability at this time to harmoniously change and transform. It is a good time to make a change. At this moment it will be easier than at any other time. Change is necessary for the development of all aspects of life in the physical plane. Nothing stays the same in nature. You are being asked

to let go and allow the natural flow to change the present circumstances for the better. You are like the snake eating its tail. You are at the beginning and at the end simultaneously. If you are the snake and at the place where you are holding your own tail, it is easy to let go and reconfigure reality into something new and fresh.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card lets you know that it's now or never. The door is closing and you must choose quickly or miss this opportunity. Other opportunities will come but you are in danger of missing this moment. Be willing to take that chance. Make a change! This card reversed, is advising you to let go of fear and allow the Angel of Change to make this an effortless shift. Resisting change will cause you to be torn away from the old reality in a much more painful way. You may be resisting because you are not willing to risk the safety you have created on this physical plane. Nothing lasts forever. Eventually you will have to let go and go with the flow of earth.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I willing to jump into the next phase? Do I trust the balance that I have created in my life to carry me to the next level? Do I want to stay where it is safe? How can my masculine and feminine sides be in agreement for this change? Do I believe that change will create abundance?

YES/NO POSITION

Maybe The decision could go either way.



QUOTES

By nature man hates change; seldom will he quit his old home till it has actually fallen around his ears. **Thomas Carlyle**

Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay. Simone De Beauvoir

AFFIRMATION

The only constant in the universe is change. I am balanced between my masculine and feminine sides. D i s k

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3 Works Mars - Capricorn

ANGELS

Angel of Work

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mars (Planet of War) in balance with Capricorn (Sign of Challenges Overcome). With the energy of Mars driving you forward, balanced with the willingness to overcome all obstacles (Capricorn), you are at a point of new development.

INTERPRETATION

You are making gradual and steady progress at this time. You are willing to do the work and you understand what is ahead of you. You are willing to put one hundred percent of your energy into something. This is a good thing. You have laid a solid foundation and now the rest of the work will follow with less effort. Remember, laying the foundation is always the hardest. Foundations are critical in being able to continue to build towards the future. But the red chariot wheels of progress are

moving you to a new level of manifestation in the physical plane. Your commitment has been recognized by the universe and you are willing to do whatever it takes to get it done.

QUOTES

Every man's work, whether it be literature, or music or pictures or architecture or anything else, is always a portrait of himself. Samuel Butler

> Every noble work is at first impossible. **Thomas Carlyle**

AFFIRMATION

I know if I try, I will find a way.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that there is a great deal of toil and effort still ahead. You might want to double check your plans. You may be allowing yourself or others to slack off. You may be loosing motivation. Find ways to re-energize everyone around you. You may need to do some constructive team building exercises to get fresh energy into the mix. You may need to take a small break to clear your head. Either way it is important to get moving again. Think creative-ly and be practical about your goals at this time. Things may move more slowly for a bit but do not allow yourself to stop. If you do that, your chariot may sink into the mud and then it will be harder to get it out later. See even small movement as progress and congratulate yourself and fellow workers on a job well done.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Have I thought ahead? Do I know what I am in for? Is the plan I have laid out realistic? Is this idea based on a strong foundation?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes But remember you are laying the foundation. This takes time.

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4 Power Sun - Capricorn

ANGELS

Angel of Power

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sun (Planet of Light and Clarity) in balance with Capricorn (Sign of Challenges Overcome). When Sun illuminates the challenges in life you have the ability to overcome them and become your own leader.

INTERPRETATION

You are learning to have power within yourself. When that happens, others see you as powerful as well. You are manifesting integrity and strength of character. These are valuable assets in life, essential to accomplish things in the physical plane. You must believe in yourself and your own power in order to move and motivate others. Once you know yourself, then others immediately have respect for you. Your protection is complete and it is difficult for others to take a pot shot at you when you are secure in your own reality. This card is a call to power and an opportunity to take charge and make a difference in the world.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that you may be a little full of yourself. You are in danger of letting your ego get out of control. You may be thinking that you know everything and that your way is the only way. Not so. To have power doesn't mean that you have the right to override other's boundaries or beliefs. Anyone can learn powerful skills. Not everyone can use them with integrity. Take a moment to look at where you are using your power to get what you want without considering other's needs or feelings. You may feel like you do not need to explain yourself. You are wrong. Sometimes when you can explain your reasoning to others they are less resistant and more understanding of the process. Look to where your actions are causing more harm than good.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I abusing power? Am I stuck in my own ego? Do I need to be right? Am I manifesting power with integrity? Do I really know myself? Am I refusing to explain myself to others?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe The balance of personal power is at stake here. You may not have all the answers lined up yet.



Power

Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength, mastering yourself is true power. Lao-Tzu

You possess a potent force that you either use, or misuse, hundreds of times every day. J. Martin Kohe

AFFIRMATION

External power comes from internal clarity.



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5 WORRY Mercury - Taurus

ANGELS

Angel of Worry

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mercury (Planet of Communication) opposing Taurus (Sign of Earth and Stability). This creates problematic communications with others.

INTERPRETATION

Either you or others around you are brooding and/or pessimistic at this time. You are allowing anxiety and fear to cause imbalance in your life. You must look honestly at your life. Wo rry never gets anyone anywhere. You must learn to deal with things as they arise. There is no sense in worrying about something that has not even happened. Your fears will have an effect on how much others want to deal with you. It is time to learn how to communicate what you want without throwing fear around. Fear creates a paralyzing effect on any changes that need to be happening. Remember worrying about things does not change the outcome. All you need to do is remain flexible and adaptable and

any new thing that happens in the physical plane will be dealt with at that time.

QUOTES

We often hear of people breaking down from overwork, but in nine out of ten they are really suffering from worry or anxiety. Sir John Lubbock

Rule #1: Don't sweat the small stuff. Rule #2: It's all small stuff. **Michael Mantell**

AFFIRMATION

I am learning to trust that everything will work out the way it needs to, in order for me to learn the lessons I wanted; and, then, for me to grow.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is letting you know that worrying to this degree is going to make you sick over time. You may need help in learning how to balance anxiety with action. You may need to learn de-stressing skills. Go for a run. Do something different. It will be better than letting stress eat away at you slowly. When you get the Worry card reversed, you realize that idealistic dreams have not come to pass and now you are in fear because the ground underneath you is not secure. Worrying doesn't change anything, taking action will. Now is not the time to freeze. Begin with small steps to get out of this hole. First, do whatever it takes to get you out of fear and worry. If you are stuck nothing is going to move anyway. Unstick yourself and other things will begin to change.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I feeling anxious? Do I worry all the time? Do I want to be this stressed? Do I think loving others means I must worry constantly?

YES-NO POSITION

No. Do not make decisions from fear.

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6 SUCCESS Moon - Taurus

ANGELS

Angel of Success

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Moon (Planet of Illusion and Deception) in balance with Taurus (Sign of Earth and Stability). When confusion is stabilized in life, then you have eventual success.

INTERPRETATION

This card is letting you know that you are being practical in the application of your dream. You are not in over your head. You see the problems before they arise and the solutions are easy to implement. Everything at this time is possible. You have the ability to feel your way through all the challenges being presented. You appear successful to others and you can assist others with the knowledge you have acquired. You have arrived at a balanced power place. You feel better than you have in a while. Congratulations on a job well done. This is your

moment to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labors. Take advantage of this moment for tomorrow is another day.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card tells you that you need to remember to not be stubborn in how you approach things at this time. You may be in an old belief system that your way is the right way. Step back and look from someone else's perspective. There may be a better way to go. Remember you want success, not just to be right. Open your mind to new ways of thinking. Success comes from your willingness to continue trying new things and adapt to changing circumstances and environments. Be careful to acknowledge all those along the way who have helped you achieve the success in your life. No one achieves success alone.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I creating the success that I want in my life? Am I willing to let the feelings of success in? How can I become more flexible, grounded and successful all at the same time? Am I really present and feeling this moment of success totally? Can I congratulate myself for a job well done? Have I thanked those who have helped me along my path to success?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes You will succeed. Go for it.



QUOTES

We must walk consciously only part way toward our goal, and then leap in the dark to our success. **Henry David Thoreau**

> There is always room at the top. **Daniel Webster**

AFFIRMATION

I am succeeding in everything I do. I am a success. Dí sk

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7 Failure Saturn - Taurus

ANGELS

Angel of Failure

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Saturn (Planet of Hardship and Struggle) opposing Taurus (Sign of Earth and Stability). If you allow the density of earth to overwhelm you then you will create failure or the fear of trying.

INTERPRETATION

If you try really hard you can make this experience a real struggle. You can restrict yourself right into an impossible corner. You are up against your fear of failing. Your experiences in this life may have made you believe that everything has to be difficult. What if that is not true? It is time to not let past hardships get in the way of a new easier life. When you change your attitude then the physical plane will change with you. You may have had someone promise you something and then not follow through. That doesn't mean that you cannot succeed. It is

QUOTES

There is something good in all seeming failures. You are not to see that now. Time will reveal it. Be patient. Sri Swami Sivananda

The great question is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with failure. Chinese Proverb

AFFIRMATION

I am giving up my addiction to struggle and failure. If others can succeed than so can I. time to take responsibility and be willing to do it yourself. **Failure is an essential ingredient to success later.** Be willing to allow failure to be a motivator to the next lessons needed to succeed. If you allow failure to fully come into your awareness, then you learn the lessons necessary to make changes.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that you are becoming blocked by unrealistic expectations. You think the odds are against you. You fear that you do not have the ability to cope with another failure. Remember, it often takes many tries to finally create success. Even the most successful people have experienced failure at some time in life. Failure doesn't mean that your dream is unattainable. It just means that it is going to take more effort on your part. The universe is fine-tuning your dream and trying to point you in the right direction. Listen closely and learn so the next steps will be easier.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I willing to face my fear of failure and keep trying? What small changes can I do to create more ease and flow? Where am I still struggling inside? Where am I sabotaging my successes? Who told me that I would always fail? How do I let go of their voice in my head?

YES-NO POSITION

No Fear of failure may sabotage you at this time..

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8 Prudence Sun - Virgo

ANGELS

Angel of Prudence

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Sun (Planet of Light and Clarity) in balance with Virgo (Sign of Perfection and Details). If you can see clearly what needs to be done and you take one step at a time, you learn the lessons of prudence.

INTERPRETATION

With this card you have the ability to allow everything to flow in its own time. You begin to understand there is a natural flow to all life and all things. Trees and flowers bloom when it is time. Fruits fall off trees in their own time. Sometimes it is obvious to go with the flow. This is that moment. Everything is fine so why rush? Take one day at a time and allow the rhythm of nature to guide your movements. Enjoy all the richness around you. Don't forget to smell the flowers of life along the way. This card is also an indication that the thing in question will move

either in the springtime or in the fall. You need to be patient and allow the timing of nature to answer the question. Everything in life has its rhythm and its own timing. Don't push. Allow the flow to guide your progress.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that you have become impatient about something. You are trying to push the river. This never works well. You will only succeed in exhausting yourself. Stop overdoing. You may be making some unwise choices because you are rushing and getting ahead of yourself. Take a moment to ground yourself. Do not force others to do things your way or with your timing. An angel is trying to tell you that now is not the time. Your ego is involved in being right. Take a moment to sit back and observe the process rather than force it. When you relax, often things will move faster because your energy and agenda is not getting in the way of the correct flow.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I rushing? Have I learned patience? Am I making prudent choices? Have I forgotten to enjoy the journey? Where does my desire to have everything now come from?

YES-NO POSITION

Maybe There is a lesson here but you need to be patient.

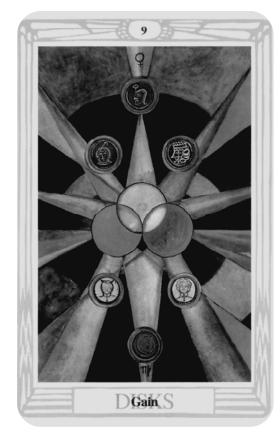


QUOTES

Prudence is the virtue by which we discern what is proper to do under various circumstances in time and place. John Milton

> Nothing can be done quickly and prudently at the same time. **Publilius Syrus**

AFFIRMATION Everything unfolds in its own time, even me. D i s k s



9 Gain Venus - Virgo

ANGELS

Angel of Gain

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Venus (Planet of Love) in balance with Virgo (Sign of Perfection and Details). When we learn to love the process of manifestation though our ability to deal with the details in life then we create positive gain in the physical.

INTERPRETATION

This results in a natural coming, going, and flowing of money. When you pay attention to what needs to be done in the physical plane, it is easier to flow and prepare for what lies ahead. In business, you may feel as if the extra money coming in is going back into expanding the business. This is good. You are being asked to invest in yourself. Give back to those who have helped you get to this point. Generosity is a positive trait to cultivate. Find ways for your creativity to be loving and sup-

QUOTES

The way to become rich is to put all your eggs in one basket and then watch that basket. Andrew Carnegie

Fortune truly helps those who are of good judgment. **Euripides**

AFFIRMATION

The more I give the more I receive from the universe. portive of others and the world. Something happening in your life is going to give you great assistance in the future. It may be in the form of a person or a situation. Either way it is a good sign of things to come. There are successful business transactions ahead that are profitable and good for everyone. This creates a win-win situation.

REVERSED MEANING

Reversed, this card is telling you that you are in danger of becoming contracted around money and miserly. Something may be happening that is making you feel unsafe financially. You may have to change the tactics you have been using to create financial success. Move the money to safer places. Have a garage sale. Clean out the closets and give things to homeless shelters, Salvation Army, or the Red Cross. When you feel contracted it is important to give in some small way. That is how to get unstuck. If you allow yourself to continue to contract down, the universal flow will dwindle to nothing. It is time to look clearly at the situation and make more appropriate choices. Something small may be draining the resources of your financial picture. Are you taking care of someone who needs to be on their own financial feet? Is someone taking money that you don't know about? Keep an eye on the employees. Someone could be nickel and diming you to death. It is the small things that break the back of businesses. Look to see where you are getting drained.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Can I pay all my bills at this time? How can I give back in some way? How can I not allow my fear to contract my feelings of financial stability? Do I have a financial cushion for safety?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes Things are flowing naturally.

10 WEALTH MERCURY - VIRGO

ANGELS

Angel of Wealth

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mercury (Planet of Communication) in balance with Virgo (Sign of Perfection and Details). When you can truly communicate all the understanding that you have over a subject others will follow and wealth is created.

INTERPRETATION

If you can clearly communicate what you want to accomplish and are able to finish all the details you will achieve some form of wealth; whether that wealth is on the physical/material level or internal/emotional level. When you can take responsibility for your reality and what you choose to create, you can then share that experience with others in whatever way you choose. This card lets you know that you are on the path to create old age security and financial stability. This is a card to tell you that money may be coming to you from an unexpected quad-

tell you that money may be coming to you from an unexpected quadrant, such as: inheritance, gambling, stock market, raises at work, or the lottery. It is important to remember to be wise with wealth when it comes in. Because all aspects are transitory. Remember, "Here today, gone tomorrow!" This card is an acknowledgement that you have accomplished what you set out to do and now the reward for that is coming. With money you need wisdom and responsibility. Stay awake and everything that you ask for can be yours.

REVERSED MEANING

This card is letting you know that there are still some obstacles ahead to attain the financial picture you are dreaming about. Be careful not to risk too much in unsound financial adventures. This card reversed, is a warning about certain financial choices you might be making. Check that you know what is going on. Be careful not to be greedy. You may think that you have a get rich plan. You would be wrong. If you pulled the Wealth card reversed, to find out about gambling or lottery prospects, the answer is that you would be wasting your money and are simply in an addictive pattern. It would be better to save your money.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Am I making safe choices with my money that will pay off in the long run? Do I have a retirement plan? Am I gambling away my money? Am I willing to pay attention to the details in order to build my financial security? What do I need to do to achieve the wealth in my life I seek?

YES-NO POSITION

Yes You will learn something that will be valuable later in life.



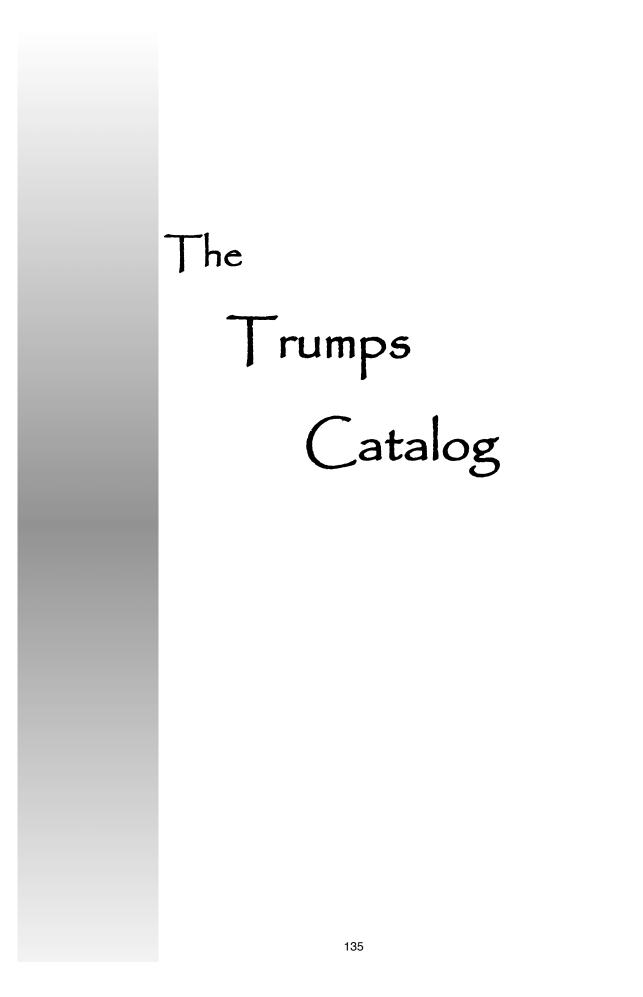
QUOTES

There is a gigantic difference between earning a great deal of money and being rich. Marlene Dietrich

If you see yourself as prosperous, you will be. If you see yourself as continually hard up, that is exactly what you will be. **Robert Collier**

AFFIRMATION

I am willing to look at my financial picture and make responsible choices that will give me financial security in old age.



THE FOOL

1 UMBILICAL CORD

The umbilical cord is silvery like the cords that energetically keep us connected to our astral body. This cord connects our soul to our body. The cord spirals outward showing that in the energy of the Fool, dreams begins to unravel the old mindset and the world begins to spin.

2 BUTTERFLY

The butterfly shows that there is transformation taking place at this time. This transformation is a type of spontaneous innocence.

3 ALLIGATOR-HARPACROTES

The alligator represents the protective Earth Mother energy. The innocence of the Fool creates a type of protection so one can try something new without getting hurt.

4 LION

The lion biting the leg of the Fool is the reminder that as one changes the old power structures in life, one will try to hold on to the cliffs of the old reality.

5 BIRD

The dove of peace flying out from the heart of the Fool represents the dream coming out of the Fool, pulling him off the cliff of his old reality.

6 COINS

Coins remind us that whenever we try something new, there is wealth and abundance that follows.

7 FRUIT

Fruit is a symbol of abundance and nurturing. It represents that we will emotionally flourish and grow when we choose new experiences.

8 FIRE

Fire represents the intuitive energy that sparks the change and allows us to believe that we can do it. Fire stimulates the impulsive energy that compels us into a new direction.

9 CRYSTAL

Crystal represents clarity indicating that when one is in the Fool position one is clear and focused. The Fool may be afraid but he is always clear where he is going, this causes him to be very present in that moment.

10 SUN

The symbol of the Sun is in the Fool's first Chakra indicating that there is abundant life-force coming from the primal aspect of the body.

11 TWO HORNS OF BACCHUS

The Fool has two horns that make him appear somewhat devilish. This shows that he is taking a risk and stepping out of the normal way of being. This gives him a somewhat "Pan" type of energy. Pan holds the energy of sexuality and playfulness.

THE MAGUS - Entrepreneur

1 THE ORNATE WINGS WITH A SNAKE ENTERTWINING THE STAFF

The wings above the Magus's head are the symbol for Horus, the son of Isis and Osiris. Horus is the symbol of resurrection and life after death. He shows power, determination and the ability to overcome tremendous obstacles. The snake shows that through movement and change the Magus creates healing of negativity and being stuck. His kundalini life-force is strong and he can overcome all problems with his intention and ideas.

2 CUP IN RAISED HAND

The cup appears full. The Magus wants the cups (emotions) to be full/filled. This shows emotional fulfillment by communicating new ideas.

3 MONKEY-HANUMAN

The monkey/ape in the left hand corner is active, forceful, dynamic, and moving. This shows his ability to think quickly and creatively. He is highly aware and changes with the slightest impulse.

4 WINGS ON HIS FEET

The wings on the Magus's feet indicate the Apollo/Mercury energy that he holds. He is the winged messenger of the Gods. He is quick, light, clear, and communicative. His wings are very energetic and show a great deal of movement and forward momentum.

5 DAGGER

The dagger shows the Magus's ability to cut through illusion with his mental clarity.

6 PAPYRUS-WAND-PEN-EGG WITH WINGS

The Magus appears to juggle the papyrus (words), wand (wisdom), the pen (will), and an egg with wings (eternal life). This shows his agility and mental awareness in handling many different and varied things.

7 FIRE

The fire looks contained. This indicates that somehow in business, if one can contain the ideas, then one can contain the fire, keep the fire burning, and ultimately have more power. This shows the desire for a more focused power. This fire is less out of control, less wild.

8 ARROW

The arrow shows that the Magus has ideas that will hit their mark and follow through to completion.

9 COIN

The coin on the left side is about money and how, if one learns how to communicate those ideas, one can generate money.

10 OUTWARD FILAMANTS OF THE MAGUS

The filamants that move outward from the Magus show that his knowledge and information are going out from all levels making a web. In business, there is the need to know how to communicate on many levels to be successful.

THE MAGUS-BEAR/DREAMER

1 STAR

The stars in the background indicate that we are entering into the realm of the non-conscious mind. The stars show that there is hope when we are willing to go inside and dream.

2 CUP IN RAISED HAND

The cup in the raised hand shows that it is in the darkness of the non-conscious that new ideas and creation begins. When we are willing to go within then we learn to fill our own inner cups and feel fulfilled.

3 FIRE

The fire shows that energy is still moving through our spirit. When we are willing to go inside we will find all the energy that we are looking for in order to accomplish the task. Even in darkness there is light and energy to illuminate the path.

4 LION'S HEAD ON SWORD

The lion's head on the sword of truth and clarity shows that when we are willing to go within and tell our self the truth about what we need and desire then we will find renewed strength and power. There is great power to be had in honesty and understanding of the self.

5 SCROLL

The scroll shows that the Magus is reconnecting to his own inner knowledge and is willing to keep his own counsel.

6 STAFF OF LIFE

The staff of life shows that the Magus is healing his body, mind, and spirit by his willingness to look inward for the answers rather than expect others to have all the answers for him.

7 FIGURE EIGHT AND EYES OF THE BEAR

The figure eight encasing the eyes of the bear show that the Magus is willing to slow down and look at his life with his inner eyes and with a different perspective. When that happens, he is opening to the limitless opportunities that life has to offer.

8 MULTIPLE ARMS

The multiple arms are a reminder that in learning to look within we must be willing to juggle many different aspects in life all at the same time. Sometimes when we think we need to go inward we believe that we need to go on a retreat and get away from the aspects of life that are not working for us. Yet in reality we must be able to grow inwardly and remain responsible outwardly at the same time. This requires an ability to handle many things all at once.

9 BEAR

The bear shows that we need to go into dreamtime and learn the patience and natural flow of the bear within us. The bear is a reminder that inner work goes at its own pace. You cannot rush inner growth. When you are still the truth reveals itself.

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10 SMALL WAND

The wand shows that power is attempting to find a new direction and purpose. The wand is small because at this time power expressing externally is less important than finding the power within

11 WRITING PEN WITH FISH

The writing pen with the fish shows that his will is attempting to find a flow that works for his mind and emotions.

12 WINGED EGG

The wings on the egg show that new life is possible when we are willing to lighten up and allow creation to assist us in our journey.

THE MAGUS - Trickster

1 FIRE

The fire represents the energy of spirit as it moves into consciousness igniting the mind and soul. Fire represents the energy needed to accomplish the task at hand. With the Magus, the fires burn brightly and are swirling in a grey mass of chaos. Fire is the power that tries to illuminate darkness and pierce through illusion.

2 SYMBOL OF HORUS AND SNAKES COMING OFF THE HEAD OF THE MAGUS

The symbol of Horus is the representative of the resurrection of life from death. He represents the All Seeing Eye. This type of person misses nothing and is aware of everything in the darkness surrounding him. The snakes coming off the head of the Magus indicate that there is danger with this game and at any moment one can be bitten or poisoned by the chaos and confusion. Snakes also represent healing and show that even though one may not get the outcome, one can still grow and learn from this experience.

3 BALL

The ball in this Magus shows that he wants everything his way. He wants to control everything in his surroundings.

4 GOLDEN GOD-KING MIDAS

This Magus is the Golden God or the King Midas Touch Wizard. He is after his own end. He wants to have things his way and he appears to be beautiful and magical. But underneath he is cunning and calculating. He has a way of manipulating the situation to his own end.

5 WAND-SCROLL-PEN-EGG

The small wand with this Magus represents wisdom. The scroll shows that there are clever words spoken by this Magus. The Pen represents that this Magus has great will and is used to wielding it. The Egg represents rebirth and new perspective.

6 MONKEY-HANUMAN

The Monkey/Ape Hanuman is showing that there is much activity and movement but he is tricky and deceptive of those around him. He shows that chaos is actually in control.

II THE PRIESTESS

1 ENERGY IS SWIRLING FROM HER ARMS OUTWARD

The energy swirling from her arms outward shows that she is magical and in touch with the other realms of intuition and magic. She wants to create dreams into realities.

2 HEADDRESS - SYMBOL OF ISIS

The headdress is a symbol of Isis, the goddess of Fertility and Abundance in Egyptian mythology. The headdress also shows the different phases of the moon; waxing, waning, and full. This shows that there is a cycle in all life and that change is always happening. This indicates that there will be times when there is great spiritual connection and other times when there is no connection.

3 HUNTRESS BOW

The huntress bow is the symbol for Artimus the Huntress Goddess from Roman times. She is strong in her beliefs and capable of taking care of herself and those who she is in charge of.

4 MUSICAL SISTRUM

The musical sistrum is a magical instrument that when it gets near someone it plays their song back to them. This is an instrument that reflects back to us our divine spiritual mission and god connection. It helps us regenerate our life force when we loose touch with spirit.

5 VEIL OF LIGHT

The veil of light keeps parts of the mystery a mystery. There are some things that are not supposed to be understood by mankind. There are connections that we sometimes feel but cannot see or explain.

6 FLOWERS

The flowers represent the joy of living life fully. When the Priestess is connected within each of us we are beautiful and expansive spiritually.

7 DIAMONDS

The diamonds represent her crystal clarity and her sureness of her information.

8 GRAPES AND PINEAPPLE

The grapes and pineapple represent abundance.

9 CAMEL

The camel represents the strength and stability of an animal that can go through a desert and not die of thirst. The Priestess is able to travel great distances and not loose faith.

10 THRONE

The throne shows her royal power and lineage. It is in the shape of a trapezoid which is stable in earthquakes. This shows that it takes a lot to topple her faith and spiritual strength.

III THE EMPRESS

1 MOONS

The waxing and waning moons show that this Empress is totally in the phase of the feminine cycles. She is birth and death together in the natural flow of life.

2 SPARROW AND THE DOVE

The Empress is turned away from the sparrow (symbol of Aphrodite) and is turned towards the dove (symbol of peace and unity). This shows that her focus is in keeping with the unity of the family. She is choosing to be less aware of her sensuality and passion at this time.

3 CASED IN SOFT BUBBLE

The Empress is encased in a soft bubble of light and love. Everyone who comes around her feels safe and protected. Her energy is soft and loving. She shows strength with compassion.

4 BELT OF THE ZODIAC

The belt of the Zodiac around the Empress's waist is an indication that she is connected to all the qualities of the astrological wheel. She is timeless and transformative in her understanding of nature and timing.

5 LOTUS SCEPTER

The lotus scepter shows her blooming fertility and her power in the world of creation of life.

6 PELICAN WITH HER YOUNG

The pelican with her young shows the devotion and unconditional love of a mother. The mythology of pelicans was that they were willing to feed their young on their own blood. In reality, they would place their beak close to their body to cough up fish parts from their stomach. This would stain their chests red from the blood of the fish. It made it look as if they were feeding their young their own blood. The pelican shows up teaching us boundless devotion and acceptance.

7 FLEUR DE LYS (LILY OR LOTUS)

The fleur de lys shows command of power and royal lineage.

8 SHIELD WITH EAGLES

The shield with the two-headed eagles is a magical symbol of transformation and death. The cycles of life are always interconnected and in understanding this natural truth we are protected and safe.

IV THE EMPEROR

1 GOLD CROWN

On his head, the Emperor wears a solid gold crown of authority and power. His head is turned in the opposite direction of the Empress showing that he is willing to face his more primal emotions and energies.

2 SCEPTER WITH RAM'S HEAD

In his hand is a symbol of masculine power, dominance, and assertion. His legs are in the position of a four. The number four is a symbol of earth energy, stability, and grounding.

3 TWO GOATS IN BACKGROUND

In the background are two goats symbolizing wildness, willingness to be alone, and courage. Rams and goats are the symbols of Aries the God of War and show his willingness to take charge and rule his domain.

4 LAMB, RED DOUBLE-HEADED EAGLE AND THE FLEUR DE LYS

The lamb is coming over from the Empress card and shows that the Emperor is taking charge and power to protect and defend the feminine. It is also is a hidden message about the Knights of Templar. The Red double headed Eagle is also coming from the Empress card showing that he will protect what she wants him to protect. The Red color is in reference to the alchemy of Sulphur and Gold (both masculine elements of power). This shows wealth and magic. The fleur de lys is also a reference to his royalty and lineage.

5 FLAG OF TERRITORIES (HELD BY LAMB)

The flag of territories held by the lamb shows that he will rule with gentleness. He will promote peacefulness and understanding. It is the message, "I will define my territories and you define yours. If you respect my boundaries I will respect yours and we can live in peace."

6 STARBURST

The starburst behind his head shows that he is rising to power and that the masculine element of the planet is supporting him. The starbursts on his elbows show that he knows his purpose and direction.

7 BALL IN EMPEROR'S HAND

The ball in the Emperor's hand represents that he has realized his power and control over his world and is willing to be responsible for his charges and promote peace and inner security.

8 BEES ON HIS COSTUME

The bees on his costume show his great ability to organize and keep control over his charges. He wants to rule with sweetness and skill rather than pain and suffering. He is capable of both.

V THE HIEROPHANT

1 POPE'S HEADDRESS

The Pope's headdress is a symbol of spiritual and religious authority.

2 SPOTLIGHT BEHIND HEAD WITH THE WHITE CLOVER

His head is illuminated by a spot of clarity. This shows that his mind is in a place of understanding and balance. The light looks like a white clover; which is lucky, and fortunate. This represents that we try to find hope in the darkness within ourselves through religion. On the outside of the Clover is a snake and a dove representing the two forms of love (sexual and spiritual). Religion has for centuries tried to turn the snake (sexuality) into the dove (spirituality). If one represses sexual energy with spiritual energy, there is distortion and chaos. Both of these aspects must be loved and accepted. The snake is nailed (like to a cross) to the halo of the Pope. This shows how religions attempted to crucify sexuality to control mankind.

3 SCEPTER WITH THREE OVERLAPPING CIRCLES The scepter with the three overlapping circles shows the trinity of Isis, Osiris, and Horus. This is also the Christian representation of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This scepter can be used as a weapon or as justification of authority and power. Religions have often used their positions of power to override others. This shows that all spiritual authorities are not always clear.

4 FOUR MASKS, CHERUBIM - MAN, EAGLE, LION, AND BULL The four masks represent the voices within us that have many different perspectives and positions about beliefs, morals, and religions. Religion attempts to create peace within the chaos of our innermost turmoil. It shows the ongoing conflicts that we have between our emotions (water/man), energy (fire/lion), body (earth/bull), and spirit (mind/eagle).

5 UPRIGHT POINTING PENTAGRAM WITH DANCING CHILD

The upright pentagram with a chid in the center shows that religions attempt to create open, innocent heart space within us. Religion is supposed to believe that, "The children shall lead." Religion is supposed to be teaching and nurturing children in the proper rules of the society so they can become useful supportive individuals within a society.

6 WOMAN INSIDE THE POPE WITH SWORD POINTING DOWN

The woman inside the Pope with the sword pointing down is the representative of Isis. However this female is now being suppressed by the authority of the social system. The moon she holds in her hand is waning. It shows itself as a small sliver and that means the feminine is not in full power at this time. She holds a sword pointing downward indicating that her power is limited to the manifestation of children and helping with the earth energy (home and family).

7 TWO ELEPHANTS AND THE BULL

The symbol of the bull represents Taurus the astrological sign for earth energy and stability. The two elephants are the Hindu symbol for the same thing. They also represent Ganaesh, the god of help from suffering and resurrection. This shows how religions have assisted in those suffering and dying. Belief in religion gives hope to the fearful.

8 FINGERS POINTING DOWN

The fingers that point downward show that the Pope is holding the symbol of the Devil in his hands.. It is the belief that religions protect initiates from knowing information before they are ready. He becomes the Devil's advocate. This shows that when religions are analyzed and intellectualized they become sterile and empty. Within all goodness is always hidden darkness.

VI THE LOVERS

1 MAN AND WOMAN IN UPPER CORNERS The man and the woman in the upper corners represent Adam and Eve the original lovers who created mankind. It is the pulse of the polarity and duality that creates life and love. They represent piousness, purity, strength, and physicality.

2 MAN AND WOMAN IN ROYAL ROBES WITH ERMINE MANTLES

The man and woman show themselves as opposites. The dark Moorish King promises to love and honor the white Queen. This shows the attraction of opposites in the magical world of seeking spiritual awareness through intimacy. This shows that there is a master plan at work in the domain of love and acceptance. It is through learning about the opposites that true balance is created. The ermine mantles show power and royalty. This shows that through love we are all rich and powerful.

3 LIGHT-SKINNED CHILD HOLDING CUP AND FLOWERS, DARK-SKINNED CHILD HOLDING SPEAR AND CLUB

This card is a constant show of duality and the twins. Here we have two children now in opposite positions of the adults. The light child is holding up flowers (innocent love and willingness to give) and the Holy Grail (devotion and magic) of its mother. The dark child is holding up the club (masculine power of procreative drive) of its father. These symbols are equal and again show balance of power.

4 CUPID/EROS SHOOTING HIS BOW

Cupid/Eros is shooting his bow to awaken the sexual physical drive to unify. This shows that the drive has overcome the fear of vulnerability that love brings. Cupid's arrow is sometimes mischievous as Cupid wants to make us fall in love with the shadow aspects we cannot see within.

5 MONK IN PURPLE ROBE - OUTSTRETCHED ARMS

The monk gives his blessing to the couple showing that there is a divine plan through the process of spiritual materialization and procreative drive to unify through opposition. He is almost hidden in the background showing that there is a mystery this couple must uncover as they learn to love. This shows that there is a spiritual sacred union when two people fall in love.

6 WHITE EAGLE

The white eagle is about clarity and overview. When we fall in love we learn about aspects within us that we cannot see. When we get to see these aspects from a different position, it gives more understanding and compassion.

7 LION WITH BAT WINGS

The red passionate lion has the wings of a bat. This shows the power love has over us. Love causes the actualization of rebirth through the death of our ego's and old perceptions. Passion causes us to face our deep neediness and that forces us to face our weaknesses within.

8 EGG WITH SNAKE WRAPPED AROUND IT

This is called the Orphic Egg which is the symbol of the dance of life and the balance between the coming together of male and female aspects. The snake is wrapped around it to remind us that it is through the passion and sensuality of life that we all come to exist here on this planet. The egg is the center of a winged orb and it represents clarity and knowledge that comes when we allow sexual energy to balance with new life.

VII THE CHARIOT

1 GOLD ARMOR

The gold armor shows the divine protection of the charioteer. He sits quietly in the chariot. He is in a Buddha-like position of peacefulness and balance. His face is covered because he is holding magic inside himself. Those who would look upon his face would die. He represents the spiritual seeker of the Holy Grail. In finding it he becomes something beyond the human experience of suffering. He becomes the model of the higher mind and consciousness.

2 BLUE-RED BOWL HELD BY CHARIOTEER

The red bowl is the Holy Grail. It shows that eternal power is within each of us when we are willing to find the harmony within our inner self. The Holy Grail is the quest for each of us to find our total self.

3 SPHINXES DRAWING CHARIOT

The animals that drive the chariot are mixtures of animals and people. These are types of sphinxes. Notice that there are light and dark sphinxes showing that to find the internal Holy Grail we must find balance between the light and shadow aspects within. Each sphinx represents the four elements, air, earth, fire, and water. The dark sphinxes are looking off the golden path of life into the mystery and the unknowable elements of consciousness. The light sphinxes are facing down the path of life willing to look everything directly in the eye. When the two aspects come together the hero's journey becomes resolved.

4 CRAB ON HEAD

The crab on the charioteer's head shows the sign of Cancer and is the astrological symbol of this card. Cancer is the sign of protection and family. Here the crab represents protectiveness. The only time crabs can mate is when they have shed their shells; so they will stay all together on top of each other to protect each other. It takes a week for their new shells to harden. So when crabs mate is when they are the most vulnerable. This is the paradox when you look at this card. There is a vulnerability because of the crab, but the man is shielded in armor. This represents how our commitments and promises protect our vulnerability and innocence.

5 CHARIOT-SWIRLING BACKGROUND

The chariot is not moving but appears to have movement happening from behind. Energy is moving the chariot rather than the chariot being pulled by the charioteer and the beasts of burden. This energy shows the need for freedom, goals, and the quest for inner and outer balance. The chariot is red showing passionate direction and life force.

6 GOLDEN ROAD

The golden road shows the path of life. The journey always appears golden and full of light.

7 CHI SYMBOL ON ARMOR

The chi symbol on the armor show that he is magically protected by his experiences and how he holds his energy. He does not allow the energy to disperse.

VIII ADJUSTMENT

1 SWORD WITH CRESCENT MOONS AND HER BARE FEET POINTING DOWNWARD

She holds a sword with crescent moons straight up and down with her thighs. She stands on the tips of her toes. This shows that she has a great sense of balance and moment by moment ability to make adjustments to keep truth on target. The crescent moons on her sword show that she is in touch with the waxing and waning of the lunar cycles of life and with her intuitive flow.

2 OSTRICH FEATHER CAPE

The ostrich feather cape indicates the Egyptian Goddess of Justice, Maat. Ostrich is a symbol of groundedness. Ostrich energy helps us take mental energy and ground it into something that is valuable in the physical plane.

3 SCALES

Scales show the balance that is being attained from internal truth and external circumstances. Sometimes what we believe to be true from our experience does not pan out in the external world's expression. It represents the beginning and the end of time. In life, time will eventually balance out all things. We may have to wait a bit but karma always comes back around to teach us. The symbols of Alpha (the first) and Omega (the last) are in the center of the scales creating balance. Each

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scale represents a witness or a perspective. In justice, there are always opposing sides that must be heard and then integrated into what is truth.

4 HEADDRESS OF ISIS

This crown is the crown of inner wisdom and shows that balance is coming from the internal perspective rather than external patterns. Justice is not a process of what is right and wrong but a tool of karma.

5 BUBBLES OF MAYA

Around this female are the bubbles of Maya. These are the symbols of light and dark that are constantly changing and requiring balance. In earth experiences we need to know both sides of our nature in order to achieve a higher understanding of our own inner truth. But we must remember that everything in Maya (earth) is an illusion. These perceptions are simply our views and perspectives at this time.

6 DIAMOND PATTERN

The diamond pattern that encases the Goddess, Maat, show that she works with clarity and attempts to make decisions after looking at all the facets in a problem.

7 HARLEQUIN OF THE COMMEDIA DE 'ARTE

The harlequin of the Commedia De'Arte shows that by allowing all the colors, patterns, wildness, and perspectives of life to exist, one eventually comes into balance with existence.

8 MASK

The Goddess, Maat, wears a mask showing that through the quest for truth she will be able to see through the masks of deception to find balance.

IX THE HERMIT

1 THE HERMIT

The Hermit in all traditions is a representative of a Merlin-type character. This represents the seeking of introspective aspects of the masculine archetype. He becomes a servant of the Priestess card, an initiate into the world of the mysterious feminine. What he seeks is within. By allowing the journey, he must be willing to go into the unknown and face his fears of his own negative emotions.

2 RED COAT

The red coat of the Hermit shows he is passionate about his inner journey and willing to stay present in the moment to discover who he really is.

3 THREE-HEADED 'HOUNDS OF HELL'

The three-headed dog is the guardian to the gates of Hell. These Hounds of Hell are attempting to snatch the light away and throw one into darkness.

4 SNAKE ENTWINING THE EGG

The egg represents the Universe and all its magic. The snake entwining the egg represent the sexual life-force energy that allows life to come into existence. This is

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the great Orphic egg and the snake Orphion. Sexuality (Orphion) is willing to protect and nurture the new life (Orphic egg) into existence. This is a challenge. How do you blend pure human sexuality with pure consciousness? In seeking out the truth inside us, we balance out the sexual energy and allow it to come into it's appropriate place.

5 DIAMOND-SHAPED LANTERN

The diamond-shaped lantern has eight sides illuminating the unknowable realms of mystery and magic. The eight sides show the connection between heaven and earth. By going within, we can connect to the divine aspects of heaven. In doing so we bring heaven to earth.

6 TRIANGULAR SHAPES OF LIGHT

The triangular shapes of light are the indication that there is much work and clarity being done on the emotional realm of consciousness.

7 SPERM

The sperm represents the creative force of life that seeks out the unknown in order to manifest and grow. It is the masculine driving element that seeks to know the unknowable. This shows the primal aspects of our deep subconscious that we don't completely understand but controls us from our secret depths. Sperm represents penetrating consciousness.

8 WHEAT IN BACKGROUND

The wheat in the background is a reminder that the journey inward is always worthwhile and generates abundance.

X FORTUNE

1 CHARIOT WHEEL

This chariot wheel looks like a roulette wheel showing that fortune is a gamble or risk. In life, everything is a circle. Beginnings and ends are linked. This is an astrological wheel as well as a gambling wheel. In dealing with the cycles of life one always has to encounter challenging aspects along the journey. Whenever you change positions you are potentially going to fall out of balance and into darkness. But once in the darkness a change can pull you into the light once again.

2 SPHINX

The sphinx represents the Pharaoh's noble rule and leadership. A sphinx has the strength of a lion and the wisdom of the Sun God. Whenever you begin change, you dream of a perfectly balanced outcome. The sphinx is holding the balances of the world together.

3 HERMANUBI THE APE

Hermanubi is the ape of shaping and initiating of new ideas. He is the Monkey Trickster. He represents the needs and desires that drive us to take chances and try new things. However sometimes we don't get what we really want when we start out on a journey. We need to remember that things can be unpredictable.

4 TYPHOON THE REPTILE MAN HOLDING

THE ANKH IN ONE HAND AND A HOOK IN THE OTHER

Typhoon is the crocodile of destruction and retrospective. He is warning that in change there is breakdown. He has a reptile's tail showing that breakdown often comes when sexual energy comes into play. Sexual energy is chaotic energy and disrupts in order to create new life. He shows the cycle of birth and decay. Destruction will take place eventually, when we are not aware of our greed and longing. In the seeking of fortune, there are hooks as well as positive spiritual lessons. When we allow our desires to override our consciousness then we throw unconscious hooks at others. Typhoon begins the movement with his willingness to choose to begin the breakdown.

5 LIGHTNING BOLTS

The lightening bolts show that things need to be done now. The energy is quickly changing and we need to move while there is an opportunity. It is also the warning that one needs to stay grounded as energy changes. Problems in life (lightening bolts) always bring forth renewed clarity and understanding.

6 MANDELA WITH STARBURST IN CENTER OF WHEEL

The mandela in the center of the wheel shows that change is a natural meditation. Movement outside can create stillness inside.

XI LUST

1 WOMAN RIDING A SEVEN-HEADED BEAST This woman appears to be drunk with the ecstasy of passion and lust. She is seen as the "Scarlet Woman." This is a woman whose passion and desire control her and all those around her. She shows rapture in the divine dance of passion and play. Her inner animalistic behavior is intoxicating and exudes from her in waves.

2 SEVEN-HEADED LION; AN ANGEL, A SAINT, A POET, A WARRIOR, A BACCHANTE, A SATYR, A LION SERPENT

The Scarlet Woman rides a seven-headed beast with which she controls and reins into her own passions. This animal is part man and part beast. She is handling the beasts while allowing them to have their passionate natures. She controls them by allowing them to flow. In this way she is in control. She understands that underneath even angels, saints, poets, or warriors is an animal that wants to be allowed to lust and experience sexual ecstacy. To her, everyone is wearing masks which can be destructive if they are not allowed to take them off every once in a while. The lion face shows the power of the animalistic energy when it moves. When this energy is untamed, it can be destructive and violent. When it is tamed, it is passionate and joyful.

3 BIG CAT'S HEAD ON END OF LION'S TAIL

The cat's head on the end of the lion's tail shows that she is totally surrendered to the passionate play of life and sex. She is the ultimate feminine energy that opens to the masculine and allows herself to be penetrated. She is able to take the destructive qualities of sex and evolve them into healing.

4 IMPREGNATED WOMB OR CUP WITH HORNS

The impregnated womb or cup indicates the female uterus that holds life and allows it to grow. It also represents the passionate desire of the feminine to bring life into being. She is able to create new life in her willingness to feel the surrender of death into the realm of the emotions.

5 STARBURST WITH SNAKE-LIKE FILAMENT Out of the cup one sees the masculine element showing up as snake-like filaments moving outward to seek new opportunities to destroy and therefore, recreate. The cycle of love, death, and rebirth continues.

6 FACES OF MARTYRS UNDER LION'S FEET The faces of the Martyrs under the lion and his bride's feet indicate that the knowledge of the saints has fallen asleep under the spell of the highly sensual/sexual female. It shows that all men are potential victims to her energy, even the saints. This shows that religions ultimately fail in their ability to control sexual passion and human desire. Life must continue, and so at times reason and logic go unconscious while the driving energy of passion takes over. Passion has ultimate power over mankind when it is unconscious and unaware.

XII THE HANGED MAN

1 LEGS IN POSITION OF UPSIDE DOWN FOUR The number four is always a position of earth and stability. However, with this card, the symbol is now upside down meaning that the stability has gone out the window. He appears stuck and caught by his beliefs and limited ideas. His unwillingness to move has placed him in a position of suffering. He is helpless and he knows it.

2 FOOT BOUND TO AN ANKH BY A SNAKE The Hanged Man's left foot is bound to the ankh indicating that his unconscious religious beiefs have trapped him. We become stuck by aspects inside that we do not understand or integrate. These ultimately sabotage us and we find ourselves in suffering. Through the process of pain we become aware of the creative aspects within if we are willing to accept that there is nothing that can be done in this moment. The snake of life is tying him to the ankh. While the snake of death (below his head) is forcing him to realize where he has lost touch with his own inner wisdom.

3 SUN AND BEAMS OF LIGHT BEHIND ANKH The sun and beams of light behind the ankh show that even the suffering of the Hanged Man is really a process of God's light and clarity. Suffering is not required in the process to become conscious. One suffers when refusing to awaken to other possibilities.

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The man's hair is cut off showing that his strength is gone and his old mindset no longer works. He has lost touch with what he perceived as divine. In doing that he has actually freed himself to a new and expanded outcome. He has lost his ego and he has become more child-like again. Vulnerability replaces security.

5 HANDS NAILED TO GREEN DISKS

The Hanged Man's hands and one foot are nailed to three green disks. Three is a sacred, divine number. This indicates that the spiritual side of mankind is being tortured by the earthly realm. The green disks show that he is healing through his realization that he is not in control of anything. To realize how little control one has is an opportunity to approach the present situation with awareness.

6 GRIDS AND BOXES

The grids and boxes show that all the beliefs, social obligations, shoulds, have-tos, morals, and responsibilities have not gotten him anywhere. He is being forced to let go of preconceived ideas and open to other possibilities.

XIII DEATH

1 ANGEL OF DEATH AS DANCING SKELETON

The Angel of Death is portrayed as a skeleton dancing on the dead energy being regenerated into the ground. To this Angel, the cycles of life and death are to be embraced as natural cycles. He frees the soul from the binds of physical existence and allows them to transcend beyond this realm into the divine. He is the guide into the domain of death.

2 SICKLE

He holds a sickle with which to free the threads of life from the soul. This allows the soul to release and the body to decompose into the soil and gives new life in the process of death.

3 WARRIOR'S HELMET - CROWN OF OSIRIS

The Angel of Death has a warrior's helmet with the symbols of the Egyptian God, Osiris. Osiris was dismembered by his brother and then resurrected by the Gods, Anubis and Isis, to a new life. In giving new life, the old one needs to be torn apart and allowed to die.

4 SNAKE'S TAIL ENCIRCLING FISH

The Snake's tail encircling the fish represents the middle world of life. It shows that the fish is willing to give life to others when it dies and the snake is willing to take life in order to exist. There is no judgment. It simply is the cycle of life. Fish and snakes are the symbols of the ancient Christians. Fish are a symbol of abundance. The snake is a symbol of temptation.

5 SCORPION

The Scorpion indicates the Angel of Death's connection to the underworld. Scorpions use dying things to give life to their young. Directly connected to the death process, it is as valuable and necessary to the renewal of life.

6 WHITE EAGLE WITH SPREAD WINGS

The white eagle with the spread wings shows the highest form of transformation through death energy. It represents the death of the ego and the mind's analysis from its limited perspective. Through death, we let go of preconceived ideas and allow dreams to come back into reality.

7 SPIRALING SPIRITS

The spiraling spirits of the dead are now free to move back into God and regenerate back into something divine.

8 DYING FLOWER

Dying flowers show the decomposition of matter back to soil and regenerative life.

XIV ART

1 TWO GENTLE FACES OF A BLACK WOMAN AND A WHITE MAN

The faces of the lovers card have changed into the reverse. The white woman is now black and the black man is now white. This creates an androgenous type of figure because the separateness of the Lovers card has finally merged into each other and they have integrated the shadow lessons of the other and are now more complete.

2 RAINBOW IMAGE WITH ALCHEMICAL INSCRIPTION

The rainbow over their heads is a sign of unification and the inscription: "Visita interiora Terrae Rectificando invenfies occultum." This means: "Visit the interior parts of the earth; by rectification you shall find the hidden stone." The sun is shining brightly behind the rainbow indicating that a new dawn has risen like a phoenix out of the ashes.

3 TWO SLIVERS OF THE MOON

The two slivers of the moon represent the waxing and waning cycles showing that balance is naturally restored by your willingness to be in the process of life.

4 RED EAGLE STANDING ON FIERY GROUND WITH A WHITE LION

The red eagle and the white lion symbolize again the reversal of the Lovers card. Now, each animal has increased size and have switched color showing the mergence of the opposite. This shows an alchemical belief that if you take sulphur (red) and merge it with mercury (white) you manifest gold. This indicates that through the unification of opposites, consciousness is able to manifest.

5 CUP LIGHTING THE TORCH

The cup (water) appears to be igniting the torch (fire). This shows that each has integrated the nature of the other. All aspects now the ability to change. Water (emotions) can now ignite Spirit (fire). Fire (spirit and intellect) can now flow like Water (emotions).

6 ENGRAVED CRUCIBLE WITH RAVEN

STANDING ON A SKULL

The engraved crucible with a raven standing on a skull shows that the mergence of life and death is still at work with the process of fusion between fire and water. The crucible indicates that through the heating up of the elements of life, distillation provides another higher aspect of the same substances.

7 SMALL INSECTS AND OTHER SYMBOLS ON DRESS

The bees and snakes symbolized on her dress show that there is unification between the lower aspects of life with the higher mind. Through merging (intimacy), abundance and expansion is achieved.

XV THE DEVIL

1 GOAT WITH CURVED HORNS AND SMILE ON HIS FACE

The goat with curves horns is the typical symbol of the Devil. However in the Aleister Crowley Tarot, he has a smile on his face indicating that to him the perception of sin is just division of beliefs and the need to be right. His face shows a slyness and an ability to find humor in the dance of the darker aspects of life. The Devil knows that eventually unification has to come back into awareness and division will be healed. The curved horns represent the chaotic, abandoning energy of nature and sexuality. The Devil card is the Egyptian symbol for the Goat God, Mendes, or the lustful Greek God, Pan. (What is interesting to note is that the symbol of the Devil only showed up in the Middle Ages because before that God was seen as revengeful and so God had the dark as well as light aspects. As mankind evolved he separated the shadow totally out of God and created the Devil in order to maintain the balance required in life. In the Middle Ages the only way out of temptation and evil was to have immaculate faith.)

2 THIRD EYE ON THE GOAT'S FOREHEAD

The third eye on the goat's forehead shows the eye of God always present and watching us as we grapple with the concept of separation (sin) and the perception of right and wrong.

3 BUNCH OF GRAPES ON GOAT'S HEAD WITH THE GARLAND LOTUS

The bunch of grapes on the goat's head shows that he is playful and joyous in the dance of duality. The garland lotus indicates that even though he appears dark, he is actually a tool of the light.

4 STAFF WITH WINGED ORB AND TWO SNAKES

The staff with the winged orb and two snakes shows that the healing power of the masculine is at work breaking through the belief of negativity in the realm of the unconscious. This shows that the masculine principle is anchoring into the earth for the feminine to rise later. The snakes represent the kundalini life-force energy inside mankind. 5 COB WEB DESIGN PATTERNED FROM THE MARKINGS ON THE PLANET MARS The cob webs show that sexual emotions and driving passions (Mars) make us look at our ideas of separation. This throws us in a state of confusion.

6 TREE OF LIFE OR THE MALE PENIS, PENE-TRATING THE RING OF SATURN

The Tree of Life appears as the trunk of the tree exploding up into the realm of spirit. It is through sexuality that we attempt to reach God. The tree trunk looks like a male penis that is erect and ready to create life. At the top, the penis appears to penetrate the feminine thus showing the course of passion and human sensuality. The top of the Tree of Life appears as the planet of Saturn to show that the idea of sexual mergence is challenging the ego mind.

7 BENEATH GOAT ARE TWO VOTARIES; ONE CONTAINING HUMAN FIGURES REJOICING, THE OTHER CONTAINING THREE HUMAN FIGURES AND ONE NON-HUMAN FIGURE INVOLVED IN A STRUGGLE

The image below the goat shows the division of cells in the procreative aspects of life. These two votaries also appear to be two testicles of a male reproductive system. One of the votaries is in internal struggle and the other is joyous. This is always the dance of life and sex. Aspects are happy and others are in conflict with our need for sex and passion.

XVI THE TOWER

1 EYE OF SHIVA

The mythology was that if the Eye of Shiva was ever opened it would destroy the world. This also correlates to the Eye of Horus (the hawk-headed god of Egyptian mythology). If consciousness is awakened from within, then the breakdown of the rigid ego mind is at hand.

2 SERPENT WITH HUMAN HEAD

The serpent shows that even in the destruction of the old there is a desire for new life and a choice to finally truly live. The snake shows the masculine belief, "I want to live."

3 FALLING TOWER ON FIRE

The falling tower on fire shows that beliefs of the past are now crumbling like a house of cards into the destructive reality of new ideas and interpretations. The old house seems to look like a prison with bars on the windows and doors. This shows us how our beliefs can become a prison that we create to have the illusion of safety when in actuality, it is a trap.

4 FIGURES FALLING MADE OF CARBON CRYSTALS

People are falling out of the house but they appear to be made of carbon crystals. This shows that through our rigidity of mind we have become hardened to the point that we are paralyzed by our thoughts and beliefs. This is how we distort the truth from our awareness.

5 MOUTH BREATHING FIRE

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The mouth breathing fire shows that now we desire to change everything in our reality. We destroy the old with the power of the underworld. We are no longer afraid of injury to ourselves, we want change and are willing to breakdown anything that stops us from achieving it. This shows the healing power of breakdown to breakthrough.

6 DOVE CARRYING OLIVE BRANCH

The dove of peace is carrying an olive branch to show that in the destruction of old beliefs and patterns the Goddess of Fertility and Peace, Isis, is heralding new life. This shows the feminine belief, "I am willing to die or surrender."

XVII THE STAR

1 SWIRLING STAR IN BACKGROUND

The star in the background shows the reflection of selfrenewal and the longing for the eternal. The star is the dance of the cosmic energies of life forever flowing and renewing.

2 BLUE WOMAN

The woman is shown in the color of lapis lazuli and pink light. She is the immortal Lady of the Stars. She is the creator of the Universe. She is the wish that becomes life. Her hair is her connection to the cosmos and dreamtime. She is entangled with her longings that are not manifested within the physical plane. She is the power of hope in all love relationships and the dream of the perfect mate. But the blue shows that she is only the reflection of the dream in a watery pool of life. She is not the reality of that love, but the consistent longing for the merging.

3 TWO CUPS POURING LIQUID VIOLET LIGHT

The two cups are placed at the north and south poles of the planet showing that it is through duality and opposition that hope and healing are born. Underneath her is another star forming out of the polarity of her liquid creation.

4 BUTTERFLIES, ROSES, AND CRYSTALS AT HER FEET

The butterflies, roses, and crystals at her feet show the rebirth of hope and vision through the desire to dream. Longing causes the dream to come into reality. Through love (roses) we are transformed (butterflies). Love (roses) allows for the magical creation of the unknown (crystals).

XVIII THE MOON

1 TWO ANUBIS GUARDING THE ENTRANCE TO UNDERWORLD-TWO DARK TOWERS

The two Anubis sentinels that guard the underworld are waiting to escort one through fears into the knowledge of truth. In doing that, each soul must pass through the constricting Dark Towers of polarity and fear. The symbol of Anubis is the Egyptian god who

gathered together all the parts of Osiris's body together so his wife, Isis, could bring life back to him. Anubis forces us to gather up our disgusting, negative aspects in order to find our self. If one is unwilling to go through the gauntlette of Anubis, he will pursue the souls of the dammed into Hell itself.

2 JACKALS AT THE FEET OF THE TWO ANUBIS The jackals at the feet of the two Anubis are the animals associated with this god. Jackals are there to tear apart the dead in order to allow them to be reborn into the world of the living.

3 VULVAE LIKE IMAGE BETWEEN THE TWO ANUBIS

The vulvae image between the two towers is reminiscent of the passage all of us must take during all processes of birth. Doorways to our innermost self are always like gateways into the unknown. The Moon card is ultimately a feminine card and shows that the greatest mystery is to understand one's self. We have to overcome the fear of our fear to be able to decifer the language of the mystery of birth and death.

4 KEYS IN THE HANDS OF THE ANUBIS

The keys in the hands of the Anubis show that when one is going into the underworld it is best to have a guide to assist in getting though certain passageways. To enter into certain areas of dreamtime, we needs keys to be able to pass. Those keys are usually emotional tests that allow us to go deeper into the self without becoming lost, crazy, or delusional.

5 SCARABEUS SAUCER HOLDING THE SUN

The scarabeus saucer indicates that new life is born out of our greatest challenging moments. The Scarab is the masculine power that is able to move into the feminine realm of magic to bring forth a new dawn. The scarab was an important Egyptian symbol because it appeared to greet the sun by rolling the dung of animals into a ball and then laying its eggs.

6 THREE OVERLAPPING RHYTHMIC WAVES-EEG

The three overlapping waves are an EEG. This shows the waves of REM dream sleep. It is from the dream that we are awakened to the possibilities within.

7 OVERLAPPING DAYLIGHT AND MOONLIGHT Moonlight is the symbol of the unconscious emotional depths of the underworld coming into alignment with the middle world symbolized by the scarab pushing the dawning sunlight into the awareness of the conscious realm. The sun is the symbol of rebirth and resurrection. This shows that we are between realms of consciousness, half awake and half asleep.

XIX THE SUN

1 ASTROLOGICAL WHEEL IN A RAINBOW BACKGROUND

The astrological Wheel of Life is an indication of how

the human ego works in the realm of mankind. In the dance of life, it is necessary for mankind to pass though all the lessons of the zodiac in order to create success and understand the self.

2 DANCING WINGED CHILDREN/ANGELS

The dancing winged children/angels represent the rebirth of innocence as the soul evolves. It is the reminder that you can dance in the light and still be part of the earth. The butterfly wings show the unlimited potential if one is willing to let go of old burdens. Transformation is then possible and can bring heaven to earth.

3 BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS SUN

The bright and glorious sun is a combination of two symbols. The masculine principle shows in the dominating energy and vitality of the sun. The masculine energy gives life to all it touches. The feminine principle shows itself in the symbol of the rose in the sun's center. The soft scent of a rose symbolizes love and giving. However, the rose is also a symbol that has been used by the Christians; the red color represents the blood of Christ (love) and the thorns represent the suffering of mankind and death. With this card, the symbols come together showing that unification has overcome fear. The inner duality has become one.

4 SUNFLOWER WITH BILLIONS OF SEEDS

The sun appears as a sunflower with billions of seeds pouring out as the symbols of the zodiac and humanity. It represents the duality that created humanity and the understanding and acceptance of the duality within us that leads us home.

5 GREEN MOUNTAIN HALOED BY FLOWER WREATH

The green rolling hilltop shows the ease and flow of a new reality. It has begun because of the accomplishment of the soul's evolution. The flower wreath appears as a wall around the top of the hill to show that in life there must be some sort of control even in freedom. Freedom is not without rules and conditions.

6 SMALL SHIELDS

The small shields at the feet of the angel/children show the combination of the cross and the rose. This represents that human suffering and love have been transformed back into the realm of heaven.

XX THE AEON

1 CHILD HORUS WITH RIGHT INDEX FINGER IN MOUTH

The child, Horus, appears to have the right index finger in his mouth. He is young and not yet ready to claim the power of rule. He holds the balance of his father's intellectual ideas and concepts and his mother's emotional potential. He is the bridge to the future world of balance.

2 SURROUNDED BY THE FIGURE OF NUIT,

THE STAR GODDESS

The star goddess, Nuit, shows the unlimited potential of humanity when it awakens and is willing to be responsible and discerning of the physical plane. She appears as the four blue arms enveloping the egg.

3 THE WINGED POINT HADIT (MATE OF NUIT) AS THE EGG

Hadit is the mate of Nuit and is the deity of eternal energy. He is protecting her and her child, Horus. Hadit appears as the large egg from which Horus emerges.

4 HORUS SEATED IN BACKGROUND ENCASED IN A BUBBLE

The seated Horus represents the older and more aware powerful Horus. Now, he has matured into the deity that he was meant to be.

5 HEARTBEAT SYMBOLS ON WRISTBANDS OF NUIT

On the wristbands of the Goddess Nuit, we see the symbols of a heartbeat and an EEG. This shows the balance between the mind (masculine) and the heart (feminine).

6 MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD STILL INCASED IN A WOMB

Under the wings are a man, woman, and child encased in the womb. This shows that there is still new life being created. Humanity is still growing and evolving. There are aspects that are not willing to be born yet. These represent the unconscious, conscious, and higher conscious aspects of man as we continue to grow and evolve.

XXI THE UNIVERSE

1 SPIRALING GALAXY

The spiraling galaxy shows that the universe is always creating and uncreating itself. It appears as the Milky Way rotating and evolving around itself.

2 DANCING FEMALE STANDING ON SER-PENT'S HEAD

This maiden is the symbol for the Goddess Eurynome. The Greeks believe that she danced with the snake Ophion, and created the world. Here she is dancing and telling us that the old world has found it's completion and now she begins again. This is the way of all things. We end one thing and begin a new cycle. The circle always continues. The snake is in the position of mating sea snakes. Showing that passion is the motivating force in the universe. This is the snake of life and sin. The maiden has resolved her fear of the snake and has united herself with the cosmic dance of life.

3 LION'S HEAD IN LOWER RIGHT CORNER

The lion's head in the lower right hand corner is the symbol of fire, one of the essential elements of life and one of the Cherubim (winds of heaven). This lion reminds us that to be complete beings we must under-

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stand our own fire (temper and destructive tendencies).

4 BELOW HER IS SULLIVAN'S MAP OF CHEMI-CAL ELEMENTS

Below the maiden is the symbol of Sullivan's map of chemical elements. It appears to look like a building or barn. This indicates that all ingredients are present in order to create life.

5 SUN MERGED WITH THE ALL-SEEING EYE

The masculine principal of the sun has become the allseeing eye of God energizing the mergence of the maiden and the serpent. This shows acceptance and understanding on the part of humanity to dance with the changes of life. This all-seeing eye represents the laws of God.

6 MOEBIUS GEOMETRICAL PATTERN SEEN IN BACKGROUND

The background of the circle is a geometrical pattern of a Moebious. This shows that there is a grid of energy that connects all things and all life together. We are inevitably linked to all things physical, energetic, and emotional.

7 EAGLE IN UPPER LEFT CORNER

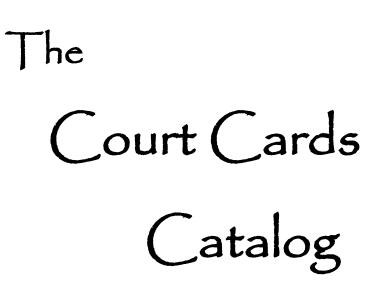
The eagle in the upper left corner is one of the Cherubim (winds of heaven). This reminds us to stay in touch with the element of air and our minds. To be whole we must be balanced within our mind and intellect.

8 MAN'S HEAD IN UPPER RIGHT CORNER

The man's head in the upper right corner is again one of the Cherubim (winds of heaven). This man's head reminds us to integrate emotions and feelings into our life to create wholeness. Without water (humanity) we are not in balance with life.

9 BULL'S HEAD IN LOWER LEFT CORNER

The bull's head in the lower left corner show a Chenbim (winds of heaven) trying to teach and remind us to stay grounded and responsible for our actions and how we choose to create on this planet.



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KNIGHT OF WANDS

1 KNIGHT IN FULL BLACK AND GOLD ARMOR ATOP A BLACK HORSE

The knight's armor is well-made and covers every inch of his body. He is protected and sealed within himself. This shows that he can defend himself with his creative instincts. The color of the armor is both dark and light, signifyng that he is aware and working with his conscious and non-conscious aspects.

2 BLACK HORSE IN A REARING AND FLYING POSITION - HIS TAIL IS ON FIRE

The black horse symbolizes the power this knight holds over his non-conscious aspects. The horse is rearing up ready to attack the next goal and move forward. Yet the knight seems completely comfortable astride the horse's movement. The hair on the horse's mane and tail are already in forward movement as they seem to be on fire. The horse has a single horn in the center of the forehead showing that the knight has honorable intentions and is pure of heart and spirit.

3 LONG RED-YELLOW CAPE

The red mantle of the knight flows all the way to the ground making his energy seem as strong as a mountain. Behind the mantle is the rising sun making the statement that this knight is willing to step up to all problems or situations that will arise in his life. He is willing to take on whatever he needs in order to succeed.

4 WINGED HELMET

The helmet of the knight is made out of a winged horse figure. This shows that his mind is strong and protects him on his journey.

5 A FIERY WAND IN HIS LEFT HAND

The knight holds a flaming torch that he has leveled out in front of himself to light the way and to protect himself from anyone who challenges his authority. The knight rides upon a red saddle indicating that he is in touch with his passion and driving nature. Yet, he uses that to direct and guide his non-conscious power (black horse).

6 SETTING SUN IN BACKGROUND

The setting sun in the background shows that this Knight is still full of energy at the end of the day. He is passionate and dynamic in his approach to life.

7 INTENSE YELLOW-RED FLAMES CIRCLING UP FROM BOTTOM OF CARD

The intense flames rising from the bottom of this card indicate that this Knight is always on the move.

QUEEN OF WANDS

1 QUEEN IS SEATED ON A FIERY THRONE

This queen sits atop a throne made out of flames showing her ability to handle hot situations with ease and grace. She is perfectly comfortable in the realm of passion and fire. This gives her the feeling that she is somewhat imposing and dominating. She is here to liberate and create victory for what she believes in.

2 HER BODY POSITION IS VOLCANO-SHAPED, HER HAIR RESEMBLES FLOWING LAVA

The queen's hair is flowing down her dress like red lava flowing down a volcano. This indicates that she is holding much hidden power and potential within her. It also shows that she can be temperamental and overflowing energetically at times.

3 HER CROWN IS A WINGED GLOBE AND SUN-BURST

The sunburst on the top of the queen's head indicates the regal stature and power with which she protects her environment. The winged symbol above her head shows her position of power and influence, her royal lineage, and that she is to be respected.

4 GOLDEN ARMOR CAPE AND BREAST SHIELD

The queen's mantle of armor is made out of a green metal showing that she is here to protect the hearts of everyone she touches.

5 A FIR CONE-TOPPED WAND IS HELD IN HER LEFT HAND

The wand this queen carries is topped with a fir cone which is a symbol of fertility and abundance. She helps to reseed energy into all aspects of life.

6 HER RIGHT HAND RESTS ON TOP OF A GOLDEN SPOTTED LEOPARD

The leopard at her side shows the wildness she holds and her ability to control it. Her look is calm and relaxed and she is at choice with her power. The hand that is gently touching the leopard shows that she rules with kindness and understanding. She has earned the respect and love of those around her.

7 BACKGROUND IS RED WITH INTENSE YELLOW-RED FLAMES AT THE QUEENS FEET The red color shows life-force and power. The orange color shows the passion and purpose of the queen. The yellow color is about emotional well-being and stability. The green color symbolizes healing.

PRINCE OF WANDS

1 NAKED PRINCE SEATED IN CHARIOT OF FIRE The prince is naked and vulnerable yet comfortable with his vulnerability. He has a somewhat androgynous appearance showing that he is comfortable with his masculine and feminine sides. The star in his heart symbolizes that he is willing to show his passion and feelings.

2 A STARBURST IS ON TOP OF HIS HELMET

The star above his head indicates that he has ignited an idea that is bursting forth into the world.

3 BIRD WITH CAT-LIKE FACE FLIES ABOVE HIS HEAD

The winged bird with the cat-like face above the prince's head indicates that this man has overview and sharp focus. He is connected to the higher realms through his passionate insight.

4 PHOENIX WAND OF POWER IN HIS RIGHT HAND

The phoenix staff is representing that through the death and rebirth cycle of the phoenix he has the power to command energy to rise from the ashes of the past.

- 5 CHARIOT IS DRAWN BY A RED-GOLD LION The lion represents a symbol of royalty and leadership. The prince is holding calmly to the reins of his lion chariot indicating that he is at peace with the power he is holding.
- 6 HIS MANTLE IS SHAPED LIKE A FEATHER CAPE

His mantle is like a cloak of feathers that appear to be firelike. This shows that he is ready to move at a moments notice and is willing to rise above past traumas.

7 **REINS ARE DRAPED OVER HIS LEFT WRIST** The reins of the chariot are draped over his wrist indicating that he is comfortable with movement and change. He is relaxed yet competent.

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PRINCESS OF WANDS

1 NAKED PRINCESS BEING CARRIED BY IN A GIANT YELLOW- GREEN FLAME

This princess appears as if she is dancing on a river of fire created for her own enjoyment and pleasure. She is nude to show that she is not ashamed and wants to be tantalizing and appear irresistible to anyone around her. She is insatiable and driven by child-like emotions in relationships. She is driven by her instinct and is aware of the deeper level of emotional commitment that sexuality can bring.

2 SHE DRAGS A RELAXED TIGER BY HIS TAIL

The princess appears to drag the tiger with her power. The cat is relaxed and flowing with the river of passion. This indicates that she is very cat-like and moves in a wild passionate way. She likes her ability to control the passion of others and wants to fulfill her needs without going deep emotionally. She is not looking forward but toward only what she wants. She literally has the tiger by the tail.

3 HER HEADDRESS IS SHAPED IN THE SYMBOL OF JUSTICE

Her headdress appears like giant feelers for sexual energy. The headdress shows that she believes in her own type of justice. That means anything she wants is true to her.

4 A SUNBURST-TOPPED WAND IS IN HER LEFT HAND

Her sun wand shows that she has great vitality, energy, boldness, and courage.

5 PILLAR IN LOWER LEFT HAS BURNING ROSES AND SYMBOLS OF RAMS ON ITS BASE The riller mith the neri's head shows that the menta to fer

The pillar with the ram's head shows that she wants to fan the flames of the masculine to satisfy her own wishes.

6 BACKGROUND IS RED

The red background represents the passion that the princess uses to control those around her. Her energy ignites the fire in others who desire her. As she moves she is her own river of energy. There are green flames within the river of fire. This shows that she is a temporary healing energy to those who come to her on a sexual level. But it is not permanent. Once she is satisfied she moves on to the next person.

CATALOG - COURT CARds

KNIGHT OF CUPS

1 KNIGHT IS A WARRIOR IN BLACK AND GREEN ARMOR

The knight is a warrior in movement. His black and green armor indicates that his is searching for what will heal him.

2 KNIGHT HAS GIANT BLUE WINGS

The Knight of Cups has giant blue wings because he is on a spiritual quest to find a lost aspect of himself. He is trying to find the answers to the great question inside himself. He searches for his angelic self and his true connection to the divine.

3 HIS HAIR IS GOLDEN

His hair is golden color showing his youthful exuberance and idealistic vision.

4 RIGHT HAND HOLDS A RED CUP WITH A CRAB EMERGING FROM IT

The right hand of this knight is holding a red cup with a crab emerging from it. This indicates that the spiritual journey is his passion. It is what drives him forward and what keeps him interested in life. The crab shows his protectiveness and vulnerability during this journey.

5 WHITE HORSE LOOKS BACKWARD

The white horse is his magical spiritual guide into the other realms of consciousness. The knight is always looking forward and ahead to the next challenge. The horse looks backwards to make sure that he is ready for the next jump. The horse is actually the guide, not the man. The horse knows the way if the knight will allow the horse to lead.

6 BEAUTIFUL BLUE PEACOCK WITH TAIL FEATHERS SPREAD

In the bottom corner is a beautiful blue peacock with the tail feathers in full spread showing that this type of man is very attractive to women because of his emotional sensitivity. But sometimes his spiritual journey takes precedence over relationships. This knight is beautiful, magnetic and sexually available.

7 LARGE FLOWER-LIKE PETALS BEHIND THE PEACOCK

The large petals behind the peacock show that he is growing and enfolding his potential.

8 DARK BLUE BACKGROUND WITH SUNBURST IN UPPER RIGHT CORNER

The background is a dark blue with a sunburst in the upper right corner showing that this knight is always going in the direction of the light, consciousness and inner clarity. He directly seeks knowledge and information to assist him along his journey.

QUEEN OF CUPS

1 QUEEN IS ENTHRONED ON LAKE OF STILL WATER

This queen is enthroned on a lake of still water showing that she is clearly connected to the psychic abilities and reflective potential of the water element. The water is clear, like a reflecting pool, where she sits quietly and reflectively.

2 HER FACE IS HIDDEN BEHIND A VEIL

Her face is hidden behind a veil so no one can see her expression. This is because she is reflective like mirror. If you are sad, you see a sad person. If you are joyous, this queen reflects that joy back. She feels everything that is around her; all the emotions of others, all the pain, and all the loss.

3 RIGHT HAND HOLDING THE LOTUS OF ISIS

The right hand of this queen holds the lotus of Isis showing her royal connection and direct spiritual lineage. The lotus is touching a water bird or crane showing that she is comfortable in the element of water. Emotions comfort and nurture her.

4 LEFT HAND HOLDING A SHELL-LIKE CUP WITH A CRAYFISH IN IT

The left hand of this queen holds a shell-like cup with a crayfish in it. This indicates that she is can hear everything in the realm of the emotions. She is very psychic and perceives that which is below the surface.

5 SHE APPEARS TO BE ENCASED IN A BUBBLE-LIKE SHIELD

The queen appears to be encased in a bubble-like shield to protect her from becoming overwhelmed. Yet, this bubble shields her from looking at her own emotions. It is easier for her to help others than it is to see and help herself. The swirls of energy around her constantly activate her third eye and allow her to see. She lives in a world that few understand. The dominant colors of this card are royal blue (regal status and truthful clear intentions), green (willingness to heal others), white (belief in God connection), and gold (angelic connection).

6 LILY PADS IN LAKE

The lily pads in the lake show that she is growing and attempting to reach out of her emotional realm to others.

7 CRANE WALKING BESIDE THE WATER

The crane walking beside her symbolizes her attempt to express her feminine energies. Cranes help us to recover lost emotional aspects within us. Cranes are the symbol of longevity and justice. This queen attempts to find the balance within herself and share that with others.

8 TWO LOTUSES FLOATING IN LAKE

The two lotuses floating in the lake show that this queen has a great deal of wisdom when she chooses to use it.

PRINCE OF CUPS

1 NAKED PRINCE SEATED IN CHARIOT

The naked prince is seated on a purple chariot. He is encased in a deep blue color like the cold ocean depths. This prince is emotionally complex and dark. He hides his emotions inward and can see only his own feelings. He is usually unaware of what others feel. The color of his skin is green indicating that he is jealous of everyone having more than himself.

2 PURPLE CHARIOT IS DRAWN BY A LARGE EAGLE

The animal that pulls his chariot is a large eagle indicating that he is not well-grounded in the physical world and is an idealistic emotional dreamer. His chariot looks like the face of some sea monster, showing that there is something from his unconscious depths that controls him.

3 HELMET WITH BIRD ON TOP

The helmet of this prince has a bird at the top meaning that he believes he has overview on himself and others, but that is not necessarily true.

4 LEFT HAND HOLDING A CUP WITH A SPIRAL SNAKE EMERGING FROM THE CENTER

The left hand of the prince is holding a chalice of a spiraling snake emerging from its center. He is looking at the snake indicating that he feels it is necessary to focus on himself rather than others. He doesn't see others outside himself, only the reflections of himself.

5 RIGHT HAND HOLDING A LOTUS

The right hand of the prince is holding a lotus showing that his choices suppress others' emotions.

6 CHARIOT IS SURROUNDED BY SWIRLING CLOUDS

The chariot is surrounded by chaotic swirls and large waves of water coming out from behind his chariot indicating that in his wake he leaves confusion and chaos.

7 BLUE WATER BELOW CHARIOT IS LIKE GLASS The deeper parts of the ocean are cold blue like this card. The water below him is glass-like showing him his reflection in everything. This prince is cold emotionally and usually unavailable to others.

PRINCESS OF CUPS

1 PRINCESS DANCING IN SWIRLING WAVES OF WATER

The princess is dancing languidly in a swirling wave of water. She is soft and sensual. The ground underneath her is constantly changing and flowing. This challenges her to find her own emotional stability.

2 LAVENDER GOWN

The gown she is wearing is lavender. It moves with the flows and tides of her life. The color shows that she is dreamy and very involved with her inner visions. The symbols on her gown show a desire for opulence and money. She is the type of woman who loves to be taken care of by a man.

3 HER SKIN IS GREEN

The skin of the princess is green indicating that she can become jealous and petty if pushed too far and not acknowledged.

4 HEADDRESS IS A SWAN

The headdress is in the shape of a swan. This indicates that she is willing to surrender to the present moment and can acknowledge her sensual beauty.

5 RIGHT HAND HOLDING CUP WITH TORTOISE IN IT

The right hand of the princess holds a cup with a tortoise in it. This tortoise shows her protective ability and her understanding that her home is always with her. She prefers to move slowly and gently like a tortoise.

6 LEFT HAND HOLDING A WHITE LOTUS

The left hand of the princess is holding a white lotus showing that she is connected to her gentle wisdom.

7 DOLPHIN SWIMMING BY HER SIDE

The dolphin swimming by her side is representing she is abundant, playful, intelligent, and intuitive.

8 BACKGROUND GRADUATES IN COLOR FROM BLUE TO LAVENDER TO WHITE

The background color is blue for truth, lavender for love and insight, and white for spiritual consciousness.

Catalog - Court Cards

KNIGHT OF SWORDS

1 KNIGHT IS RIDING A GOLDEN STEED

The horse is orange and yellow showing that this knight has passion and emotional well-being and wants to go for the higher goals and values.

2 GREEN ARMOR

This knight is covered in green and golden armor. This shows that he is healing and moving forward with the actions that are needed at this time. This knight is airborne and high flying. He is ready for anything.

3 GREEN HELMET WITH WINGS

On this knight's helmet are wings that look like helicopter wings showing that there is lightness and activity at this time.

4 CARRIES A SWORD IN ONE HAND AND A PONIARD IN THE OTHER

The knight is holding two swords one is longer and one is shorter. This shows that his mind can think in broad long far-sighted ways as well as short, quick, and to-the-point.

5 THREE BIRDS FLYING NEXT TO HIM

The three birds in the background are flying with the knight showing that the elements of air are supporting him and showing that he can be trusted and gentle.

6 BLUE AND WHITE BACKGROUND

The background is blue and white showing that he wants truth and justice for all. He challenges himself to helping others.

QUEEN OF SWORDS

1 QUEEN'S THRONE IS A WHITE BLUE CLOUD

The Queen of Swords is sitting upon a cumulus cloud as her throne. She has the ability to see everything from her vantage point. She sees from a place of power and clarity. She has integrated the masculine perspective of intellect and attempts to balance it with the feminine water element. Thus the cumulus cloud is her throne (the size and power of the large puffy clouds is masculine; the water element of the rain that these clouds produce is the feminine). But she appears more masculine than feminine. She appears as a confident ruler.

2 LONG GOLDEN HAIR

Her hair is golden, symbolizing her god connection and divine clarity. Her face is relaxed and calm.

3 CROWN WITH CHILD HEAD

On this queen's head is a crystal crown of clarity showing that she is capable of handling her position of power. A child's head is emerging from the crown showing that she is the protector of innocence and children. The child's face is almost cherub-like, angelic, and happy. The crystal is a greenish color showing that through truth she wants to create healing.

4 RIGHT HAND HOLDS A SWORD POINTING DOWNWARD

In her right hand she holds a sword pointing downward, indicating that she is in a non-defensive posture. She is simply showing her power, not her aggression at this moment.

5 BLUE SKIRT AND BARE CHEST

The blue dress of the queen is silky and flowing like rain. The top of her dress is transparent showing that she is willing to be vulnerable, open-hearted and nurturing and she doesn't consider that a weakness. The blue skirt shows that above everything, she honors truth and fairness.

6 BLUE SKY BACKGROUND

The blue background with the puffy clouds shows the lightness of this card and its clarity. The day appears to be beautiful and there is energy moving from each of the crystals this queen has above her head. These show up as dotted lines going out from the points indicating that she is looking out in all directions for what to choose. She has made her choices and will stick with them determinedly.

7 SHE HAS CUT OFF A MAN'S BEARDED HEAD

The Queen of Swords is holding a bearded man's head that she has recently cut off. This queen has the power and is willing to wield it. She is the Queen of Truth and she does not tolerate anything that is two-faced or anyone who is presenting the masks of ego or illusion. She will cut off the head of anyone if she finds they have lied or deceived.

PRINCE OF SWORDS

1 PRINCE SEATED IN CHARIOT DRAWN BY SMALL HUMAN-LIKE FIGURES

In front of the chariot are three human figures that are exhausted, struggling, and dying. These slaves attempt to move the chariot but it appears frozen in place. Each has two coins in front of him to motivate him to move. This prince thinks that if he throws enough coins in front of the slaves they will be enticed to move towards his goal or action. But this pursuit of money is an intellectual justification of poor values and distorted perspectives. This shows that this prince is ruthless and determined and incapable of compassion for himself or others.

2 HIS BODY HAS A FOREST GREEN AND BLACK STONE-LIKE APPEARANCE

This dark emerald green prince is muscle bound with a sword swung over his shoulder showing that he is prepared for all things that might come his way. His mind is sharp and critically aware of his circumstances. His face is somewhat lost in the darkness of the green color. This shows that the mind wants to choose healing but this is being blocked by the intellect's need to be right. He is battlehardened, ferocious, and intense.

3 ORANGE HELMET-BEHIND HIM ARE YELLOW BALLS WITH TRIANGLES IN THEM

Around his head are two balls of yellow energy with triangles in the center. This shows that his emotions rule and override his mind without him being aware. On top of his head is a helmet of orange indicating that his mind is being controlled by his intellectual passions. His heart is darkened by his own self-hatred.

4 SWORD SLUNG OVER HIS SHOULDERS PLUS A SICKLE

This prince has a strong straight sword which is his belief in his own ideas and abilities. Yet, he also carries a sickle. With the sickle he is ready to cut the slaves away from their financial security if they do not do his bidding.

5 BACKGROUND FILLED WITH WHITE & LIGHT YELLOW SHARP POINTS

On the outer edges of this prince are the colors of white and yellow. All the edges are sharp and crystalline. This shows that this prince is ruthless and unapproachable.

PRINCESS OF SWORDS

1 SHEER GREENISH DRESS

Her dress is transparent indicating that her fear is obvious to everyone but herself. The princess is in green, her dominant color, this shows envy and jealousy. She sits upon a dark cloud indicating that her intellect has elevated her to a place in her mind that is unstable and unclear. From this position, she believes that she can see the truth clearly, but she is caught in the mind's need to prove itself on the physical plane. Her desire to succeed manifests in overdoing and rushing. The healing that could take place is clouded by the mind's need to be right.

2 HELMET OF MEDUSA

On her head is a helmet made of snakes. This shows that her mind is full of different thoughts. Like a medusa's head when you cut one snake off another grows. Such is the mind in its ability to regenerate itself through thoughts and ideas. But when you pay too much attention to your mind and not enough to your physical world you can become paralyzed like stone, unable to manifest what your mind desires or creates.

3 SHOES WITH SMALL WINGS ON THEM

The shoes of the princess have small wings around them but those wings are not strong enough to carry her away from her self-created chaos.

4 SHE CREATES SWIRLS OF CLOUDS

This princess is creating swirls of chaos around her to avoid the true healing she needs. The motion of this card is downward. She uses the sword of truth to attack invisible foes allowing her to stay separate and above everyone else. Her heart and mind are encased in an intellectual game of cat and mouse symbolized by the four-pointed crystal that enshrouds her.

5 SEAT OF AUTHORITY

The princess sits atop a stone seat that is dark and heavy and has the symbols of many circles in a confused jumble around it. This princess allows the confusion of others and the chaos of work environments to stop her from being still and taking responsibility for the fact that she is creating the chaos.

CATALOG - COURT CARds

KNIGHT OF DISKS

1 KNIGHT GAZES INTO THE SUNSET

This knight gazes into the sunset showing that he has a clear vision of his direction and purpose. He is grounded as he evaluates future events and he is calm and well-prepared.

2 HE WEARS BLACK ARMOR AND A BROWN CAPE

This knight wears black armor and a brown cape. This shows his connection and protection from the feminine aspect in his life. He is aligned with a woman and her energy protects and serves him in subtle ways. The brown cape is his connection to the earth and makes him practical and stable in the steps he is undertaking at this time.

3 TOP OF HELMET HAS A BUCK HEAD AND ANTLERS

The top of his helmet has the symbol of a male deer with antlers showing his prowess and staying power. He personifies the strength and agility of a deer in his prime. The antlers show an earthly connection and his royal status.

4 HIS HORSE GRAZES

This knight's horse is standing still and grazing in the field. This shows that everything is calm and is an appropriate time to take a break while looking ahead and planning for the future. The horse shows that it trusts this man and it appears gentle and supportive. The wildness of this horse has been tamed by the spirit of the knight.

5 THEY ARE STANDING IN A FIELD OF GOLDEN WHEAT

The horse and knight are standing in a field of golden wheat indicating that this is a time of prosperity and abundance. There is enough for everyone to eat and calmness reigns. The wheat also indicates the God connection of this knight and shows the focus of family, society, and culture.

6 LEFT HAND IS CARRYING A SHIELD WITH THE CENTER IN THE SHAPE OF A STAR

The knight's left hand is carrying a shield at the center of which is a star. This shows the knight's divine right and connection to the universe. To others he appears as the ideal; powerful, strong, reliable, responsible, and protective.

7 THE RIGHT HAND IS HOLDING A POWERFUL, FLEXIBLE WEAPON

The right hand of the knight is holding a powerful yet flexible weapon. This shows his ability to rule with wisdom, flexibility and thoughtfulness.

8 BACKGROUND HAS ROLLING HILLS WITH CULTIVATED FARM FIELDS

The background has rolling hills with cultivated fields for farming. This indicates that he is willing to plant his own seeds and protect them while they grow.

QUEEN OF DISKS

1 QUEEN IS GAZES OUT OVER A LANDSCAPE WITH A RIVER RUNNING THROUGH IT

This queen is gazing in a relaxed fashion out on to a landscape where the desert and the river meet. This shows the symbols of fertility and abundance. The landscape is fruitful because of the water running though it, showing the natural flow of life. Through the process of barrenness and emptiness, the simple flow of water can regenerate life back into existence. She looks over the land she controls as her domain with power and grounded authority.

2 SHE WEARS A HEADDRESS WITH ANTELOPE HORNS

This queen is wearing a headdress of horns that have extended and appear as antelope horns. This shows her agility and her connection to the life-force of procreative instincts. Her wildness is intact within her. She is comfortable within her role of mother, lover, and protector. These horns show agility and swiftness as well as age, wisdom, and power.

3 HER GOLD DRESS IS HIGHLY DECORATIVE -UPPER PART RESEMBLING ARMOR

Her gold dress is opulent, elegant and shows her wealth and prosperity. The upper part of the armor shows her ability to aggressively protect the ones she loves. It looks like the armor is made out of gold coins indicating her protective instincts and personal prosperity.

4 SHE HOLDS IN HER LEFT ARM A GLOBE WITH INTERLOCKING CIRCLES

In her left arm the queen has a globe with interlocking circles. This shows that she is aligned with all the natural cycles of life and death. It appears as a world and she believes that she is part of a greater whole. She is comfortable with that role and remains relaxed.

4 IN HER RIGHT HAND IS A STAFF WITH A CRYSTAL AT ITS POINT

In her right hand the queen holds a staff of power. The crystal at the top shows her clarity and awareness in making decisions and ruling with truth.

5 GOLD COINS ARE AROUND HER WRIST

Around her wrist are bracelets of gold coins. This shows abundance.

6 SHE RESTS IN A CRADLE OF PALM LEAVES

The queen is resting in a cradle of palm leaves showing that she is protected and comfortable in the coolness of the healing green leaves.

7 WHITE GOAT STANDS ON GLOBE

The queen is sitting next to a goat which is the symbol of Capricorn. This goat is standing atop a globe with determined power, agility, and speed. This shows her ability to navigate difficult terrain with surefootedness. She can handle anything that comes her way because she is grounded, stable, and balanced.

PRINCE OF DISKS

1 NAKED PRINCE IS SEATED IN THE CHARIOT WEARING ONLY HIS HELMET

This prince is seated naked on his chariot wearing only his helmet. This shows a prince with his own ideas about how to run things and to do it his way. He feels secure in his abilities so he doesn't need armor.

2 A WINGED BULL'S HEAD IS ON TOP OF HIS HELMET

His ideas are something that he chooses to protect, indicated by the helmet with the bull on top. In his mind he can be stubborn and unmoving. Through his mind his ideas allow him to take flight and give him the drive to make things happen.

3 THE BLACK CHARIOT IS DRAWN BY AN IMPETUOUS BULL

This prince has a black chariot that is drawn by a bull. This shows that he likes to have the control and will use it to get what he wants.

4 BULL CONTROLLED BY REINS THROUGH HIS NOSE

The bull is being controlled by reins that run through his nose. This shows that the prince wants to control others and the wild aspects within them as well as himself. He believes that power should be controlled, not allowed to run amok.

5 LEFT HAND HOLDS A TRANSPARENT WORLD In his left hand he is holding down a transparent world. He wishes to subjugate everything to his will and his perspective.

6 RIGHT HAND HOLDS A BROWN STAFF WITH A BALL AND CROSS

In his right hand he is holding a staff with a ball and cross. This indicates that he wishes to hold a traditional religious perspective about life. He is traditional by nature. He uses the rules of religion to back up his decisions. He does not want to appear as someone going against the rules of society.

7 BACK REST OF CHARIOT IS FILLED WITH FLOATING BALLS RESEMBLING WORLDS

The backrest of the chariot is filled with floating balls that represent worlds. He wants to have all the ideas and thoughts for his own end. He is driving the chariot forward to make money. He wants to own all ideas and does not want to share them.

8 BACKGROUND IS A DETAILED TAPESTRY OR PATTERN OF LEAVES AND FLOWERS

The background is a detailed tapestry of leaves and flowers. This shows his desire for the finer things in life and his belief that money is the key to get those things. The base colors of this card are black and brown indicating his connection to the manifestation within the earth, as well as, that his deep subconscious is really making the decisions not necessarily his mind.

PRINCESS OF DISKS

1 PRINCESS IS PREGNANT READY TO GIVE BIRTH

The princess is pregnant and ready to give birth. She is a young woman, full of life and grounded in her new role as mother and creator. She sits on a chair that is solid and stable, but not overly ornate. This indicates that she is simple, direct, and straightforward.

2 SHE STARES DOWNWARD HER FACE BRIGHT

She is staring downward with her face bright in the setting light. This shows that she is at one with the natural flow of life and she holds within herself her own awareness and perspective. She knows what she needs to do and she is ready for it.

3 RAM'S HORNS ON HER HEADDRESS

The ram's horns on her headdress are indicating her strength and determination.

4 HAIR IS BRAIDED AND EXTENDING INTO THE EARTH

Her hair is braided and then reaches to the ground. This shows that she is connected to the earth. Her mental awareness is strong and practical. She is strongly connected to the roots of her family and their traditions.

5 LEFT HAND IS CARRYING A FLOWERED SHIELD WITH THE YIN AND YANG SYMBOL

Her left hand is carrying a flowered shield with the symbols of Yin and Yang. This shows that she is balanced between her masculine and feminine sides. She is showing the way of beauty and gentleness. She is the representative of soft feminine protection.

6 RIGHT HAND HOLDS A LONG STAFF WITH A CRYSTAL AT ITS TIP

Her right hand holds a long staff with a crystal at it's tip. She points this staff at the ground energizing the earth with her own life-force. She knows she is a part of the earth. Her energy and intention is to connect to the earth. She is the reminder that we all came from the earth and to the earth we will all return.

7 LONG FLOWING FUR CAPE

Her long flowing fur cape represents her softness and gentle feminine presence.

8 BACKGROUND IS FILLED WITH BARREN TREES

The background is filled with trees that have shed their leaves in the fall. This shows a time of harvest and completion of the cycle of life. This is a time when the fruits are harvested and stored for later use. It is time to reap what you have sown. The roots of the trees are shown to indicate that the energy of the trees has gone into the ground to regenerate and be brought forth again in the springtime.



ACE OF WANDS

1 YELLOW WAND IS THE TREE OF LIFE

The impulsive energy of the God of Fire forms a geyser creating a Tree of Life from primordial energy. This reflects the bridge between God and the inspiration of man. It is the creative spark that initiates all life. The power with this card is great so it must be directed or the energy can destroy what it is beginning.

2 LIGHT GREEN LIGHTNING BOLTS

Lightening bolts indicate that healing can happen quickly once you decide. The color green shows us that through movement we create healing. Change is always healing. Once we decide to change we get energy, passion, drive, and emotional enthusiasm to move forward. When we are willing to do something different, then the healing process begins.

3 DIAMOND AND TRIANGULAR SHAPE OF FIRE WAND POINTING DOWN

The diamond in the background of the fire club illustrates clarity and strength if you are willing to move. The triangle at the top is an indication that you must remember to stay grounded when energy decides to move quickly. The fire club indicates that at this time you are getting hit over the head with the energy of change. The fire club also looks like a phallic tombstone that marks the end of the old pattern. From there you must begin again.

4 BLOOD-RED BACKGROUND WITH YELLOW AND ORANGE

The red color reflects that in this moment there is passion, energy, vitality, and life-force. The color orange refers to sexual energy and creativity. The emotional body is reflected in the color yellow. It shows us that our emotions are inspiring us to make movement.

DOMINION - 2 of WANds

1 TWO RED WANDS - DORJES ARE CROSSED EQUALLY BALANCED

A Dorje is a Tibetan symbol of destruction. The red color symbolizes the power and control over life that is being exerted at this time.

2 RED FLAMES SHOOTING FROM BEHIND WANDS

The red flames shooting from behind the wands indicates that the present conflict is igniting other conflicts in the area. Anger is spreading.

3 TWO COILED SNAKES AT BOTTOM OF WANDS FACING EACH OTHER

The snakes at the bottom of the daggers show that power (the poison venom in a snake) can be used for healing or for killing. These snakes indicate that what you are facing is your own negativity by doing battle. Whatever you are struggling against is merely a reflection of your own destructive tendencies and conflicts. You have externalized an internal conflict.

4 TWO FACES OF DEMON JOKERS WITH HORSE HEADS ON TOPS OF WANDS

The tops of the wands show two demons heads that have a somewhat clownish look to them. This indicates that there is destructiveness where either good or evil is too polarized. When something is too good it becomes almost clownish and un-relatable to the real world. Too much laughter can become cruel. Just as too much animosity can become violent. If anything is too polarized then you can become controlled by the dark force of denial. When you do battle for no reason, you are doing something foolish. The horses' heads at the top of the hats of the demon/clowns show that when you do not think things through carefully and pick the battles that don't really have any meaning or reasoning, then you have no common sense or "horse sense".

5 BACKGROUND FILLED WITH RED EMBERS ON COOL PASTEL BACKGROUND

The red dots (ashes and embers) in the background show that arguments can flare up at any moment if you are unaware. This indicates that the situation is more volatile than you realize.

6 SYMBOL OF MARS AT TOP OF CARD

Mars is the planet of War and a masculine symbol. It shows aggression and driving ambition.

7 SYMBOL OF ARIES AT BOTTOM OF CARD

Aries is the God of War. He is also intense and after his own ambitions.

VIRTUE - 3 of Wands

1 THREE WANDS CROSSING EACH OTHER EQUALLY BALANCED WITH A YELLOW LOTUS ON TOP OF EACH WAND

The three lotuses show that life is blooming and blossoming in this springtime-like moment. Life is rebounding from the firestorm of the last card and now a fertilization of new life is beginning. There is a natural blending of the physical, emotional, and spiritual. Energy has found its new form and life is emerging from that choice. The lotuses are all healthy and balanced showing that there is no opposition only unification. The yellow color shows that there is a balanced emotional state. The combination indicates that a pure, spiritual, relaxing, focused, growing energy is in place at this time.

2 ORANGE FLAMES SHOOTING FROM BEHIND WANDS

The orange color shows that this time in your life is relaxing, soothing, and refreshing.

3 ONE WHITE STARBURST WITH YELLOW BEHIND THE WANDS

The starburst in the center indicates that from the center of honest strength comes honest balanced beauty. The white color shows pure conscious intent, spirituality, and awareness of the God connection.

4 BACKGROUND FILLED WITH RED ON COOL PASTEL BACKGROUND

The red color outlines the leaves of the lotuses signifying that life-force flows and refreshes new-found energy.

5 SYMBOL OF SUN AT TOP OF CARD

The sun brings light and power into the different areas of your life. Light and illumination are necessary for energy to move gently.

6 SYMBOL OF ARIES AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Aries, the God of War, brings energy and vitality into your life. The Sun in Aries brings light, energy, and awareness into the past conflict which creates honest strength.

COMPLETION - 4 of WANds

1 FOUR RED WANDS INTERSECT AND FORM THE SHAPE OF A WHEEL

The red wands are all in balance showing that there is a respect of power between the masculine and the feminine. The wands penetrate the earth which is in the center of the picture.

2 THE WANDS ARE HEADED BY FOUR DOVES AND FOUR RAM'S HEADS

The ram's head at the end of the red wands show the power of the masculine and its willingness to plow through all obstacles in order to complete the task at hand. The doves at the other end of the red wands shows the peaceful intent of the feminine to work with the masculine. The dove in the red wand flies towards the masculine, indicating that the feminine element is reaching out to the masculine and letting the masculine know what it needs in this context.

3 GOLD CIRCLE SERVES AS THE RIM OF THE WHEEL

The gold ring indicates that when the masculine and feminine energy become balanced within the earth we have golden ages (such as the Renaissance).

4 SUNBURST IN CENTER BEHIND WANDS

The sunburst in the center of the earth shows the fire inside the core of the earth indicating that even though things are peaceful on the surface, underneath there is still a lot of energy upon which to draw when needed. This energy enlivens and energizes the constant dance and pull of the masculine and feminine elements of living on earth. When this dance is allowed to happen, the outer edge of the earth becomes golden showing that wisdom is the natural result of the dance of polarity.

5 BACKGROUND GREEN EARTH

The green background shows that there is healing and transformation taking place at this time. There is a healing of heart energy. It shows that completion only comes from grounding and balancing the polarity within each of us. When you lie on soft green grass, the energy is restful and soothing.

6 SYMBOL OF VENUS AT TOP OF CARD

Venus is the God of Love and indicates a time of feminine essence asking for the balanced expression of power through solid systems and rules that protect and support family.

7 SYMBOL OF ARIES AT BOTTOM OF CARD

Aries, the God of War, is being asked to use its energy and drive to align the change into a form that serves the greater good. The masculine and feminine forces are aligned with each other and in agreement. The magnetic pull of the feminine is enticing the electric, driving force of the masculine to constructive action. Together they create an electromagnetic pull that creates completion of actions undertaken at this time.

STRIFE - 5 of Wands

1 ONE RED WAND WITH CADUCEUS HEAD, TWO SNAKES AND WINGED BASE

Wings on the center wand (the Caduceus), indicate that there is a force at this time trying to bring conflict into balance. When a dominating power struggles to control those who are toiling and laboring, conflict results. If you have a leader who is dominate but not respectful of the workers it creates strife. The purple wings of the caduceus indicate that the way out of the conflict is to remember the original dream or vision. It is time to reconnect everyone to the original creative intention. The two snakes at the top of this wand look away from each other symbolizing that each person believes that his way is the right way. The wings at the bottom of the main staff indicate that sometimes strife can become a poisoning quality. In the old days, staffs had a fork at the bottom in which to hold down the snake (or negative force), subdue it and then remove that energy from the space.

2 TWO BLUE WANDS WITH LOTUS HEADS

The two lotus wands of the Virtue card are being dominated over by the phoenix wand. This shows that virtue is not being respected. Authority is overriding the strengths of the people. The blue wands indicate that the only way through conflict and strife is to communicate and share ideas about how to solve problems. It is time to communicate your true intentions and speak from your center. If you are willing to do this then you free yourself and lighten the conflict.

3 TWO WANDS WITH SYMBOL OF THE PHOENIX HEAD

The phoenix wands appear almost vulture-like indicating that when there are challenges faced, those experiences tend to be more inflamed, intense, and dominating than the calmer aspects and opinions of unification and balance (the lotus wand).

4 WHITE FLAME IN CENTER BEHIND WANDS

The five double flames indicate that conflict is an active process that everyone needs to learn to work through. Strife is not bad, it is simply one of the ways to learn and grow. The white flames with red borders indicate that when we are holding too firmly to an ideal, without being flexible, we create strife.

5 BRIGHT YELLOW BACKGROUND

The dominate color yellow shows that there is a lot of emotional chaos in this space. This is an emotionally charged moment for you. Remember to walk carefully so that you are not inflaming a situation by not being willing to address your own emotional attachments.

6 SYMBOL OF SATURN AT TOP OF CARD Saturn the planet of hard work forces the excess of the last

card (Completion) to be re-evaluated.

7 SYMBOL OF LEO AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Leo is showing that a new leadership and dominance are trying to challenge the established authority that has become complacent and lethargic.

VICTORY - 6 of WANds

1 SIX RED WANDS OF EQUAL LENGTH The six red wands are equally balanced in length and power. This shows that stability has returned and harmony is in place.

2 SIX WANDS - TWO CADUCEUS HEADS, TWO PHOENIX HEADS, TWO LOTUS HEADS

The winged Caduceus wands fly in balance with the blue of truth, the red of life-force, the green of healing, and the gold of angelic connection. This brings balance and respected power to this time and choices. The phoenix wands are not looking downward on the virtue wands but looking to their own higher truth. The lotus wands from the Virtue card are now beacons of light and have blossomed into the next level of awareness.

3 SMALL YELLOW FLAMES APPEAR WHERE THE WANDS INTERSECT

The yellow flames inside the wands are burning equally bright indicating that there is no aggression for someone to be in the lime light. Everyone is feeling acknowledged and supported. Together there is a sense of prosperity and positive flow.

4 DIAMOND-SHAPED CENTER

The diamond-shaped center of this card shows clarity and strength with the new balance created energetically.

5 LAVENDER BACKGROUND

The lavender background indicates that when everyone works together the dream becomes softer and easier. When there is respect and honoring of each person's gifts and abilities then victory is assured.

6 SYMBOL OF JUPITER AT TOP OF CARD

Jupiter is the symbol of the Great Benefic. This shows that there is expansion, abundance and prosperity happening at this time.

7 SYMBOL OF LEO AT BOTTOM OF CARD

Leo is the astrological sign for authority, power and radiance. The combination of Jupiter and Leo indicates that a great sense of power and well-being is happening at this moment. Something you have done is creating a victory. You have overcome previous strife and now are reaping the rewards.

VALOUR - 7 of Wands

- 1 ONE RED CLUB-SHAPED WAND COVERS SIX RED-YELLOW WANDS OF EQUAL LENGTH The rough, cruder wand is now in the forefront dominating the previously balanced (Victory) wands. This wand shows that there is always more to learn and you must be prepared for everything.
- 2 SIX WANDS TWO CADUCEUS HEADS, TWO PHOENIX HEADS, TWO LOTUS HEADS The lotus wands attempt to remain truthful and god-connected. The phoenix wands attempt to stay practical and down to earth. The Caduceus wands are dominated by the crudeness of the center wand. This indicates that it is difficult to remain in balanced power in the face of dense, negative, oppositional energy. It is difficult to stay neutral when the challenger is angry and knotted up with passionate rage. You cannot push too hard against such an aspect or it blows up and becomes more violent. The wands attempt to remain stable in the face of crude, spiteful opposition.
- **3 SMALL RED-YELLOW BURSTS OF FLAMES SHOOT OUT WHERE THE WANDS INTERSECT** The fire in the center of the card is crackling, spitting, popping and bursting. When fires do this, it indicates that the fire is not dry, it is wet. Wet wood is an indication that there is emotion and life-force still moving in this situation. This makes the energy somewhat unpredictable and chaotic. To control this fire takes more energy than the previous card.

4 DIAMOND-SHAPED CENTER

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The diamond-shaped center shows that the previous card's clarity is now clouded and confused.

PURPLE SMOKEY-COLORED BACKGROUND Wet wood makes a smoky fire and that is indicated by the deep indigo color of the background. At this time the feeling is that your judgment has become clouded and unclear. Now is the time to go into the silence and stillness within. Do not let the external struggle stop you from internal reflection. The message of this card is when you take energy like Victory and add just one more element, it changes everything. Think of it like when you add a big piece of wood to an already burning fire, how the fire shrinks for a bit and struggles to maintain its previous strength.

- 6 SYMBOL OF MARS AT TOP OF CARD Mars is the symbol of the planet of war.
- 7 SYMBOL OF LEO AT BOTTOM OF CARD Leo is the sign of authority and power. Mars in Leo indicates that war-like energy attempts to override the previous victory. Authority is again being challenged.

SWIFTNESS - 8 of WANds

1 EIGHT RED LIGHTNING BOLT-SHAPED WANDS INTERSECTING AT THEIR BASES

When all the colors of the chakras are in alignment, there is natural movement and passionate change. Information comes out from the center of your awareness and moves into the external world where it is heard and accepted by others. The red lightening bolts are pure life-force moving out in all directions. When you are aligned with yourself, then you can create truth, love, healing, clarity, passion, and expansion through the dynamics of fire energy.

2 MULTI-COLORED SQUARE AND MULTI-COLORED DIAMOND

The old square structures of the foundational past are transforming out of the stuck patterns into the diamonds of clarity and consciousness. When you learn to become flexible in your communication, your heart naturally opens, which is reflected in the pink of one of the squares. The yellow and green in the square shows that emotions are healing. The red is in balance with its power. The yellow is at peace with its emotions. The orange is aligned with its creative energy. The green is open-hearted and in the process of creating healing. The blue is aligned with the core truth of this moment. The purple is aligned with its dreams and visions.

3 RAINBOW

The rainbow represents the restoration of the universal balance. There is a transformation when you communicate in a beautiful balanced way. Opportunities show up because you are aligned with your total self.

4 BACKGROUND IS PASTEL BLUE

The soft blue background shows the softer side of the energy of life. Life has taken a turn for the better.

5 SYMBOL OF MERCURY IN TOP LEFT CORNER OF CARD

Mercury is the astrological symbol of the communicator.

6 SYMBOL OF SAGITTARIUS IN TOP RIGHT COR-NER OF CARD

Sagittarius is the sign of mutable fire. When Mercury combines with Sagittarius, you get easy movement and swift change.

STRENGTH - 9 of Wands

1 EIGHT RED MOON-TIPPED WANDS

The tips of the red arrows are not pointed showing that in order to find direction (arrows) you must find strength through focusing on the unresolved emotions that you hold inside. The arrow shafts are red reminding you to be passionate about learning and exploring your inner self. The eight arrows are penetrating softly into the subconscious feminine aspect of life.

2 ONE LARGE RED WAND OVERLAYING SMALLER WANDS

The one large red wand is overlaying the smaller wands to give them strength and stability. The balance between the Sun and the Moon allows the strength of the wands to be seen.

3 WHITE AND RED FLAMES UNDER WANDS

The red and white fire at the center of the card is an indication of the balance of the polarities. Red is the color of the root chakra. White is the color the crown chakra. This brings together the opposite sides of physical awareness. Passion is balanced with consciousness that creates strength.

4 SMOKEY GRAY BACKGROUND

The dark smokey gray background fades from a dark blue/gray at the bottom to a lighter gray towards the top. This shows that when the truth is allowed to come into our consciousness, we learn to face aspects of our self that we do not always like. Through looking into the shadow, we gain strength from that willingness to understand our self.

5 SYMBOL OF THE SUN AT THE TOP OF CARD The symbol of the gold sun at the top of the card shows

that the strength and power of the sun is enlivening and brightening the space of consciousness at this time.

6 SYMBOL OF SAGITTARIUS INSIDE THE MOON AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of the moon at the bottom of the card indicates that emotional awareness is being penetrated by the light and clarity of the sun. The energy is coming out of the darkness into the light. The symbol of Sagittarius is held within the moon symbol indicating that there is mutable fire and movement within the emotional realm of consciousness. This creates strength and balance.

OPPRESSION - 10 of Wands

1 THE TWO LARGE GREEN DORJES WANDS OVERLAYING SMALLER WANDS

The two dark green wands have two dorjes at the top. The dorjes symbolize that there is a dark force of energy attempting to hold back the creative process of the fire. The dorjes have demon masks on them showing that through fear the mind is attempting to hold back the tide of renewed fire. This doesn't allow the fire to have the pure connection to spirit that it needs to be productive, so now everything becomes difficult and resistant. The noble aspects of the Strength card are now being neutralized by fear.

2 LARGER WANDS HAVE SHARP POINTS

The larger wands have sharp points indicating that there is conflict and more battles occurring.

3 SMALLER BLUE, WHITE AND RED WANDS HAVE TINY RED AND WHITE FLAMES ON THEM

The blue, white, and red wands attempt to push through the confining, stronger dark green wands unsuccessfully. This holds back the natural creative force of the fire.

4 WHITE AND RED FLAMES UNDER WANDS

The white, orange, and red fire in the center is much like a fire in a fireplace being held back and restricted by a grate. The full flame is not being allowed to move freely. This creates resentment and aggravation.

5 SMOKEY ORANGE BACKGROUND

The orange background shows that sexual energy is attempting to move through this space. Sexual energy is being blocked by fear and negativity of the mind. There is judgment of life-force as something needs to be controlled.

6 SYMBOL OF SATURN AT TOP OF CARD Saturn is the planet of hard work and struggle.

7 SYMBOL OF SAGITTARIUS AT BOTTOM OF CARD

At the bottom of the card is the symbol for Sagittarius the sign of mutable fire. This creates an environment that makes constructive movement impossible.

ACE OF CUPS

1 BLUE CUP - HOLY GRAIL

This blue cup is the representative of the Holy Grail according to Aleister Crowley. This card is about the magical element of the feminine principal at work in one's life. The Holy Grail was the vessel that held the blood of Christ at the Last Supper. It also held some of the blood from the spear wound in Christ's crucifixion. This cup represents the ultimate potential for mankind. It is the perfect state of grace we all wish to become associated with in some way.

2 CUP FILLED WITH LIQUID RAINBOW LIGHT

This chalice is holding liquid light being poured from the heavens into the cup. One can also see the energy flowing upwards into the lotus is also supporting the lotus that is holding the cup above the water. Out of the chalice is a sunrise reflecting like a rainbow as it moves outward. This indicates that there is a natural joy in simply feeling.

3 CUP SITTING A TOP A LIGHT YELLOW LOTUS FLOWER

The cup is sitting on top of a light yellow lotus. The lotus is open and full indicating that there is plenty of emotional energy for all. The light from the center of the card is radiating outward into the darkness and illuminating the world through emotions and feelings.

4 TOP HALF OF BACKGROUND RESEMBLES A SHIMMERING RAINBOW OF COBWEBS OR SCALLOP SHELL

The top half of the card looks like a spider web or the back side of a scallop shell. This shows the water element of a sea shell growing outward connecting this card to the divine feminine of the ocean. This indicates how our emotions connect us to everything. The lower part of the card looks like water rippling out and this indicates how our feelings connect us to being human and being part of the earth.

5 SYMBOL OF THREE INTERLOCKING CIRCLES ON CUP

The symbol on the chalice is of three interlocking circles indicating how our emotions are an essential part to our mental development, our spiritual development, and our physical well-being. Our emotions are the glue that hold everything all together.

LOVE - 2 of Cups

1 TWO GOLDEN CUPS OVERFLOWING INTO THE SEA

The two cups overflow showing that emotions are full and balanced.

2 LOTUS OVERFLOWING INTO CUPS

Water pours from one level to another showing that the spiritual union creates an emotional connection, which in turn creates a physical bonding.

3 CUPS AND LOTUS FLOATING ON THE GREEN YELLOW SEA

The cups and lotus are floating on the green/yellow sea indicating that there is healing of the emotional body through love and intimacy.

4 TWO DOLPHINS INTERTWINED AROUND STEM OF LOTUS

The two dolphins intertwine their tails showing a sexual connection and a mating process at work. These dolphins nurture the stem of the lotus in the center with their energy and love.

5 BLUE SKY BACKGROUND

This card has a blue sky in the background showing clear and open emotions. This card has pink showing the love and heart connection; an apricot/salmon color showing warm sensuality; and white to indicate its God connection.

6 SYMBOL OF CANCER AT TOP RIGHT OF CARD The symbol of Cancer is in the right top corner indicating home and family is important.

7 SYMBOL OF VENUS IN TOP LEFT OF CARD The symbol of Venus is in the top left hand corner of the card showing that this is a time of love.

ABUNDANCE - 3 of Cups

1 THREE CUPS ARE POMEGRANATES

Pomegranates are an aphrodisiac that offers love and abundance. Pomegranates have many red seeds on the inside and are a symbol of royalty, fertility, and wealth. The three cups are pomegranates that are completely full. They are sitting on another flower showing that emotional security creates financial abundance.

2 YELLOW FLOWERS FLOWING INTO CUPS Flowers filling goblets resembling Pomegranates. This shows a strong flow of emotions creating the feeling of abundance.

3 FLOWERS INTERCONNECTED BY GOLDEN STEMS

Flowers interconnected by golden stems show the abundance and god connection through the power of emotions flowing and opening. At the moment of our greatest abundance we have the opportunity to feel and connect to our highest being.

4 CUPS FLOWING INTO CALM BLUE SEA

Water pours into a calm blue sea. As the water pours into the sea it turns darker. This is a reminder that all abundance can turn into decay and breakdown, a warning that change is coming and it may not all be pleasant. Things will change from positive to negative eventually.

5 BLUE SKY BACKGROUND

This card has a blue sky background showing emotional clarity and happiness. This card has white which indicates spiritual consciousness is at work. Yellow indicates that there is emotional serenity. Red indicates that there is passion and life-force.

- 6 SYMBOL OF MERCURY AT TOP OF CARD Mercury is the communicator planet.
- 7 SYMBOL OF CANCER AT BOTTOM OF CARD At the bottom is the sign of Cancer indicating the elements of home and nurturing.

LUXURY - 4 of Cups

1 FOUR GOLDEN CUPS STAND UPON A CHOPPY SEA

Four golden chalices have points on the handles of the cups indicating that emotions are sharp, hurtful, and somewhat dangerous. The sea is choppy and stormy.

2 PINK LOTUS FLOWING MILKY WATER INTO CUPS

The pink flower at the top indicates that the flow is downward and begins to look like a demon's face giving water that is not fresh or clear. This shows that emotions have gone too far and are pulling on something energetically that we do not completely understand.

3 TOP CUPS FLOWING WATER INTO BOTTOM CUPS, BOTTOM CUPS NOT OVERFLOWING

Water flowing out of the top two chalices is less clear indicating that emotions are confused and clouded. The bottom chalices have no water flowing out of them indicating that emotions are not being fulfilled and there is not a complete emotional exchange happening. Someone is nurturing another but the second person is not reciprocating. This shows a one-way nurturing system which is not healthy. As the water flows out, the top chalices pour out little arrows raining down on the other chalices, indicating that there is an agenda or a manipulation of the other person. This indicates that a person is giving but not from an unconditional place.

4 LOTUS HAS COMPLICATED VINE STRUCTURE The lotus flower has a complicated vine structure that

seems to not be well-grounded into the earth but interlocking around itself. This indicates someone who is selfabsorbed and whose emotions are less stable and selfish.

5 GRAY CLOUDY SKY IN BACKGROUND

The gray sky in the background is beginning to turn dark showing that the water of the emotions is becoming milky and shallow.

6 SYMBOL OF MOON AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of the Moon is on the top of the card indicating that there are complex emotions ruling at this time. The feminine energy is beginning to turn to the darker side of reality.

7 SYMBOL OF CANCER AT BOTTOM OF CARD The symbol of Cancer is at the bottom of the card indicating attempts are being made to protect and to nurture.

DISAPPOINTMENT - 5 of Cups

1 FIVE EMPTY, BLUE CUPS ARRANGED IN AN INVERTED PENTAGON

The cups are empty and no water is flowing. The cups have a silvery blue color to them indicating that someone has told the truth but that truth has caused emotions to stop flowing. When this is the case, it isn't truth being spoken, it is hurt and the desire to push others away. The cups are attached by vines showing the shape of a pentagram on its head. This shows lack of stability and imbalance of the present moment.

- 2 CUPS ARE ATTACHED TO THE STALKS OF IVY The cups are attached to the stalks of ivy which grow upwards. Ivy grows on dead things indicating that emotions have died. The ivy is growing into the shape of a heart but the heart is not connected at the top indicating an emotional separation with spirit.
- **3 TWO WHITE LOTUS FLOWERS ARE WILTING AND DROPPING THEIR PETALS** The two white lotus flowers are wilting and dying. This indicates that the luster of the flowers is gone. The falling petals look like tears of sadness.
- **4 IVY LEAVES GROW IN AN UPWARD PATTERN** The ivy leaves are growing in an upward pattern indicating that sexual energy has pushed an emotional issue to the surface that is not being dealt with. The roots of the ivy look like a butterfly but the butterfly is flat and unmoving. This indicates that there has been a withdrawal of life force and transformation is not possible at this time.
- 5 BACKGROUND CONTAINS A DARK, MURKY SEA AND A RED-ORANGE SKY

The color of the background is orange indicating that sexual energy is stifled and stuck. The sea in the background is murky and dark indicating a lack of emotional flow with no regenerative aspects.

SYMBOL OF MARS AT TOP OF CARD The symbol of Mars at the top of the card indicates that the planet of war is actively in conflict with the emotional realm.

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7 SYMBOL OF SCORPIO AT BOTTOM OF CARD The symbol of Scorpio is at the bottom of the card indicating that a type of death process is at hand. This combination is not favorable to the well-being of the emotions.

PLEASURE - 6 of Cups

1 SIX CUPS HAVE GOLD RIMS AND ARE LANTERN-SHAPED

The cups have turned into lanterns showing that emotions are becoming filled with consciousness.

2 INVERTED LOTUS FLOWERS FILLING CUPS

The inverted lotus flowers are orange and yellow indicating that passion and emotional feelings have reconnected. These flowers are vibrant and alive with many petals and full of life-force. The roots go outward in many directions and there is a sense of grounding.

3 LOTUS STEMS ARE GOLD AND FREE-FLOWING The lotus stems are gold and free-flowing once again. They appear to form the shape of a heart at the top indicating a reunion of the emotional connection with the soul.

4 CUPS ARE FULL BUT NOT OVERFLOWING

The cups have filled with light but are not overflowing with water and emotions. This shows a better balance but one must be careful of illusion. This indicates that pleasure is about emotional balance, passion, and connectedness. The heart has come back together with the emotions. This creates a sense of pleasure and well-being but the water is still slightly murky and so there is always the potential for illusion.

- **5 FOUR SPHERES AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH CUP** The four spheres at the bottom of each cup indicate that the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual energies are in better balance.
- 6 WATER BELOW THE CUPS WHIPPED UP BY THE WIND AND SLIGHTLY MURKY The water at the bottom is now less murky and being whipped up by the wind indicating that there is a change in the atmosphere. This is an improvement even though the water is not completely clear.

7 TURQUOISE BACKGROUND

The background color is turquoise showing that communication is beginning to open up.

8 SYMBOL OF SUN AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of the Sun is at the top of the card indicating life has returned and is regenerating the emotional self.

9 SYMBOL OF SCORPIO AT BOTTOM OF CARD The Scorpio at the bottom of the card shows that there has been a death but that death is now moving into rebirth.

DEBAUCH - 7 of Cups

1 SEVEN BLUE CUPS ARRANGED IN TWO DESCENDING TRIANGLES

Seven blue cups are arranged in two descending triangles pulling the energy down. There is a little bit of truth with a lot of emotional stagnation.

2 INVERTED PINK LOTUSES FILLING CUPS Small inverted pink lotuses fill the cups showing that there is a little bit of positive pleasure happening. Unfortunately, the outcome of this behavior is negative and more toxic than before. The pink lotuses are trying to overcome great internal fear with a stolen positive moment. However, this moment will be short-lived.

3 LOTUSES AND CUPS HAVE GREEN SLIME POURING FROM THEM

The lotuses and cups have green slime pouring from them indicating that the emotions are sticky and uncomfortable. Emotions flowing at this time are not productive or supportive. They are fear-based, toxic, sickly, and unmoving. It feels as if nothing will get done. The emotions feel like daggers of negativity and fear.

4 WATER IS CONTAMINATED LIKE LIQUID POISON The water is contaminated like liquid poison and the emotions of one person infect others with negativity and dark

tions of one person infect others with negativity and dark energy. Emotional poisons are emptying out and contaminating any goodness with fear and debauchery.

5 VINES OF LOTUSES ARE SHAPED LIKE THE FEMININE WOMB

The emotions are under the illusion that they are growing and evolving like a child in the womb, so the vines are shaped like the uterus of a female. But this is untrue. The pleasures here are an escape from reality and actually get one more lost and stuck. The vines are vacant and empty. They attempt to grow in a swamp which makes growth difficult.

6 SYMBOL OF VENUS AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Venus is at the top of the card indicating that love is stuck and turns into attachment.

7 SYMBOL OF SCORPIO AT BOTTOM OF CARD The symbol of Scorpio at the bottom of the card shows that one is at the mercy of death, transformation, and karma.

INDOLENCE- 8 of Cups

1 EIGHT SHALLOW, GOLD CUPS ARRANGED IN THREE ROWS

Eight shallow, gold cups are arranged in three rows. The top row is barren and devoid of any emotional flow. The middle lotuses attempt to generate change but there is not enough to go around. So all the cups end up feeling as if they are lacking.

2 TWO INVERTED LOTUSES ATTEMPT TO FILL LOWER ROW OF CUPS

Two inverted lotuses unsuccessfully attempt to fill the lower row of cups. But there is not enough emotional energy or stability to go around.

3 ALL OF THE CUPS ARE BROKEN OR CHIPPED

The cups are red indicating that there is passion breaking down the emotional energy at this time. The cups are broken and chipped showing that the intensity of the emotions is causing destruction. These cups are unable to hold the energy needed to restore life to balance. Everything is leaking and energy is being drained out.

4 LOTUSES ARE DROOPING AND APPEAR UNHEALTHY

The lotuses are drooping and appear unhealthy though they attempt to still grow in this dark, stagnant environment. This is not a good sign for renewal or change.

5 STAGNANT WATER REFLECTS COLOR OF SKY Stagnant water reflects the dark color of the sky leaving the feeling of doom and gloom. There seems to be no hope

feeling of doom and gloom. There seems to be no hope with this card.

6 DARK & OMINOUS BACKGROUND

The background color of the card is dark, ominous and stormy. This shows that heavy emotions are in control of the situation and so nothing is improving for a moment.

7 SYMBOL OF SATURN AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Saturn at the top of this card indicates that there are struggles and obstacles ahead.

8 SYMBOL OF PISCES AT BOTTOM OF CARD The symbol of Pisces at the bottom of the card indicates that there is emotional depth and complex feelings that are stuck.

HAPPINESS - 9 of Cups

1 NINE PURPLE CUPS IN SHAPE OF A SQUARE The nine purple cups in the shape of a perfectly balanced square indicate that stability has returned to the emotional realm by reaching beyond the human emotional experience. Now the cups attempt to connect to the divine and spirit. It is ultimately more fulfilling and supportive of our emotional development when we step out of the conditional realm of love into the unconditional.

2 CUPS ARE FULL AND OVERFLOWING

The cups are full and overflowing showing that one believes there is enough for everyone. Sharing is easy and natural.

3 NINE YELLOW INVERTED LOTUSES FILLING CUPS

Nine yellow inverted lotuses are full of life and easily fill the cups indicating that we are drawing upon many aspects of our emotional self to balance and fulfill us. The yellow color illustrates emotional fulfillment has occurred. The purple cups indicates a reawakening of the spiritual dream by the positive flow of emotions in balance with the soul.

4 STEMS OF THE FLOWERS ARE RED

The stems of the flowers are red showing that passion and life-force have returned. Things feel more grounded and yet are flowing and balancing out. Energy is moving through the sexual chakra which is the orange flower, then through the emotional center, through the spiritual centers of the body, and into conscious awakened happiness.

5 WATER BELOW REFLECTS BRIGHT AND SHINING

The water below the cups reflects bright and shining showing that there is clarity and understanding happening within our emotional self.

6 THE BLUE BACKGROUND SKY

The background sky is blue and supports the development of the soul. The mind is not judging the emotions at this time.

7 SYMBOL OF JUPITER AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Jupiter is at the top of the card indicating that expansion and abundance is being supported by the masculine principle. The Great Benefic is showering light and awareness on everything.

8 SYMBOL OF PISCES AT BOTTOM OF CARD The symbol of Pisces at the bottom of the card shows that there is emotional depth and complexity.

SATIETY - 10 of Cups

1 TEN GOLDEN CUPS FORM A TREE OF LIFE

Ten golden cups form a Tree of Life and everything appears to be in balance. Life is about being able to constantly adjust to the new developments that are happening. Adaptability is the key. Flexibility is the reality of emotions. When you are actually filled to the brim you can give without the need of getting back energy from others.

2 CUPS ARE UNSTABLE AND SPILL WATER FROM THE LOTUS BEHIND THEM

The cups are being filled from behind by a giant red lotus. This is a reminder that with every moment we see as perfect, there is another moment coming that will disrupt the flow again reminding us that we can always learn more emotionally. Relish this moment for change is coming.

3 CUPS ARE CONNECTED BY RED STEMS THAT RESEMBLE A FACE

The cups are interconnected by red stems that form the Tree of Life. The Tree of Life appears to have a face that is smiling back at the seeker. As you give to others you are actually giving back to aspects within yourself that you cannot access easily.

4 CUPS HANDLES RESEMBLE RAM'S HEAD

The cups resemble a ram's head. This is to remind us that we need to be strong, forceful, and responded with authority.

5 CLEAR FLOWING WATER

The flowing water is clear and bright, a flowing light of consciousness. Emotions have been transcended into a higher awareness of consciousness.

6 ORANGE BACKGROUND

The orange background shows that sexual energy is allowed and accepted at this time. Joy has replaced all the chaotic confusion of the earlier cards and from the depths of our past despair, we can now rise to a higher plane of awareness.

7 SYMBOL OF MARS IN CUP AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Mars at the top of the card shows that the war of emotions has finally come to a place of balance. Mars is now energizing rather than combative. The emotions have run the full course and healed. There is extra energy with which to move and change. Now Mars is a powerful driving force of energy with which to work.

ACE OF SWORDS

1 BROAD DOUBLE-EDGED GREEN SWORD POINTING UPWARDS

The green sword represents healing of the mind through new ideas. This broad sword has two edges, the masculine and feminine. The masculine edge represents aggressiveness. The feminine represents the assertiveness of the mind. New ideas have to be balanced between the masculine aggressive tendencies and the feminine assertive energies in order to manifest. The masculine aggressively cuts away the illusion and the feminine assertively moves the old energy into the past. The sword points upwards indicating that the ideas are moving into a lighter air dynamic within the consciousness.

2 SWORD EMERGING FROM BLUE AND WHITE CLOUDS WITH SUNRISE IN BACKGROUND

The sword is coming out of the clouds with a sunrise in the background indicating that there is a dawning of new ideas and the storms of the past are clearing to allow a new perspective in the picture. This is a reminder that when you speak the truth, you will come out of the darkness into the light. There is a magical word engraved on the hilt of the sword that translates into the word, Thelema, which means will. This shows that the emotions of the feminine within us are what motivate the mind to find new answers and doorways into consciousness.

3 SNAKE SPIRALED AROUND THE SWORD'S HANDLE

The snake on the hilt of the sword spirals upwards indicating that the kundalini energy is moving up through the spine igniting new ideas into action. It also shows that new ideas are healing to the soul.

4 TWO MOONS AND THREE BALLS ON THE SWORD'S HANDLE

The three balls that are positioned on the hilt of the sword indicate that when the masculine and feminine principals are balanced within a person, it gives birth to new ideas and new forms. The feminine motivates the masculine to open.

5 CROWN - RAYS OF THE SUN CIRCLING UPPER PART OF THE SWORD

The gold crown positioned above the point of the sword shows the connection of all new ideas to the angelic realm and higher consciousness. On the crown are twenty-two rays of light, representing the highest number in the Cabalistic Tree of Life. When ideas are motivated by the emotional spring within us, great awareness can emerge.

6 BLUE AND WHITE COLOR

The dominant colors are blue and white with gold. This indicates that truth is being communicated with clarity. The card appears to shatter the darkness of the night and breaks the person into the daylight. It shatters the old paradigm in order to change the perspective of the person. It also shatters the crystallization of the old mental patterns freeing new viewpoints.

PEACE - 2 of Swords

1 TWO SWORDS ARE UNITING BLUE ROSE

The two swords unite the blue rose with five petals indicating that knowledge is attempting to penetrate the unknowable areas of magic and consciousness. At the moment, knowledge and awareness appear to be in agreement and have found a way to balance. Often we believe that if we have the ability to find and understand balanced knowledge then we should become enlightened in the arenas of magic and consciousness. This is not always the case. But in this moment it seems to be helping. The mind seeks to understand the secrets of the universe. It believes that integration is possible. The mind is in balance and at peace. The blue color of the rose indicates that knowledge and spirit are both seeking truth and are attempting to come together. The swords are blackish silver showing that the quest for knowledge is being driven by the feminine's deep subconscious energy.

2 SWORDS' HANDLES HAVE ANGELS PRAYING ON THEM

On the intricate hilt of the swords are two small angels kneeling with their hands in prayer. This indicates that it is the prayer of all conscious beings to come into a place of balance and peace within the complex patterns of earth. Peace is something that must be cultivated at times of crisis. The hilt looks like people trying to signal whether to go forward or to go back. This indicates that sometimes in peace it is difficult to know when to move forward or back.

3 TOP DAGGER WITH A CUP-SHAPED SILVER MOON ON THE BLADE'S POINT

At the top of the peace card is the moon which is the symbol of the feminine unconsciousness. It is a sliver of a moon representing the new moon and a time of beginnings. This moon is being balanced by a sword showing that there is balance between masculine and feminine principals. The sword's knowledge is piercing the unconsciousness of the soul.

4 BOTTOM DAGGER WITH THE SYMBOL OF LIBRA ON THE BLADE'S POINT

At the bottom of the card is the symbol of Libra that is also balanced on a sword. Libra is the astrological symbol for balance. Everything in this card is showing balance in its many forms. Often in the duality dance of the two's the energy of change is challenged by polarity to create a form of stability. Two's usually show an idealistic version of the pattern emerging. When new energy emerges at the beginning there is the need to become aware of opposites in order to continue. Such is the case with these two. Both sets of symbols are balanced on the fulcrum of the swords. This indicates that knowledge is a key piece to finding balance within the spiritual realm while being on the physical plane.

5 GRADUATED LIGHT GREEN TO LIGHT YELLOW BACKGROUND

The graduated light green to light yellow background illustrates emotional healing and transformation through the understanding and balancing of opposites. Peace is a connection between the emotional center and the heart. The white in the card looks like a series of mirrors. This represents how the facets of our minds have many different and varying perspectives in the search for peace and understanding of others.

SORROW - 3 of Swords

1 THREE GREEN SWORDS PIERCE THE CENTER OF THE YELLOW ROSE AND ITS PETALS ARE FALLING OFF

The two upper green swords attempt to destroy the gold rose with force. This causes the petals to fall off like tears of sadness. The mind's desire for knowledge is now killing off the intuitive feminine (gold rose). The gold of the rose is now fading into the color yellow indicating that the divine connection is being lost in the denser arena of the emotions at this time. Knowledge from the mind is not supposed to destroy the feminine emotional balance. This causes the balance to be broken and now the energy is darkening. Two of the upper hilts of the swords are curved. This indicates that if you had your hand in the center of this sword it would be difficult to get your hand out. This shows that it is difficult to let go of the mind when it decides to dominate.

3 SWORDS HAVE COILED SNAKE HANDLES, THE LARGER SWORD HAS TWO CRESCENT MOONS AND TWO BALLS ON ITS HANDLE

The center sword with the two crescent moons, the three balls, and the snake intertwining the hilt is the same sword from the Ace of Swords. This sword of healing and truth is abusing the feminine and the effect is disastrous. The sight becomes cloudy and the loss is felt with a great sense of despair. The feminine now forces the masculine to go through the emotions it has been unwilling to go through in order to find balance once again. The feminine is pointing out to the masculine that knowledge is not everything and that knowledge is not to be used as a way to avoid emotions. If you cannot let go of the fear of your idea dying, you create sorrow because then the pattern is to avoid trying in the first place. Depression is an illness of the mind not of the heart. Most people see sorrow as an emotion but in this deck sorrow/sadness is an illness of the mind.

4 BLACK & GREEN BACKGROUND RESEMBLES FUNGUS OR MOLD, ALSO RESEMBLES A STORM

The dark green waves of energy in the background look like a combination of a storm brewing and a fungus that is growing on top of a thing that is dying. This shows that when you abuse the power of the mind to override the emotional realm of consciousness, there are repercussions from the natural environment. When someone has the desire for excessive knowledge, the mind can fall into the realm of illusion and this causes a disastrous effect in the search for consciousness. When the masculine mind/knowledge overrides the feminine intuitive mind and tries to forcefully take the treasures of the magical arena of the feminine, then the intuitive shuts down. This causes great grief and sadness.

5 SYMBOL OF SATURN AT TOP OF CARD The symbol of Saturn at the top of the card shows that there is hard work and struggle happening at this time.

6 SYMBOL OF LIBRA AT BOTTOM OF CARD The symbol of Libra at the bottom of the card is showing that balance is being destroyed at a time of great struggle.

TRUCE -4 of Swords

1 FOUR PURPLE SWORDS INSIDE A GREEN ST. ANDREWS CROSS

At the center of the St. Andrews Cross is a flower with forty- nine petals opening equally in all directions. The flower is in four layers. This shows that there are four levels that one must open within one's self to open to truce. This indicates that there has to be balance between the physical, emotional, spiritual, and the intellectual. The green cross assists in the grounding of the mind.

2 SWORDS ARE MEET AT THE CENTER OF WHITE ROSE WITH FORTY-NINE PETALS

The swords inside the St. Andrews Cross show that healing comes from intellectually understanding the conflicts in the four areas and bringing them into a place of understanding and cooperation. Each hilt of the swords shows each of the four areas in balance; the physical earth, the emotional water, the intellectual air, and the spiritual astral realm.

3 BLUE BACKGROUND WITH GOLD STARS

Truce shatters the old paradigm that is reflected in the blue background with the gold star-like mirrors. Those mirrors reflect the mind's incessant chattering. Truce comes from not allowing the mind's noise to stop the process of balance. It is about grounding the complexity of the mind's intellectual ideals into practical action.

4 SYMBOL OF JUPITER AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Jupiter at the top of the card indicates the power of the Great Benefic at work. Jupiter is the planet of power, abundance, expansion, and opulence. This symbol is positioned above a blue and gold star indicating a renewed sense of clarity by the willingness to go through the emotions of the last card (Sorrow).

5 SYMBOL OF LIBRA AT BOTTOM OF CARD

Libra is the sign of balance and above it is a blue and gold star showing that more balance has been temporarily created by the willingness to expand. When you bring abundance into balance you get truce.

DEFEAT - 5 of Swords

1 THE FIVE SWORDS INSIDE FORM AN INVERTED PENTAGRAM SWORDS ARE BROKEN AND CROOKED The five swords are all battling each other. Each one has its own shape, perspective, and opinion. This shows how sometimes the mind can over-analyze or over-communicate in order to enroll others in the perspective or ideal. When this happens chaos is created not clarity. Four of the swords are whole and one sword has a piece missing. This shows that in the battle of intellect someone always ends up wounded or injured. The pentagram represents the feminine and when it is inverted the slightest conflict can cause any stability that is present to collapse.

2 RED FLOWER PETALS FORM THE OUTLINE OF THE INVERTED PENTAGRAM

The petals that create the star have fallen off the previous rose that disintegrated. The battles of the mind are simply a game. Winning is not immediately an outcome when you engage the game of the mind. Winning is not always the positive outcome that you think it will be. Sometimes in games of the mind you loose and sometimes you win. But the mind can defeat you before you start.

3 BACKGROUND - GREEN-BLUE TO BLUE-PURPLE FILLED WITH CHAOTIC CRYSTALLIZED FORMS

The background of this card is the chaotic insanity of the mind's attempt to rationalize knowledge with the present difficult circumstances. The background is broken and fragmented. The sharpness looks like walking across broken glass; this represents how words can be painful and humiliating if used as weapons.

4 SYMBOL OF VENUS AT TOP OF CARD

At the top of this card is the symbol of Venus, the planet of love and feminine consciousness.

5 SYMBOL OF AQUARIUS AT BOTTOM OF CARD

At the bottom of this card is the symbol of Aquarius, the astrological symbol for hope and clarity of consciousness. When you get the chaotic emotional feminine attempting to balance with the clarity of the hopeful Aquarian mind you get confusion which undermines the strength of both aspects. Separately they are fine but together they cause conflict. The feminine is forever hopeful that through communication and exchange of ideas there can be hope and clarity. But this card demonstrates that this does not work. The background colors of this card change from green at the bottom into bluish purple at the top. This represents that the mind is attempting to ground its ideas (green) while at the same time there is truth in the vision and dream (blue and purple). The confusion comes in where there is truth in all intellectual perspectives but that does not mean that everything that comes into your thinking process is actually true. How a person follows an idea through to an end point intellectually is interesting and expansive. But sometimes minds will skip steps. Therefore the final perspective is often in questionable and inaccurate. The mind can become attached to the outcome of the vision it is holding. This causes it to grab onto any piece of information that validates and empowers its position. This is why we have the saying, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." When people are in an agreement field and their perspective dominates, those powers will breakdown anyone who has a weaker position. The caution with this card is to not intellectualize something to the point that the kernel of truth is lost in the process. Truth is not found only in the mind.

SCIENCE - 6 of Swords

1 SIX SWORDS FORM OF A HEXAGON, THIN BLUE SWORDS HAVE DIFFERENT COLOR HANDLES

The six swords all have different hilts, representing the many different spiritual, religious, and intellectual perspectives that this planet embodies. Only when all of these differing viewpoints come together in the center of the planet without one dominating over another can true knowledge be balanced with spirituality. Science is only now beginning to understand that religious perspective has a true basis in scientific fact. We have gotten there by sharing all the ideals and perspectives. This creates a movement like a giant invisible arrow that takes the energy out of the planet and back out into the universe.

2 GOLD CROSS IN A BLUE CIRCLE WITH RED ROSE AT ITS CENTER

The gold cross in the center of the world shows that often it is easier to focus our intent on something other than ourself. In this situation the cross represents when we have a spiritual idea or goal. Many of our great cultural accomplishments are begun in the name of religion or culture. This teaches us how to work constructively with the unconscious spiritual aspects with us. In the center of the cross is a red rose, representing that even in the knowledge there is the heartbeat and pulse of life. Spirituality and religion attempt to control the chaotic wildness of the feminine (red rose) with its ideas, knowledge, and perspective.

3 BLUE GRAY BACKGROUND GRID PATTERNS AND GOLD SPECKLED STARS

The gray background with the four pointed gold stars peppering the space indicate that the unconscious mind is attempting to bring understanding and order to the present situation through seeking information and broadening its viewpoint. The chaos of the mind begins to have a form and a structure. The structure that is being decided is shown as the square that is around the circle in the center. The masculine's attention to form, structure, and detail (square) attempts to contain the wildness of the feminine in order to create in the physical plane. This assists the feminine spiritual principal to manifest. The structure being formed is a planet. This shows that our ideas can manifest if we are willing to approach the problems with clear intent, intellectual knowledge, focus, and will. This demonstrates the principal that a square peg (masculine) cannot fit into a round hole (feminine) but a round hole can fit into a square peg.

- **4 SYMBOL OF MERCURY AT BOTTOM OF CARD** Mercury is the planet of communication.
- **5 SYMBOL OF AQUARIUS AT BOTTOM OF CARD** The symbol of Aquarius at the bottom indicates the humanitarian qualities of this card. Aquarius attempts to bring hope, clarity, and inspiration to everyone.

FUTILITY - 7 of Swords

1 SIX SWORDS APPEAR TO BE OPPOSING A SINGLE LARGER SWORD

The large sword has the symbol of the Sun on its hilt, showing that the mind has within it the power to control. But in this case the sword's energy has fractured into six different viewpoints that are in opposition. The Sun energy is battling the other planets perspectives causing the energy of the Sun to be diminished.

2 THE SWORDS HAVE THE SYMBOLS OF JUPITER, MERCURY, MARS, AND VENUS ON HANDLES

On the smaller sword's hilts are the symbols of Jupiter (the planet of expansion and abundance), Mercury (the planet of communication), Mars (the planet of aggression and masculine principals), and Venus (the planet of love and the feminine principal). The two swords hilts have magical symbols that represent the mystery of the mind. These two swords with magical symbols represent the parts of our mind we do not understand. These parts have the ability to undermine our Jupitarian power, our Mercurial communication, our Martian drive, and our Venusian love. The quest of this card is to discover the parts that are sabotaging and making us fall into feelings of futility and hopelessness.

3 LARGE WHITE SPIRALING STARS AND A LIGHT BLUE BACKGROUND

The light blue background with the four pointed stars is brought forward from the previous card (Defeat). However, the coloring is lighter and brighter. The light blue shows that with the awareness of new truths comes clarity and openings. The white stars show that in uncovering hopelessness within us, we uncover higher truths. It is important not to allow individual aspects within us to tear down our true self. This shows that if we are willing to look at the parts of the unconscious that are in opposition to what we want to do, then some movement and clarity can come about.

4 SYMBOL OF MOON AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of the Moon is at the top of the card in white. This symbolizes the feminine principal of illusion and deception is at work.

5 SYMBOL OF AQUARIUS AT BOTTOM OF CARD The symbol of Aquarius at the bottom shows that the mind is still trying to remain hopeful about its ability to control the wild, unconscious, Moon energy. Unfortunately this only creates a sense of hopelessness and futility. Emotion disrupts the mind creating power that is divided against itself.

INTERFERENCE - 8 of Swords

1 TWO LONGER SWORDS VERTICALLY

The hilts of the two swords pointing downward appear as if they are eyes in a face hidden in the background of red. The symbol of Jupiter is in a downward pointing arrow. This creates the appearance of a forehead looking stern and angry. The furrowed brow gives the appearance of an aggressive, piercing gaze inside this card. This symbolizes a sense of worry if one continues to following intellectual pursuits without allowing the passion to flow. The mind sometimes tries to create abundance by paying so much attention to the details that the bigger overview is lost in the minutia. These swords are straight indicating that the mind seems to be clear in what it is trying to do. But the swords behind are being contained and blocked by the clarity of the mind's swords.

2 SMALLER SWORDS HAVE VARIOUS EASTERN SHAPES AND HANDLES

The six swords running across the card are scimitars, which show all the different opinions, perspectives, and internal arguments that we communicate to our self. These stop us from knowing our own truth. Some of those conversations are happy which is reflected by the scimitar in the shape of a smile, while others are neutral, aggressive, sharp, and illtempered. This constant internal dialogue creates a lot of internal stress and strain in the physical plane. All movement seems stifled with these swords. The combination of the swords hilts and blades creates the illusion of a face with stern eyes and a smiling face. This shows the contradiction happening internally. Three swords are pointing to the left and three swords are pointing to the right again showing contradiction happening in the mind. The soul is now at the mercy of a mind that is caught in a no-win situation.

3 PURPLE, RED, PINK BACKGROUND

The background color of this card is reddish-blue with accents of pink. This shows that the intellect is blocking the flow of the passion. In our drive to find abundance we sometimes become too focused on details and forget to flow. Fear of lack is controlling the present circumstances and that inhibits the flow of abundance. We can get very passionate about our intellectual needs and choices that we believe will create abundance. This card is a reminder that it is time to allow abundance by finding the doorways to expansion and trust.

4 SYMBOL OF JUPITER AT THE TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Jupiter at the top of this card indicates that the planet of abundance is attempting to expand the mental awareness of the problem at hand.

5 SYMBOL OF GEMINI AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Gemini at the bottom of the card shows that there is a sense of duality and polarity happening at this time. The combination that creates the expansion is inhibited by the polarity of the mind. The mind is causing blocks by creating distractions in the present circumstance. When abundance is split apart it creates delays, interference, and opposition.

CRUELTY - 9 of Swords

1 NINE BROKEN, DOWNWARD POINTING RED SWORDS DRIPPING RED BLOOD

There are nine red swords that are broken and sharp. This makes them appear to be rusty. Rusty swords are poisonous and harmful if used intentionally. This means that old beliefs and perceptions are poisoning the present circumstances and there is an intention to cause harm. The mind's clarity is now jagged and fragmented. This causes pain and the loss of energy (blood dripping). We need to be careful not to constantly battle others to protect our inner pain.

2 LIGHT GOLDEN TEAR DROPS IN BACK-GROUND

The droplets in the background represent tears and emotional pain being inflicted upon the situation by the minds unwillingness to let go. When the mind won't let go of its desires and beliefs, it forces the body to do things that can eventually cause harm to the soul. We have a tendency to defend ourselves because of sadness that we have experienced in our younger years. In the defense of our wounded inner aspects we can inflict the same cruelty onto others. If we are not willing to deal with our own sadness then we run the risk of becoming cruel and malicious outwardly.

3 BACKGROUND RED BROWNING COLOR GRADUATING TO BEIGE

This card is red, brown, and white, symbolizing the pain and suffering that the mind inflicts upon the body and soul. The background seems to be broken and shattered. The mind has shattered any balanced perception. These swords are all pointing downward which indicates that when we are harming others we are continuing to inflict pain upon our self.

4 SYMBOL OF MARS AT TOP OF CARD The symbol of Mars is at the top of the card indicating that there is conflict and war happening on some level.

5 SYMBOL OF GEMINI AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol for Gemini (the twins) is at the bottom of the card indicating that there are differing viewpoints and angles of perception happening.

RUIN - 10 of Swords

1 TEN SWORDS FORM A TREE OF LIFE

These ten swords are in the shape of a modified Tree of Life indicating that when you understand that breakdown is a natural process within the mind then you can make other choices about the evolution of your soul. You can begin again if you are willing. Two of the sword's hilts have the symbol of the cross, indicating that religion cannot explain the human condition completely. Two of the swords have the symbol of an hour glass on the hilts indicating that time is constantly telling the mind that time is running out. Two of the swords have symbols of the stars indicating that looking to the heavens for answers will not always satisfy the mind.

2 TEN SWORDS APPEARING BROKEN-HEART BEING PIERCED BY A SWORD

The ten swords appear to break from the strain of the mind's limiting perspective. It is impossible for the mind to control the laws of the physical universe through the pursuit of knowledge. The stress causes a collapse of mental stability within the mind. The mind is now in turmoil and chaos. It has lost touch with reality and the answers it seeks are now realized as impossible. The fragmentation of the mind is complete. Now is the time for breakdown or breakthrough. The bottom sword holds the symbol of the moon and a crab shape in the hilt. The crab and the moon are connected into the realm of the transcendence of emotions through protection and nurturing. The mind has caused the heart to break under the strain of the mind's constant criticism. The swords piercing the heart indicate that there is a sense of despair, loss, and hopelessness.

3 BACKGROUND HAS A CENTER YELLOW SUNBURST SET ON A RED FLAME

The red, orange, and yellow background indicates that the mind (swords) is in constant battle with the denser aspects of human emotions which are represented by the colors of the three lower chakras; red is the color of power and life force; orange is the color for sexuality, passion, and joy; yellow is the color of emotions and unresolved feelings.

4 SUNSHINE IN MIDDLE WHERE THE HEART IS

The sun shining in the middle of the card shows that a new day is dawning with the realization that knowledge alone will not give you everything you are seeking.

5 SYMBOL OF SUN AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of the sun shows that illumination into the chaos of the past situation is causing a realization of the mind's inability to understand a way through. The sun sits on top of a scale of balance showing that justice and legal arguments cannot explain what is true or right. The Sun is trying to shed light and perspective on the duality, but the mind doesn't want to let go and surrender.

6 SYMBOL OF GEMINI AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Gemini at the bottom of the card shows that duality is dividing the mind and shattering the illusions of grandeur that were keeping the pattern from growing or changing. Duality can be healed by nurturing the emotions, not intellectually analyzing them.

ACE OF DISKS

1 DISK IS A GOLD MANDALA WITH A PENTAGRAM AT ITS CENTER The pentagram represents fire, earth, air, water, and spirit. Together this is how dreams become a reality.

2 GREEK INSCRIPTION ON DISK - MARK OF THE BEAST

In the center is a gold coin with the inscription, "To Meta Ohpion" which means, "The Great Beast." The symbol of a pentagram is in the center of the coin with the three circles, inside are the numbers 666. The mark of the Great Beast implies the many possibilities that can evolve with the manifestation of physical energy. Crowley called the 666 the number of "Dazzlement." When the Disks (earth energy) begin to move, the question being asked is, "What do I want?" Whenever a soul begins to pursue its desires in the physical plane it initiates the dance of attachment, power, greed, and sex. We live on a highly addictive planet. We can become addicted to power, money, people, prestige, and self-importance. When you enter into the physical plane you are automatically going to be faced with the Antichrist energy within you. The Antichrist within us is going to tempt us away from the areas of love and acceptance and pull us into the ego mind of ownership and power. With this card we are reminded that you can have whatever you want in the physical plane but sometimes there is a cost. There are dark forces that move within each of us. Be aware and notice where you are attached to an outcome, otherwise the darkness within you may end up teaching you a tough lesson. The symbol "I" is in the circle above the three sixes. This is to show that if you add the number one to the 6+6+6 you get 19. The nineteen of the Trumps is the Sun card. This indicates the way through the Ace of Disks. If you stay awake aware and centered within yourself (the I) then you break through to a place of wealth and abundance. The mark of the Great Beast is also a reminder to understand that sexual energy, money, and power are directly attached. You cannot manifest money without understanding the lower, baser aspects of the physical plane. You can only manifest on the physical when you are aligned with your passion.

3 LARGER EMERALD WINGS

The emerald green wings of this card indicate the connection between heaven and earth. It is only through this connection that manifestation in the physical plane is possible.

4 SMALLER GOLD WINGS

Within this card are the emerald and gold wings. This shows a blending of the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual levels of consciousness. Through blending all levels of awareness is how one manifests in the physical plane. The wings of the angels are protecting and nurturing a physical form that is growing and evolving. This is a reminder that even when you do not see the angelic presence, it is always there helping to nurture the new creation and allowing for the growth of the soul.

5 CROSS-SECTION OF A TREE TRUNK BEHIND DISK

The tree trunk in the center has many rings indicating that the sturdiness and long life is possible when you are willing to learn the lessons of the physical plane. This implies that strength and determination are required to manifest in the earth.

CHANGE - 2 of Disks

1 TWO DISKS - PENTACLES, THE CHINESE YIN AND YANG: ONE DISK YELLOW AND GREEN, ONE DISK RED AND YELLOW

Inside the snake are two worlds in the symbols of Yin and Yang. One of the worlds is light and one is dark showing that we are in a world of duality and that in order to manifest physically we must balance both aspects of our personality. Inside the light world are the colors green and gold indicating the healing and transformation that happens when we allow conscious awareness to come into us. Inside each Yin/Yang symbol is a spot of the opposite part. Within the Yang is a spot of Yin at its center. This means when you are feeling strong and masculine on the outside that on the inside you are Yin, which is soft and delicate. The reverse is also true. When you are Yin on the outside (soft and feminine) you are Yang on the inside (strong and masculine). So, in the heart of the feminine is masculine strength and inside the masculine is feminine emotion. The other world seems to be in darkness. It is red and gold. Red indicates passion and life-force. The gold indicates consciousness and angelic connection. This is the reminder that when consciousness goes into sexuality and life-force we get balance and this is essential for bridging the conflicts within our physical world.

2 BLACK AND WHITE SERPENT IS EMBRACING THE TWO DISKS, THE SERPENT IS EATING HIS TAIL

The snake is eating its tail in this card showing that the beginning and the end are closely related in time and space. The snake is embracing both worlds equally. This shows that only by balancing light and shadow within us can any true change happen. It is now time to heal all the unconscious parts. The snake has a crown on its head showing its royalty and power. The snake is black and white again showing its ability to be comfortable with both the light and shadow.

3 BACKGROUND HAS SWIRLING PLANET

The background of this card is indigo and purple indicating that we are in the realm of swirling space and time. This shows that there are infinite possibilities that await us when we are willing to change.

- **4 SYMBOL OF JUPITER AT TOP OF CARD** The symbol of Jupiter is at the top of the card indicating that this is a time of expansion and abundance.
- **5 SYMBOL OF CAPRICORN AT BOTTOM OF CARD** The symbol of Capricorn is at the bottom of the card indicating that there is a need for passionate movement without obsessive constriction. This is the challenge of Capricorn and of this card. Capricorn reminds us to look into the parts of our subconscious where we are afraid to look at. The universe is pulsating in expansion and contraction. This is the pulse of life. This is the polarity of existing in this plane. Jupiter is attempting to expand like sunlight and Capricorn is attempting to look at the shadow and contract.

WORKS - 3 of Disks

1 PYRAMID IN CENTER IS LIGHT YELLOW AND THE THREE POINTS OF THE PYRAMID ARE THREE CHARIOT WHEELS

The three points of the pyramid show stability and balanced cooperative intent. This pyramid shows that what is being created has the ability to last a long time. The pyramid is yellow showing that there is emotional attachment to the project and everyone's feelings are involved. Emotions are great drivers for growth and change.

2 THE SPOKES OF THE CHARIOT ARE IN THE POSITIONS OF A CLOCK

The spokes of the chariot are in the positions of a clock and are symbols for mercury, sulphur, and salt. These are the building blocks of the physical plane. Mercury is the magical element. It is metal in liquid form at room temperature. It represents the unknowable. Sulphur represents the ignition point of ideas into reality. Salt represents the physical body. The element of magic is now in balance with the mental idea and the physical form it will take. These red wheels shows that the movement is passionate and consistent. The spokes of the wheels are in the positions of the times of a clock showing that there are schedules, goal settings, and structures happening.

3 THE BACKGROUND IS LIGHT GREEN AND SKY BLUE

The green background shows that there is healing and growth happening at this time. The movement of the green color shows that there is outward motion from the pyramid. As the new project comes into being, it affects everything in its surrounding area. From one project will come much movement.

4 SYMBOL OF MARS AT TOP OF CARD

Mars, the God of War, is symbolized at the top, showing that things are moving and in an active state.

5 SYMBOL OF CAPRICORN AT BOTTOM OF CARD Capricorn is the symbol at the bottom showing that there is determination and follow-through. There is now a willingness to face whatever comes. When the energy of Mars is congruent with the determination of Capricorn then great things are possible on the physical plane.

POWER - 4 of Disks

1 FOUR SQUARE DISKS RESEMBLE THE TOWERS OF A GREAT WALLED CITY

The square in the center of the card looks like a great walled fortress. The four square towers within the city are stable and unyielding. On top of each tower is a symbol; water, fire, earth, and air. This shows that protection comes from being aware of everything happening around you and never taking safety for granted.

2 A MOAT CIRCLES THE CITY

This fortified city is surrounded by a greenish moat of water. The water is ominous and threatening.

3 CENTER OF CARD IS A YELLOW COURTYARD

The courtyard at the center of the fortress shows that when we are willing to protect our deep subconscious we create spaces which we can fill with new ideas and perspectives. The courtyard is in the shape of a modified cross showing that often cities have been founded on the principals of religion.

4 ENTRY TO CITY IS NARROW AND THE EXIT IS WIDE

Within this fortress is one road into the city with one gate protecting it. This shows that the city is well-protected. This is a time when not everyone is allowed into our inner physical creation. We have created the power to keep our self safe. It is important to remember that not everyone should be welcomed into our inner safe spaces. On the outside of the fortress is a type of web showing that even though the fortress is protected it is still connected to everything outside. True power comes from knowing how to protect, yet stay connected to things around us.

5 THE BACKGROUND RESEMBLES CULTIVATED FIELDS

The dominate color of this card is orange. This color shows the passion of the sexual chakra, balanced and contained within the system of family, structure, and safety. The choice is to create power in order to protect what is important to us. The outside of the city is cultivated in order to feed the fortress.

6 SYMBOL OF THE SUN AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of the Sun is at the top of the card showing that there is warmth, compassion, and protection happening at this time.

7 SYMBOL OF CAPRICORN AT BOTTOM OF CARD The symbol of Capricorn at the bottom of the card shows that unconsciousness is finally in balance with itself. The warmth of the Sun is coming into the deep feeling arena of Capricorn and creating a new power structure.

WORRY - 5 of Disks

1 FIVE DISKS RESEMBLING GEARS FORM AN INVERTED PENTAGON

In the center of the card is a pentagram that is turned on its tip. The grounded sides of the pentagram are not being used. Instead the pentagram is teetering in an unstable position and at any moment can fall. Thus, fear is dominant in this card. Anything can turn balance into chaos.

2 FIVE INTERLOCKING CIRCLES SURROUNDED BY OTHER DISKS THAT ARE BROKEN AND STRESSED

This card has five interlocking circles that look like gears all interconnecting and working together, though with stress and strain. If these circles are like cogs in a machine, they look broken and stuck. There is a sense of no forward positive movement. Everything appears to be either spinning around itself or not moving at all. Fear is much like that. You are either worrying and over analyzing or paralyzed with fear and unable to shift.

3 EACH DISK CONTAINS A DIFFERENT SYMBOL -SQUARE; MOON, SUN, TRIANGLE, AND OVAL The symbols inside the circles are: Sun (masculine), Moon (feminine), Triangle (spiritual), Square (structure), and the Black Ellipse (unknowable). This means that at this time the masculine and feminine spiritual structure is in the realm of the unknowable future. When we don't know the outcome of something, we tend to go into fretting and worrying. Not knowing the future is simply a part of life in the physical plane. Not one person knows the entire future. If you worry too much about the future it blocks the effective movement of all other aspects.

4 COLORS INDIGO BLUE, GREY, RED, YELLOW, AND ORANGE

The indigo blue shows that communication is clouded and confusing. Grey is the color of confusion. Red is the color of frustration and irritation. Yellow is the color of the emotions getting out of control. Orange is the color of passion and life force that is tied up in the worry. Therefore the emotion of worry is affecting all the chakras. The Tarot shows the emotion of worry associated with the earth plane energy instead of the emotional plane (Cups). This is because this type of fear is associated with loss of things in the physical plane.

5 SYMBOL OF MERCURY AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Mercury is at the top of this card indicating that there is a need for communication related to money and manifestation.

6 SYMBOL OF TAURUS AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Taurus is at the bottom of this card indicating that there is a desire for steadfastness and grounded stability. Taurus is also the sign of stubborn pride and the inability to let go. Together these cards are challenging each other. Mercury in Taurus is creating worry coming from the fear of lack of security within the physical plane. There is a belief that you will not have what you need at this time.

SUCCESS - 6 of Disks

1 SIX DISKS FORM A HEXAGRAM

The hexagram is formed by six circles each with a different astrological symbol in its center. This hexagram appears like gently rolling hillsides in a landscape, creating the feeling that everything is at peace and in balance. Inside the hexagram is a six-pointed star showing that through working in a balanced way in the physical plane, one can uplift earth to heaven. This represents that the dream is transcending physical form into spiritual manifestation.

2 DISKS REPRESENT THE SEVEN PLANETS WITH THE SUN IN THE CENTER

In the center of the hexagram is a flowered sun. The colors reflect that the sun is rising and the card is shaded with pinks and purples of the morning. The colors are soft and luminescent showing the god connection that happens when one is willing to balance our opposing aspects.

3 EACH DISK CONTAINS A SMALLER PASTEL CIRCLE WITH DIFFERENT ASTROLOGICAL SYMBOLS SATURN, JUPITER, VENUS, MER-CURY, MOON, AND MARS

The astrological symbols inside the circles are Mercury (planet of communication, self doubt, and analysis), Moon (planet of feminine intuition and feeling), Jupiter (planet of expansion and abundance), Saturn (planet of work and depravation), Mars (planet of conflict and overriding), and Venus (planet of love and giving). These create a balance of oppositions, Mars-Venus (war-love), Saturn-Moon (learning through our struggles and our intuition), Mercury/Jupiter (self doubt/trust). It is only through balance that success is achieved. When one learns to balance opposites within the physical plane, then success is easy.

4 CENTER OF CARD CONTAINS A CROSS AND OVERLAYING THE CROSS IS A ROSE

The flower is sitting on a cross showing that if you allow inspiration to motivate one from the perspectives of spiritual seeking then success is assured. Humanity has a tendency to translate its financial successes to its spiritual beliefs and ideals. We often believe that God has ordained our good fortune and success because of our belief in our religion or because we have done something right. We believe that we are righteous and because of this we will be rewarded. Mankind also believes financial success in the physical plane represents proof of someone's spiritual truth and ideals.

5 SYMBOL OF THE MOON AT TOP OF CARD The symbol of the Moon at the top of the card indicates that the intuitive, emotional principals of the feminine are at work.

6 SYMBOL OF TAURUS AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Taurus at the bottom of the card indicates that the emotions of the feminine (Moon) are being grounded into the earth element (Taurus). The chaos and worry of the last card have balanced and stabilized. This creates conscious feelings and emotional balance.

FAILURE - 7 of Disks

1 SEVEN DISKS IN THE GEOMANTIC FIGURE RUBEUS

To Aleister Crowley, this figure showed a foreboding of ill times, problems, and delays. Rubeus is a symbol of Mars in Scorpio and is a negative aspect, showing a breeding place of ruin and disaster.

2 THREE DISKS HAVE FACES OF BULLS

The symbol for Saturn shows up in the Disks in this picture as bulls. This shows that there is an element of stubbornness and willfulness at work that is being counterproductive at this time. If you resist movement at this time you will fail.

3 FOUR DISKS HAVE FACES OF A WARRIOR

The four Disks in this card show the symbol for Aries as a man's face. This indicates that one is at war within himself. Remember, "A house divided falls". That is what is occurring at this time.

4 TOP AND TWO LOWER SET OF DISKS ARE SET IN A HEART-SHAPED FORM

The heart shapes that are hinted at in these cards show that the lesson in failure is to learn to love yourself even if you do not get the outcome you are looking for. It is important to love when one is afraid and in conflict. The coins are doubled, meaning that one is trying to come together with others at this time. To attempt something alone is destined to fail. This is a reminder that help is available if you are willing to let go of your need to be right.

5 BACKGROUND IS FILLED WITHE DROOPING TREE LIMBS

This picture looks like leaves that are falling and are decomposing on the tree. Everything is wilting and crumbling. The limbs are curving into the shape of hearts that are broken. There is a sense of great loss and despair.

6 SYMBOL OF THE SATURN AT TOP OF CARD The symbol of Saturn at the top shows that there is hard work to be done at this time. Anything that is attempted

work to be done at this time. Anything that is attempted will take longer than normal and most often will not work.

7 SYMBOL OF TAURUS AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Taurus at the bottom shows that steadfastness and enduring earth energy is needed to survive this trying time. You are being tested and it will be very hard to come through this place.

8 PURPLE VIOLET COLOR

The dark blue-indigo color of this card indicates the color of the third eye. This aspect is greatly needed at this time as everything is breaking down. Failure is a doorway to the deeper levels of the subconscious mind. One is entering into the unknown areas that are kept hidden about ourselves.

PRUDENCE - 8 of Disks

1 EIGHT DISKS IN THE GEOMANTIC FIGURE OF POPULUS AS FLOWERS

The eight Disks are now in the shape of a flowering tree in the shape of the Geomantic Populus. This indicates that there is new growth and balance re-establishing itself at this time. This tree is flowering, indicating that the possibilities are infinite. It will take a while for this tree to bear fruit but with patience and willingness to do nothing, the results that you are looking for will become reality.

2 DISKS ARE RED WITH ORANGE CENTERS

These Disks are red with orange centers indicating that this is a time of energetic renewal. Life force, passion, and procreation are at work and there is nothing to do but wait for the natural evolution to take place.

3 LEAVES OF THE TREE ARE EMBRACING AND PROTECTING THE DISKS

The leaves of the tree are embracing and protecting the developing Disks. This shows that there is enough energy and support within the life of the tree to protect what it is creating so it will bear fruit.

4 TREE TRUNK IS SPIRITING UPWARDS FROM THE GROUND

The tree trunk is spiraling upwards from the ground showing that lifeforce is moving from the earth into the higher realms of consciousness. The grounded base of one's life is finally paying off with the flow of energy upwards towards light and consciousness.

5 BACKGROUND IS FILLED BRIGHT YELLOW WITH MOUNTAINS IN THE DISTANCE

The background is filled with a bright sunny sky and mountains that are green and flowing. Yellow is the color of new possibilities and emotional well-being. The green rolling hills indicate that the journey at this time is gentle and rolling. The green is showing that there is healing by resting and waiting at this time. One doesn't have to rush. One can take time and relish in this gentle moment.

6 SYMBOL OF THE SUN AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of the Sun is at the top of this card indicates that this is a time of radiance, happiness, and light.

7 SYMBOL OF VIRGO AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Virgo is at the bottom of this card indicating that the ground is fresh like a virgin, ready to be plowed and allow it's life-giving energy to be brought to the surface. Virgo is the sign of practicality and attention to detail. So things are moving well and thoroughly.

GAIN - 9 of Disks

1 SIX DISKS FORM TWO EQUILATERAL TRIANGLES - PICTURES OF DEITIES OF THE PLANETS

With this card the six disks form two equilateral triangles. The upper triangle represents the element of fire and the inspiration of the mental planets all connected and balanced. It shows the upper world of higher consciousness. The lower triangle represents the element of water showing that the instinctual emotional planets and the subconscious elements are also working in harmony with each other.

2 THREE DISKS ARE INTERLACED IN THE MIDDLE - PINK, GREEN, BLUE

The pink disk in the center shows that the fire element is in harmony with the water element (green disk), as well as the air element (blue disk). Together there is a natural flow between energy, emotion, and mind. This creates a sense of love, truth, and healing. These three Disks show that the middle world, or the world in which we exist, is in agreement and balance.

3 MULTI-COLORED BEAMS OF LIGHT SHOOT OUT FROM THE CENTER OF CARD

Multi-colored beams of light shoot out from the center of the card indicating that everything is becoming connected and working together. There is a sense of balanced communication and movement from that flow. With this quality, it shows that through appropriate management and a little bit of luck, all the hard work will pay off in the end. By combining love, with our attention to detail and by bringing maturity into love, healing and truth we become our authentic self. When one becomes our authentic self then money naturally flows.

4 FORMATION OF DISKS RESEMBLES THE FACE OF A CAT OR LION'S FACE

If you look closely at the formation of the disks, they resemble the face of a cat or a lion. Two disks create the eyes. The three Disks in the center form the nose and the lower three Disks create the appearance of a bearded mouth. The eyes show the intellectual knowledge of the planets that they represent. The upper triangular disk shows an open and aware third eye. The middle triangle of disks shows that there is balance in the mundane earth element of day to day living. The lower triangle shows a wise, bearded, mature face of a strong male lion. When you find balance in the upper, middle, and lower aspects of life then there is a natural gain and flow of financial manifestation.

5 BACKGROUND HAS EARTH TONED CIRCLES

The background of this card has earth-toned circles supporting and enhancing the inner circle. This shows that because there is balance within the situation, now there is also balance and support coming from others outside one's inner circle. One is feeling seen by the outside world in a positive light.

6 SYMBOL OF VENUS AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Venus at the top of this card indicates that love and harmony are balancing the energies to promote gain.

7 SYMBOL OF VIRGO AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Virgo is at the bottom of this card showing that determination and attention to detail have finally paid off.

WEALTH - 10 of Disks

1 TEN GOLD DISKS ARE COINS

The ten gold Disks indicate that the spiritual abundance of the angelic wisdom and consciousness is applauding your achievements at this time. The green edges are showing that healing has come in the form of allowing wealth, wisdom, and grounded stability into your life. Wealth is a natural result of internal abundance and wisdom. Once you know yourself and know how to take the steps to abundance then long term financial gain is assured. The ten gold coins are now in the shape of the Tree of Life and show that everything has come full circle. Through allowing the process of energy, mind, emotions, and manifestation to come into balance there is a natural wealth and prosperity being given to you from the angels.

2 DISKS APPEAR TO BE IN VAULT AND THE BACKGROUND FILLED WITH COINS

The Disks appear to be inside a vault and the background is filled with other coins indicating that once one has learned to create wealth and money then it is easy to continue to create more and more. Others will give you money and believe in your projects. You gain credibility and respect. Banks will loan you money and everything becomes easier.

3 TENTH DISK IS LARGER

The tenth disk is larger and shows that the grounded achievements are finally in place.

4 VARIOUS SYMBOLS OF MERCURY IN EACH OF THE DISKS

The various symbols of Mercury are in each of the Disks that have now turned into money represented by the coins. This is a reminder that money only has the value that someone is willing to give it or pay for it. Therefore it is a relative, changeable commodity. Even though there is abundance and wealth happening in the moment one must never forget that when things are the most up, then the only way to go in the future is down. So enjoy this moment but stay in communication with everything around you so that you can predict where the next movement should be.

5 SYMBOL OF MERCURY AT TOP OF CARD

The symbol of Mercury is at the top of this card indicating that communication is working and flowing. Messages are functioning and through great communication there is wealth and abundance.

6 SYMBOL OF VIRGO AT BOTTOM OF CARD

The symbol of Virgo is at the bottom of the card showing that grounded determination and the willingness to do what it takes is reaping the rewards that were promised.

7 THE BACKGROUND IS PURPLE

The background is purple showing that there is now a spiritual connection to the manifestation of money. One has moved beyond the force of movement and money into the arena of helping and giving back.

Yes Cards No Cards Maybe Cards

Yes or Positive Cards

- **0 of Trumps** FOOL: Yes. It is time to begin, just remember you have to go the length of the journey to succeed. You cannot stop the journey before it starts. Your feet are all ready off the cliff.
- I of Trumps MAGUS: Yes, when it is related to business. You have to be gutsy and go for it. You cannot back track.
- I of Trumps MAGUS-BEAR/DREAMER: Yes. This will work if you are willing to go inward to find the answer.
- **II of Trumps THE PRIESTESS:** Yes. Intuition is drawing you into a mysterious teaching that you may or may not completely understand. It is a Yes card because you are going to learn something that you cannot totally see right now.
- **III of Trumps EMPRESS:** Yes. The Divine Mother Earth energy says that this is part of your path.
- IV of Trumps EMPEROR: Yes. This is related to your power and you have to take control of your life.
- V of Trumps HIEROPHANT: Yes. Your guides and angels are asking you to trust them and try.
- VI of Trumps LOVERS: Yes. Love is calling for a change. Your innocent child must open to emotion and experience love.
- VII of Trumps CHARIOT: Yes. This is a powerful Yes card. You have to go through with the commitments you have made to yourself.
- X of Trumps FORTUNE: Yes. The wheel is turning. You might as well take the risk now.
- XIV of Trumps ART: Yes. You have looked at the situation carefully, analyzed it thoroughly but you know it's the way home for you. This is the second highest Yes card in the deck.
- XVII of Trumps STAR: Yes. Part of you understands the higher purpose and knows that the Aquarian age is pushing you in a new direction. You must stay on the path.
- XIX of Trumps SUN: Yes. The highest and most defi-

nite Yes card in the deck. The Sun card overrides all other cards in a question.

- **XX of Trumps AEON:** Yes. You need to make some final decisions in relation to the past and take a new direction in respect to the future, which means that you have to go. It is a Yes card, but the decision is based on how well you understand the past experiences and lessons in your life.
- **3 of Wands** VIRTUE: Yes. Have a sense of pride, you can do it.
- 4 of Wands COMPLETION: Yes. It is time to complete what you have begun.
- 6 of Wands VICTORY: Yes. You have to learn to balance your energy and you may need the struggle in order to be victorious and to hone your skills and understand what true victory is.
- 8 of Wands SWIFTNESS: Yes. Now is the time. The door is right here. Go quickly before this door closes.
- 9 of Wands STRENGTH: Yes. There is strength in balancing your light and your shadow. You may experience shadow lessons as you begin but you must learn about yourself through testing your strength.
- 1 of Cups ACE OF CUPS: Yes. You need to do this because you will learn how to be productive and happy.
- 2 of Cups LOVE: Yes. You have to go for it because your sexual and life force-energy is asking you to live life and open to emotional fulfillment.
- **3 OF CUPS ABUNDANCE:** Yes. You have to go find how to create abundance, spiritual fertility, and plenty. There is a warning that says after the time of abundance, there can be a time of depletion. But this card says, "Enjoy it while you can".
- **4 of Cups LUXURY:** Yes. But be careful everything is about to turn less prosperous.
- 6 of Cups PLEASURE: Yes. You have to go for it to experience and create pleasure.

Yes or Positive Cards –

9 of Cups	HAPPINESS: Yes. It will make you happy.
10 of Cups	SATIETY: Yes. You are going in a direction that will create long-term success and abundance in your life.
1 of Swords	ACE OF SWORDS: Yes. You have to sever the ties no matter what. You have to let go of something in the past and then you will succeed.

- **3 of Disks WORKS:** Yes. You are laying the foundation. The first steps are always the hardest but you have to begin
- 4 of Disks POWER: Yes. You have the power to compete this task no matter what.
- 6 of Disks SUCCESS: Yes. You must create the physical, emotional, and spiritual success you are seeking.
- **9 of Disks GAIN:** Yes. This card shows an easy journey of discovery through hard work and positive effort. It is a Yes when you stay to the middle of the road.
- 10 of Disks WEALTH: Yes. You have to go in that direction because you are going to learn something about your long term security and how to be successful.

No or Negative Cards

- XI of Trumps LUST: No. You are choosing from your sexual side, not from all aspects. Check to see if this is really what you want.
- XII of Trumps THE HANGED MAN: No. You are in a sacrifice position. If you go through with the journey you are going to lose too much energy. This may be painful. This doesn't mean you can't learn from the experience. Ask yourself the question, Do you really want to go through that much pain and struggle in order to have a successful outcome?
- XIII of Trumps DEATH: No. Ego is making the decision and it is not in alignment with your higher self.

No or Negative Cards

- XV of Trumps DEVIL: No. You are making a blind, impulsive decision. In making this decision you are being tempted. You are not making a decision based on clarity.
- XVIII of Trumps MOON: No. You are in illusion, bewilderment, delusion, and hysteria. This is a poor time to make a decision.
- XVI of Trumps TOWER: No. If you go for this, everything is going to be annihilated and destroyed. How much pain do you really want to go through? This is the biggest No card in the deck!
- 2 of Wands DOMINION: No. Action now is coming from reaction. Be careful about the appropriate use of energy.
- **5 of Wands STRIFE:** No. You are in too much internal or external conflict to make a clear decision.
- 7 of Wands VALOUR: No. You really do not have the energy in order to make it through, even if you think you can.
- 10 of Wands OPPRESSION: No. You will get trapped by circumstances and fail. Either aspects of yourself or others are trying to oppress you in this situation at this time.
- **5 of Cups DISAPPOINTMENT:** No. If you go for it, people are not going to show up. Your expectations of others will not be met.
- 7 of Cups DEBAUCH: No. Unclear fear and sexual energy is controlling the decision. If you make a decision based on these energies, the ending may be disastrous.
- 8 of Cups INDOLENCE: No. You are stuck in the swamp and miserable; trying to find a way out. You have to leave material success for spiritual success.
- **5 of Disks WORRY:** No. You are too scared to actually decide or make any decision. Get through the fear first.
- **3 of Swords** SORROW: No. You are making a decision based on being depressed and down. This is not a clear place for decision-making.

No or Negative Cards

Maybe Cards

- **5 of Swords DEFEAT:** No. There are a lot of other people manipulating you and until you learn to protect yourself and get clear, you will be thrown by their negative energy.
- 7 of Swords FUTILITY: No. Your mind is too unstable, too unfocused, and you should not make decisions with your mind in this state.
- 8 of Swords INTERFERENCE: No. You are focusing on a detail instead of the larger picture. You are basically asking a question that has no relevance to your evolution and growth. The question needs to be re-evaluated.
- **9 of Swords CRUELTY:** No. You are giving up too much of your life-force already. You have sacrificed enough. If you attempt something here you may be the victim of malicious gossip and cruelty afterwards.
- 10 of Swords RUIN: No! To do this can cause ruin and breakdown.
- **7 of Disks FAILURE:** No. Fear of failure and failures from the past will sabotage any decision you make at this time.

Maybe Cards

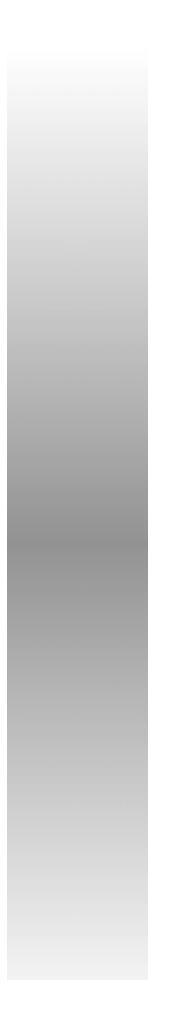
You will find that some cards hold patterns of both Maybe and Yes or No cards. These cards are affected by what surrounds them. All Court Cards are instantly Maybe cards. They are as follows:

Knight of Wands, Queen of Wands, Prince of Wands, Princess of Wands Knight of Cups, Queen of Cups, Prince of Cups, Princess of Cups Knight of Swords, Queen of Swords, Prince of Swords, Princess of Swords

Knight of Disks, Queen of Disks, Prince of Disks, Princess of Disks

1 of Trumps MAGUS-TRICKSTER: Maybe. Things are not what they really seem so you cannot make a clear decision.

- VIII of Trumps ADJUSTMENT: Maybe. You may need to wait for the outcome. You need to cultivate balance in the project to achieve the outcome you are looking for.
- **IX of Trumps HERMIT:** Maybe. What you are looking for is inside your soul.
- XXI of Trumps UNIVERSE: Maybe. This may happen when you complete some other parts. It is better to stop and re-evaluate everything first, then push forward.
- **1 of Wands** ACE OF WANDS: Maybe. Energy and force are trying to move, but it is undirected at this moment. You can do any-thing with this energy.
- 1 of Disks ACE OF DISKS: Maybe. You want to have your cake and eat it, too. Maybe you will or maybe you won't get the outcome you are seeking. You can stop the energy by sabotaging yourself. To get this outcome, you must stay grounded and practical.
- 2 of Swords PEACE: Maybe. You have to engage the process and when you do you do not always know what the outcome will be. Peace has to be fought for to be maintained. That makes it a moment by moment experience.
- **4 of Swords TRUCE:** Maybe. You must try to come to peace. Things are not always black or white.
- **6 OF SWORDS SCIENCE:** Maybe. There is a lot more information that needs to be acquired before a decision can be made. If you acquire the information you may succeed.
- 2 of Disks CHANGE: Maybe. Yin and Yang; it could go either way.
- **4 of Disks POWER:** Maybe. Balance of personal power is at stake here. Do not think you have all the answers. Only then will you have success.
- 8 of Disks PRUDENCE: Maybe. The lesson is to be patient. You must wait for the timing of the Universe. It may not be the time.





SIMPLE YES/ NO SPREAD

There are several ways to read the Aleister Crowley Tarot. If you try to answer a simple Yes/No/Maybe question the best way is to ask a question and then pull three cards with your left hand. Three is a magical number in mystical traditions is related to your intuitive mind and your right brain.

In a Yes/No spread it is possible to get a mixed answer. What I mean by a mixed answer is you can get a Yes, No, and a Maybe card in your answer. Often that means that the question is not actually clear or that the outcome has not yet been determined.

If you get three strong Yes cards, then the answer is clearly positive.

If you get three strong No cards, then the answer is clearly negative.

If you get three Court cards which represent Maybe, then you are in a place were the outcome is not yet determined. The situation has not been decided. Sometimes this means that there are many people (Court Cards) involved in the outcome of this answer. In this case it is better to ask the question, "What can I do to assist this situation in having a positive outcome?"

If you get two Yes cards and one No card, you know that the answer is Yes, but there may be something you haven't quite seen or calculated into the equation. In this case, the No card will enlighten you of what you are not aware.

If you get two No cards and one Yes card, you know that the answer is No, but there is some positive outcome that you have not foreseen. Again, the Yes card will give hints as to what may turn in your favor.

If you get two Maybe cards and a Yes card, it tells you that you might get the outcome you are looking for. It is highly likely that you can see (through the Maybe cards) what you need to do to set the action in motion.

If you get two Maybe cards and a No card, it tells you that the outcome might not go the way you are thinking. There are factors that need to be addressed and you are not seeing something. That piece of information is also hidden within the meaning of the Maybe cards.

As a user of the Tarot, I have noticed that often if I get two "Yes" cards and one "No" card the answer is in actuality going to be a "No", but the person is usually going to go in the direction of the "Yes" no matter what I say. It indicates that the person wants this outcome, and they want to use their will to attempt to get what they want regardless.

Remember in asking Yes/No/Maybe questions that you may get the outcome that you are looking for physically but you may not get the emotional fulfillment that you are associating with the question. An example would be if you are starting a business. The cards may indicate that you are going to have the business work well but if you also associate internally that this business will make you happy and content, that outcome may not happen. The Tarot will attempt to guide you towards what makes you whole and happy, unfortunately we often think things outside us will make us happy rather than look at the internal work that we need to do in order to become complete.

Allow the Tarot to be the guide into what you are spiritually and emotionally seeking rather than attempt to manipulate the cards to justify something that you desire.

FINDING YOUR TAROT SIGNIFICANCE CARDS

In the Tarot, you will find that there are astrological symbols that assist in defining most of the cards. In the Major Arcana you personally will have a card that indicates your astrological sign. This card gives you insights as to your karma as well as the gifts you naturally possess in this sign.

If you were born a Sagittarius, your Significance Card in the Trumps (Major Arcana) would be the Art card. However, because the planet Jupiter rules the sign of Sagittarius the Fortune card is also a Significance Card. In other words, the Fortune and the Art card can show up as archetypes that would be good for the person to understand and work with internally through meditation and externally in the world.

Here are the cards that correspond to each astrological sign:

Astrological Sign	Planet	Ruling Planet Card	Astrological Card
Aries	Mars	The Tower	The Emperor
Taurus	Venus	The Empress	The Hierophant
Gemini	Mercury	Fool	The Lovers
Cancer	Moon	The Priestess	The Chariot
Leo	Sun	Sun	Lust
Virgo	Mercury	Magus/Entrepreneur	The Hermit
Libra	Venus	The Aeon	Adjustment
Scorpio	Pluto	The Hanged Man	Death
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Fortune	Art
Capricorn	Saturn	The Universe	The Devil
Aquarius	Uranus	Magus/Trickster	The Star
Pisces	Neptune	Magus/Bear Dreamer	The Moon

You can find your astrological significance card in the Court Cards.

Knight of Wands	Aries	March 21-April 19
Queen of Wands	Leo	July 23-August 22
Princess of Wands	Sagittarius	November 22-December 21
Knight of Cups	Cancer	June 21-July 22
Queen of Cups	Scorpio	October 23-November 21
Princess of Cups	Pisces	February 19-March 20
Knight of Swords	Gemini	May 21-June 20
Queen of Swords	Libra	September 23-October 22
Princess of Swords	Aquarius	January 20-February 19
Knight of Disks	Taurus	April 20-May 20
Queen of Disks	Virgo	August 23-September 22
Princess of Disks	Capricorn	December 22-January 19

Using Sagittarius as the example once again, if you were a Sagittarius, another significance card that might show up representing you would be the Princess of Wands. That is because the Princess of Wands represents the time period of Sagittarius during the year. Therefore, the cards that represent Sagittarius are: Fortune, Art, and the Princess of Wands.

Identifying these cards for yourself is helpful in determining what is important for you to learn in each spread, as well as if you come up in another's cards as a person who is assisting them in learning or as a love interest.

With this information, look up the Astrological Significance cards related to you and read the information in the book. This will assist you in understanding the greater life lessons that are related to you and support you along your path of self-awareness.

Spreads

LIFE PATH SPREAD

When you experience conflict in your life, you can pull out all the Major Arcana cards (the Trump cards). Separate the Trumps and spread them out in a line. Do the same for each suit; Wands, Cups, Swords, and Disks. Ask the **Major Arcana or Trumps, "What is the conflict?"** Then pull two or more cards from the Major Arcana (Trumps) section. Because the Trumps represent the evolution of the soul from baby stage to your highest manifestation, you can determine where you are on your path at this time and what aspects are in conflict with each other. You can mix up the Major Arcana cards and ask, "What aspects inside are in conflict?" The Trump cards are going to tell you where you are in this particular journey of the soul. The Trumps indicate the aspects or archetypes that are in conflict within you.

Once you have the conflict cards, ask the **Wands**, **"What is the energy I need to integrate to overcome this conflict?"** Then pick one to two cards from the Wands section. The Wands tell you whether the energy is moving or not. This further explains the problem of the Trumps.

Next ask the **Cups** that are spread out, **"What is the emotion that will help me overcome the con-flict within?"** Then pick one or two Cup cards. The Cups indicate the emotional content and how to heal from the feminine aspect within you.

Then ask the **Swords** that are laid out, **"What is the mental challenge and how is my mind handling the situation?" Then pick one or two Sword cards. The Swords indicates what kind of conflict the mind is having at the moment.**

And finally, ask the **Disks** in front of you, **"What is needed in the material and physical plane in order for me to overcome this conflict?"** Then pick one or two Disk cards. The Disks represent the material world or what is happening in the physical reality.

If there is a great deal of intense, fiery energy (Wands) but the emotions (Cups) are really heavy there is a lot of energy but nothing is moving emotionally. The heaviness of the water puts out the energy of the fire cards. This indicates a person whose emotions are not allowing the natural energy of life to move. This is how a negative Cup (emotion) would affect the Wands (energy). If you have energy (Wands) and your emotions (Cups) are flowing, but the mind (Swords) is beating you up, then the mind can stop the forward progression of energy (Wands) and emotions (Cups). If the material plane (Disks), does not work, then you can't manifest the path either. Any one suit can cause the other's restriction, delay action, or give support and encouragement.

The key conflicts are often the Cups and the Swords. The emotions and the mind often cause the biggest problems when they are in conflict with each other. The acquisition of energy (Wands) is not quite as difficult as having your mind (Swords) tell you that you can't. Often energy (Wands) is sabotaged by the mind, and then follow-through can not happen from the Disks.

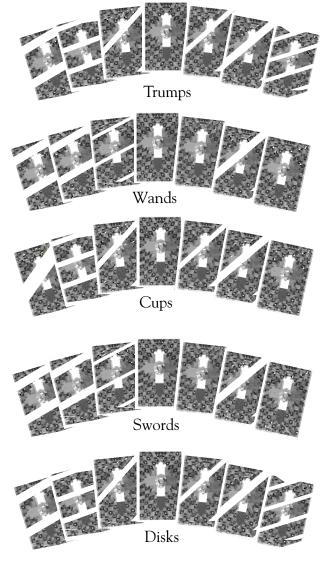
Any place where you are feeling something strongly or where you are feeling pushed can cause a restriction in other aspects. Example: "How do you feel when someone starts pushing you at work"? Human nature tends to resist attempts inwardly or outwardly that try to override us.

If there is no energy (Wands) you cannot get anything to move. If your emotions (Cups) are stuck, you cannot move. If your mind (Swords) is constantly telling you no, you cannot move. If your physical reality (Disks) does not come together, you cannot move. So any of the suits can stop, delay, or block a process of life. True movement comes from all the suits learning how to work together and support the change you desire.

It is helpful if you get energy (Wands), emotions (Cups), and the mind (Swords) in alignment, then the physical reality (Disks) will almost always follow.

With the Life Path Reading, you will get a view of what the problem or conflicts are inside; what the energy (Wands), the emotions (Cups), the mind (Swords), and the material plane (Disks) are doing with this conflict.

Once you understand the situation you will be better able to make the subtle adjustments in your life to bring balance back in.



ASKING A "HOW" QUESTION

To ask a direct question, remember to keep it simple. First, shuffle the cards as many times as it feels necessary, then spread the cards out in front of you. Ask the question, preferably as a "How" question, such as "How do I deal with a specific person?" "How do I make more money?" "How do I become healthier?"

Then choose three cards with your left hand, holding the question in your mind. Then read what the cards have to tell you.

Your Choice - Conflict



Energy of Conflict



Emotions Around Conflict

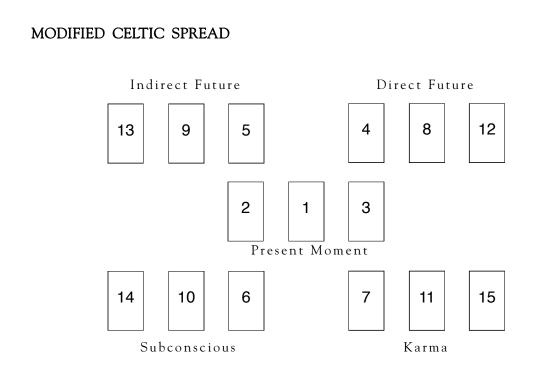


Mind Perspective



Financial or Material Manifestation Outlook





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- 2 Present energy affecting the question
- 3 More information on present energy
- 1, 2, 3 Present Reality
- 4, 8, 12 The Direct Future-What is directly in front of you?
- 5, 9, 13 The Indirect Future-What affects you in an indirect way?
- 6, 10, 14 Subconscious mind (How you feel about something internally)
- 7, 11, 15 Karma (Constitutes the advice, What has happened in past lives?)

In dealing with the Modified Celtic Spread, it is important to remember that all cards touching relate to each other. All cards diagonally relate to each other. All cards directly above and below relate to each other.

If you pick up the central three cards and lay them on top of each other group, such as: Direct Future, Indirect Future, Subconscious Mind, and Karma, those cards relate to each other from the direct position they are laying in.

So in the graphic above, card 1 relates to 2 and 3 because they are touching. Card 1 also relates to Cards 4, 5, 6, 7 as they are diagonally related from the center. Card 1 also relates to Card 8, 9, 10, 11 because Card 1 is the center card.

Cards 12 and 14 directly influence each other because if you pick up the three center cards and lay them on top of each other, the l card is in the same position as the 8, 9, 10, and 11.

In this spread time is determined in two month segments radiating outward from the central three cards. This means that at the two month mark the strong influences in this person's experience are the 4, 5, 6, and 7. At the four month mark the strong influences are the 8, 9, 10, and 11. At the six month mark the strong influences are the 12, 13, 14, and 15. Those influences are characterized by the section that they are in. Use the Timing Cards section in the book to determine the exact timing of events beyond the six month mark.

The first three cards tell you about your current dilemma and problem. The present problem is directly related to what your subconscious mind is doing (6, 10, 14). The Subconscious Mind can influence the Direct Future (4, 8, 12) through the present dilemma (1, 2, 3). But Cards 12 and 14 directly influence each other, because they are the furthest diagonally opposite each other. Cards 13 and 15 directly influence each other, as would the cards adjacent and diagonally. Such as: 8 to 10, 9 to 11.

All the cards are interconnected and somehow give insight or information about other cards. The Subconscious Mind cards will have an influence on the Indirect Future. This is because the Subconscious Mind will have a tendency to create positive or negative influences though indirect processes in life such as; your mate, your friends, your family, and things others say to you. When you are not aware of what is happening internally, then the inner self will reflect that conflict by projecting it outwardly into your world. The people in your life then become the reflections of what is unresolved within your subconscious mind. Messages will appear Indirectly to show you that you need to look inside and address the problems you are having internally.

If your Subconscious Mind is being negative, it slows down the positive Direct Future aspects trying to come in. Our inner self can create delays by making us feel insecure and unmotivated.

The cards in the upper right hand corner represent the Direct Future. These cards indicate what is going to be happening directly in your future and what you need to pay attention to in order to navigate the changes that are coming into your life.

The cards in the upper left hand corner represent the Indirect Future. These cards show what is about to hit you sideways. It is often the things that you cannot see coming. This is where you get surprises and sudden changes in your life. This can show up as a person, as a great new job, or a concern about a family menber. But the Indirect Future shows that something unexpected might happen such as; a death in the family, a sudden health challenge, a friend getting thrown in jail, or a stock market collapse. In this way; the Modified Celtic Cross is helpful in understanding and learning to anticipate circumstances that are some what out of the realm of your conscious thought.

The Direct Future and Indirect Future can divide into male and female aspects when doing a relationship reading, male on one side and female on the other. When this happens, it is actually two different futures for two separate individuals. So there can be two alternative futures in one reading for two people. This can indicate what is going on in the client's life or what the issues are that she is actually encountering or what challenges she is being given to deal with at this time. Women will often create spreads that include aspects of their family member (husband and children). That is because women are concerned in the welfare of their family and will tend to focus on this subject. Men will tend to focus on their work problems and if there are conflicts in their relationship or family.

The Indirect Future may also indicate death of someone around you. The grief card in the Direct Future and death cards in the Indirect Future, it may indicate that someone is going to die unexpectedly, there might be a trauma, a difficulty, or an upset that is about to occur. This situation is going to hit indirectly.

The cards in the lower left hand corner represent the Subconscious Mind and what is going on inside your mind. How you feel internally will definitely affect the future outcome of the question, problem, or focus. If the Subconscious Mind cards are aligned with the Direct Future cards in the reading, it means that the person is cohesive and congruent between their internal self and their external future. If the cards are not aligned, it shows that there is an internal conflict.

An example would be a person with shadowy, dark cards in the Subconscious Mind which could indicate that the person is anxious, afraid, confused, conflicted, angry, or agitated. But then you might see that the future cards are actually very positive in their outcome. In this case, I tell my clients that they think it's going to be horrible and terrible, which colors their future, but it isn't going to be as bad as they think. Their internal self at this time is their worst enemy.

If the Subconscious Mind is positive, and the future is negative, it means the person isn't seeing things clearly. The client wants it to be wonderful, and he thinks everything is going to work out, but when every-

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thing hits, he is going to be totally in shock. You need to tell your clients that it isn't going to turn out exactly the way they want. They might want to take off those rose colored glasses.

Reversed cards in the Subconscious Mind indicate that the person is not aware of these qualities.

The Karma section constitutes the advice (the lower right corner). Karma affects the future from the standpoint if the client is trying to learn a pattern or complete a pattern from a past life and that pattern is showing up in their cards, then that indicates that she has not figured it out in a past lifetime. This can make the present problem seem more difficult to the person because she hasn't really learned this lesson yet. Yet positive Karma cards can assist the person in creating a new pattern such as a new career or spiritual lessons. If the Karma is good then the effort needed to accomplish the goal is less. Their Karma is helping them succeed in this lifetime because they have created plus points from other lives and this will assist them at this time.

INTERPRETATION OF A MODIFIED CELTIC SPREAD

Any card that is touching another, affects the influence of the energy of that card. There are cross-angle patterns that affect the situation very strongly and straight up and down patterns that run through the center. It is important when using this particular spread to pay attention to the cross patterns of the cards.

Here is an example, from a reading for a young woman, age 26.

- 1. Dominion/2 of Wands
- 2. Universe (reversed)
- 3. Ace of Cups
- 4. Valour/7 of Wands (reversed)
- 5. Virtue/3 of Wands (reversed)
- 6. Prince of Swords
- 7. Indolence/8 of Cups
- 8. Queen of Wands

- 9. Knight of Disks (reversed)
 10. Art (reversed)
 11. Ace of Wands (reversed)
 12. Gain/9 of Disks (reversed)
 13. Peace/2 of Swords
- 14. Devil
- 15. Debauch/7 of Cups (reversed)

INTERPRETATION:

The first things seen are the Karma cards that say there has been a huge amount of past life Karma affecting the present reality. The present reality actually is not as bad as the past life that is affecting it. Because the Karma has been so bad in the past, it colors everything in the present, and this person cannot clearly see anything in the relationship. This is why all the cards in the future are upside down. The person in the reading is trying to heal something so deep and so old that they have actually lost track of what it is, but they keep dredging up the old pain, which is what they remember. Often when cards are reversed in the Karma section, it indicates something which can't be seen. So the reversed cards in that section reveal that they are not aware or they cannot see the issues and it colors it more towards the negative qualities of the reversed cards.

In a more positive light, the Universe card indicates a completion. But since this card is reversed, it doesn't feel complete at this moment. As a result, she is still feeling trapped by the old pattern even though she is technically complete with this pattern.

In the overlapping patterns, are the 8 of Cups/ Indolence, the Ace of Cups, and the 7 of Wands, all reversed in a row, straight up and down. This means that her karma is directly related to this pattern. She is the Dominion card, which is Mars in Aries, and represents fiery, angry movement, and frustrated energy; she is probably feeling like she wants to explode. The surrounding cards indicate that this energy is productive, but a fiery explosion had to happen before anything would get moving. The cross pattern from her subconscious mind is affecting the outcome in her future. The Prince of Swords is affecting the Universe, which is affecting her husband and his level of internal peace.

The present reality says that there was or will be a huge explosion which creates change and movement

towards a sense of completion and wholeness. But the Universe card is reversed and it doesn't feel very good. The Ace of Cups indicates that the reason everything exploded is that the client, in her heart; desires happiness and the fire inside of her would not let her be happy. It was going to explode in order for her to define how she wants her happiness to look. It is important for her to find her self and her wholeness. But, notice that she has not been able to experience her wholeness by having a marriage of "Virtue" to the Knight of Disks, and she can't figure out why she feels this way. She is trying to be the perfect wife, mother, and helpmate. But it actually throws him upside down. When the Virtue card is upside down, and Wands represent energy, it indicates that the client's energy is not moving correctly and congruently. The Virtue card is reversed, passion is moving down into the subconscious realm, and that actually throws her husband off because he senses that she is no longer attracted to him deep down. Her passion is moving down inside of herself. The only way the energy is coming out is through anger and frustration. In the release she will be able to feel love again.

Women are interesting creatures. Women want to be able to fully express all their feelings and that asks quite a lot. Women's emotions are like the ocean: one minute it is calm and peaceful; the next moment it is a hurricane. That is a lot to handle. Even for other women. Men don't understand it at all, so women are trained to suppress the deeper, scary emotions. But what often happens is the passion dies when a woman cannot express her feelings. If a man wants passion in his marriage and have a great sex life, he needs to be willing to allow the woman in his life to express what she is feeling. Now that does not mean for her to constantly dump all her emotions on him. Women need to learn to be responsible as well. But women need to feel heard and understood. She has moved her deep emotions into the subconscious and now she also is not sure she is in love anymore. This is not true. But at this moment she needs to express what she has been bottling up and once that is moving, the feelings of love will return.

There is a dominance of Wands in this reading, which indicates that there is so much energy moving that it is almost a problem. The cards influencing the energy are Swords, which represent conflict, mental ideas, and attitudes. The client's picture in her head for a mate is not a Knight of Disks, it is actually a Prince of Swords, which represents a man who is full of ideas and designs, amazingly clever, elastic mind, funny, and elusive. He can have all sorts of ideas, be very intellectual, wants to communicate all of his ideas and patterns. She is married to the Knight of Disks who wants the traditional, nurturing wife, but she is a Queen of Wands who is fiery and intense, wants to be out in the world, doing things, meeting people. So this feels incompatible.

Remember, everyone is really a mosaic of all the cards so it is possible for this Knight of Disks to bend and bring more of his Prince of Swords back into the picture.

The Art card says that if she isn't able to be herself, then she cannot succeed in finding herself. This then affects her financial and economic issues which creates the next conflict. The Prince of Swords is the type of man who is very focused around his own money and economic issues, unlike the Knight of Disks who is focused on money for family and home. The client is in a conflict with money because of the 9 of Disks in her Direct Future. She has to find her own money because the truth is that the Queen of Wands isn't interested in ever working for someone else or having someone else's money. She wants her own money. She also wants control over the money.

In her present relationship, her husband, the Knight of Disks, also wants to control the finances, which creates another problem. When she lets him control the money, her finances go upside down and she loses energy which is the 7 of Wands, and she feels unproductive and not creative. She starts worrying about the finances. Her subconscious mind is afraid to leave him, because she won't have his money and will have to create her own. She knows this subconsciously and because she is afraid, she has been pulling her energy out and disempowering herself to the point that she does not have any physical energy. If she wears herself out physically then she does not have to move.

What is positive in this reading is that the whole process the client started with in the Present Reality is a completion process, which means that she sees it. She is ready to get it. It doesn't feel complete, but she understands what the concept is.

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The Valour card says that she is exhausted and fed up. She is exhausted to the point that she must take care of herself. She has to go inside to find the answers. But the Queen of Wands is stubborn, and she will have to hit her head against the wall several times before she shifts. Fortunately, she has the Mars energy in Leo (reversed), but she has to become angry enough to give up, go inside of herself. Only then will the Valour card take over and become the new internal state.

The Art card indicates a belief system she will have success with, but it will be hard. She isn't going to go the straight or direct way; she will go the hard way, which is typical of the Queen of Wands. The Queen of Wands will go the hard way because she wants to experience it for herself.

With the Prince of Swords in the lower corner and all the upsetting energy above, she is probably interested in someone else right now and he is showing up as the Prince of Swords. Because of the Devil card, she probably wants to play with him in a sexual manner. She is afraid she will lose the money (her husband). She knows she is headstrong and that she will probably do it the hard way. She may hesitate, but her passion and sexuality is coming out subconsciously as her shadow, indicated by the Devil card. She is asking the question, "Where is this energy and where is it going?" The virtuous woman she has been trying to be is at war with her passion and sexuality. She is definitely virtuous, but she also has a devilish side and it wants to play with that sexual, creative energy. If she can find a way to move her sexual energy in a more congruent and positive manner, her creativity will surface, then the money issues will move. At which point she will find another man, though she may still think she needs a man to have the money. Unfortunately, over and over again, the Queen of Wands is going to have to do it by herself. There is a quality of delusion associated with this belief system, but it is usually the way young people think. She is thinking that if she can hook some guy on a sexual level, then the money will be more stable. This is a sexual hook and will ultimately backfire.

Another aspect to look at is that this client recognizes that she feels complete with her present husband, probably because she is so exhausted. She wants the divorce to be peaceful. She knows that he is the father of her children and they will have to be in some kind of relationship with each other for the rest of their lives. She is trying to engage the process and be at peace with it, flow with it, harmonize. This is good. But the karma between the two of them is very dense.

They have been together many times before and it has been a miserable relationship in those lifetimes. This has never been a faithful relationship. It has been full of addicted patterns, like alcoholism. It is a nonproductive pattern on a karmic level, and the cards are all upside down, which indicates a feeling of hopelessness they each feel inside. It is like some part of them knows that no matter what they try, it won't work. It looks like a deep dark pit. She is afraid of that much misery. They were not happy together before and they were stuck in this lifetime, and they were not at choice and they couldn't break free because of the 8 of Cups/Indolence.

The Cups are all stagnant. There are no camaraderie cards. This is a very unhealthy pattern. If they stay together, and don't deal with the issues, he will go deeper into debauchery and density, and his energy will twist and become weird.

But there are two beautiful lotuses blooming in the middle of the swamp in the Indolence card. There are pearls of wisdom hiding in the swamp, but you have to look very carefully. You have to find the clarity in the middle of the confusion. It also represents leaving material successes for spiritual successes. This client has been with her husband before because of financial security, which is the original hook. In order to break this pattern, she must search for her spiritual truth, which is what she is doing now. The Queen of Wands is always going to end up with her own business. She has to be her own boss somehow.

There are only two real gifts in the relationship, which are their two daughters, but there is very little else. He is patriarchal and angry.

The Eight of Wands says that karmicly, they have to do something different. They can't keep doing the same pattern. They need to make a change. They need to leave material successes for spiritual successes. Looking at where their addictive patterns are with each other, they need to address many of the old fears. They need to get beyond the fear and get on with something entirely new.

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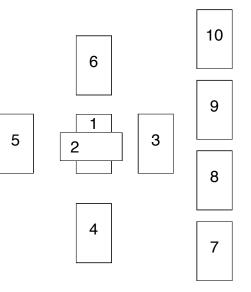
CELTIC SHAMAN'S WHEEL

1. Central Card	Energy of the Person.	6	10
2. Card that Crosses	Issue causing problem.		
3. Third/East	What is the mental energy doing?		9
4. Fourth/South	What is the Inner Child up to? 5		
	Is there playfulness?		
5. Fifth/West	What is the inner guidance, dream, or intuition	n?	8
6. Sixth/North	What does the higher self want to do?		
	What does wisdom want?	4	7
7. Seventh	Next step in going towards the future		
8. Eight	Second step in going towards the future		
9. Nine	Step before completion		
10. Ten	Last step and outcome to this problem		

In this type of reading, the central person has an idea or a picture of what he wants. His inner child has to be in alignment with that. The west indicates what he feels inside of himself about the issue or dream. The north represents what the end result of the process or journey is for him.

Right is an example of a reading of a client:

- 1. Nine of Disks
- 2. Ace of Swords
- 3. Prince of Wands
- 4. Moon
- 5. Magus
- 6. 4 of Swords/Truth
- 7. 8 of Disks/Prudence-reversed
- 8. 4 of Wands/Completion
- 9. Queen of Disks
- 10. Queen of Cups



CELTIC INTERPRETATION:

The man in this reading is 47 years old. He is at this time being the Nine of Disks. He is attempting to stabilized in his finances, and looking towards his old age. The Ace of Swords is the Archangel Michael card, and is helping him communicate and sever cords from the past that no longer serve him. He has probably been doing this since his wife left him five years ago. This represents the balance of the male and female and his taking charge and communicating clearly. It is very empowering for him.

The Prince of Wands says that through this process, he has reclaimed part of his youth, spunk, energy, and vitality. Suddenly, he has said, "I can do this!" He is in the process of taking action, and it is fun, reclaiming ideas he had when he was young. It's time for him to expand and go for it. It represents blossoming love, but it is for love of his life.

The Moon card says that his inner child realizes that there is a test going on to see if he can still be himself without getting caught up in the old illusion or old karma.

The Magus card says that he is very cognitively moving through this process. He is attempting to learn the skills that he needs in order to move forward with his dream.

The Truce card says the end result is balance and harmony. The wisdom is in just being comfortable and in the present moment. This is a new way for him to look at this situation. It will help him keep up his energy if he is willing to listen.

The Prudence card reversed says that he is concerned about finances, old age, and security—but it is still more about conserving money and finances. He needs to pay attention and be careful with the money. He recognizes that there is a blossoming around his finances.

He is noticing something beautiful coming into his relationships. The old established conditions are called into question and are discussed openly. There is a possibility of something new, new energy in relationship to a wife or a friend. He is moving through the wife/spouse energy into the friend energy. He is letting his wife out of that energy and seeing her more as a friend; the intuitive being that she really is. He is seeing how he moves his energy, so now he can see how she moves hers. He is letting go of the old picture of what he wanted in a wife and is looking for a type of female who is more in alignment with who he is becoming. The end result is that he will find the balanced partner who he is seeking.

TRADITIONAL CELTIC CROSS SEVEN CARD SPREAD

3 1. You now 2. The thing blocking you at this time 5 6 7 2 3. What your goal is at this time 4. What past event is affecting this situation 5 Recent past influences affecting this situation 6. Things that are about to happen and how to take action 7. If you take the action of the 6th card you will get this outcome 4

The Traditional Celtic Cross Seven Card Spread is less complicated than the Modified Celtic Cross and is often easier for the beginner to understand.

Begin by asking yourself the question and shuffling the cards three times at least. Cut the cards into three piles and take the bottom pile and place it on the second pile. Then place both of those on the top pile. This creates the bottom pile being on the top and the top pile is on the bottom.

Lay the first card out according to the diagram.

The first card represents you and how you are feeling at the moment.

Lay the second card on top of the first.

This shows what the problem is and what obstacles are presently blocking forward movement.

Lay the third card out above the first two.

This card indicates what the goal is for yourself at this time. It also shows personal expectations about this situation.

Lay the fourth card out below the first two cards.

This position shows what events are blocking you from your past and not allowing you to create an easy change.

Lay the fifth card out to the left of the first two cards.

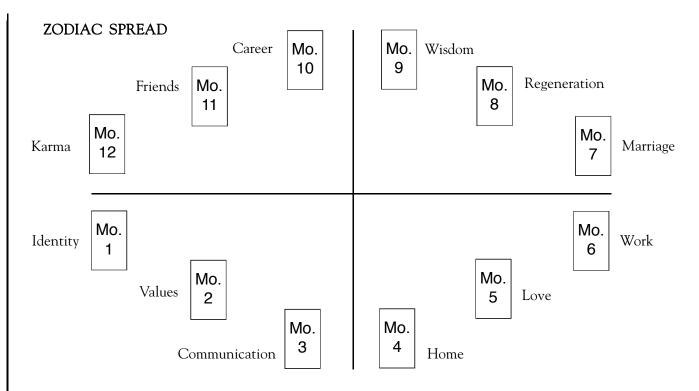
This position indicates what recently happened in the past that is not allowing you to feel confident in handling the change. This card gives you an opportunity to choose to change the circumstances in the past and give yourself permission to try a new pattern.

Lay the sixth card out to the right of the first two cards.

This card represents how you can take action at this time and how the change can unfold if you are willing to go.

The seventh card is the outcome. Lay it to the right of the sixth card. This indicates that if you are willing to take a new path and are willing to take the advice of the sixth card, you will then get this card's outcome.

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In laying out a Zodiac Spread, imagine that you are looking at a round wheel. Shuffle the cards and cut them three times. Take the bottom cut of cards and place it on top of the second to the bottom cut, finally placing those two on top of the first cut of cards.

Create a square cross in your mind and lay out the first card just below the horizontal line on the left hand side.

Each quadrant will have three cards in it. The lower left hand quadrant will hold cards, 1, 2, 3. The lower right hand quadrant will hold cards, 4, 5, 6. The upper right hand quadrant will hold cards, 7, 8, 9. And the upper left hand corner will hold the cards, 10, 11, and 12.

Each card informs you to what challenges will come up in a particular space of time: Card 1 in one month. Card 2 in the second month. Card 3 in the third month. Card 4 in the fourth month. Card 5 in the fifth month. Card 6 in the sixth month. Card 7 in the seventh month. Card 8 in the eighth month. Card 9 in the ninth month. Card 10 in the tenth month. Card 11 in the eleventh month. Card 12 in the twelfth month. But the Zodiac Spread does not end there. Each card's position corresponds to an Astrological House and the information held within that house.

House position corresponds to each card's number. Example:

Card 1	First House	House of Identity, and Appearance to Others
Card 2	Second House	House of Personal Values, and Possessions
Card 3	Third House	House of Communication, and Expression of Ideas
Card 4	Fourth House	House of Home, and Family
Card 5	Fifth House	House of Love, Romance, Creativity, and Children
Card 6	Sixth House	House of Work, Service, and Health
Card 7	Seventh House	House of Relationships, and Marriage
Card 8	Eighth House	House of Sex, Death, Rebirth, and Regeneration
Card 9	Ninth House	House of Wisdom, Truth, Travel, and Teaching
Card 10	Tenth House	House of Career, Success, and Goals
Card 11	Eleventh House	House of Friends, Ideas, and Social Systems
Card 12	Twelfth House	House of Karma, Sorrows, and Escapism

If you have as Card 1, the Lust card, the lessons that will come up in one month are related to finding your passion and learning about how to handle your own life-force energy.

This also relates to the First House and so you will also be learning about how you appear to others and how you define and identify yourself. With the Lust card, there you will appear powerful and magnetic to others as well as assertive and powerful.

An example of Card 9 being the Knight of Wands shows that in the ninth month you will be learning the lessons of expansion and your own individual potential. You will need to pursue your dream and take action. You may have to be careful of your temper as there is much fire, but your intent will be to move things forward.

Card 9 relates to the Ninth House, which is the House of Wisdom, Truth, Traveling and Teaching. With the Knight of Wands ruling this House, it will tell you that you could be traveling (Knight of Wands moves quickly and takes action), you may need to look at where you are being abrupt and not telling yourself or others the truth, or you may need to assist others in starting up a project.

Take a moment to look up each card and translate the information. This spread can give a well-rounded perspective of what is coming up in the future for you.

Timing Health Significant Other Significant Cards

Timing Cards

TIMING CARDS

SPRING CARDS: Ace of Disks, Knight of Wands, Knight of Disks, Princess of Cups, Eight of Disks (Prudence), The Fool, The Lovers.

SUMMER CARDS: Ace of Cups, Queen of Wands, Knight of Cups, Knight of Swords, The Sun.

FALL CARDS: Ace of Wands, Queen of Disks, Queen of Swords, Queen of Cups, Eight of Disks (Prudence).

WINTER CARDS: Ace of Swords, Princess of Disks, Princess of Wands, Princess of Swords, The Hermit, Eight of Cups (Indolence).

HOW TO TELL TIMING IN THE TAROT

Timing is the other difficult area for Tarot. In using the cards for years, I notice that if I ask how long something will take there is a basic equation that is helpful. Remember, this is not foolproof. Timing is based on how much the person is motivated by an answer to go for the outcome.

An example would be, "When will I get a house?" You might get an answer such as; Knight of Disks, Art (Fourteen of Trumps), and Peace (Two of Swords).

Here is the breakdown: Number cards by themselves = Weeks

Trumps + Court Cards + Number Card = Months to Years Trumps + Number Cards = Months

Court Cards + Number Cards = Years

The Court cards by themselves such as all Knights, Queens, Princesses, and Princes usually represent years. One Court Card + Two number cards (Virtue-Three of Wands, Happiness-Nine of Cups) = 3 to 9 Years.

Trumps by themselves with a number card, usually represents months. One Trump card + Two number cards (Five of Swords-Defeat, Ten of Wands-Oppression) = 5 to 10 months.

Together Trumps and Court Cards represent that you can accomplish the task between months to years. An example would be the Magus + Knight of Swords + Two of Swords (Peace) = Two Months to Two Years.

Clients usually want an exact number and they don't like wide spreads in the timetables. So I will often say that they can accomplish this in two years. Sometimes the person comes back and says that they didn't like that it was going to take that long and so they got motivated and accomplished it in two months. Subtle opposition motivates some people. That gets them going and the energy generated accomplishes the task earlier rather than later.

Unfortunately, the opposite is also true. Some people love to resist and prove that everything in the psychic realm is wrong. You can take a person with tremendous resistance and have the question about buying a house and they could get the answer, (Two Months to Two Years). Yet, they will not do any of the steps because they want to prove everything wrong. They will not get the timing because of their resistance to life and the changes they need to make.

With most people, if you get the above answer, they will accomplish it in the shorter amount of time rather than the longer.

Health Significance Cards

MAJOR ARCANA speech and communication problems, speech impediments Magus -The Hanged Man - illnesses that are a struggle, illness and death related to past life karma Death death of ego, death of someone or something The Devil death, a karmic learning experience through health crisis, sexually transmitted diseases The Tower heart attack, stroke, heart disease, death from something sudden, teeth problems The Moon insanity, depression, confusion, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease, manic/depressive disorder The Sun sudden death by accident WANDS Dominion anger and conflict, battles, war Completion deep need for rest and relaxation Strife violent acts inflicted on a person, bickering, arguing, injuries from being attacked Valour physical exhaustion, energy depletion, due for illness, body not working properly causing fatigue and lethargy **Oppression** malice, selfishness, repression, physical restrictions, broken bones, torn tendons and ligaments, sprains and strains, struggles with movement from illnesses such as Multiple Sclerosis and Muscular Dystrophy CUPS Knight of Cups drug addict, alcoholic, obsessive/compulsive, panic attacks, ADD, ADHD Queen of Cups emotionally influenced by the others Prince of Cups mental instability, manic behavior, moodiness, sexual addiction Princess of Cups languid, self indulgence Ace of Cups fertility Abundance good reproductive system Luxury organ weaknesses, immune system weaknesses, Chronic Fatigue Disappointment despair over loss of friendships, sadness Debauch sticky lymphatic, sticky blood, endocrine weaknesses, digestive system weaknesses, alcoholism, drug addiction, anxiety, and cirrhosis of the liver Indolence cancer, toxicity, mucus problems in sinuses and gut, system backups, diabetes SWORDS Prince of Swords - inability to create the steps to go to completion Princess of Swords- overwork, taking on more than one can do Ace of Swords the need to let go immediately, the need to cut out something quickly Sorrow depression, sadness, grief, loss, hopelessness, misery, lung problems, bronchitis, sinus troubles, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder Defeat loss, malice, weakness, failure of organs or systems, death Science treatable medical problems, the need for medical treatment, surgery Futility mental instability, internal conflict and dialogue, surgery, back problems. Interference surgery, fixing of bones, straightening of bones, blood tests, blood-borne illnesses blockages in the arteries and vein Ruin insanity, surgery, heart troubles, death, and organ failures DISKS Knight of Disks fatherhood Oueen of Disks motherhood Princess of Disks pregnancy Ace of Disks plastic surgery, liposuction, fixing of broken noses Worry anxiety problems, fear over money and security Success successful surgeries Failure organ failures, fears of making mistakes Prudence delay a surgery or find the appropriate timing for a surgery

Other Significance Cards —

DEATH CARDS

You must have three of these, side by side, to be a warning of impending death to someone in a spread. Two side by side is a warning of an impending health crisis.

	The Hanged Man	Ruin	The Devil
	The Tower	The Sun	Death
LEGAL CAR	DS		
	these cards coming together in hey are going to have a legal is		you will know that whomever the reading
	Chariot	Interference	Wealth
	Swiftness	Adjustment	
LONG TERM	I CARDS		
With	these cards you can tell if some	thing has the potential to g	go long term in work, love or spirit.
	Satiety	Wealth Universe	Completion
	Chariot	Adjustment	
PREGNANC	Y CARDS		
With	these cards you can assist a pers	on in knowing if and when	n they can conceive.
	Ace of Cups	Abundance	Success
	Empress	Queen of Disks	Princess of Disks
SCHOOL CARDS			
	Science	Swiftness	Adjustment
	Chariot	Magus/Magician	Prudence
	Completion	Success	Hermit
	Art		
CHANGE CARDS			
	Fool	The Priestess	Works
	Ace of Wands	Ace of Cups	Ace of Swords
	Ace of Disks	Universe	Completion
	Devil	Change	Sun
	Fortune	Moon	Tower

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TAROT BOTTOM LINE - TRUMPS

O-Fool

Right Side Up-Make a leap of faith and begin.

Reversed-You are resisting the change that is happening.

I-The Magus-Entrepreneur

Right Side Up-Skills need to be learned in order to proceed.

Reversed-Be careful you are not being deceived.

I-The Magus-Bear/Dreamer

Right Side Up-Go inward and learn skills in which to understand yourself.

Reversed-You are unwilling to go inside and find the answer. Slow down.

I-The Magus-Trickster

Right Side Up-Where you are in the shadow and where you want to deceive yourself or others?

Reversed-You are walking on thin ice. Be careful you are testing fate and your safety.

II-The Priestess

Right Side Up-Listen to your intuition and catalyze yourself into new awareness.

Reversed-You are caught in self-illusion or delusion. You are out of touch with reality.

III-The Empress

Right Side Up-Learn to love and know that you are nurtured and cared for.

Reversed-Look to where you are being defensive or overly protective of your heart. Take a risk and open your heart.

IV-The Emperor

Right Side Up-Look at the rules of your family and notice if they are helping or harming your progress.

Reversed-You are holding resentment and not standing up for what you believe.

V-The Hierophant

Right Side Up-Are you adhering to the values of your society and personal code of ethics? Messages are coming in. Take the time to listen.

Reversed-You are in conflict with your personal values. You may not get what you want.

VI-The Lovers

Right Side Up-You are learning to love another and in turn love yourself by integrating opposites within. It is time to open your heart to others and grow.

Reversed-You are in infatuation. Look to where you are lying to yourself and creating unrealistic expectations.

VII-The Chariot

Right Side Up-Make a commitment and learn the value of keeping your word.

Reversed-You are overcommitted or are allowing fear to create hesitation. Make a choice.

VIII-Adjustment

Right Side Up-You are making a legal decision. Make sure you are balanced and aware of the long-term consequences.

Reversed-Legal battles are on the horizon. Pressure is going to escalate. Accept that you do not know the outcome at this time.

IX-The Hermit

Right Side Up-At this time you must walk the path alone into your deepest shadow self. You must reclaim your soul by facing your shadow.

Reversed-You are not listening to the voices within. There is too much chaos happening. You are neglecting yourself.

X-Wheel of Fortune

Right Side Up-It is time to make some changes. There is risk but the outcome is positive.

Reversed- You want something but the timing is off at this time. Know where to draw the line.

TAROT BOTTOM LINE - TRUMPS

XI-Lust

Right Side Up-Passion is awakening and you are learning the lessons of life-force and drive. Harness this energy appropriately and you will succeed.

Reversed-Your mind is interfering with the natural flow of lifeforce within. You are afraid of getting out of control. Make sure your behavior is appropriate.

XII-The Hanged Man

Right Side Up-You are trapped in old beliefs and mental patterns that no longer serve you. It is time to let go as you are suffering.

Reversed-You are not letting something go. How miserable are you willing to become before you finally change.

XIII-Death

Right Side Up-You are experiencing some form of ego death. You have no choice but to let go of the ego and allow new experiences to enhance your life.

Reversed-You are not allowing change to happen. The message is getting louder. Let go now.

XIV-Art

Right Side Up-You have made the correct decision. Success will be yours though it will take time.

Reversed-You still have a long way to go to get to your goal. Be careful with money.

XV-Devil

Right Side Up-You are being temped by something. You are learning a lesson about obsessive ness and karma. This lesson may look pleasant but there are consequences for your actions.

Reversed-You are easily temped by sex, money and pleasure. You are attempting to keep it under control.

XVI-The Tower

Right Side Up-Your reality is breaking down in order for there to be rebirth. This moment may be greatly challenging as well as, healing and transformative.

Reversed-Breakdown is coming and you have been warned. A crisis is on the way. What you are afraid of is about to happen.

XVII-The Star

Right Side Up-There is hope at this time and a new flow to your life.

Reversed-You are feeling hopeless. Things feel impossible.

XVIII-The Moon

Right Side Up-You are being tested inwardly to see if you really understand the lessons learned. Don't let your emotions pull you under.

Reversed-You are not in present time. You are at risk of becoming depressed and overly emotional.

XIX-The Sun

Right Side Up-There is success and positive movement at this time. Go for it.

Reversed-You are not feeling fulfilled and are being depleted with unnecessary things.

XX-The Aeon

Right Side Up-Stay awake and use your discernment to observe the lessons from an objective point of view.

Reversed-You are not being objective to the present situation. You are not allowing feedback from others to assist you in finding the appropriate pathway.

XXI-The Universe

Right Side Up-Completion is at hand. You are to be congratulated. Something is about to begin.

Reversed- Something has just ended or is about to end. You want to be complete but you are not.

TAROT BOTTOM LINE - COURT CARds

Knight of Wands

Right Side Up-Use the energy inward to generate movement.

Reversed-You do not have the energy to make a change at this time.

Queen of Wands

Right Side Up-Use the power within to slowly advance towards the things you want. Consistency allows others to respect and admire you.

Reversed-You are not willing to take feedback. You want to get your own way. You are feeling desperate.

Prince of Wands

Right Side Up-Allow the energy moving at this time to ignite your mind and ideas.

Reversed-Slow down and look before you leap.

Princess of Wands

Right Side Up-Allow your enthusiasm to create a fearlessness and forward movement. Others see you as brilliant and daring.

Reversed-You enthusiasm has gotten you into trouble. You are in over your head.

Knight of Cups

Right Side Up-You are on a spiritual journey. You are questing after emotional fulfillment.

Reversed- Be careful to not fall into addictions. Make sure your dreams are grounded.

Queen of Cups

Right Side Up-Your emotions give you great sensitivity to others feelings. Open your intuition but know how to stay protected and safe.

Reversed-The sensitivity inside has you feeling pulled back and forth by others pain. You are out of touch with your feelings and others are taking a priority.

Prince of Cups

Right Side Up-Look to where you want to control others to fulfill your own needs.

Reversed-You are out of touch with reality. It is time to find out how to fulfill you. Stop obsessing.

Princess of Cups

Right Side Up-You want to be taken care of and are idealistically dreaming. You want the best life has to offer without necessarily working for it.

Reversed-You need to take some time for you. Your energy is at a low. Enjoy being human.

Knight of Swords

Right Side Up-You need to learn to be more gregarious and outgoing. It is time to step into the limelight and find out how to shine.

Reversed-Others may be trying to manipulate you because of your unwillingness to take responsibility. You are unwilling to look at past behavior and make a change.

Queen of Swords

Right Side Up-You are becoming more perceptive and aware of everything around you. You want people to tell the truth and be direct.

Reversed-You are being too abrupt. You are hiding your true self behind your need to know everything.

Prince of Swords

Right Side Up-You are over-thinking the present situation. You are in danger of getting addicted to thinking and dreaming and not actually accomplishing anything. Get out of your mind and just do it.

Reversed-You are becoming erratic and unpredictable. Be careful to not overanalyze the situation and destroy the very thing you are trying to create.

Princess of Swords

Right Side Up-You may have taken on too much at this time. Look to see where you are overextended. You don't have to do everything.

Reversed-You have bitten off more than you can chew. This is creating anger and resentment.

Knight of Disks

Right Side Up-You are acting responsibly and are going for your goals in a practical way. You are grounded and know what needs to be done.

Reversed-You are not doing what you need to do to get the job done. You are waiting for the world to hand it to you. Intimacy is getting lost.

Queen of Disks

Right Side Up-You are learning to nurture yourself and others. Be careful to not associate with helping others at the expense of yourself.

Reversed -You need to get out of the house. Your mind is spinning out of control. You are creating a lot of unnecessary anxiety.

Prince of Disks

Right Side Up-You are traditional in your approach and are plodding along to your goal. Be careful to not become dull and boring. Money is not more important than your intimate connections to others.

Reversed-You need to let go of the past history that blocks you from allowing others into your more gentle side. Anger is bubbling up. Deal with it.

Princess of Disks

Right Side Up-You are ready to give birth to something. You are prepared and full of life. Creation of something new is at hand.

Reversed-You are resisting the creative, birthing process of life. Allow the challenge to awaken the hidden gifts inside.

WANDS

Ace of Wands

Right Side Up-Go for it.

Reversed-Your energy is moving against you at this time.

Two of Wands-Dominion

Right Side Up-You are hitting some conflicts with others. Look at where there is anger in the space.

Reversed-Aggressiveness is threatening to get out of control

Three of Wands

Right Side Up-Virtue-Have pride in yourself and the energy will more forwards with your honesty and virtue.

Reversed-Your pride is getting in the way of the truth.

Four of Wands-Completion

Right Side Up-There is a completion happening and a sense of rest and rejuvenation.

Reversed-Take a small break, you are not quite done.

Five of Wands-Strife

Right Side Up-There is conflict all around you. Pick your battles wisely.

Reversed-Be careful the choice you are making my cause more hardship and struggle.

Six of Wands-Victory

Right Side Up-You are winning the battle and balance is coming back into play.

Reversed-The victory may be short-lived. Don't get caught unaware.

Seven of Wands

Right Side Up-Valour-Your energy is at a low point. Take some time to regenerate your life-force. You have the courage to continue but now is not the time.

Reversed-You are feeling undecided and confused. Plan before you move.

Eight of Wands

Right Side Up-Swiftness-Activities are moving quickly at this time. There are legal issues to be dealt with and networking through computers, phones, etc. that will assist you.

Reversed-Things are not moving as quickly as you have wanted. Communications are feeling delayed. You are feeling like you are hurrying up and then waiting.

Nine of Wands-Strength

Right Side Up-You have the strength to continue. The energy is moving in your favor.

Reversed-You have strength in some area but other areas are lacking. Strength at this time comes from your ability to adapt.

Ten of Wands-Oppression

Right Side Up-You are feeling trapped by the circumstances and anger is welling up from within.

Reversed-Anger is in danger of exploding. You are needing to find appropriate ways to let your feelings out constructively.

CUPS

Ace of Cups

Right Side Up-Go with the flow. Don't push the river.

Reversed-The emotions you are feeling may be one-sided. Step out of the illusion of what you want this situation to be and find what is true.

Two of Cups-Love

Right Side Up-Open your heart and learn to love others.

Reversed-Things may not be what they seem. This feeling is trying to open you to the changes and growth that are needed at this time.

Three of Cups-Abundance

Right Side Up-Share the abundance of love and emotions you feel. Allow the emotions to open you to a new level of awareness and understanding.

Reversed-Be careful to not overdo anything at this time. Tuck some money away.

Four of Cups-Luxury

Right Side Up-You have gone into excess and that has become an addictive pattern that is now sabotaging you. It may not seem it, but things are breaking down.

Reversed-You are being obsessive and extreme in your thinking. You are looking at things to help you run away from the present reality.

Five of Cups-Disappointment

Right Side Up-You are disappointed in friends and family at this time. You are feeling regret and don't know how to let go of the hurt.

Reversed-You are trying to be in denial that you are terribly hurt and disappointed. You need to be honest with who or what you are really disappointed in.

Six of Cups-Pleasure

Right Side Up-You are feeling great pleasure and positive emotional flow at this time. Take a look to see if it is real.

Reversed-You are looking at your past nostalgically but you cannot go back. You are seeking to find parts of yourself that feel lost in the present circumstance. You are trying to find the joy again.

Seven of Cups-Debauch

Right Side Up-You have fallen further into addiction and obsessive sexual patterns. Be careful to not dig so deep of a hole that you cannot get out.

Reversed-Your emotions and physical health cannot keep going at this rate. You are in breakdown.

Eight of Cups-Indolence

Right Side Up-You are feeling miserable and stuck. You are trapped by the heaviness of the emotions that you are carrying. Let go and allow healing to begin.

Reversed-Stagnation is happening. You are feeling depressed with no way out of the situation. You need to get moving any way you can.

Nine of Cups-Happiness

Right Side Up-You are feeling happy with yourself and fulfilled at this time. Things are going your way.

Reversed-In order to find happiness you need to take charge of the situation. You are putting on a happy face that you don't really feel.

Ten of Cups-Satiety

Right Side Up-You are creating long term success and you know that as you pursue your desires that they can become real.

Reversed-Success will eventually happen the timing is just a little off. Don't take risks with money. Stay in safe endeavors. Stay in the present moment.

SWO RDS

Ace of Swords

Right Side Up-Let go of the old mind set. Allow Michael, the archangel, to assist you. Let new ideas and concepts back into your life. Give the dreams inside you a voice.

Reversed-Look to see if you are not willing to see the truth.

Two of Swords-Peace

Right Side Up-You are learning how to create compromise and harmony by understanding others viewpoints and opinions.

Reversed-Peace may take a little longer than previously thought. You need to bend a little in your position.

Three of Swords-Sorrow

Right Side Up-Great sadness is forcing you to break out of old patterns you are holding in your mind.

Reversed-You are afraid to be alone. You are not though the grief process yet. Allow delays to give you time to heal.

Four of Swords-Truce

Right Side Up-You have come to some resolution and there is a feeling of balance and understanding.

Reversed-You are the one that needs to make a concession. You are judging others. It is time to forgive.

Five of Swords-Defeat

Right Side Up-You are feeling attacked and defeated by some pattern at this time. Do not allow your own mind to defeat you with its negativity.

Reversed-You are worrying about what others think. There is gossip and pettiness happening all around you whether you realize it or not. Keep you mouth shut you don't know who is listening.

Six of Swords-Science

Right Side Up-You are being asked to learn some lessons and either seek out knowledge or go back to school.

Reversed-You are being asked to learn something in a non-traditional way. You are in a rut and only you can make the change to create something else.

Seven of Swords-Futility

Right Side Up-You are feeling hopeless. There is a great sense of loss. You wonder, "What is the point?"

Reversed-Your mind is becoming more unstable. You are mentally analyzing thing to the point of exaggerating the negative perspective. This is making you crazy, as you cannot find a way out of the present situation.

Eight of Swords-Interference

Right Side Up-Your mind is creating delays and interference. You are worrying about things that have no relevance at this time. Your mind is creating obstacles that distract you from your true goal.

Reversed-Others outside you are interfering with your present circumstance. Check to see if an angel is creating problems in order to stop you from going down a wrong door.

Nine of Swords-Cruelty

Right Side Up-Someone is being cruel to you. You may be being cruel to yourself. Notice where you feel you need to sacrifice yourself for others.

Reversed-Be careful to not become malicious or condescending to others. Revenge is not a way to completion. Think things through before you react. The consequences may be harsh.

Ten of Swords-Ruin

Right Side Up-You are allowing the mind to create chaos and destruction. The mind is not the answer. Things are going to break down no matter what. Look at where you are not seeing the reality of the present situation.

Reversed-Don't allow your fears to consume you. The present pain is trying to show you where you have been deeply stuck.

DISKS

Ace of Disks

Right Side Up-You can have what you want.

Reversed-You want it all right now and that is not happening. You are in danger of becoming selfish and self-obsessed.

Two of Disks-Change

Right Side Up-You are finding out how to balance the physical plane with the energy of manifestation. Change is good.

Reversed-This moment may not come again. Make a decision and jump or you will miss the opportunity. If you resist change the old reality will be forced to shift in a more painful way.

Three of Disks-Works

Right Side Up-You are laying the foundation stones and things are in the works.

Reversed-Be careful to not allow yourself or others to slack off. There is much work to do. Don't stop but allow the progression to move more slowly and deliberately.

Four of Disks-Power

Right Side Up-You have accomplished a great deal and you are learning about power and responsibility.

Reversed-Your quest for power is getting your ego a little out of control. Step off your pedestal and explain your actions. That will allow others to follow more willingly.

Five of Disks-Worry

Right Side Up-You are worrying and concerned about something. Fear is in control at this time. Be careful with the money.

Reversed-You are worrying to the point of making yourself sick. Balance anxiety with appropriate action and you will feel better. Things are not coming to pass because the ground underneath you is unstable. Stop and deal with yourself first then take action.

Six of Disks-Success

Right Side Up-You are being successful in what you what to accomplish at this time. You feel fulfilled.

Reversed-Don't be stubborn in needing to have the situation unfold the way you thought. Do you want success or do you want to be right? Try out someone's suggestion. It just might work.

Seven of Disks-Failure

Right Side Up-You are feeling a fear of failure. You may be afraid to move and take a risk. You must face your fear and find a way through.

Reversed-You are blocking the forward movement because of unrealistic expectations. What you want is going to take more effort than you previously thought.

Eight of Disks-Prudence

Right Side Up-You need to be prudent with money and expenses. You can accomplish the task if you are willing to be patient and take the time that is required. Don't push.

Reversed-You are becoming impatient. Stop overdoing. Don't force others to do things your way.

Nine of Disks-Gain

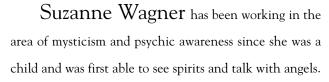
Right Side Up-You are learning to put money back into yourself and your work. This will cause expansion at a later time.

Reversed-You are in danger of contracting around money and becoming miserly. Change your tactics to financial success. Get rid of the clutter and create some space to bring new energy in. Look to see where you are getting drained financially.

Ten of Disks-Wealth

Right Side Up-You have learned the lessons of long-term financial goal setting. You are creating wealth and financial security. In the long run you will succeed.

Reversed-Risky ventures at this time will fail. You are wasting your money and are in an addictive pattern. Be careful to not get greedy.



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INTEGRAL TAROT

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Yes/No/Maybe positions of the cards to quickly interpret an answer for the reader.

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