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Welcome

Thank you for investing in this book. I am Amanda Goldston.

I would like to share with you the very simple method of reading Tarot cards that I was taught when I first started reading cards in 1993.

This is a straight to the point book, with no fluff. It is the information that I use on a day-to-day basis to read for myself and my personal clients and friends.

There is no need for any complex rituals, candles, incense or any other mystic trappings- although you can add these yourself if they make you feel good.

You don't need any psychic ability to be able to read Tarot cards. When I started reading cards, I did not think I had any psychic abilities. Over time my intuition improved and developed.

The easiest way to read Tarot cards is to really look at each card, look at the Colours, any Symbols that leap out at you and the pictures. What is going on in the card? How does it make you feel when you look at it? Does it remind you of a person or a situation? Trust that feeling or that voice. It is your Intuition and it will be absolutely correct for you.

In this book I am going to show you some quick and easy methods to develop your intuition and ways to use the cards to trigger that inner wisdom, so that you can build a personal relationship with your cards and they speak to you.

Reading Tarot cards is a bit like story-telling. You use the cards to build a picture and a feeling of what is going on and let the story unfold with each card you put down. Tarot is a wonderful journey and is tremendous fun.

With abundant blessings.
Amanda Goldston
Tamworth, UK, 2009

Introduction

The Tarot is a fantastic tool for stimulating your Intuition and you can develop it at your own pace. Like anything, the more you can put into it, the quicker you will get fantastic results for yourself.

Intention

Set yourself an intention that you will quickly and easily learn and absorb everything you need to know from this book, to be able to tap into your Intuition at will, and know that it will give you exactly the answers you need- anytime and every time!

What is Tarot?

Tarot cards have been around for centuries and have been in one form or another for understanding yourself and the world around you. No-one knows for certain exactly where they came from, although the first documented use seems to have in 14th century Europe.

Tarot cards have frequently been used as a tool for fortune telling or divination and have appeared throughout history and literature as a make or break time for people- often kings and royalty.

People who could interpret the cards were given great power and often today still are.

Tarot cards have often appeared where great misfortune is about to befall someone and that would interpretation would be taken as "the truth" and exactly what was going to happen and nothing could be done to change that.

There are still numerous people today who take that same approach.

However I am of the opinion that very little is fixed and we can influence and change most things in our lives, if we choose to take responsibility for our own lives.

Where does the information come from?

I believe we all have "helpers" in the Universe, which can be called by a variety of names. I also believe there is a Universal source of energy which we can all tap into

All the answers we will ever need are either within us and we can tap into them.

This is a bit like a Universal bank where everything is stored and when we are "plugged into" our source energy, we are in tune with ourselves and we can allow wonderful things to come to us.

Any reading can be coloured by your current thoughts, feelings and experiences and the cards reflect this.

In terms of outcomes, what the cards indicate is the general direction of your life, if you did not make any changes.

A tarot reading cannot make any decisions for you. It can offer guidance for you to make the best decisions for you.

Tarot can help with the following:

Tap into your own intuition and inner wisdom, so you can “know” with laser sharp accuracy when something is right for you. It can help confirm your own feelings as to what the correct next steps are for you.

You can consider an “alternate future” to the one which is currently unfolding and make better, more informed choices for yourself. You can explore various options to create the future you desire, and look at ways of enabling you to get to where you really want to go.

See some light at the end of the tunnel, when all looks dark, bleak and hopeless around you. It can bring some hope, optimism and encouragement to your life. Often that will be enough to open up your own inner resources such as creativity, problem solving, intuition and the ability to notice a different way forward.

If you have a difficult choice to make, the tarot can help you to safely explore different options, before you rush in and commit yourself to something, so you can choose the path that is best for you.

It can indicate challenging situations and difficult people ahead of you, where “forewarned is forearmed” and you can then make different choices, so you can either head off a potential problem or lessen its effects or maybe have a “Plan B” in place.

Show you the energies around you and indicate what maybe blocking you from having the success you deserve or from moving forward.

Very often it will also show the ways to overcome the blocks. The biggest blocks can be in allowing success, money, happiness and love to flow into your life.

It is a fantastic opportunity to take control of your life and to make changes that need making, ahead of life making them for you.

What Tarot isn't

Tarot does not tell you categorically what is going to happen in your life, as you have ultimate control over the direction of our life.

It cannot give you specific advice and it cannot make decisions for you. It cannot “make” you do anything.

It does not offer you fixed or unchangeable things and it is very unlikely to predict death, doom and destruction and other things you can't do anything about, apart from worry about their arrival.

There is nothing to be scared of, as it is purely a deck of picture cards. As with anything the power lies in the interpretation and the lofty status that is often given to the person doing the interpretation.

It is totally subjective and everyone will see the cards in a different way.

Tarot has nothing to do with any religion, strange cult, devil worshipping, witchcraft, voodoo or any other weird and wacky thing.

You do not have to have any special skills and you do not need to be a natural clairvoyant, medium or psychic to be able to work with the cards.

Choosing a deck

Traditional decks consist of 78 cards, which are made up of the 22 Major Arcana cards and 4 suits called Cups, Wands, Swords and Pentacles. There are many more modern decks which use different history, legends, culture or mythology as their base.

One of the easiest decks to start with is the Rider Waite deck, designed by Arthur Waite and illustrated by Pamela Coleman Smith, as the images are very clear and easy to understand.

This is the deck we are working with in this book.

You don't have to know any particular mythology or legend to use them.

They are also very easy to explain to someone else when you are doing a reading and they can often see for themselves what the message is.

Ultimately it is about finding a deck you feel comfortable with and is easy for you to work with.

You don't have to be given a deck of tarot cards by someone else. Sometimes it is better to buy your own because you can resonate with them.

Major Arcana

The Major Arcana is made up of 22 cards. Some decks will only have these and some readers will only use them. They can be looked at in many ways.

If you see a lot of major arcana cards in a reading or a spread, then it is likely that those issues are very important issues in a person's life and that the impact of the situations may well be there for some time.

The major arcana cover virtually every aspect of someone's life. It can also be seen as the journey through life or a more spiritual journey and the lessons that need to be learnt.

The Major Arcana also indicate personality archetypes. Although the figures in the cards may show as male or female, the characteristics can relate to either gender.

They point to some major lessons or qualities we need to find in ourselves to be able to move forward with a situation and often with our lives.

Major arcana cards can also represent events.

Suits

The rest of the deck is made up of 4 suits. These can be compared to the suits in a deck of playing cards.

The first is the Suit of Cups, which usually represent matters to do with emotions and feelings.

Astrologically they represent the element of Water and the signs of Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces.

The next is the Suit of Wands, which refer to matters to do with action, work, career, business, creativity, moving forward.

Wands are represented by the element of Fire and can point to the zodiac signs of Aries, Leo and Sagittarius.

Then we have the Suit of Swords, which points towards mental activity and head stuff with thoughts, ideas, fears, logic.

Swords represent the element Air and the astrological signs of Gemini, Libra and Aquarius.

Lastly, we have the Suit of Pentacles, which represent money, material things, matters to do with the earth and the home.

Pentacles represent the element of Earth and the astrological signs of Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.

Storage

Traditionally Tarot cards have been stored in a black or purple silk cloth, as silk tends to protect from negative energies. You can also now buy little silk or velvet pouches, which are very good.

I use a wooden box, as wood is also a good protector and stops negative energies from getting to the cards.

However, you do not need anywhere special to store your cards. You need to find a place where you can keep them all together, so that none of them get lost.

Cleanse your deck of energies

This can be done after a reading or when you pick your cards up for the first time. It is designed to remove residual energies from the last usage or previous person.

Passing your cards backwards and forwards through the smoke from an incense stick can do this.

I usually give the cards a good shuffle and imagine all the previous energies leaving and a completely fresh neutral energy coming in the cards.

A great cleanser is the blue flame of St Germain. I see it up in the sky and ask for all negative energies to leave the cards and go there. It is a very powerful cleansing flame that transforms negative energies into positive ones.

This is something that is totally personal to you and you can use whatever feels right for you. There is no right or wrong.

Protection

It is also important to cleanse your own energies, as you may have inadvertently picked up the negative energies of your previous client.

Imagine drawing a triangle from the top of your head and cutting off under your feet, and then imagine all the previous energies being lifted off you and rising up to the blue flame of St Germain to be turned into positive energy.

This is simply a blue flame, which can be hot or cold, which takes negative energies and converts them to positive. It is a great cleanser.

You can also imagine a sieve of golden light starting under your feet and lifting any negative energy up to St Germain.

Then ask to draw back all your own positive energies for your highest good.

I tend to surround myself with Golden Light and fill the space with Golden Light. This allows positive energies to come into your space, whilst dissolving negative ones.

It is crucial to protect yourself while doing a reading, as you never know what energies might appear during the reading.

It is equally important to make sure you have cleansed yourself, your cards and your space after a reading.

Find something that you personally feel comfortable with. It does not have to be any strange ritual.

Relax and Connect

Sit comfortably and breathe deeply. Imagine Golden light coming out of you and shooting down through your feet to the centre of the Earth.

Draw the golden light back up and surround yourself with it. Then imagine that light going up into the stars and coming back down and surrounding you as a golden light.

I always ask the Universe and my Angels and Guides for support and protection for both me and my client. It is important that you protect your space, so that only helpful energies come in while you are reading for someone.

I also ask to be connected to my guides and angels and that they are connected to the angels and guides of my client (if the client is not able to connect for themselves).

I also ask that the information coming through be for the highest good of my client. That takes me out of the equation and I am there in service of my client.

The information merely comes through me and I have no attachment to it.

Professionalism- do's and don'ts

There are a few key things to remember when you are doing readings, especially if you are doing readings for other people.

DO:

Listen to what people are saying to you.

Ask questions and ask for feedback.

Take your time with a reading.

Find some hope or optimism or something positive for the person to take away.

Remind your client that nothing is fixed and they can change things in their life.

Give your client the responsibility for the actions they take.

DON'T

State anything as fixed.

Predict doom, gloom, death, destruction or anything else that the client can't do anything about.

Take responsibility for the client's life.

Try to fix your client's life for them.

Leave the client feeling worse at the end of the reading than they did at the beginning.

What is Intuition or gut feeling?

According to the Cambridge English Dictionary, it is knowledge obtained from an ability to understand or know something immediately without needing to think about it, learn it or discover it by using reason.

In my understanding it is a way of just "knowing" that something is right or wrong, without any rational explanation for it. Often there are no external signs to back up this "knowing." You just KNOW!

As a Tarot consultant, I am often asked whether everyone has this ability to see and hear information, which is not immediately obvious to the five senses.

The answer is most definitely YES, although it is more developed in some people than others.

For a long while it was considered that women used their intuition more than men, although I am now meeting more and more men who use this guidance system to help them.

How to develop your Intuition

Know when your intuition is trying to connect with you. Think of a time when you absolutely knew something was right or wrong - and you listened to that knowing.

How did you know? Was it a feeling in your body? Where was it? Was there a voice? How was the knowing voice different from all the other chatter in your head?

Can you remember the sounds, feelings, and pictures?
Where in your body did you feel the knowing?

For a lot of people that feeling is in their stomach (or solar plexus) area.
What kind of feeling was it? Warm? Cold?

Maybe it was a voice you heard? Where was the voice? What was the tone?

The more of this you can recall, the easier it is to know when your intuition is trying to get through to you.

For me, when I know something is right, I get prickles running right up my legs and up my back.

It may be a completely different sensation when you know something is wrong.

When you can identify that knowing, you can practise listening to it.

Relax and be still. The quieter you can get your mind, the easier it is to connect with your intuition. It is hard for it to get through to you when you are stressed. Take a few deep breaths, breathe out tension and breathe in a feeling of connection and love.

For some people this works best as a guided visualisation. For others a simple breathing exercise is brilliant. I have found that, for me, breathing in deeply to the count of 7, holding for 7, breathing out to 7 and holding for 7 is a terrific way to calm mind, body and spirit in minutes.

The more you can quiet the chatter in your head, the easier it is to be aware of your intuition and to hear the creative insights when they come to you.

Practise. Next time the door bell rings, pause, take a deep breath and try to get a sense of who might be at the door and whether they are bringing you good news or something more challenging.

Have fun. Listen to your feelings or to the little quiet, knowing voice that is there to guide you.

Before you make an important decision, pause, take a deep breath, ask yourself what is the best course of action for you at this moment and quietly wait for an answer.

Once you can learn to trust your intuition or gut feeling, it won't let you down. It will help you in any situation.

How Tarot can help you to develop your intuition

Tarot is a tool to give you choices in your life. It can help with developing your intuition, or give you the confidence to trust your intuition.

It can also help you safely explore potential options before you commit yourself to making a decision and can give you guidance in any area of your life.

Our minds think in pictures and the Tarot consists of images, which makes it one of the most visually powerful ways of connecting directly with your unconscious mind.

A picture literally says a 1000 words and you can get an immediate feeling reaction when you look at a picture.

Pictures are the oldest form of teaching and learning. Pictures tell stories and that is the first way our early learning took place.

Pictures tap straight into the right side of your brain, which is all about creativity, imagination, inspiration, ideas and insights.

The more you can trigger the can trigger the right hand side of your brain, the more you can tap into your intuition or gut feeling.

It is like any muscle. The more you use it, the more it will work for you and the more it will be there for you when you need it.

The Tarot is one of the quickest ways to develop your Intuition or gut feeling and have it on tap 24/7 for whenever you need to make an important decision.

How to develop your Intuition Using the Tarot

Our intuition or gut feeling is there to help us all of the time. Sometimes we have so much chatter going on in our heads and so many feelings in our bodies that we cannot hear or feel or see our quiet, all knowing truth.

The Tarot can be a fantastic way to develop your intuition. Ideally we want to get to a place where our intuition automatically kicks in whenever we need it and we do not have to think about it. We just know that something is right or wrong and we trust it completely.

Find a quiet place where you won't be disturbed and sit comfortably.

Take a few deep breaths. As you breathe out, breathe out any tension and stress from your day. As you breathe in, breathe in confidence, intuition and trust.

Continue breathing gently until you feel your mind and body relax.

A useful breathing exercise is to breathe in to a count of 7, hold the breath for 7, and then slowly release to a count of 7 and then hold for 7 before taking another breath.

When you feel calm and relaxed, pick up your deck of cards and give them a quick shuffle. Pick out a card at random and notice the first impressions that come to mind.

What thoughts are in your head? Do you hear any instant words? What is the tone of the voice?

What feelings do you get from the card?

Where in your body are the feelings? – heart, head, legs, tummy area, back, other?

Where are the pictures? - inside your head, in front of you? Are they colour or black and white, still or moving?

It is important to notice those very first words, impressions and feelings because if you look at the card for too long, your logical mind will start to analyse the card and you may miss the valuable insights.

Once you learn to recognise the signals that your intuition is using to communicate with you, you can identify them more quickly in another situation.

With a bit of practice you can soon distinguish between the answers from your intuition and the logic of your analytical mind.

Both are important and the analytical mind can be very useful once you have gathered all your creative insights.

Trust those first answers as they will most likely be the right ones for you.

When you feel ready, relax, calm your mind and pick another card.

You start to develop a relationship with your cards and trust them as a tool to access your intuition whenever you want and need it.

Lay a couple of cards of cards side by side and notice the impressions that you get. Observe how the story changes when one card is next to another.

It is helpful to have a Tarot journal, so that you can keep track of any insights that come from your cards.

Over time certain cards will come to have particular Meanings for you. These may be very different from any definitions you find in a book. That is brilliant. Go with what you feel is right for you for each card.

Ask questions

The clearer you are about what you want to know, the easier it will be to get a Meaningful answer and some helpful guidance.

The most commonly asked question is a question requiring a Yes/No answer, such as “Will I get that job?” “Will he ask me out on a date?” “Should I move house?” “Is my daughter going to pass her exams?” “Should I marry that man?”

Be very careful with trying to answer a Yes/No question, as it may be more appropriate to ask a question such as

“What would be the likely outcome if I did this or that?” or

“What do I need to know to make a decision about?”

“What would most help me to move forward in this situation?”

“How can I improve the communication between me and ...?”

When asking questions, it is important to remember that we cannot change the behaviour of someone else. We can ask for specific information about a situation and how it affects us and what we can do to change or alter a situation.

It is difficult to get information about another person because they might change their mind and do something completely different

How to get quick answers to questions

If you have a tricky decision to make, or are wondering whether you should trust someone, the tarot cards can be very useful.

The cards can help you to quickly access your intuition and all your inner resources to help you to make the best choices for you.

It is very likely that you already know the answer in your heart. If life is frantic then it is likely that you are not hearing the quiet voice of your intuition.

If you can hear it or feel, it may be that you are not trusting it and the cards can confirm your intuition or gut feeling for you.

Follow the relaxation exercise on the previous page, calm your mind and ask your question.

Ask that the answers will be for the “highest good of all concerned”.

Pull out 2 or 3 cards or how ever many seem appropriate to you and trust that the answers will be the correct ones for you.

Go with the immediate feeling. That will be right for you.

You can look up the Meanings in this book if you would like some further insights or distinctions.

Interpretation

Interpretation is really about connecting with your cards and building a rapport with the person you are talking to. It is about building up a picture or almost a story from the layout of the cards.

When someone handles the cards, their own energy goes into them and often they will be able to see their own answers literally staring them in the face.

Interpretation is about explaining what you see and sometimes explaining the cards to the client. As you build a relationship with your cards, you will give certain Meanings to certain cards.

They will be personal to you. It is important to be consistent, if, so that if, for example, a card means a house move then stick with that card and that Meaning.

Ways to use this book

Some people will choose to work systematically through the course and work with each card one at a time. This is a great way to learn as it allows you to build a relationship with your cards. Each card will come to mean specific things to you.

The more relaxed you can be when you work with the Tarot, the quicker you will hear the quiet voice and feelings of your Intuition and the quicker you will get the results you are looking for.

Take the cards of the Major Arcana, lay them out side by side so you can see them all at once. Take a card at a time and hold it. Look at it and notice what words, feelings, pictures and impressions come to you. You might think of a particular person or situation.

You can then check with the suggested Meanings for each card on the appropriate page. If you have a different interpretation to mine, that is brilliant because that is your Intuition speaking to you. Go with that message or interpretation.

You can then lay a 2nd card beside the first and create a story scenario.

What can you see happening in the two images? How does the story change as you add more cards? Can you imagine a scenario that fits these cards?

Creating a story from the images is one of the most powerful ways to stimulate all the creativity, imagination and intuition that you have in the creative part of your brain.

You can then repeat this with the cards of the other suits.

If you want some quick answers, shuffle the deck and pull a card at random. Relax and notice what thoughts and feelings come to you.

Find the page with that card on it and look at the notes. Notice whether your thoughts and impressions are similar to the notes given.

Remember there is no right or wrong with the Tarot. It is a tool to tap into your Intuition. Go with your feelings and impressions, as they will be the right ones for you.

Have fun and Let it Be EASY.

Colours

Colour plays a very important part in the Rider Waite deck and in our readings and interpretations.

The dominant Colours of a card have an immediate impact on our senses and how we feel about that card.

When you draw a card, take a moment to have a good look at it, to notice the Colours and to observe how the card makes you feel.

Yellow as a dominant colour generally gives a bright, optimistic, sunshine feel to the card. This will often relate to our feelings and our outward expression of things.

Red as the strongest colour will often be pointing towards material things and matters to do with external world.

There are several cards with Blue as the predominant colour and this will often relate to matters of the emotions, the inner self and intuition.

A dominance of Green indicates things to do with the Earth and Nature.

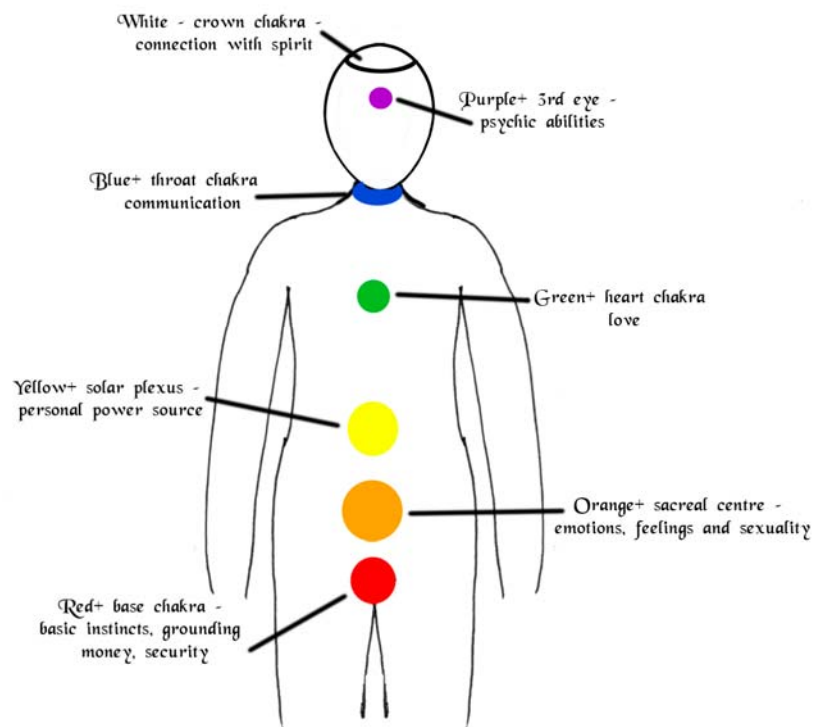
White is colour of purity, innocence and light and cards with a lot of white have an important message in relation to our spiritual side.

There are some cards which are very dark in colour or have a predominance of Black in them. As first sight those can cause a sharp intake of breath and maybe a momentary fleeting fear.

Black can have different Meanings across different cultures. In some places it is symbol of death. In others it is a symbol of resurrection and new beginnings. In others it is a symbol of power.

Grey is traditionally associated with old age and wisdom.

Chakra Points and Colours



My personal disclaimer and what I say before readings

A tarot card reading will give you an overview of where you are in your life right now. It can give you a general idea of where your life or the situation is headed and the likely outcome IF you do not make any changes. The cards assume you don't make any changes.

If there is good stuff showing in your cards, then I would suggest you go with the flow and let it unfold.

If there is challenging stuff, then you have the choice and the opportunity to change that.

There is very little in life that is fixed. If any card reader predicts fixed doom and gloom, that you cannot do anything about, then run a mile!

Agreed, there are things which come totally unexpectedly out of the blue, that you appear to have no control over. However you can choose how you react and the actions you take.

When you choose to make a change, whether that is a different thought, feeling or action, you set a new chain of events in motion and that will change a reading.

Remember, you have free will and you can choose the direction of your life. You can choose what thoughts to think and actions to take.

You are responsible for the decisions and actions that you take in your life.

Major Arcana

The Major Arcana

The Fool



Quick Keywords

New ideas, childlike ambitions, carefree, go with the flow, trust yourself, support of Universe, spontaneity, faith, heading into the unknown, letting go of expectations and feeling uninhibited and free to express yourself and to create something magical and wonderful, simplicity, detach from worldly values and possessions, risk, leap of faith, personal quest, potential of spirit, courage, optimism.

Symbols

The bag on a stick - This represents his past experiences and memories. He is taking with him just the bare minimum that he needs, which is not very much. He is mindful of them but they do not control him. With taking so little on his journey, he is very trusting that he will be provided for.

The white dog - Traditionally in stories and fairy tales, when someone goes off on a journey, they have some sort of animal to accompany them. The dog can be seen to try to warn the figure about the possible impending danger of stepping over the edge of what might be a cliff or might be jumping, gleefully alongside and encouraging him every step of the way.

Meaning

There is an opportunity for new beginnings, you may feel a strong desire to take a leap of faith and do something completely different in your life. Trust in your heart, go with the flow and allow the Universe to support you.

You may need to add some logic into your plans, however do not use logic as an excuse for not following your heart or your dream.

The Magician



Quick Keywords

Tap into your inner abilities, connect with your Universe or source, use things you cannot see such as energies, thoughts and feelings to help with the creation process. Use and trust your intuition. Then take action. You probably have far more internal resources than you give yourself credit for. Manifesting, creation, feel the power and then ground it and turn it into something constructive and powerful.

Colours

Mostly yellow (emotions) and red (power, strength and material), white (spiritual)

Symbols

The Figure of eight is symbol of infinity
Snake around his waist- infinity
Red Roses and White Lillies – love and intellect
Greenery- earth
Symbols on table- cup (emotions), wand (creativity), sword (intellect), pentacle (money)

Meaning

You have all the talents, resources and abilities to be, do and have whatever you wish in your life. You may not recognise the capabilities you have. This is a time to trust in yourself and be your own Guru. With this card, you are able to decide on a course of action and focus your attention to manifest what you want.

Set the Intention that everything you are creating and manifesting comes from a place of Highest Love and is for the Highest Good of all concerned.

Believe in yourself and your abilities. You can attract all the people and resources that you need. Believe in yourself and create magic.

High Priestess



Quick Keywords

Secrecy, things not all they seem, intuition, mystery, all things feminine, moon, moon cycles, hidden mysteries of nature and science, all things watery, power in silence and contemplation, keeping secrets, psychic, strength and power of the feminine, passive, receptive, strength through non-action, aloof, secretive, externally unemotional, inner feelings hidden.

Colours

Mostly blue (emotions and watery- cool colour, representing emotions, yet somehow cool, unemotional and detached), and black and white (contrast between material and spiritual, yin/yang male/female), white-spiritual.

Symbols

The pillars are from King Solomon's temple, can also be male and female- she sits in the space between them, opening, gateway.

Tora – 5 books of Moses, book of knowledge.

Moon crown- Egyptian Isis mother of Horus- moons either side and sun (Horus) in centre waiting to be born, also 3 phases of moon- waxing, waning and full (or new).

Pomegranates- a symbol for righteousness.

Meaning

Trust your intuition, tap into your inner guidance system through relaxation and meditation. There may be things hidden. It is unlikely that you have got the full facts and information to make a decision. You may have to ask probing questions to get all the information you need. You might only discover the right questions to ask through meditation or by paying attention to your dreams.

The High Priestess can represent a third party in a love triangle or an undisclosed third party, who has an impact from a distance on a business relationship.

The Empress



Quick Keywords

All is well, abundance, plenty, success, creativity, productivity, motherhood, pregnancy, birth, harmony, nurturing, being at one with earth, female, fertility, sensual pleasures, domestic stability, nurturing yourself and others, experiencing and enjoying life through your passions and senses.

Colours

All Colours – balance and harmony.
Yellow - thoughts and feelings and life giving power of the sun.
Red of cushions -power, affluence.
Green- nature and earth.
White of robe- spiritual.

Symbols

The 12 stars in crown are the Symbols of the astrology Symbols.
9 pearls of necklace-9 planets.
The wheat represents abundance and plenty and is a sign of fertility.
The female symbol on cushion is a sign of Venus, goddess of love.
The water in background and flowing underneath her chair equals the force of life and is a symbol of fertility.
Pomegranates on robes- symbol of fertility.

Meaning

Everything is likely to turn out much better than you have expected. There is abundance, joy, passion and flow in life generally. There is balance and harmony and a feeling of nurturing, whether that is for yourself or from someone else.

This is a beautiful card to see in a spread. It can point to motherhood or pregnancy, however it is important to look at the other cards around before presenting that interpretation to someone.

The Emperor



Quick Keywords

External power, authority, strength, fairness, father figure, male energy, government and worldly power, leadership, will power, self-control acquired through experience, discipline, stately, commanding, executive, traditional, inflexible, rules, conventions, male energy.

Colours

Dominant Colours are Red and Orange.

Red is colour of the base chakra, represents energy, fire, making things happen, material power and strength. Red is the colour of Aries, a fire sign.

Orange- power, authority, outer strength, orange mountains.

Symbols

Egyptian ankh- symbol of life, health, happiness and immortality, holder has total power of life and death.

The Orb and Sceptre symbol of power and authority.

Rams Heads on throne- sign of Aries, God of War.

Long grey beard –wisdom of ages and experience.

Armour- warrior, form of defence (physical or psychological).

Meaning

As a person, often means a person with authority such as a doctor or lawyer. It is also about making your physical presence and mark in the world.

It represents external power, strength and presence without a need to be showy.

It can also point towards very strong male energy and a father type figure. This is someone where rules, discipline and structure are very important and are rigorously imposed on everyone else.

The Hierophant



Quick Keywords

Inner Power, Advisor, Counsellor, Teacher, education, seeker of knowledge and wisdom, preference for orthodox and conventional, need to conform and to be socially acceptable, priest, religious person, religion, respect, ceremony, accept discipline, judgment, expert, belief systems, seeking a deeper Meaning, honouring ritual and ceremony and tradition, part of a team or an organisation, official learning in structured groups with established rules and assigned procedures beliefs, inner sense of obedience, inner authority and responsibility

Colours

Mostly red indicating power and authority.
Some white- spiritual.
Cold stone grey pillars – grey wisdom.

Symbols

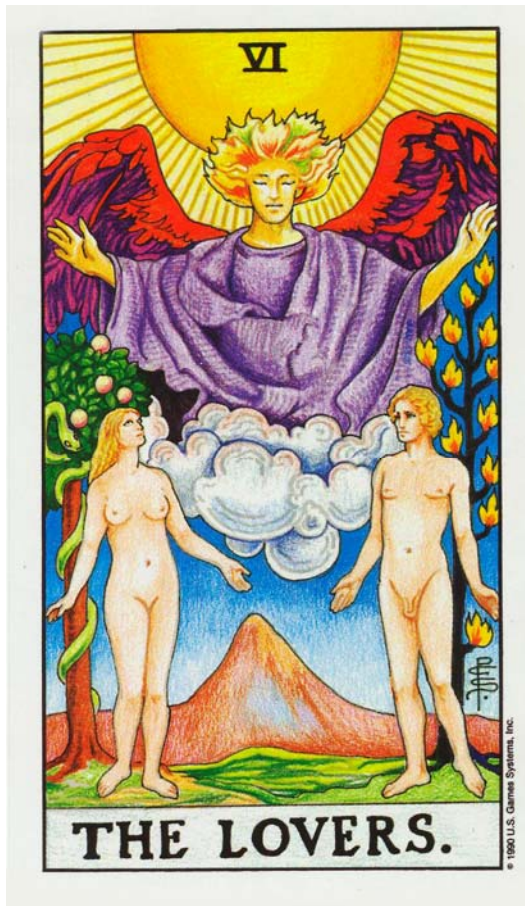
Two pillars indicate balance and looking at both sides of something.
Crown and the sceptre- triple tiered papal crown and cross- earth and body, mind, spirit and consciousness.
Roses and lilies on clothes – emotion and logic.
Crossed keys- access to secret knowledge.
Hand gesture- “The Blessing”, forming a bridge between Heaven and Earth.

Meaning

As a person, the Hierophant will often have the role of an advisor, counsellor, teacher or someone who is an expert in their field, who can give you guidance. For yourself this is about developing the inner qualities of balance alongside the outer power.

It is also dealing with your own beliefs, whether religious or spiritual and whether you are being true to yourself or you blindly following the dogma of others

The Lovers



Quick Keywords

Partnership, connection, relationship, physical, sex, attraction, love, harmony, unity, co-operation, moral choices, values.

Colours

The Colours that stand out the most are the purples of the angel's wings and dress and the yellow of the sunshine. Purple is about spiritual growth and the yellow is to colour of your solar plexus, which is your power centre.

Symbols

Tree of Life – behind man, bearing 12 fruits.

Tree of Knowledge of good and bad- behind woman.

Serpent – indicating enlightenment.

Archangel Raphael- represents the superconscious mind and is the unifying factor between the Man (logic, reason) and the woman (passion, emotions).

Meaning

This card has many Meanings. In personal relationships, this can indicate the more physical aspect of that relationship, including intimacy and sex. It can indicate a relationship that is about to move from a platonic friendship to a physical

relationship.

It can literally be Lovers in a relationship. In a business relationship, there may be also be a strong attraction between the partners.

The woman is looking to the angel for guidance, whereas the man is looking at her. It is a card of coming together and of our desire to be connected to other people in Meaningful relationships.

It reflects the importance of personal values and ethical choices and can represent a moral dilemma.

Story telling

Reading the Tarot cards is about allowing the pictures and Symbols to speak to you, so that you can build a story of what is happening.

The more you work with the cards, the more you allow your own intuition to develop. As you build your relationship with your cards, certain cards will come to mean certain things for you.

Story Telling Exercise

Lay the cards out one at a time.

Start with the Fool, what do you see? How do you feel when you look at it? What message does it give to you?

Next take the Magician and put it next to the Fool. How does it change? What extra words of wisdom or caution does the fool add?

Pick a 3rd card and lay it beside the other two. What story do you now have?

If you put the Empress next to the Fool and Magician, what have you got?

How is that different if you put the Emperor? Or the High Priestess?

Make a note of your observations and insights in your Tarot journey.

Spread 1- 3 card, Past, Present, Future

As you are building up your story telling abilities, you can do one of the simplest spreads.

Shuffle the cards and with your left hand cut the deck (or the cards you are using) into 3 piles, then reassemble the cards into one pile.

Keep the cards face down, take off the top one and put it face up in front of you on the left. Take the next card and put it next to the first and take a 3rd card and put it on the right.

You now have 3 cards, representing past, present and future and you can read each card and then connect them together, so you can see the basic cause, issue and outcome around a matter. That is, of course, if the person concerned chooses not to make any changes in their life.

The Chariot



Quick Keywords

Journey, being in control, balance, focused action, will power, self-control, discipline, leadership, energy, forward motion, charisma and force of personality.

Colours

This card is mostly yellow, which is colour of the sun, of the Solar plexus and of internal power. There is also a lot of blue, which is logic and communication. This is a card of balance.

Symbols

The sphinxes, which are half man and half beast represent duality, yin and yang, black and white, and that there are two sides to everything, including the internal and the external.

The driver is controlling the chariot without any reins, so this is also about the power of the mind and concentrated focus, particularly where you are dealing with opposing forces, to get where you want to go in any situation.

Meaning

It can often symbolize travel, both physically and mentally. It represents a change of direction, as well as more focus needed

on the direction.

It is about action and also seeking help where needed. It is preparing for the action of a journey, both mentally and physically.

Take control of where you want to go, be firm and assertive without being aggressive. Be in control of your emotions.

Strength



Quick Keywords

Inner strength, love, gentleness, empathy, trust, co-operation, harmony, congruent, rapport, kindness, strength of feminine energy.

Colours

The white of the dress is very prominent, which is about purity, especially spiritual. The yellow background is about connecting and communicating from the inside and being in touch with who you are.

Symbols

There is the figure of 8 above her head, which is the symbol of infinity. The lion is a normally considered to be the strongest, most powerful animal there is, yet he is happily eating out of the woman's hand. There is mutual trust and respect.

Meaning

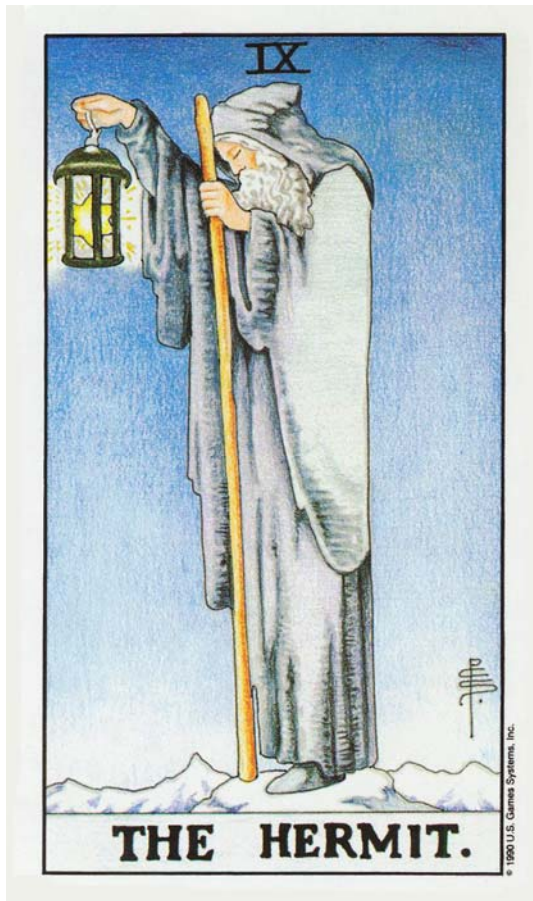
Approach things and people from a softly-softly angle. You will get better results by using tact, understanding, empathy, friendship and love than by using aggression.

Try to see things from the viewpoint of others. Have a pure intention for the outcome. Avoid force as that will not work for you.

Be clear in what you want to achieve and be mindful of the outcomes of other people, so that you can bring about a situation where everyone wins.

You have the inner strength to overcome any challenge.

The Hermit



Quick Keywords

Solitude, isolation, looking inward, reflection.

Colours

Mostly blue and grey, which are quite dark and almost lonely Colours.

Symbols

The lantern offers the single light in the darkness of the rest of the card and is a symbol of hope or light at the end of the dark tunnel.

Feel

This card is about being on our own, either through choice or enforced. It is a card of reflection, of looking inward, of just being with yourself away from the world.

Meaning

This card usually points to the need for some quiet time by yourself. It may be forced isolation.

Take stock, reflect, get to know yourself, really allow yourself to feel and experience what is going on in your life.

The light guiding you forward is offering truth and wisdom. It is also lighting your way to the place you want to go. This may be a physical place and it can also be a spiritual place.

This can be a challenging card for many people as they are not used to just their own company. If you can make friends with yourself, you will never be lonely.

The Wheel of Fortune



Quick Keywords

Change in fortune, luck, destiny, fate, opportunity.

Colours

A mixture of all the Colours, this is a balanced card and is about both internal and external energies.

Symbols

The Bull, Angel, Lion and Eagle representing the four elements of Earth, Air, Fire and Water.

The letters on the wheel are the same TORA or TARO as we find on the book in the lap of the High Priestess.

Feel

This is a high-energy card, things are moving in all areas of life. Things we have previously set in motion are now coming to fruition. What goes around, comes around.

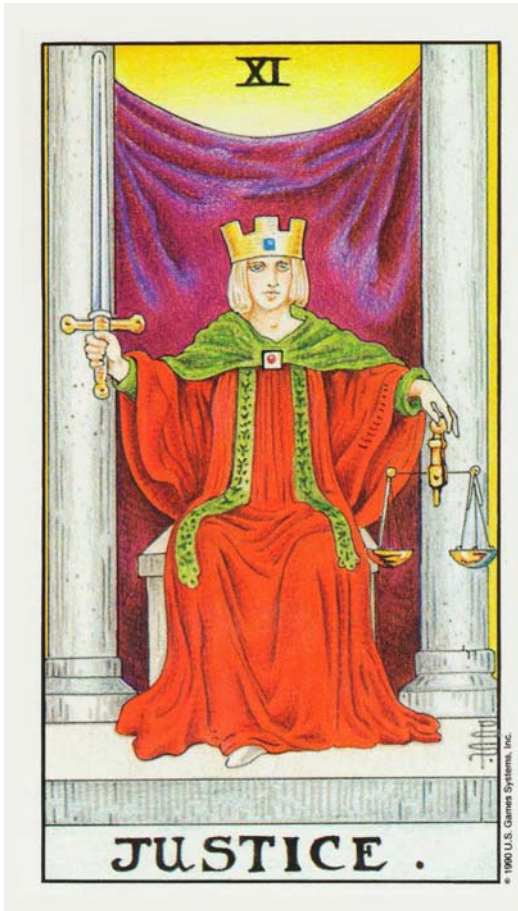
Meaning

New opportunities are around the corner and cycles are ending and new ones are beginning.

There can be a twist of fate here, either good fortune or challenging, depending on the surrounding cards.

It may be a time to go with the flow and see what is being presented to you.

Justice



Quick Keywords

Legal, courts, official, justice, fairness, balance, mediation.

Colours

The Colours are mostly strong red, which is the colour of external power. The green cloak represents compassion and love, which are also important in matters of justice.

Symbols

The double-edged sword can fall in either direction. The scales of justice suggest balance and fairness.

Feel

This is a powerful card and the person drawing it needs to have strength and courage in whatever they are undertaking.

Meaning

This can be a legal or official situation for someone. It may be to do with mediation or discussions.

The situation will usually turn out for the highest good, and the phrase "Justice will be done" comes to mind, although that may or may not be in favour of the person drawing this card.

As a person, it can be pointing to someone who has a real sense of justice and fairness and a huge desire to champion the underdog, or to support a cause they have a complete passion for.

There may be a need to look at your situation and ask yourself whether you are being really objective and balanced in your approach.

This is a card of logic. There is no place for emotion with this card.

The Hanged Man



Quick Keywords

Delays, patience required, go with the flow.

Colours

This card has a mixture of Red, (basic instincts) Blue (communication) and Yellow (internal power and spiritual connection), which are all quite balanced.

Symbols

The Hanged Man looks very serene and calm, almost as if he is quietly waiting for and expecting something to happen. There is no resistance with this card. There is almost a sense of contentment.

The cross is called a T-cross and is a very old symbol. The position the figure is hanging is called Tau. It is a very old meditation position.

Meaning

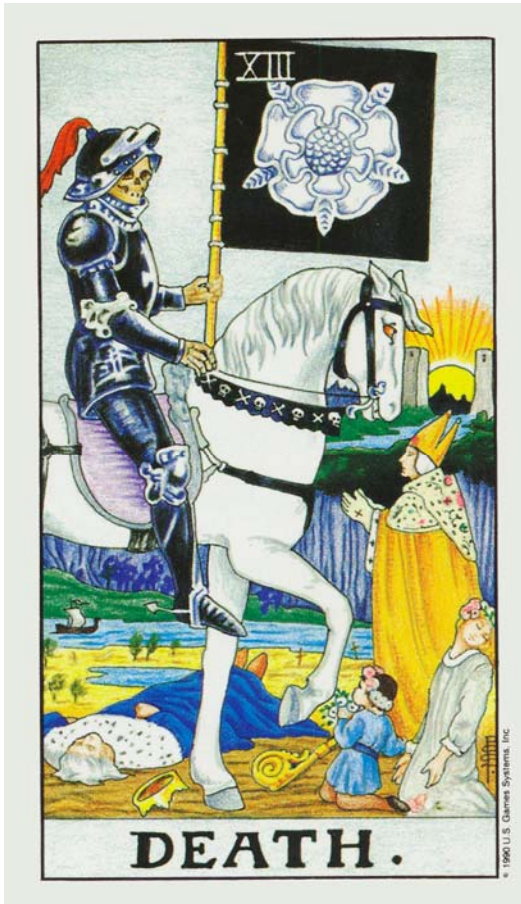
This card can be about delays, and also the need to let go of old stuff, to go with the flow and to be patient.

Sometimes we need to stop pushing and forcing and let matters take their own natural course.

There is an element of contemplation and maybe the solutions lie in thought and meditation, rather than in busy-ness.

Perhaps there is a need for a new perspective or to view something from the completely opposite direction. You certainly see the world very differently when you look at it upside- down.

Death



Quick Keywords

Endings, new beginnings, change, let go of old.

Colours

Mostly black and white, which are opposites and represent positive and negative, day and night, yin and yang and duality. The yellow represents the dawning of new a day, new ideas and new beginnings.

Symbols

The White Rose is the Mystic Rose, which is the symbol of Life. Between the two pillars shine the sun of immortality.

Meaning

The Death card rarely means a physical death. It is about massive change and transformation.

Something is coming to an end, in its present form, and there are much better times ahead.

Change can be very difficult because we are often moving into unknown territory and the fear of the unknown can be much greater than the familiarity of the present situation, even if that

situation is not what we want and is not serving us.

It can be very painful and incredibly difficult to let go of the past and to embrace new ideas, situations and people.

It is during tough times that we learn the most about ourselves and that we grow the most. This is likely to be a very challenging time.

Temperance



Quick Keywords

Healing, balance, calm, plenty, flow of life, serenity, allowing, testing the waters, keeping options open.

Colours

All the Colours are present here, symbolizing balance in all areas. There are elements of Earth (green), Air (White), Fire (Red) and Water (Blue). The most dominant Colours are the white of the Angel's robe, signifying spirituality and the red of the Angel's wings, which is fire connection between heaven and earth

Symbols

With one foot in the water and one on the land, there is balance between the emotions and actions. The figure is pouring water between 2 cups, which symbolizes the continual flow of life. The sun in the background brings a bright new day.

Meaning

This is a card of balance, of moderation and of pausing for thought before you act.

Temperance is a great healer of mind, body and spirit.

It is a card of calm, of hope and optimism, of “dipping your toe in” before you act. It is also about making sure you have all the facts and putting personal opinions to one side.

It is inner strength, self-control and a quiet, knowing confidence. Take the time to listen to and feel your emotions without being controlled by them.

Take inspired action when it feels like it comes from your heart and spirit.

The Devil



Quick Keywords

Commitments, contracts, excess, consequences, obsession, temptation, inner demons.

Colours

Mostly black and white, with a lot of orange on the body of the creature.

Meaning

The Devil card represents the ties and commitments that can come as the consequences of our actions. It is often about obsession, excess, passion used negatively or purely for self gain.

Around legal matters this is a warning to be extra careful before taking on commitments because you may end up taking on more than you bargained for, and then find it very difficult to extricate yourself.

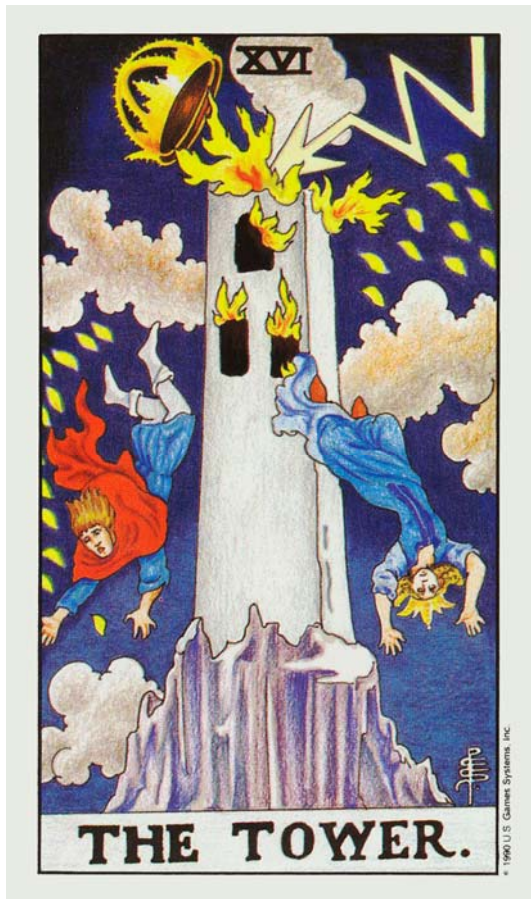
In relationships it can be where there is an obsession with material wealth and showiness along with other destructive things such as jealousy, possessiveness, abuse, cruelty, neediness or manipulation. There is a lack of anything spiritual with this card.

With this card, you can feel a loss of personal strength, often a sense of powerlessness and that you are being controlled by someone or something else.

It may be that personal power can be reclaimed and new choices made or it may be that a person has to live with the consequences of their decisions and their actions.

If someone is contemplating something such as a love affair or dodgy business dealings and the Devil comes up before they have done that, then it is a clear warning NOT to do those things because the consequences are unlikely to be pleasant.

Tower



Quick Keywords

Upheaval, sudden change, something unexpected.

Symbols

A stone tower high on a cliff, which represents all our values, ideals and the way we have created our life. The bolt of lightning is something out of the blue, which can literally shake our whole world to the core.

Meaning

Something unexpected and unplanned is happening in your life. It will probably cause a big change and possibly considerable upheaval. It will sweep away what needs to change and make way for new and better things. It may be there have been warnings for a while and the person has not done anything about it. For example, someone who is very unhappy in their job, but too afraid to change, suddenly gets fired or made redundant. Certain things have to change. Even if the Tower were rebuilt, it would never be the same as it was before.

The Tower will bring a silver lining, although it can be very difficult to see that when you are in the aftermath of a Tower event. The people falling seem to be in free-flow and may

well land on some soft ground below. The biggest challenge with the Tower can be to let go of the past situation and to go with the flow of the new one.

When people have had a Tower in their lives, most of them will look back in a few months and say “I am glad that event happened, because we have been able to do such and such and if it hadn’t, we would never have done that”.

It signifies a period of growth and change, often very challenging. When a Tower occurs, it is often one of those events you did not see coming and even if you did, could do very little to stop it. However, you still have the choice of how you react and the decisions you make to take you forward.

The Star



Quick Keywords

Wishes, dreams, pleasure, joy, plenty, balance, flow.

Colours

It is mostly blue, which deals with the emotions, with plenty of lush green for the earth and a bright, yellow star of hope in the middle.

Symbols

Stars are Symbols of hope and optimism. Stars are always around, even during the day, when we can't normally see them. The naked figure looks totally at ease and totally comfortable with him/herself.

Meaning

This is a card of balance and plenty. It is about peace of mind, calmness, inspiration, some light at the end of the tunnel and moving into better conditions.

There is also inner strength with this card, as well as playfulness and going back to nature. It reminds us that true contentment comes from being at peace with yourself.

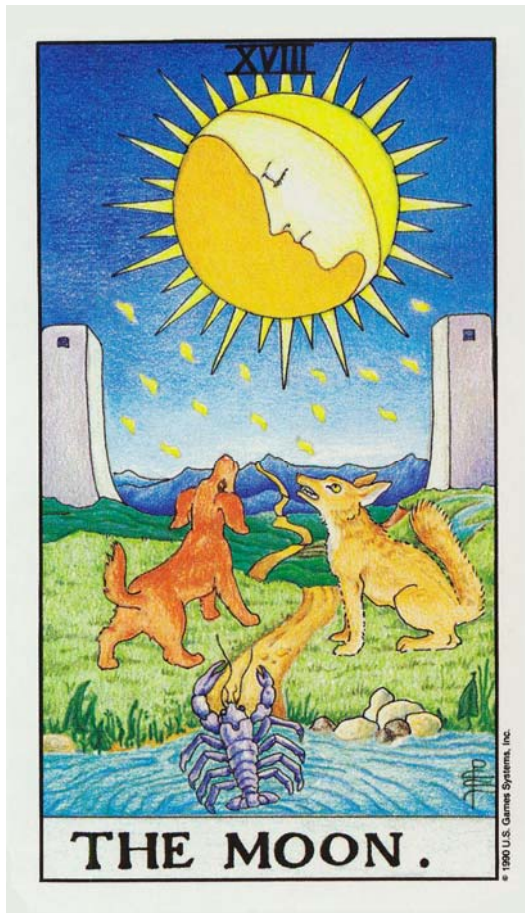
Often the simplest of things give the greatest and most long

lasting pleasure.

Body and spirit are one and there is a lack of self-consciousness or fear or doubt. It is also a reminder to allow yourself to enjoy the innocence of childhood. It is also a card of rejuvenation and can indicate fertility of ideas.

It is the card of hopes, wishes and dreams. It points to fulfilment in every respect.

The Moon



Quick Keywords

Misunderstandings, deceit, lack of communication, importance of dreams, self-delusion and seeing things through rose-tinted glasses.

Symbols

There are two faces showing on the Moon, so it is an indication that there are at least two sides to the matter. There is a lot of blue (water) symbolising emotions and matters of the heart and the secret, inner self.

The Moon is often associated with the Water sign Cancer, which is the sign of motherhood. The Moon is the symbol for women and is a strong force in the female monthly cycle.

For men and women it is about your feminine side, needs, emotions and instinctive reactions

Meaning

This card symbolises Intuition, psychic matters and dreams, possible deceit and misunderstandings, maybe a need to clarify matters, especially in communication.

It can also be a card of self-delusion, unrealistic expectations and a tendency to see things through rose-tinted spectacles.

It may be that you have lost your way and are wandering rather aimlessly. The Moon also brings the promise of the unknown and this can be a frightening thought.

The night-time is a time of darkness and a time when our fears and anxieties come out to haunt us. It can also be a time to see things in a totally different light, as things look very different by night than they do by day.

This card may also be to do with imagination and creativity. It can also be inspiring and enchanting and hold the promise that everything your heart desires can be yours.

The Sun



Quick Keywords

Health, happiness, joy, balance, youthfulness, health, vitality.

Colours

The dominant colour is the bright radiant yellow of the sun, representing power, energy, life-giving force, courage, strength and the source of all creation.

Yellow is the colour of the solar plexus, which relates to your inner power. The orange banner represents physical energy and vitality

The white of the horse is to do with your spirit and a childlike sense of wonder and innocence.

Meaning

Joy, hope, youthfulness, confidence, a youthful and almost childlike attitude and sense of wonder, improved health and an abundance of energy, vitality, radiance and enthusiasm.

Good physical and mental health and a positive attitude. This card can indicate a return to health after illness.

This is also about acknowledging your self worth and your own abilities. It can also be about shining brilliantly in the outside worlds, maybe gaining prominence or promotion and becoming the centre of attention.

You have a quiet knowing of your own power and will be succeeding at everything you do. It is time to let your own light shine, both inside and outside yourself.

Judgement



Quick Keywords

Rebirth, coming alive, hope, wake-up call, letting go of judgments of others and oneself.

Meaning

This card can indicate all an awakening, a revelation, a sudden awareness, big news, pleasure in achievement.

This can also be about awakening to possibilities and to the potential for greatness that every person has within them. It can also be about forgiving yourself and others as well as letting go of destructive emotions like guilt, blame and fear.

There is almost a feeling of cleansing the mistakes of the past and starting again with renewed hope. We have learnt from our mistakes and can move on. We are now on the right road. It can also be a wake-up call, urging us to stop trying to hide our greatness.

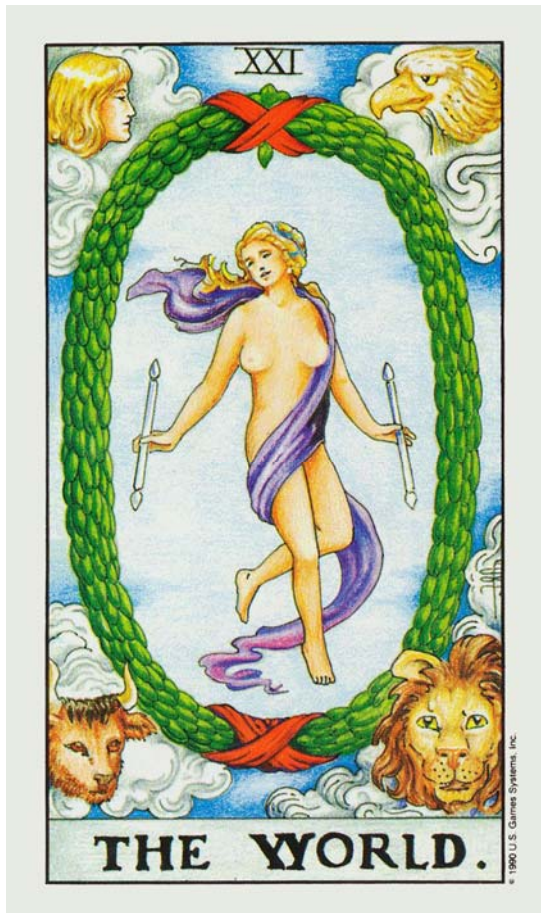
You may be making a fresh start and enjoying renewed hope. If you have an important decision to make, it is important to weigh all the factors and then act, without recriminations if it does not quite work out as planned.

It is also about being able to acknowledge actions that did not go as planned without losing the inherent self worth of

the individual.

In other words, it is important to assess (and maybe judge) what has not gone well- critically and objectively- without piling on the guilt, blame and other destructive recriminations that often accompany making mistakes.

The World



Quick Keywords

World at your feet, completeness, success, end of a cycle.

Symbols

The four Symbols of the Lion (Fire). The Bull (Earth), the Eagle (Water) and the Golden Haired man (Air) that appeared in the Wheel of Fortune are here again.

This is a balance of all the elements of the intellect (air), the emotions (water), inspiration and action (fire) and action and practicality (earth) and it is the feeling of wholeness, balance, completeness and having the world at your feet. The laurel wreath is the emblem of success.

Meaning

This is a card of integration, accomplishment and celebration.

It is about bringing to fruition the results of your own efforts. There is much less element of chance than with the Wheel of Fortune. This is the end of a personal cycle or a project. There is fulfilment and contentment with this card.

This represents a feeling of having the world at your feet, having your dreams come true, having peace of mind,

finding contentment, counting your blessings, a successful outcome and things moving forward into a new cycle.

Everything seems to be working together in harmony and wholeness. It is also about the beginning of a new cycle. It is the next step, once a goal has been achieved. It is the start of a new project and building on the existing success.

Spread - Past, Present, Future

7 card, 3 row Spread using 21 cards

This spread is traditionally called the Romany Spread

This is a very simple spread to get an idea of what has happened in the past, which is having an effect on the Querant's (person asking the question or person you are reading for) life now and the general way things are progressing- if no changes are made.

It consists of 3 rows of 7 cards, laid from right to left and starting at the bottom of the table (i.e. closest to you, the reader)

Lay out 7 cards- this is the past

Lay out another row of 7 cards- this is the present

Lay out another row of 7 cards- this is the future outcome.

You can also lay further rows out after this, if you want to get more information going on the developments of the situation.

It is very good for a general overview and will often bring up things that may need to be explored in more depth with other readings.

21	20	19	18	17	16	15
			Future			
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
			Present			
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Past

Suit of Cups

Cards in the suit of Cups represent matters to do with the heart, emotions, feelings and memories.

They can also indicate new ideas and projects. These will usually be at the creative thought level. They represent deep hopes and wishes – your real “heart’s desires.”

They can also highlight your deepest fears, which are often emotionally based.

Cup cards can indicate how someone is really feeling about something or someone and also the feelings they are showing the world.

From the Cup cards you can see the whole range of human emotions.

The court or people cards can indicate people with certain character traits. They can also indicate emotions that people experience.

The suit of Cups represents the element of Water. Astrologically water is associated with the signs of Pisces, Cancer and Scorpio. We all have a mixture of the elements in us and different traits are more prominent in some people than others.

On the positive side, the traits commonly associated with the element of water are:- loving, caring, giving, compassionate, healing, psychic, intuitive, dreams, nurturing, empathy, profound, artistic, deep feelings, imagination, creativity, gentle and peaceful

On the negative side, some of the traits can be:- moody, inconsistent, daydreaming with no action, crabby and nit-picky, struggle to express emotions, self-destruction, insecure, unfocused, self-critical, uncommunicative, deceitful, over-sentimental, living in the past and living in victim mode.

Ace of Cups



Quick Keywords

Creative beginnings, offer of love or friendship, new ideas, creativity

Symbols

There is a hand coming out of the cloud offering a cup that is overflowing with water. Water represents emotional matters.

There is also the dove of peace hovering above. It is a card of emotional and spiritual fulfilment. It is being offered to you and it is your choice whether you take it or not

Meaning

This is a beautiful card. It brings peace, hope, calm, joy and fresh, new emotions, new love and new support. It can be a new love or friendship being offered to someone.

This may be a new love in their life, such as a new relationship. It can also be new love and positive emotions coming into an existing relationship.

It may also be that you are relating to people in a better way and the challenges of the past are moving away.

It is also new ideas, projects, creativity, maybe some wonderful day dreaming before starting a new and exciting project.

For someone who is very work and action focused, this can also be about getting in touch with your feelings, exploring your emotional side, maybe opening yourself to others at an emotional level and trusting your intuition and feelings. Trust your deep knowing.

As love is the essence of this card, it can also be important for you to look for love in all areas of your life and to love yourself more. This might involve compassion or forgiveness for yourself or others.

Two of Cups



Quick Keywords

Together, co-operation, partnership, soul-mate.

Symbols

This is a card of union, of two people coming together in love, friendship, partnership or union of some description. There is often a deep spiritual or almost soul mate connection with this card. There is a feeling of mutual respect and harmony.

Meaning

This card will often indicate falling in love and feelings of real connection with another person. There is a real energetic connection and this can also be an attraction, both emotionally and physically.

If this in a business context, it may be friends going into business with each other or a new partnership where there is a lot of accord and understanding.

There is a huge amount of energy and power when two people come together in co-operation.

This card is about connections and bonding with other people in all different circumstances. It can also be the merging of

talents.

The warning with this card can be to make sure that there is not so much synergy between two people that others get excluded- particularly in situations with friends or in business arrangements.

There is nothing hidden here and the people concerned want to be with each other for who they are. This can also be about resolving difficulties and coming to a mutually satisfactory agreement.

Three of Cups



going out and socialising.

Quick Keywords

Celebration, team, female friends, success.

Symbols

There are three young women holding cups high in the air to celebrate something. The card is light and bright with plenty of white for spiritual purity, yellow for energy and orange and red for action Colours.

This is a card of abundance and plenty. It could be harvest time. It could also be as traditional dance, such as would be done around a may-pole in the summertime.

Meaning

This is a card of celebration, of merriment, of fun, of successful conclusions to projects. It can be celebrating any special event, where people come together and forget their differences

It is also a card of teamwork, where people are successfully working together. It is card of community and being with other people.

It also points to the value of female friends and the connection with them, particularly for women. This can also be a card of

Four of Cups



Quick Keywords

Reflection, absorption, apathy, stuck, anti-social.

Symbols

A figure sits under a tree looking bored, unhappy and dissatisfied. There is a cup of love, friendship, support and positive emotional things being offered to him.

There are upright cups in front of him, which could contain positive emotional experiences and he either does not see any of them or is choosing to ignore them.

Meaning

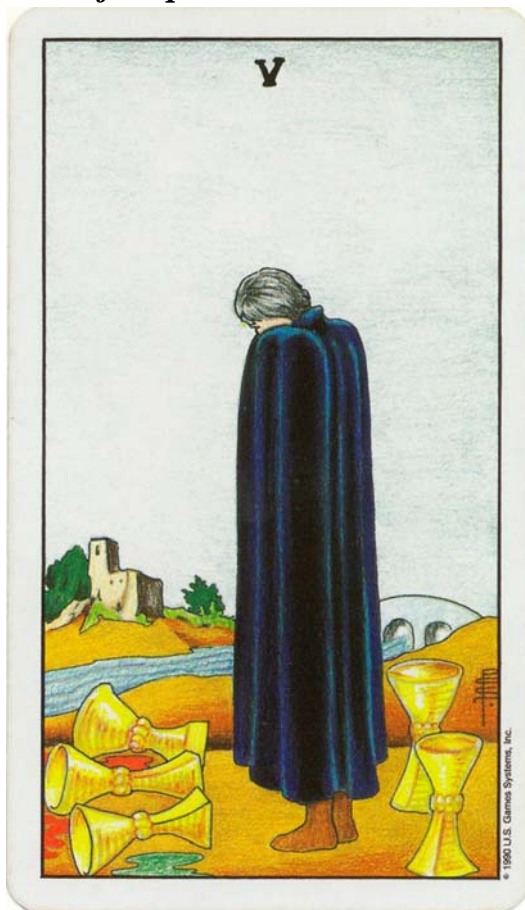
This is a card of reflection or meditation and also of shutting out the rest of the world. This can be both a good thing and a bad thing, depending on the circumstances.

It can be a positive period of self reflection and concentrating on your own feelings. It can also indicate negative self absorption, apathy and despondency.

This is a time for re-evaluation and maybe a need to seek a more stimulating lifestyle. This card can also show up when someone is stuck with something from the past and is unable to open up to new ideas, people and opportunities.

It maybe that someone could do with getting out more and they are turning down invitations that are being offered. They may be turning away help or support that is also being offered to them.

Five of Cups



Quick Keywords

Loss, regret, living in past, let down, sadness, grief.

Colours and Symbols

There is a figure in a dark cloak looking at the 3 cups on the floor in front of him and the contents that have spilled out of them. There are 2 upright cups behind him that he does not even see.

Meaning

This card is about looking back at things that have happened with regret and with the feeling of “If only I had done... or not done... or I wish I had done... or not done”. It is focusing on what has gone or has been lost and not able to see the good that may have come from the situation.

It is a card of loss, disappointment, sadness, suffering and possibly depression. There can be a feeling of being emotionally let down by someone.

This is a card of great loss, trauma, distress and possibly grief. It can indicate grief through bereavement or raw feelings and emotions when someone is going through a relationship break-up.

It can also be that someone is acknowledging mistakes of the past, although they may not yet be quite ready to turn around and look at the present or look forward to the future.

The loss and regret can be in many forms and the surrounding cards will indicate the area of life it relates to. Loss can be very difficult to cope with because of our emotional resistance to change.

The cards behind indicate that all is not lost completely and that something may be salvaged from the situation. There is some good, although it may take time and more healing to see it clearly.

Six of Cups



Quick Keywords

Happy memories, people from past, childlike, children, inner child.

Symbols

There are children in a garden, with their cups filled with flowers. There is happiness, enjoyment, friendship, a sense of wonder, simplicity and almost childlike innocence. It is a card of simple goodness that encourages you to be gentle, kind, generous, compassionate and forgiving.

Meaning

This card can be talking about children in your life, as well as happy memories from childhood. It can also be someone coming back into your life from the past.

On its own, the card is likely to represent someone where you have happy memories, although that depends on the cards around it.

In a romantic sense, it can be an old flame reappearing in your life or an ongoing relationship that has strong roots in the past.

It can indicate a need to return to a more simplistic life or it can indicate that we are perhaps being a little naïve in our

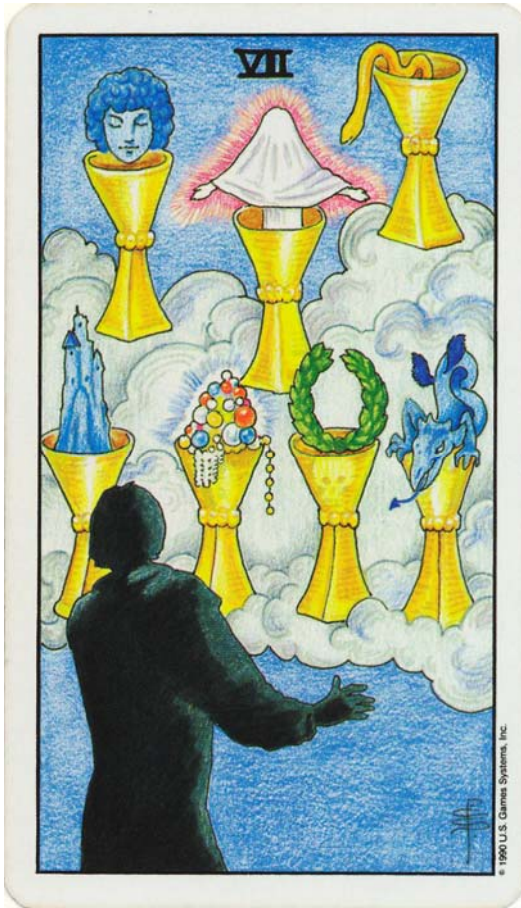
approach.

You may also need to look back at your childhood or inside to your “Inner Child” to find things that give you pleasure and make you happy. Perhaps you need to play more.

It can also point to things coming back into your life from the past. This can be anything that was unresolved in some way in the past.

The cards around will indicate whether this is a positive and wonderful situation or whether it is more challenging for you.

Seven of Cups



Quick Keywords

Choices, decisions, focus, confusion, unknown.

Colours and Symbols

There is a lot of blue in the card, which usually symbolises logic and communication. The cups are all offering a lot of different choices, which need to be viewed with both emotion and logic.

Meaning

There is a lot of confusion and lack of focus with card. There are a lot of choices, each of which could bring satisfaction in their own way. There is the dragon for wisdom, the snake for sexuality, the house for the home and also for fairy-tale-castle-in-the-air- ideas, jewels for wealth, the wreath for success, the mask for identity and the shrouded cloth for something completely unknown. It is important to be clear on what you really want and what you want to feel and experience. It is also vital that you explore your motives for taking certain actions. Some of your choices may appear easier than others. Beware of false promises from others and maybe not being entirely honest with yourself over your motivations. If there are too many choices, there is a risk of errors of judgment. Give careful consideration to all options and certainly sleep on big decisions before rushing in.

This can be a time of a bit of an identity crisis, a loss of confidence, perhaps feeling undermined and inadequate. This can be as a result of a rigid structure falling apart and now there are so many more opportunities that you do not know which way to turn. It may also be that you are indulging in wishful thinking and daydreaming and lacking focus and action towards your dreams and goals. There is often a decision and a commitment that does need to be made. You can get as much information as possible, however you may still end up making that decision with an unknown quantity in place. Sometimes it is not possible to know everything in advance especially if you are stepping into unknown territory.

Eight of Cups



Quick Keywords

Walking away, new direction, no turning back, burning bridges.

Symbols and Colours

This is a dark card showing a figure walking away from the stack of cups. There is no looking back. There is both the sun and moon together, which is almost an eclipse.

Meaning

This can be someone walking away from a person or a situation or feeling like they want to do that. The person may not be fully acknowledging their own feelings and emotions. The person has clearly turned away from a certain path and is going in a different direction.

This does not look as if it is an easy choice and the person seems to realise that there may be difficulties on their path ahead. The person does not seem to want to take anything from their past with them, although there may be something that might help them.

This can also be a deep dissatisfaction with a life that has been built on superficial values and a desire to set off in search of something better or more meaningful.

As the cups are all upright, this can also indicate that the person has attracted their heart's desire and then realised it was not what they wanted.

This card can be emotional turning point, which is going to lead to new actions. It is a time to move on to new things. This might be a physical change such as moving house, changing a job or leaving a relationship. It might also be an emotional change such as letting go of old beliefs and values.

Once this course of action has been started, there is really no turning back.

Nine of Cups



Quick Keywords

Happiness, contentment, smugness, satisfaction.

Colours and Symbols

This card has a balance of Colours in it and shows a gentlemen, who look well fed, contented and prosperous.

The cups are all upright and in balance behind him. It is a card of plenty and having your wishes come true. It also indicates pleasure when you get what you want.

Meaning

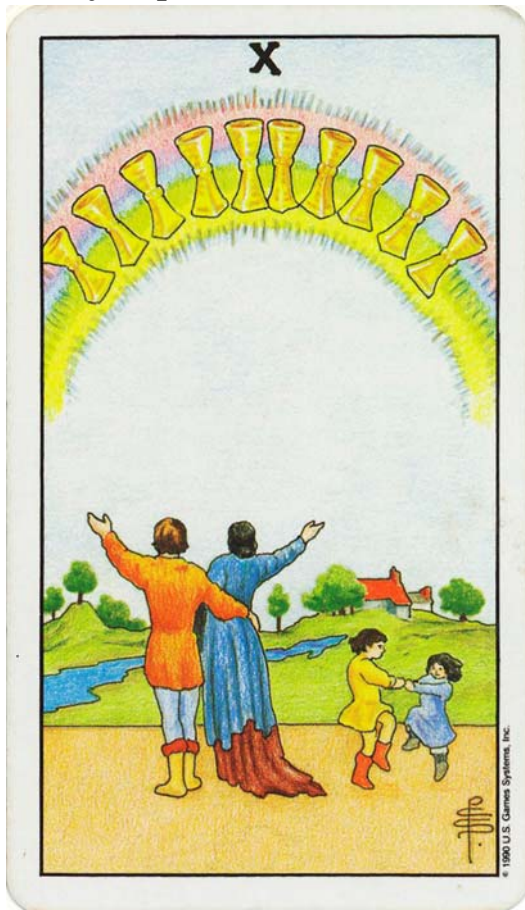
There is contentment, physical well being, material success and looking forward to the future. This card is also about victory, success and satisfaction.

It is a card of pure indulgence. Enjoy it now. You have earned it. You have every right to savour every wonderful feeling that comes with it.

However don't allow yourself to get too complacent.

You can celebrate your success and you can also celebrate life itself. This can be success in any area.

Ten of Cups



Quick Keywords

Family happiness, blessings, love, contentment, children.

Colours and Symbols

This is a beautiful card of contentment, happy families, happiness in relationships and with life.

The cups are all in the rainbow and there is a feeling of the magic and happiness of dreams being here on earth. The couple have outstretched arms as if they are giving thanks for all their blessings.

Meaning

For any goal it is success, achievement and celebration. With the 10 of cups, it is the best it can be at this time.

It can also be a short break or a family holiday where there is a real sense of togetherness and belonging.

There is joy, love, abundance and contentment. This is a peaceful scene and can indicate inner our outer peace. It may be an end to conflict.

Page of Cups



Quick Keywords

Birth, pregnancy, new project, labour of love, creativity, ideas.

Person

The page can represent a child and it can also indicate a person who is younger in age or more immature than the person you are reading for.

As a person the page is a sensitive, creative child (or person who has child like creativity and imagination). The child may be a bit of a daydreamer, as well as quiet, gentle, reflective and kind.

Beware of over-sensitivity.

It can also indicate a child born under one of the Water signs of Pisces (symbolised by the fish), Cancer or Scorpio.

The person will often be an emotional person, maybe a poet or artist or musician.

Situation

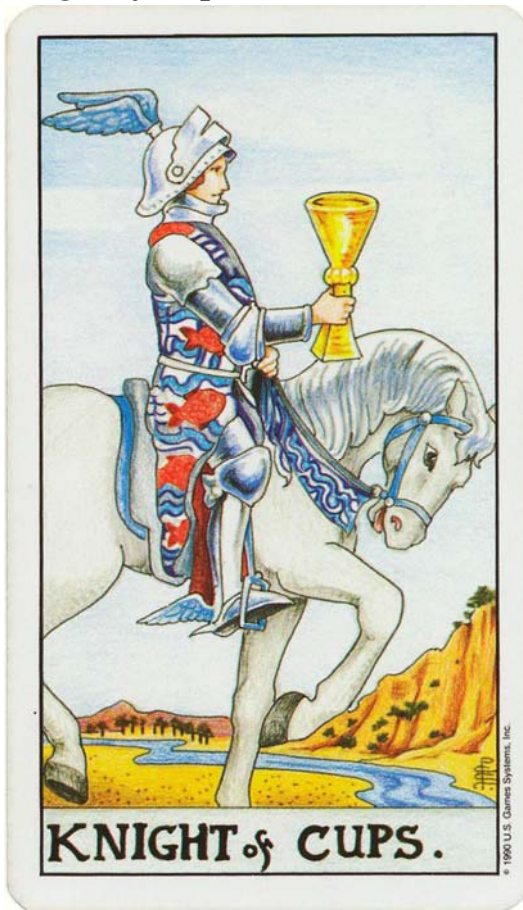
The Page of cups often indicates news of a birth or a pregnancy.

This can also be the creative birth of new ideas and projects. Let the ideas flow in an uninhibited and creative manner. Ideas will often be coming straight from the heart. It is important not to judge them.

The page can also be bringing opportunities for love.

It can also be good for exploring psychic, intuitive and spiritual matters, with an open mind and sense of curiosity and wonder.

Knight of Cups



Quick Keywords

Sensitive, romantic, emotional, loving, caring, sensitive.

Person

The Knight can represent a young adult or a person who is immature for their age. He/she is a dreamy, imaginative, sensitive, emotional, probably quite romantic person.

He/she is loving, caring, generous and will help anyone, often to their own detriment.

On the negative side, they can be overly emotional and hypersensitive, as well as suffering from apathy.

As they have deep emotions and feelings themselves, they will often be very sensitive to the feelings of others and not want to hurt their feelings. This can lead to them being unable to say No, when people ask for help.

It can represent a male or a female, although the figure in the card looks more male than female.

The Knight of Cups is great for wonderful feelings and dreams, however they may struggle motivating themselves or being able to put their plans into action.

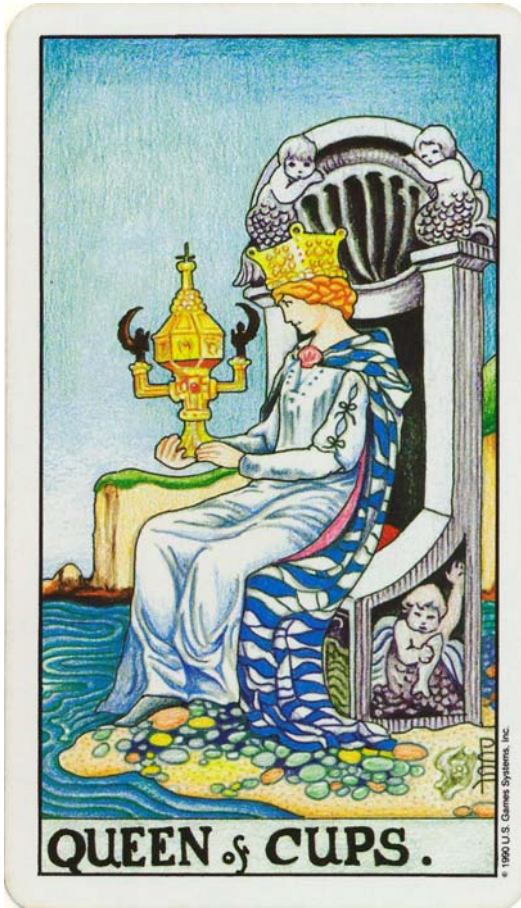
Situation

The wings are the symbol of Mercury, the Winged Messenger, so this card can be bringing a message.

It can be a person offering love, friendship or support,

Sometimes the Knight of Cups may come up in reading, when there has previously been a King or Queen of Cups and that may be telling you that the cards are still talking about that previous person.

Queen of Cups



Quick Keywords

Sensitive, intuitive, caring, gentle, artistic, compassion, emotions.

Person

This card represents mostly a female, of any age. On the positive side she is a loving, caring, giving, nurturing, intuitive, sensitive, compassionate person who is guided by her feelings and her heart.

She is often the person people turn to with their problems, which can also be a challenge as she can take on people's problems and worry for them.

The Queen of Cups is also about our emotional fulfilment and our connection to ourself and our feelings.

She has a creative, artistic side to her, which may or may not be expressed. She can be very romantic and sometimes have her head in the clouds.

The Queen of Cups is often considered to represent a person born under a water sign, which is Cancer, Pisces or Scorpio. Or she is likely to have a lot of those traits in her character.

Situation

Look at the situation with gentle, loving eyes of compassion and forgiveness. Look for the highest good in the situation and the magnificence in the people involved.

King of Cups



Quick Keywords

Loving, deep feelings, dreamer, gentle, creative.

Person

This is a man who is likely to be 40s+ in age or older than the querant.

Like the other cup cards, he can be kind, loving, giving, gentle, sensitive, quite romantic and emotional.

He likes peace and harmony around him. Through not wanting to upset people that can lead to him not being truthful with himself or others around him

He can be a bit of dreamer and may not be the most motivated person to take action on his dreams. He is very creative although can be a real perfectionist.

On the negative side he can suppress his feelings and be uncommunicative, critical, nit-picky at other people, have unrealistic expectations and/or bury his head in the sand when there is a problem.

Situation

The situation will probably need you to take account of other people's feelings and approach the matter in as humane way as possible.

Astrological or 12 month spread

This is a very simple spread to use. You can put one card in each of the positions around the circle and it gives you an overview of the next 12 months.

You can go around again, adding a new card to each of the months.

As you have 78 cards in a tarot deck, you can go around 6 complete times (using 72 of the cards).

You will have 6 cards for each month or for each house and that will give you quite a lot of information.

This is a good spread if a person would like a general overview of their life. You can then use other spreads to add more detail in particular areas.

This spread can also be used to represent the 12 houses of a person's life in Astrology. This is useful to gain more information into a particular area. Again you can add more cards to each house for more detail.

The 12 houses in Astrology are as follows;

1) Personality, environment, how others see the querant*, the Self (Aries).

2) Money, possessions, earning power and financial values (Taurus).

3) Travel and Communication, day to day activities (Gemini).

4) Home Life, siblings, family, parents (Cancer).

5) Pleasure, romance, love affairs, holidays, self expression, creativity (Leo).

6) Work and Health (emotional and physical) (Virgo).

7) Partnerships (professional and personal) and Marriage, legal matters (Libra).

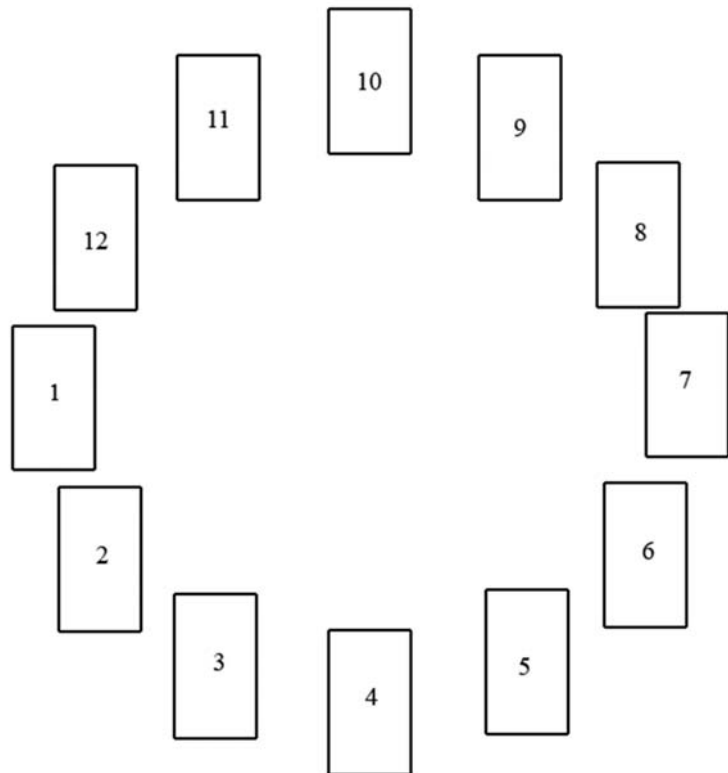
8) Inheritance, death, sex, other people's money, endings and beginnings (Scorpio).

9) Philosophy, education, dreams, travel and long distance journeys (Sagittarius).

10) Career, profession, fame, reputation (Capricorn).

11) Friends, organisations, hopes and wishes (Aquarius).

12) Burdens, restrictions, secret fears, enemies, dangers, subconscious (Pisces).



* The Querant is the person seeking a reading.

Suit of wands

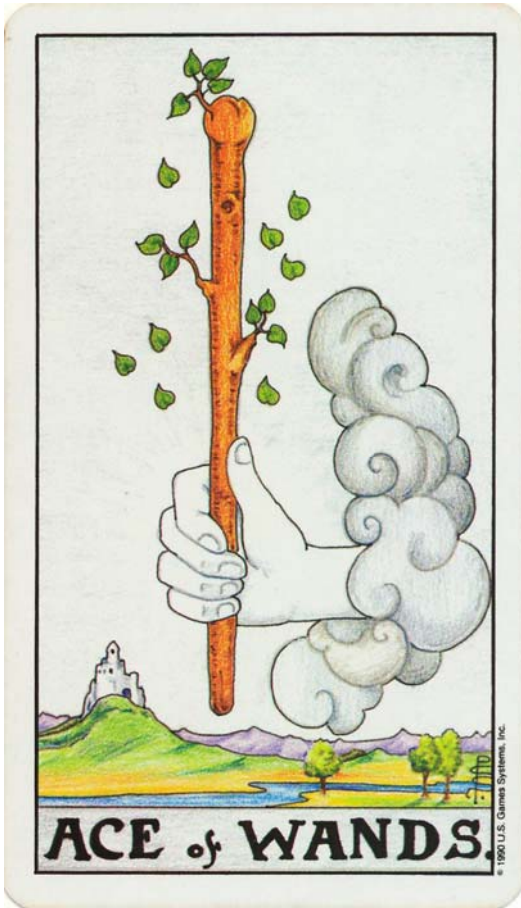
The suit of wands is about energy and creativity. It is an action based suit of cards and often represents work or business. These are usually doing cards. These cards are about taking creative ideas and turning them into reality. They can also indicate hobby based projects that a person is passionate about or charity or voluntary work. Just because there is a lot of energy going into projects, it does not always mean that there is money with it.

In astrological terms, this suit corresponds to the element of FIRE, which is about making things happen. The element of fire is associated with the signs of Aries, Leo and Sagittarius. The self, the ego and external appearances can be very important to FIRE people, as can the need to be the centre of attention.

On the positive side, the sort of qualities associated with WANDS and FIRE are energy, passion, creativity, big vision, big picture, drive, enthusiasm, generous, originality, leader, loyal, hard-working, outgoing, happy, cheerful, optimist, bright, sunny disposition, affectionate, demonstrative, courageous, adventurous, self-starter, initiative, enterprising, assertive, forceful, persuasive, action oriented, making things happen, organised, high standards and expectations.

On the negative side, there can be impulsiveness, not thinking things through properly, blind optimism, excessive risk taking, rash, explosive, fiery temper, selfish, lacking tact or diplomacy, intolerant, aggressive, a drama queen, prone to exaggeration, intolerant, a slave driver, impatience with others, riding roughshod over the feelings of others, big ego, inability to listen, know-it-all, lack of attention to detail, boredom and inability to complete things, take on too much and unable to delegate. In the pictures, all the Wands are shown as wooden poles with little leaves sprouting out of them. This is new life, new growth and new things sprouting out, even when the situation around may look a bit grim.

Ace of Wands



Quick Keywords

New job, opportunity or business, creativity, action.

Symbols

A hand emerging from a cloud holds out a wooden stick, which has green leaves on it. This is about new beginnings, creativity, action, innovation, confidence, courage, new things being offered or started. It is a symbol of possibility.

Meaning

The Ace of Wands can indicate a new job offer or a business opportunity. It can be an opportunity within an existing job such as a promotion.

It can also be a new project which will give opportunities for creativity, self-expression, development, power, initiative and moving forward.

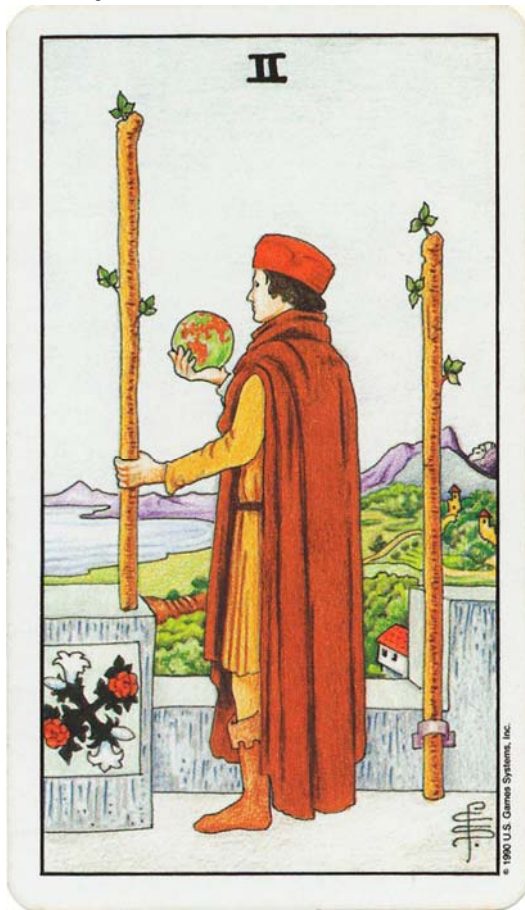
Within a business this may be new business opportunities coming in. It can also be a creative project or a hobby that someone is working on. It can also be voluntary or charity work.

There is a lot of energy, creativity, passion, action and moving forward with this card. It is a card of openings and beginnings.

It can also indicate personal development and taking action towards something you really want to do (even if it may mean less money initially).

This is a time to act decisively and grasp the opportunities that are in front of you. You have access to the resources you need, or they will open up as you get going. It is a time to take the first step and set the ball in motion.

Two of Wands



Quick Keywords

Personal power, strength, success, support, restlessness.

Symbols

A well-dressed, wealthy looking man surveys the landscape in front of him. He holds a world in his hand. One wand is fixed to the wall and he is holding the other.

This is a card of success and prosperity, of having reached a goal, of holding the world in your hand. It can also signify the choices of “what next?”

Meaning

This can be earned success, wealth and fortune, brought about by your own efforts. It can be help and support from affluent individuals.

This is a card of personal power, of strength, courage and personal success. This is a card of power and it may be that you have the power and influence and someone else wants it or someone else has it and you want it. You may need to seek the help of someone in a position of influence, and that help is there for you. It may also be that someone else looks up to you as a means to opening doors for them.

It is also important to consider the influence that material power and success plays in your life and goals. Are you driven just by external success?

There is some contentment for what has been achieved and also looking for new opportunities for stimulation or for growth.

There can be a certain amount of restlessness and a desire to move onto new pastures. The person may be considering new opportunities or even moving to a new location. There is a choice here between what is stable and fixed and moving onto new pastures.

Three of wands



Quick Keywords

Loan, financial support, goals, focus, direction.

Symbols

A man stands facing the open sea where there are 3 ships on the water. He has 3 wands surrounding him, which look as if they are supporting him. He is on his journey, doing his own thing and just pausing to contemplate his goal in front of him.

Meaning

This card often comes up when someone has applied for a loan or mortgage or is looking to get some sort of assistance from someone else to further their plans. It is a card of success.

The figure is making his own success and realises he needs to take action for something to happen. This is a card of courage.

There is successful support and co-operation from others with plans. There is still a lot of thought and deliberation and projects may still be in the planning stage, although some action has been taken.

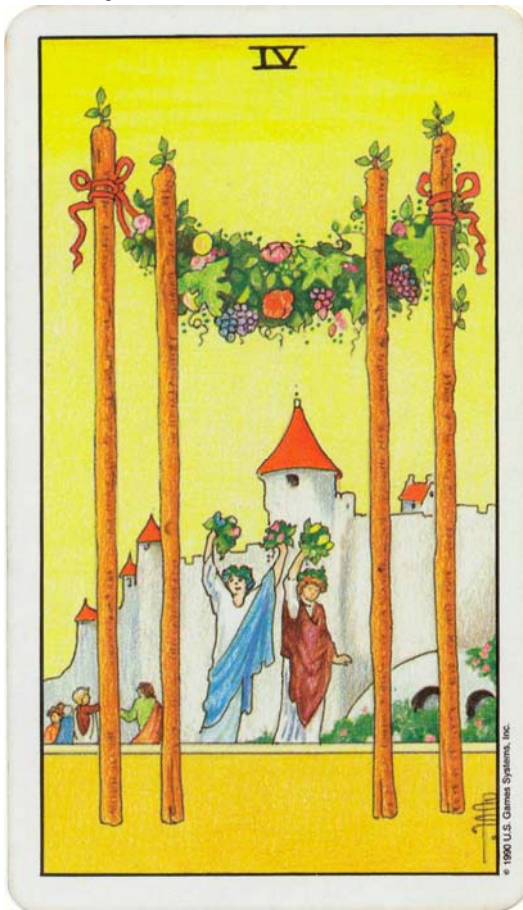
This is also a card of vision, of seeing the big picture and taking a long term view or matters. As the person with the long term view, you can guide and help others to support you

and also to their best future.

This is also a card of leadership and being the first to blaze the trail into uncharted territory, so that others can follow you.

Be courageous and move bravely into new areas. Once you set things in motion, doing your own thing and in your own way, you will be able to attract to you the resources and support that you need.

Four of Wands



Quick Keywords

Marriage, partnership, celebration, success, home.

Symbols

Four wands decorated with lush, green wreaths and abundant fruit indicating success and plenty. Two maidens are dancing with flowers.

Meaning

This is a card which often indicates a marriage or an engagement. It can also be a successful business partnership.

It might be friends, spouses or romantic partners going into business with each other as well.

It is about “doing” something creative together rather than just thinking about it. This can also be successful participation in a club or hobby based activity.

This is a card of celebration of success, balance, unity, co-operation, harmony, stability and success. It can also indicate teamwork

The number four can also indicate the four corners of the home and point towards successful completion of projects in the home.

In relation to the home or to a physical building, the other cards around will indicate how successful this project will be.

Five of Wands



Quick Keywords

Battles, bickering, pettiness, discord, squabbles.

Symbols

A group of people are battling with wands. The closest one, in light blue, seems to be holding the others off with very little effort.

Meaning

There are battles doing on and tempers may be getting frayed. There seems to be a lot of aggression directed at you. However, by dealing calmly with the actual issues, rather than attacking the people concerned, you can find a solution.

It is important not to get drawn into office or family politics and only to deal with the facts of the matter. If there are battles going on around you, do you need to be involved in all of it or can you just deal with the bit that directly affects you?

This is a card of pettiness, squabbling, back-biting and often tiresome disagreements.

You probably need to put up some boundaries between yourself and the source of the bickering. It is better if you can distance yourself from it.

This is also a card of blockages, annoyances, frustrations and things not going as you would like them to. There is no agreement or co-operation with this card.

Six of Wands



Quick Keywords

Success, victory, triumph, praise, recognition.

Symbols

A figure rides through a group of people holding a wand with a wreath of success on it.

Meaning

This is a card of success, of praise, of recognition, of projects coming to a successful conclusion, of prosperity and earned success.

This is triumph and victory as a result of effort. It is enjoying the fruits of your labours. The rewards are deserved with this card.

This is not necessarily a card of being triumphant over someone else. It is more about the victory over yourself and your environment.

It is also important to have a healthy self esteem and allow yourself to feel good about your achievements, without acting as if you are superior to others.

Seven of wands



Quick Keywords

Battles, unfair numbers, in control, on top of situation/

Symbols

A figure holding a wand stands on a hill and is battling with 6 other wands from unseen people. He is on top of the situation and is battling from a strong vantage point.

He is wearing a shoe and a boot. The foot with the boot is in water, which signifies mastery over the emotions.

Meaning

This is a card of ongoing battling. It can be a warning not to get involved with fighting other people's battles unless it is really necessary.

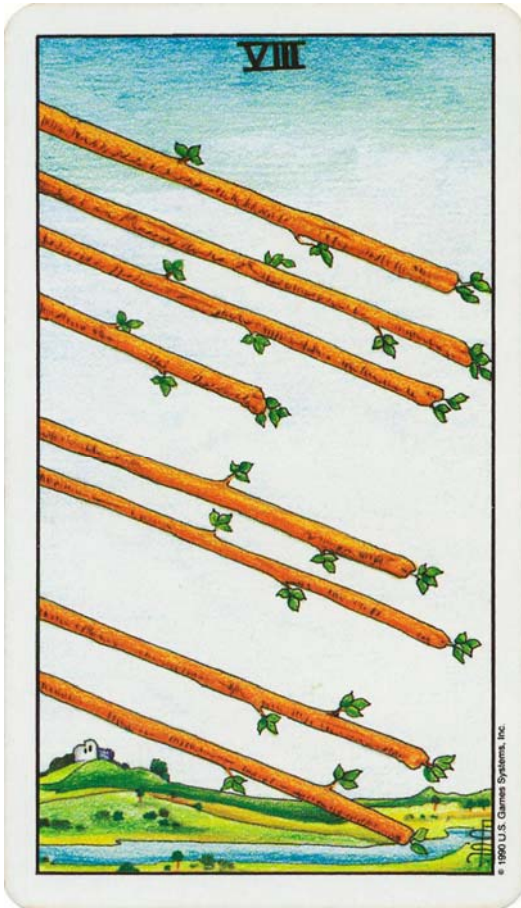
This can be someone attacking you (not necessarily physically) or it can be you going into battle with other people. There are power struggles going on here and people may be trying to control you. You need courage in the face of adversity.

This can also be an unfair battle if you are having to deal with more than one person or issue at the same time. It is something you are doing on your own at the moment.

It may be something you have to fight on your own, or it may be telling you to get some support. This is a card of self defence and it may be necessary to defend your space or territory. Perhaps you need to put up boundaries and stand up for yourself.

You may need to defend your position and to stand up for what you believe in or know to be right. This is a card of aggression and defiance.

Eight of Wands



Quick Keywords

Travel, overseas, speed, movement, action.

Symbols

Eight wands are moving rapidly through the air over water. This indicates things happening quickly and often of travel.

The wands look like they are coming down to earth, so this could be arriving rapidly at the goal or destination.

Meaning

This is a card of motion and movement. It is a time to take action and move forward rapidly with a project. Things are likely to be moving very rapidly around you.

This often indicates a period of waiting is coming to an end and the time is right for change. It is a card of satisfaction and success and circumstances wanting to move forward.

You have probably been thinking and dreaming about a plan or an idea, which is signified by the wands in the air.

Now is a good time to come down to earth and take action because things will move rapidly for you.

This can also be a good time to celebrate the successes of a past project and move onto something new.

Nine of Wands



Quick Keywords

Battling, strength of will, determination, victory, still fighting.

Symbols

A battle-scarred looking figure stands in front of 8 wands and is tightly clutching the 9th. His battle is behind him, although it has not been without personal cost and possible injury.

The 8 wands are fixed in the ground, as if creating a barricade between him and his problems.

Meaning

Although he seems to be in control at the moment, he has an expression of caution and suspicion on his face. He is ready to take on trouble and battles, wherever they may be coming from.

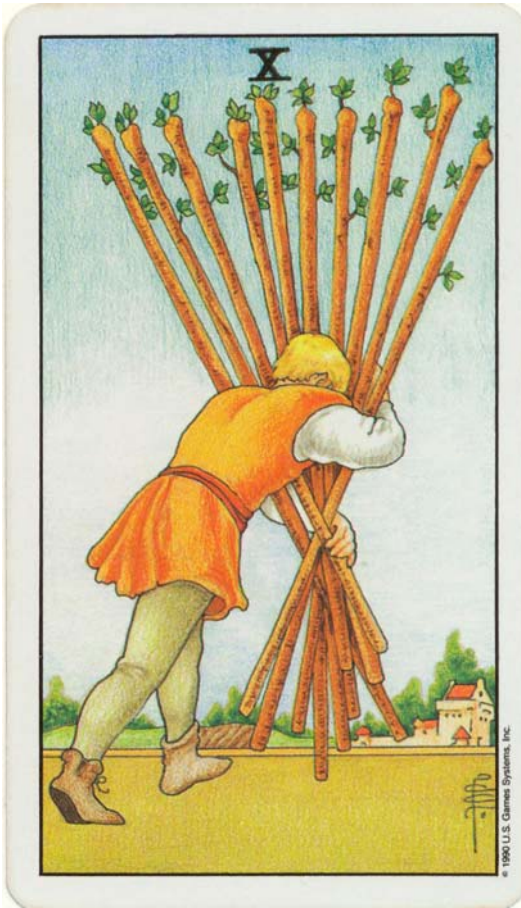
He seems to be expecting more trouble to come from somewhere and he is quite ready to tackle it when it comes. Be watchful and prepared.

Even if you are feeling wounded and reaching the end of your tether, you are still standing and prepared to battle on. You may need to draw on all your reserves to keep going, as the battling may not be finished.

Pause, re-organise yourself, give yourself a pat on the back for the victories you have won and how far you have come so far.

Prepare yourself for the next round, as the matter is not totally finished, although you are a lot closer to the finishing line than you may think you are.

Ten of Wands



Quick Keywords

Overwhelm, overwork, burdens, challenge.

Symbols

The figure is carrying 10 wands in an awkward way. He has his head buried in them, so he cannot see where he is going nor can he see how close he is to his destination.

Meaning

This is a card of overwhelm, oppression, being over-burdened with responsibility and often over-work. The figure appears to have taken on far more than he can comfortably carry and is carrying the wands in a very inefficient way.

You can also be feeling burdened because you have taken on the problems and perhaps the workload of other people

The figure runs a real risk of dropping everything. He has his head buried in the sticks and cannot see where he is going. It may be that the person feels they have to carry this heavy load all by themselves. It can also indicate that they need to get some help from others.

It is not helpful to wait for others to see that you need help and offer it to you, as you could be waiting a long time.

This is a card of struggle and doing things the hard way. You may have to take responsibility for something or be less to take the blame for something.

Try to lighten the load as much as you can by not taking on any more and maybe practise saying No to people.

Page of Wands



Quick Keywords

Message, news, fiery child, high energy.

Person

People represented by the Page of Wands can be children born under one of the fire signs of Aries, Leo or Sagittarius. They can also be people who are younger and less mature than the querant.

They are quite fiery, outgoing, creative people with a sunny disposition. They can be child-like and immature and have a big focus on themselves.

As people they are likely to be high energy, enthusiastic free-spirits.

They can also be impulsive, restless and not finishing things.

Situation

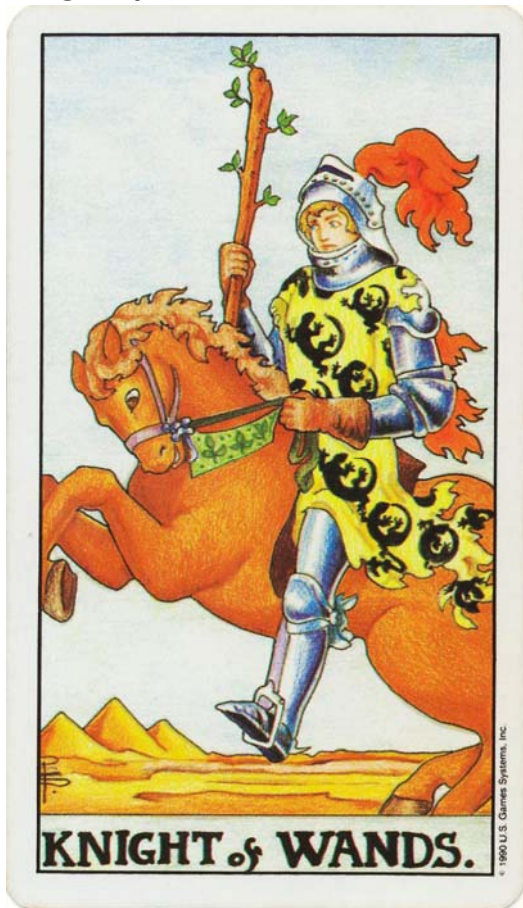
The Page of Wands often brings news of some sort. This can be new openings and opportunities for you to be creative and passionate.

The news the page brings will often require you to take action quite quickly.

This may be an opportunity that excites you and perhaps rekindles your child-like sense of wonder, passion and excitement.

Business projects represented by this card can be risky and ill thought out.

Knight of Wands



Quick Keywords

Property, move, new property, action, speed.

Person

This is a high energy person, who lives life in the fast lane and tends to do everything at great speed.

This can be an unpredictable, headstrong person who is prone to sudden changes and does not complete what they start.

They are exciting, confident, outgoing and fun to be around but may not be very dependable because they are off on their next project.

They can be very passionate and also hot tempered. The Knight of wands person has a huge heart and is very generous but may also be tactless and hot-headed.

Situation

The Knight of Wands often shows up in relation to property. This maybe a move of home or office or it can be taking on additional property.

There is often a sense of urgency and things happening quickly with this card.

Queen of Wands



Quick Keywords

Business woman, action, leadership, resourceful.

Person

The Queen of Wands usually represents a woman, of any age. She shares the characteristics of the fire signs. She often comes up as an independent, strong - minded, business woman.

She is a natural leader and will often be in a position of leadership or running her own business.

If she does not run her own business, she is very capable of doing so. As a person she is enthusiastic, passionate, a big thinker, generous, an action oriented person, energetic, loyal, capable, resourceful, confident, good organiser, creative and forward thinking.

She is generally quite a straight forward person. She is popular, outgoing, makes friends easily, tackles things wholeheartedly, is open and sincere, has a natural vibrancy, is confident and cheerful and has a strong sense of self assurance

On the negative side, she can be domineering, bossy, controlling, impatient and lacking tact. She may have difficulty delegating and believe that no-one else is as capable

of doing things as she is.

Situation

This is a good time to look at your own resources and perhaps work on your own self development. There may be educational opportunities around for you at the moment.

This special energy is around you at this time, either as events or for you to use.

King of Wands



Quick Keywords

Leader, business, action, risk taker, hard worker.

Person

The King of Wands has many of the same qualities as the Queen. He is a high energy, go-getting, action-oriented, determined, inspiring, forceful man who knows what he wants and how to get there. He creates results and then is very happy to bask in the glory that results from his success.

He is a courageous, loyal man and will often be in business or a position of leadership. He is not frightened to take risks. The more mature man will think through the risks and rewards and take action. If things do not work out, he will assess the situation, learn from it and move on.

He can have a fiery temper and says what he thinks. Tact is not his strong point. When he has said what needs to be said, it is done and finished. He is not a person to hold grudges.

He may be overbearing sometimes but his heart is in the right place and he means well.

Situation

This card can signify a person. It can also be asking you to take action in a bold and fearless way, as the King of Wands would do.

Yes No Answer Spread

Sooner or later someone will ask a question, which they consider requires a definite YES or NO answer.

It may be that there are better ways of approaching the question, such as asking “What would be the outcome if I did... or did not do...?” or “What do I need to know in order to make a decision...?”

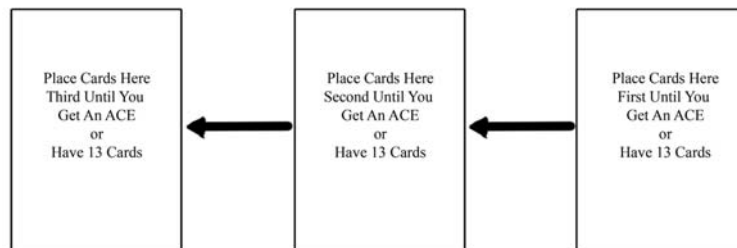
There are many spreads to answer a YES-NO question. This is one of the best ones because it gives additional information about the answer. It helps to see what the Querant might be able to do to change that answer.

The question needs to be phrased very carefully because the answer will relate directly to the question asked.

Shuffle the cards, cut the deck into 3 piles and re-assemble the pack into 1 pile.

Working from left to right, count out the cards until you either get an ACE or you get to 13.

If no ACE has appeared before you get to 13 cards, start the second pile. Continue until you get an ACE or get to 13 cards and repeat with the 3rd pile.



The more ACES you have, the stronger the likelihood of the answer being YES. The 3rd pile is the final outcome, so this is the place you would ideally like to see an ACE card.

If you get no ACES, then the answer is probably NO. You can look at the piles to see why you got that answer. It may be that it is “NO for NOW” and the timing is not right, or it may be that you have not clearly phrased your question.

If a person really has not made up their mind about a situation and are not sure what answer they would actually like to see, the answer in the cards can be just as vague.

Sometimes you can get an ACE in the first pile, which indicates your question was clear. If there is no ACE in pile 1, it is likely the Querant has not made up his or her mind about the situation.

If you get an ACE in the 2nd pile, then it indicates that the Querant has made up their mind as to how they would like the outcome to be, however it may not be moving just yet.

You can then spread out each pile to get more information about the situation and maybe things you need to be aware of or actions that you need to take.

The Aces can also indicate timing.

Ace of Cups represents Summer
Inverted Ace of Cups – late summer

Ace of Wands- Spring
Inverted Ace of Wands- late Spring

Ace of Swords- Autumn
Inverted Ace of Swords- late Autumn

Ace of Pentacles- Winter
Inverted Ace of Pentacles- late Winter

If you get inverted Aces, then the answer is likely to be NO. You can explore the cards in the piles to see why the answer is NO and to gain further information.

This spread is most useful for determining something that has already happened. It is also best asking about things that you personally can influence.

When you ask about future events, you may get a definite answer if a decision has already been made and it is not likely to change.

Be careful when trying to ask what other people might do because you probably have little control over that and they may change their mind and do something completely different.

Avoid asking questions such as “Will I get married?” or “Will I change jobs?” or “Will I have children?” because they are not pre-determined and can be changed by your own actions.

Suit of Swords

The suit of swords is about things going on in our heads and minds. It often represents the analytical, logical, reasoning part of us. It is the “head stuff” part of us.

The swords often indicate our response to stress and how we cope with stress.

Astrologically it represents the element of Air and can point to the signs of Gemini, Libra and Aquarius.

The element of air represents thoughts, ideas, intellect and communication.

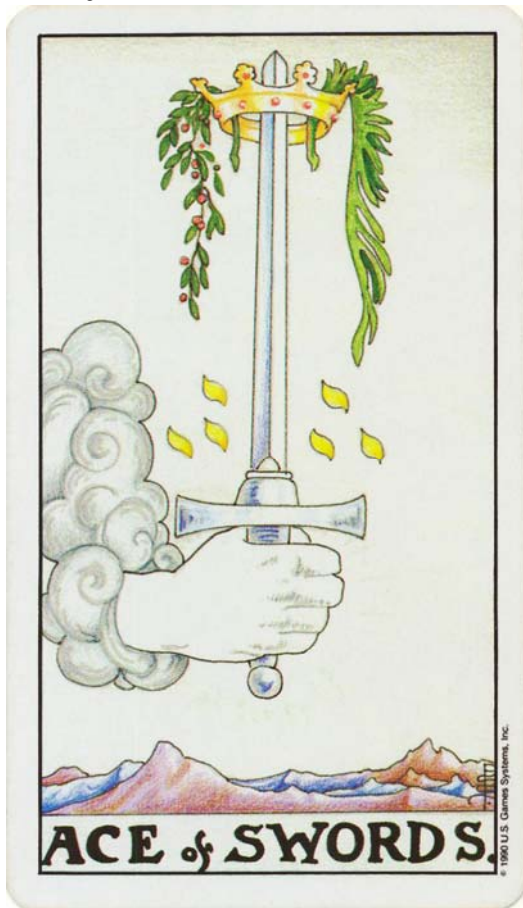
In the Suit of Swords we often find the worries and fears that people have. Some may be day-to-day worries and some may be deep- rooted fears and strongly held beliefs and convictions.

The Swords can also indicate the “might be” or “what if” fears, some of which may be valid and some of which may be unfounded. The Suit of Swords can appear very challenging because they not only indicate the events of our lives, but they also indicate our reactions to them.

People displaying Air tendencies can be great visionaries with fantastic ideas and they can be amazing communicators. They are often quick witted and have razor-sharp brains. They can be people who seem to live on their nerves. Some of the other qualities can be analytical, inventive, original, versatile and curious. The element of air can also be associated with space, computers, scientific and technological matters.

On the negative side, their heads can be full of a lot of ideas and very little action. They may be fickle and whimsical and find it hard to complete things. They can be nit-picky and critical and can tie people up in knots with their words. They can be argumentative, lacking empathy, cynical, inflexible and eccentric.

Ace of Swords



Quick Keywords

Ideas, new beginnings, success, willpower, focus.

Symbols

A hand holds a sword, which has a crown on the top and the wreath of success in the crown. As with all the Aces, this is a card of beginnings. Beware, it can be a double edged sword.

Meaning

The card represents a new beginning, new ideas, a new (or renewed) force of will and mental energy. This is a card of victory and success.

This card often indicates new focus and increased clarity around a decision. This is also an indication that you have the strength and power within your own hands to accomplish whatever needs to be done.

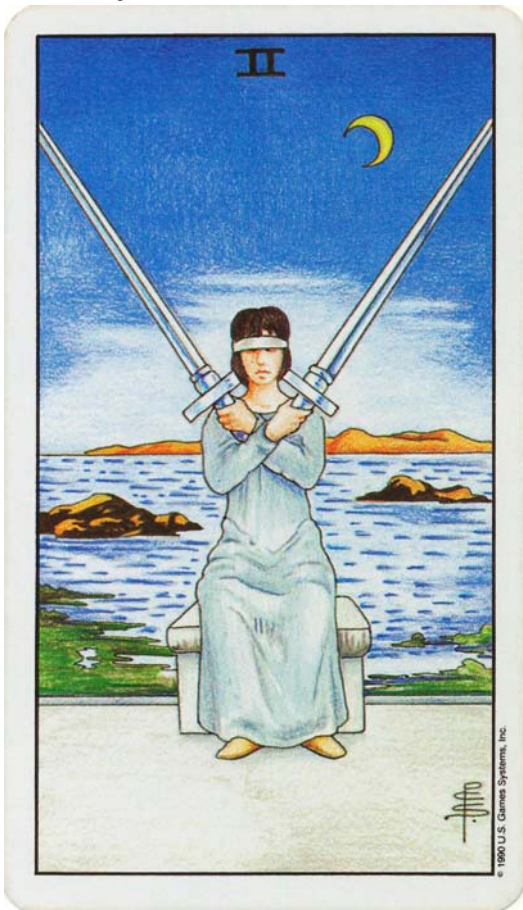
The opportunities offered by the Ace of Swords are likely to be challenging and you will probably have to call on the full force of your will or personality to achieve your goals. However the crown at the top of the sword indicates success.

It indicates the need for courage, resourcefulness and determination. It will also call for you an honest and ethical

approach. There is often a clear sense of understanding of what needs to be done and an ability to cut through irrelevant things.

The Ace of Swords can also point to truth and justice, to championing a cause and standing up for what you believe to be right.

Two of Swords



Quick Keywords

Indecision, lack of clarity, confusion, worry, stress.

Symbols

Here we see a blindfolded figure, holding two crossed swords, sitting on a stone in front of water.

Meaning

The figure does not know what to do and does not seem to be able to see all the necessary information or to think clearly. She may be struggling to see the consequences of actions.

This is a card of indecision. It can also be a card of knowing that something needs to be done about a situation and being in denial- a bit like the ostrich burying its head in the sand.

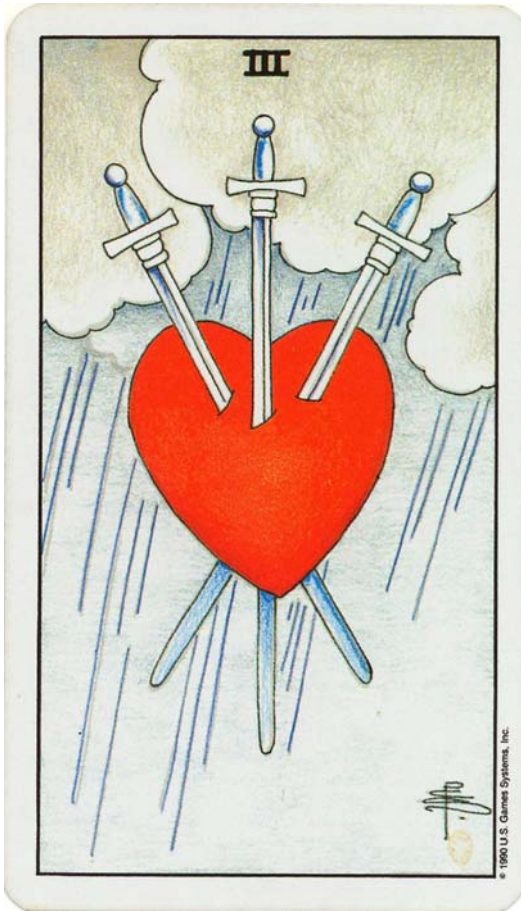
You have a difficult choice or decision to make. It is something you probably need to make logically, however there is also a lot of emotion attached to the decision (symbolised by the water).

The choice can be one that is causing a great deal of stress and worry. If there are other people involved, then the decision is likely to hurt or upset someone. It is a decision where you have to look at what is best for you.

With the crossed swords the woman has put up a real barrier. It is almost as if she is trying to block off her emotions and feelings and keep everybody out.

She seems unwilling to accept a truth about a situation or her feelings and almost deny its existence.

Three of Swords



Quick Keywords

Arguments, heart-ache, sorrow, conflict

Symbols

Three swords pierce a heart. This is the only one of the Swords Cards that does not have a person in it.

Meaning

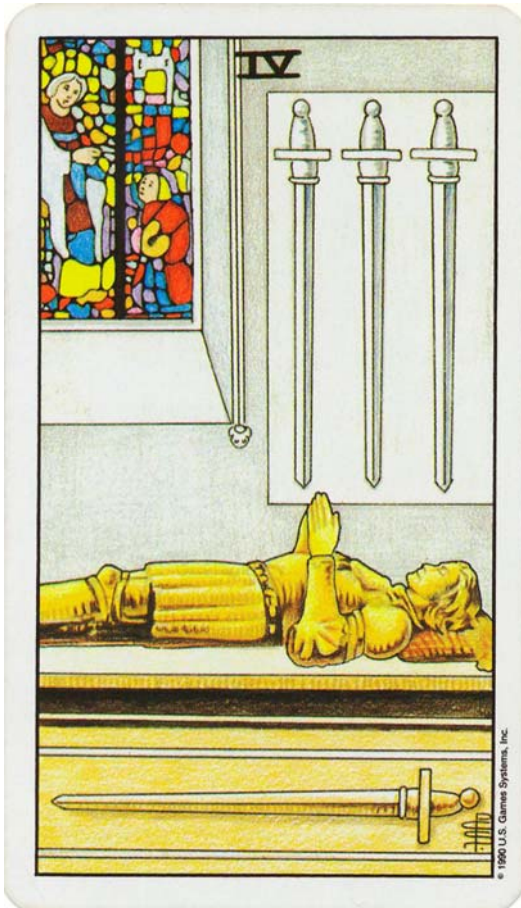
This is a card of heartbreak in some form. It can be an argument. It can literally be a heart attack and can be a miscarriage in a pregnancy (depending on the cards around it).

There are likely to be some raw emotions around this card, although they may or may not be expressed.

There is sorrow, sadness, strife, conflict, disappointment and great emotional pain.

If it is an argument, it may be that there are things that need to be said in order to clear the air, as painful as they may be to say or to be heard.

Four of Swords



Quick Keywords

Recovery, retreat, de-stress, solitude, time out.

Symbols

A knight lies resting on a table. He has 3 swords pointing down and 1 underneath him. His hands are formed in a prayer position.

Meaning

This is a card of rest, recuperation, convalescence, retreat and solitude and indicates a real need to take some time out and just DO NOTHING.

It may be a time of quiet contemplation and preparation for the next steps. It is a time for mind, body and spirit to heal.

This card will often show up for someone who is overworked, stressed and worn out.

It can also come up for someone who is recovering from an illness and it is important for them to allow themselves to recover fully before they start doing too much again.

Five of Swords



Quick Keywords

Conflict, victory, strong adversary, hollow victory.

Symbols

Two dejected looking figures are standing by the water, whilst the 3rd has 3 swords in his hands. The swords of the other two people lie on the ground in front of him.

Meaning

This is a card of conflict and victory, but at the expense of other people. The figure looks quite smug with having all the swords. However this can be a hollow victory. This can be a serious quarrel.

This may be that you are up against someone who is much stronger than you and that they have all the factors in their favour. It may be you that is the stronger of the people.

This is a card of arguments and hostility, and can be an “us-against-them” mentality. This is a selfish card and there is no co-operation between people.

There are no real winners with this card. One person has all the swords, often to the detriment of the other parties.

Six of Swords



Quick Keywords

Better conditions, look beyond current pain, moving forward.

Symbols

A figure is rowing a boat with two passengers out of the choppy waters and into the calmer seas beyond.

However the 6 swords are still in front of them in the boat, which suggests they may be taking their worries with them.

However the swords do not pierce the boat in any way, so the impact of past strife may be much less now.

Meaning

This card indicates that things are improving and you are moving into better conditions. This can be a case of head over heart and you have to go with the logic of a situation.

You can be moving away from stress, anxiety, pain and difficulty and into better conditions, although it can sometimes be difficult to see beyond the pain and to focus on anything good.

This can be a card of physical journeys as well as a journey of self development and transformation.

Let go of the pain of a past situation and allow yourself to move forward into a better place, especially mentally.

Seven of Swords



Quick Keywords

Theft, loss, sneaking away, underhand, cunning, someone taking.

Symbols

This card shows a figure creeping away from a camp, carrying 5 of the 7 swords. The last 2 are left standing in the ground. The figure has quite a smug expression on his face.

Meaning

This card represents something being taken away, often in a very underhand, sneaky way.

It is a card of stealth and cunning to extricate yourself from a situation, which might not be a bad thing. It can be that someone is trying to sneak out of situation, rather than confront someone and deal with the matter openly.

The expression on the figure's face suggests he thinks he has got away with something he knows he really should not have done.

He is carrying the swords in a very inefficient way and not looking where he is going. The swords could very easily slip on his toes.

It is likely that he could get found out or his actions come back to haunt him. This can be someone who is a thief or a spy or a liar or a person committing some sort of fraud or wrong-doing.

If someone is contemplating actions, which they know are not quite legal or ethical, this card can be a warning that they will get found out. If they do it will most likely be due to their own feelings of guilt or conscience.

Eight of Swords



Quick Keywords

Restriction, limitations, obstacles, trapped.

Symbols

Here we see a woman who is blindfolded and who has cloths tied around her, which are restricting her movements. She is standing in water, which represents emotions. There are 9 swords forming a barricade behind her.

Meaning

This is a card of restriction. It may be self-imposed and the situation may not be as difficult as it is perceived to be. This can also indicate restriction and obstacles from external sources.

The bandages appear to be quite loose around the figure and she could probably wriggle loose and take off the blindfold if she chose to.

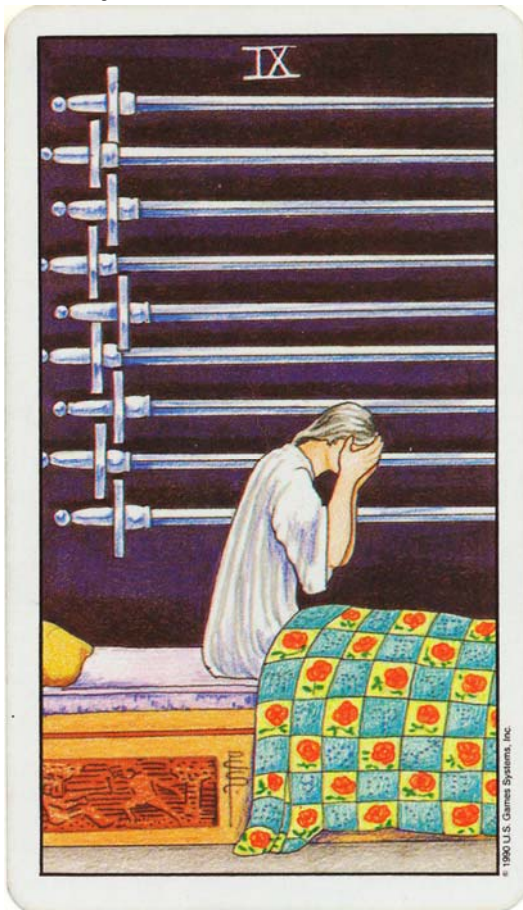
This can be a card of limiting beliefs about your capabilities. This can also be a card of "I can't because..." which may or may not be justified.

This card can indicate a feeling of being trapped, backed into a corner or imprisoned by someone or by your circumstances.

This can indicate that someone has given away their personal power to someone else. It can be that you are feeling a victim in life and are waiting for someone or something to come and rescue you

Some of the situation may be of your own making and you still have choices, as difficult as that may seem to accept. By finding your clarity of thought, you can find a solution and a way forward.

Nine of Swords



Quick Keywords

Grief, despair, distress, desolation, illness, stress.

Symbols

Here a figure sits up in a bed, crying or very distressed and with 9 swords on the wall behind.

Meaning

This card indicates grief, desolation, despair, great pain, worry, stress and sadness. It can also indicate health issues and hospital visits.

If someone is at their wits end, this card can mean great anxiety, depression, nightmares and insomnia. It can mean illness.

This will often be some sort of stress related condition. In readings for women, this card can indicate women's health issues or even surgery.

With the head in the hands, this can indicate a refusal to look at the world or to bury your head in the sand, in the hope that problems will go away.

During the dark of the night is the time when all our fears, doubts, worries, feelings of guilt and anxiety come bubbling up to the surface. Sometimes the pain of these feelings is so much we feel like just putting our head in our hands and crying.

It may be that you need to examine the choices you are making in life and perhaps a small change could make a big difference in the way you feel and the actions you take.

Ten of Swords



Quick Keywords

Endings and beginnings, let down, anxiety, stabbed in the back.

Symbols

A figure lies on the ground with a blanket partly covering him and 10 swords impaled in his back. This is a card of feeling let down and stabbed in the back by someone. It is a card of anxiety, loss and misfortune.

Meaning

This card can be similar to the Death card in symbolism, in that something has come to end- metaphorically the situation is dead- however that means that there is also some rebirth and renewal.

The gold in the sky represents the new day dawning. The darkest hour is just before dawn. This does not minimize the sense of pain or loss, however it is a sign that there is hope in the future.

This card can also point to an over-reaction to something, maybe making a mountain out of a molehill or someone who is a hypochondriac or a Drama Queen.

Page of Swords



Quick Keywords

Childlike, temperamental, headstrong, aggressive, defensive.

Symbols

The card shows a youth holding a sword in an aggressive pose, as though he is ready to strike at something.

Person

This can be someone who is very quick witted and sharp tongued. They can be a bit of a gossip and a trouble- maker and can tie people in knots with their words.

As a person, he/she is likely to be very immature and probably prone to temper tantrums (or the adult equivalent) to get their own way.

There is little empathy with this person. They are likely to be impatient, critical, sarcastic and have no real understanding of the impact of their words on the feelings of other people.

It can be a child with Air type qualities. They are bight and lively, with a quick mind and a vivid imagination.

Situation

The page can describe things being done in far too much of a hurry, with little or no thought to the consequences. There is impatience, rashness and not listening to the input of other people.

Knight of Swords



Quick Keywords

Rushing, risk-taking, lack of thought, speed, impulsive, headstrong.

Symbols

A Knight on a white horse with a drawn sword is charging through the desert at great speed.

Person

This card often symbolises someone who is rushing headlong into something without giving it any real thought.

The person is often impulsive, headstrong and full of fantastic ideas. They are capable and fearless and can be an impulsive risk taker.

They can be a great communicator but they can also be tactless, sarcastic, blunt and rude. A person can have all the qualities of an Air person, i.e. quick witted, intelligent, sharp brain, great ideas, great communicator and spontaneous.

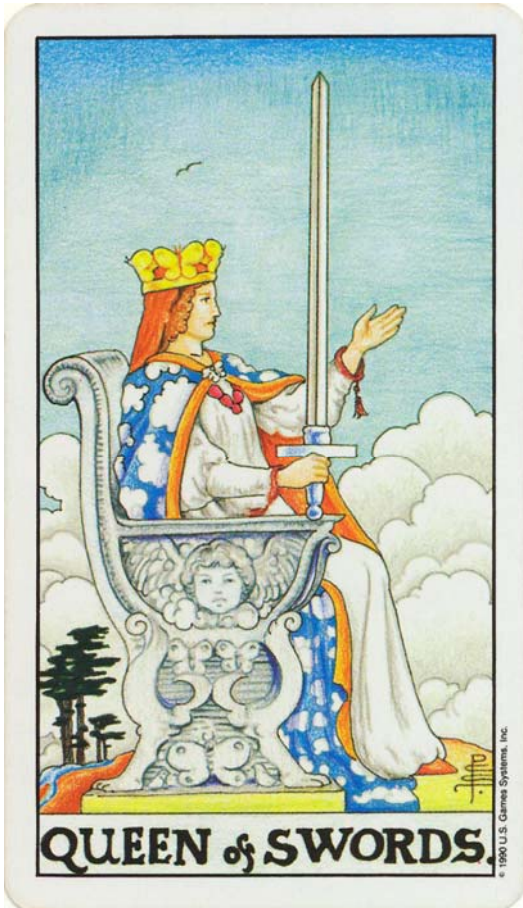
They can also be rash and impulsive and lack empathy with other people. The Knight is someone who is likely to be quite immature and convinced of their own superiority.

He or she can be a strong ally and fight your corner for you, while it suits them. They can be very fickle and whimsical and you should be careful of placing long term trust in them.

Situation

This indicates sudden events, where someone needs to take charge quickly, so that the whole thing does not end up in complete chaos. If you are considering delegating a project, be careful of the person you choose to take on the role.

Queen of Swords



Quick Keywords

Tough, independent, widow, honest, shrewd, straight-talking.

Person

The Queen can show as a man or a woman, although mostly she shows up as a woman. She can often represent an older person, perhaps someone who is widowed or on their own.

As a person, she is a very straightforward person, likely to have quite a sharp tongue and can be sarcastic and abrasive.

She is quick witted, intelligent, logical, analytical, can be shrewd and does not suffer fools gladly. She can be very perceptive and see through people and situations quickly.

She is honest, truthful and may take the moral high ground with others. She is not one to be messed with or to lie to. She is tough, independent and likely to keep herself and her feelings to herself.

She likes to be in control. She can be quite soft on the inside but works very hard to make sure she does not let others see that she could be vulnerable.

Situation

This card can indicate tough bargains and negotiating. The matter is likely to be dealt with in a very matter of fact way and by following the rule book. There will be little room for emotional matters.

King of Swords



Quick Keywords

Businessman, honest, efficient, detail, logical, analytical.

Person

As a person the King of Swords has all the qualities of an Air character. He often shows up as a man of Law, maybe a solicitor or a policeman.

As a business man, he is straightforward, tough, generally fair and honest in his dealings.

He does not take any nonsense from anyone and has a very clear idea of where he is going. He is intelligent, quick witted, can be detail oriented, analytical and efficient.

He usually takes quite a clinical, unemotional approach to matters. He can be rigid, strict and inflexible when it comes to sticking to the rules.

In personal matters he can be cut off from his feelings, which can show as cynicism, sarcasm and fierce independence

Situation

The King of Swords tells you that you need a rational, logical, analytical approach where expectations should be realistic.

You need to think with your head rather than your heart.

Celtic Cross Spread

This is probably one of the most widely used spreads because it gives an overview of the past, the current situation and of the expected outcome of the situation. There are several versions of the meanings of the different and it is important that you decide what they mean for you and stick with that interpretation.

It is important to remember that the outcome is based on the person's current state of mind and emotions and assumes that the person does nothing to change that outcome.

This is a useful spread for answering the question, "What will be the outcome if I do...?"

It can also be a useful spread to compare outcomes if certain actions are taken. This is often called the "Alternate Future". For example "what will be the outcome if I stay in my current job?" and "what will be the outcome if I take this new job I have been offered?"

The Celtic Cross Spread can be used as a general introductory spread, which can highlight specific issues for further exploration. It can then be used very effectively to explore those issues.

The Celtic Cross Spread is also very useful in looking at goals. You can see very easily what the Querant's true hopes and fears are around this goal, as well as what might be blocking him/her from achieving the success he/she desires.

You can also see how other people might be helpful or not in achieving this goal.

There are 10 positions in the spread.

Position 1 is the situation.

Position 2 crosses position 1 and this will often bring up the real issue or the challenge. This is the opposing factor.

Position 3 is below 1 and 2 and this adds further detail to the present situation. It is the root cause of the problem.

Position 4 to the left indicates the past.

Position 5 above the cross indicates influences which are leaving and the immediate future. It can also be the goal of the querant.

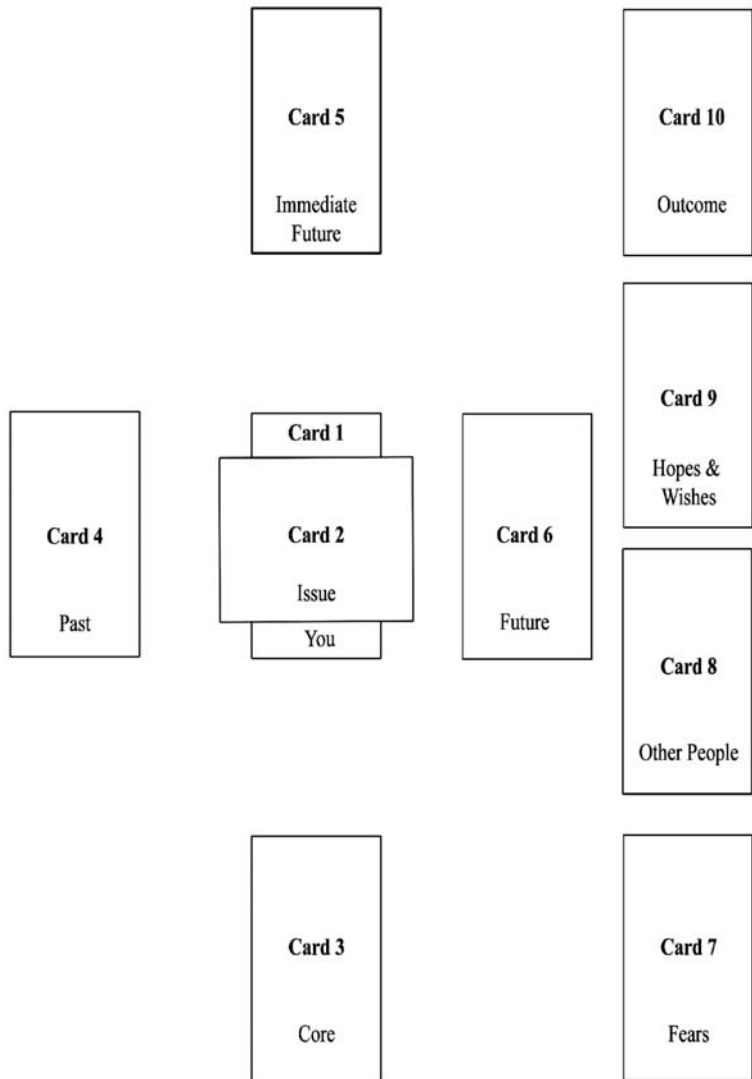
Position 6 to the right is close future.

Position 7 at the bottom of the vertical line indicates the fears of the querant. This can also be how you see yourself.

Position 8 directly above 7 indicates other people. It can represent matters of the home.

Position 9 directly above 8 indicates the hopes and wishes of the querant. There is often some key guidance with this card.

Position 10 at the top of the row indicates the outcome.



For more information you can put another row from bottom to top beside the first one. You can continue adding rows, which will give even more information.

You would normally only do this if the outcome is not clear. This may be that the question is unclear or has not yet been decided.

When you add extra rows to the Celtic Cross spread, it can add considerably additional insight to the reading.

You can read up the columns from the bottom to the top. You can also read across each line, so you have additional information on Your Fears, The Influence of Other People, Hopes and the Outcome.

Suit of Pentacles

The suit of Pentacles represents practical and material things in our lives such as money, business, prosperity and studying.

Pentacles represent the Element of Earth, which in Astrology points towards the signs of Capricorn, Virgo and Taurus.

Earth type people are often rooted, grounded, practical people who can be very good at doing things with their hands. They often have a strong connection with nature and the earth.

On the positive side, the type of qualities that spring to mind are salt-of-the-earth, dependable, reliable, honest, trustworthy, straight-forward, organised, methodical, completes the job, know the value of money, enjoy the good and in particular good food, steady, secure, goal oriented, determined, pragmatic, persevering, unflappable common-sense, no nonsense approach and providers.

On the negative side, you can find indications of being stuck, being a plodder, unable and unwilling to make change, unexciting, boring, rigid, inflexible, placing excessive value on material things, pedantic, over cautious, fault finding, unimaginative, pessimistic and a worrier.

The Pentacles are about tangible, practical, reality based actions and events. They signify “DOING” and “ACTION”

Ace of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

New source of money, financial opportunity, regular money flow.

Symbols

A hand holds a Pentacle or a coin, with a 5 pointed star on it, out of a cloud. There is a lush garden behind, suggesting plenty.

Meaning

As with all the Aces, the Ace of Pentacles symbolises a beginning and something new coming being offered.

This will often be a new source of money coming to someone. It is usually extra regular money of some description.

It can indicate new opportunities leading to increased prosperity. The card indicates a change for the better financially, or at least, the opportunities are there to improve your financial situation.

You will probably have to take some action in order to take advantage of this new flow of money. It can also point to improved cash flow through better money management.

Two of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Juggling money and life, going round in circles, busy-ness

Symbols

Here we see a figure, who looks as if he is dancing. He appears to be juggling two pentacles, which are going round in loops. There are ships on choppy emotional seas in the background.

Meaning

This is a card of juggling, particularly with money. The feeling of the card is almost about going round in very unproductive circles and not getting very much done on a practical level.

There are constant fluctuations with money and there is probably a need to budget better.

There can be so many balls in the air that the person is just trying to keep afloat with everything.

They may also be in denial as to how tricky their situation is or could be.

This card calls for flexibility and fluidity. This is not a time to be fixed or rigid in anything. It can also be asking you to see what you could put down or give to someone else to handle.

Two cards represent balance or lack of it, decisions and duality.

Interestingly the pentacles are connected through a figure of 8, which is a sign of infinity. This is connecting both sides of the brain and brings logic and emotion together.

It can be pointing to a need to focus on one thing at a time and to do that well.

Three of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Learning, new skills, studying, apprentice, expert, foundations.

Symbols

This card shows 3 pentacles built into the arch of a building, possibly a church. The figure on the left would appear to be a stonemason or a craftsman who is carrying out the work on the pillar.

He is the acknowledged expert and that status has come about through both learning and experience.

Meaning

This is a card of leaning, studying and developing a skill, which is likely to be useful in the workplace.

This can be indicating an apprentice learning his craft or his trade. It will often come up for someone when they are starting a course of study. This may be for pleasure or it may be a work related skill. It is a card of success through really applying yourself and mastering your subject.

This card can also indicated teaching and lessons being learned in life situations from someone who is more

experienced in that subject than you. As with all the pentacle cards, it is learning by doing and by experiencing. It is practical learning, which may go alongside theoretical learning.

With this card, there is often a need for co-operation from a 3rd party, usually someone whose expertise is needed. That is likely to be help from a professional. It is a card of co-operation and teamwork to get a job done.

This is a card of laying foundations and it is important to get things right at this stage.

Four of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Hold onto money, budget, stuck, lack of flow.

Symbols

Here we see a well-dressed figure, maybe a king, sitting on a bench clutching a pentacle with his feet on two others and one on his crown.

Meaning

He seems to be trying very hard to hold onto what money and material possessions he has. This can indicate a need to be very careful with your spending at the moment and to avoid unnecessary extravagance. Maybe you need to have a better budget.

It can also point to someone who is being very miserly with their money and hanging on to every penny they have.

In that case their money can be a source of stress and anxiety to them as they live in fear of losing it and of not having enough. Their money is not a source of pleasure to them.

Whilst someone is firmly holding onto what they have got, there is no room for anything to flow out but there is also no room for anything to flow in. It is a card of blockages around money. It

can also indicate someone who is obsessed by accumulating material wealth.

This is a card of trying to control and maintain the status quo.

Five of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Lack, financial hardship, struggle, hopeless, spiritual poverty.

Symbols

Here we see 5 pentacles in a stained glass window and 2 poor, ragged, desolate, sick people walking past outside. They seem to have no way of being able to enter the world of plenty behind them or even be aware of its existence.

Meaning

This card symbolises financial pain, strife, loss, debt, desperation and all the problems that can arise from severe shortage of money. It is a card of financial difficulty and struggle. There also seems to be a real feeling of hopelessness.

This card can also indicate money that is tied up or possibly lost in a financial transaction.

It can also indicate that someone is not going to receive as much money as they were expecting in a situation.

The card can also indicate spiritual poverty and a feeling that life is meaningless and that there is no-one to turn to for help and guidance.

The lack and neglect may also be connected with our health and not taking care of ourselves properly.

Whether the hardship is over money, health, emotional or spiritual matters, it is important to realise it will pass. Action needs to be taken to move forward.

Six of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Plenty, abundance, charity, financial help, giving.

Symbols

In this card, we see a wealthy, well-dressed man giving money to beggars.

He has scales in one hand, so he seems to be carefully weighing out what he is giving, to be fair to all.

Meaning

This is a card of plenty and abundance. The man has spare money to give away to charity and to help others. He seems to be kind and generous.

There is extra money around you.

This can be a card of balancing the books, of repaying money that is owed or receiving that money back from someone.

There can also be financial help on the way from someone who is in a position to be able to offer that help.

This may be in the form of a loan or it may be a gift or perhaps a grant.

You might be a benefactor to someone else. With this card you may be the giver or the receiver.

Seven of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Fruits of your labours, earned success, keep going, evaluation.

Symbols

Here we see a man in a garden with 6 pentacles on a bush and one on the ground. He seems to be pausing to look at what he has created.

Meaning

Money is on its way from projects that you have got underway. You have come a long way with the project and whilst you can pause and look at what you have created, it is important to keep going and complete it because the rewards are on their way.

This can also come up for someone where they have put in a lot of effort, possibly unpaid, and are on the point of giving up because they are not seeing the rewards coming as fast as they would like.

It is important to acknowledge the progress that has already been achieved. It is a time of reflection to make sure that you are still going in the direction of your dreams.

This card can show up where someone is at a crossroads point with the decision to make as to whether they continue with what they are doing or go onto something else. It is a time of evaluation and maybe needing to do something slightly different, in order to reap the rewards that are due.

Sometimes the hardest bit can be the last little bit because you can see the project is largely complete because of the work you have already done. However it is often the last bit of effort that completes the project and brings in all the financial returns,

This can also be the rewards from investments, which have been carefully planned and thought out.

The money that comes is generally yours in some way.

Eight of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Job satisfaction, making money, creativity, progress.

Symbols

Here we see a man who is literally “making money”. He has six finished pentacles hanging up, he is working on one and there is another one on the floor, waiting to be finished.

Meaning

This card is about working at something you enjoy and earning money from it. There is creativity, satisfaction, a certain amount of skill and mental stimulation in the work.

This can be someone who is turning a hobby or a passion into a business and earning some money from it or becoming self employed.

It can be someone who is working with their hands and it can also be someone who is enjoying the work that they are doing.

It is the card of the craftsman, so it can also mean perfecting skills you already have or learning new ones.

There is a sense of pride and of a job well done. It is a card of applying yourself totally and methodically to what you are

doing and you will reap the rewards from that, in every sense of the word.

Nine of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Affluence, stability, security, prosperity, self reliance.

Symbols

Here we see a wealthy woman in a lush, plentiful garden with Pentacles all around her. She has a falcon on her wrist, which was traditionally a sport of the wealthy. She has no worries from a financial point of view.

Meaning

This card points to financial stability and security. It is more than just income coming from a job. It is about income and wealth coming from property, savings and other investments. This can also be “unearned” income.

There is a sense of solitude with this card, although the woman seems quite comfortable with that. A person may be on their own, but there seems to be financial provision for them, either of their own creation or from someone else.

It can be a lady, or man, of leisure who does not need to “work”. It can also be a “self-made” man or woman who has worked for the financial stability they have and are can afford to enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

This can also indicate someone who has expensive tastes and can be extravagant. This is likely to be a person who opts for quality over quantity and goes for the best items they can afford.

Ten of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Affluence, inheritance, family money, sum of money.

Symbols

Here we see 3 generations of a family, with pentacles all around them. There is wealth, comfort, stability, prosperity, material security and luxury.

Meaning

This card often indicates a sum of money that is coming to you. It may be family money or an inheritance or money that is yours in some way.

It can also indicate a sum of money from any source, either expected or unexpected.

It can also indicate generosity and financial support from within the family or a benefactor.

This can also be success from a business. It is also about tradition and convention and can indicate a need to make financial and business arrangements that will work in the long-term future for you.

Page of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Practical, business ideas, physical enjoyment, attract resources, earth sign child.

Person

This may be a child or a person who is much younger than the querant. It may be a student who does not necessarily find studying easy, but who achieves success by plodding along and persevering.

As a person, they display the characteristics of the Earth type person. They are loyal, dependable, reliable, hard-working, methodical, disciplined, like to see material success and practical.

On the negative side they can be unemotional, a slave-driver (both of themselves and others), stubborn, rigid, inflexible and crave recognition. They don't like change or things which upset their routine. They require discipline and a structure to work with.

Situation

Never worry about money. It will always be there for you when you need it, even if it sometimes seems a bit out of reach.

This card can point towards research that will require attention to detail. This card can show up for someone who is in a rut with his/her career or money and needs to make a change.

This may indicate a money-making idea or a new enterprise starting, which is in the planning and where the financial rewards are not immediately apparent.

Knight of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Fixed, inflexible, finest of everything, stubborn, cautious, practical, hard worker, dislike change.

Here we see an unhappy (or angry) looking figure sitting on a stationery black horse. He holds a pentacle in his hand.

Person

This can be a man or a woman. As a person they are practical, conventional, patient, hardworking, determined, persistent, detail oriented, meticulous, thorough, prudent, cautious, save their money, likes the comfort of a financial nest egg behind them.

They place a great value on financial comfort, like their material comforts and insist on having the best of everything.

On the negative side they can be lacking in humour and unemotional.

They can be stubborn, rigid, inflexible, lacking direction or ambition and fiercely resistant to change. They do not like anything which rocks the status quo of their lives.

They can be nit-picky perfectionists. They may also work so hard to provide the material comforts for themselves and their

family that they forget to build in any time to enjoy the things they have worked so hard to accomplish.

Situation

This card can be indicating a stalemate or things not moving as fast as you would like. It may be that once the results come, they will be worth the effort. There can also be a need to push the situation along a little or you may just be banging your head against a brick wall and need to move on.

Queen of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Practical, business like, organised, stability, connection with earth and nature, homely.

Symbols

A queen sits on an ornate throne in lush, plentiful, abundant scenery. She is looking down at the pentacle in her lap.

Person

She is an organised, matter-of-fact, practical, down-to-earth person who enjoys straightforward dealings with people. She is honest and trustworthy, generous, action and detail oriented, good at balancing the budget and juggling the home and family. She is shrewd and sensible.

She likes to surround herself with good quality things and will usually buy the best she can afford. She is generally a good money manager and likes to have the security of money behind her.

She may be a businesswoman. She could also be the type of person who makes an excellent behind-the-scenes organiser. She does not particularly crave the limelight and often prefers to support someone else in the background.

She is loving, caring, generous, nurturing, may have an affinity with nature or gardening. She loves to care for others and support them. She is often the person who has a house full of waifs and strays, pets and plants. She always has a warm welcome for anyone.

Situation

The Queen of Pentacles points towards stability in your life. This is in both emotional and financial matters. There is a closeness with the earth and nature and all things practical

King of Pentacles



Quick Keywords

Business person, money, financial dealings, caution, check things carefully.

Symbols

A well-dressed king sits on an ornate throne with a pentacle in his lap. He seems to be more concerned with looking at his money than at his surroundings.

He has a suit of armor under his clothes, which suggests he has a tough interior and is protecting himself from anything emotional.

Person

As a person, this can be a man or a woman. They are most likely a business person or someone involved with money. They are likely to be charming and very persuasive when you meet them.

They are a shrewd, sharp business person with an ability to win through on tough negotiation. Their first priority in any transaction will be themselves and particularly how they will benefit financially.

You may find that they gracefully and charmingly promise you one thing verbally and then the written contracts may not quite match up to what they have promised. They like to be in control of situations involving money.

Be very careful with this person, particularly in business and financial dealings, check everything carefully and make sure you know exactly where you stand before you commit yourself to anything.

Situation

Be careful of the person handling the money in business, official and financial dealings.

Six Month Spread

This is an excellent spread to get quite a detailed overview of the coming months.

It uses most of the cards and is made up of 6 months, each containing 9 cards, so 54 of the 78 cards in the deck.

It may work on a time basis, with each month following on from the previous one.

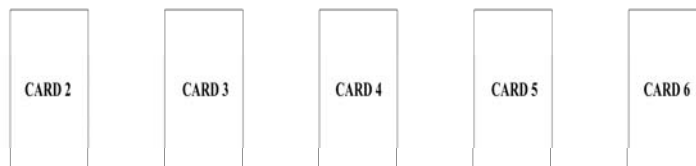
However it can also layer things in someone's life. This means that the first "month" of cards may in fact represent a situation such as work or relationships or something important in the person's life. The second "month" may point to another area of the person's life.

They may be no time to it all and it may simply indicate the progression of events. This can be anywhere from a day up to a couple of years.

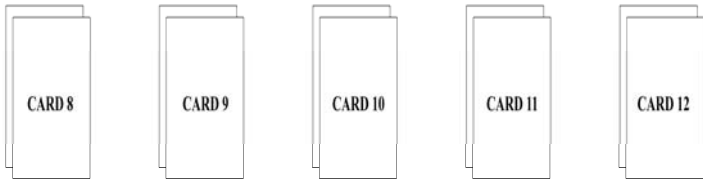
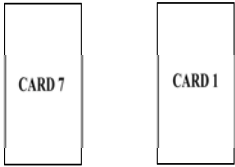
As with all the spreads, it indicates the progression of events IF the person does not make any changes. As soon as someone makes a different decision or takes a different action step, then the whole reading can change.

Ask the person to shuffle the cards, then cut the deck into 3 piles and put them back together as one pile. Lay the cards out from the top of the deck.

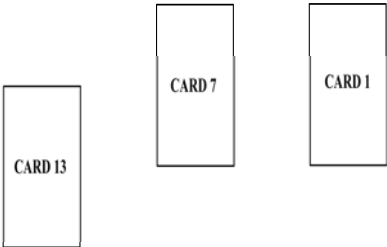
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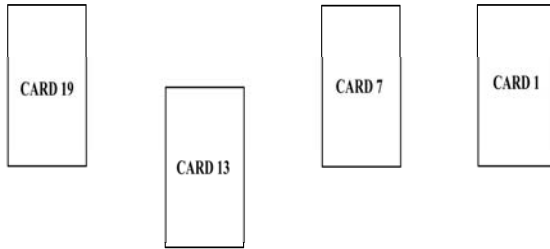
Card 2 goes next to card 1 and again the next 5 cards are placed on top of the 5 at the bottom of the spread.



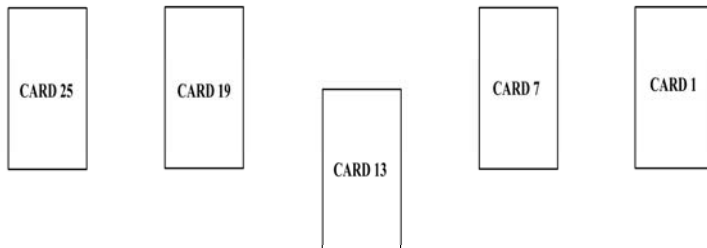
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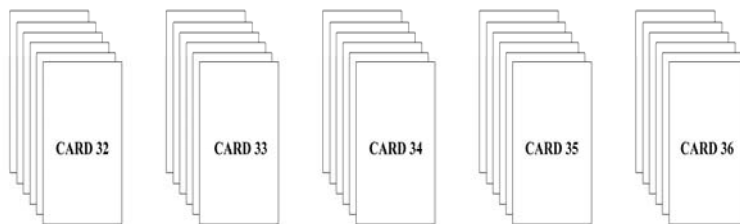
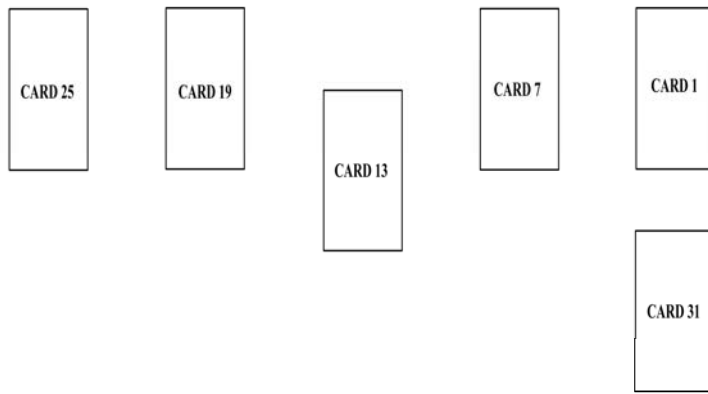
Repeat with the next card



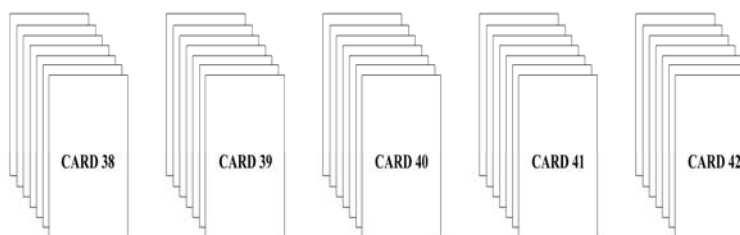
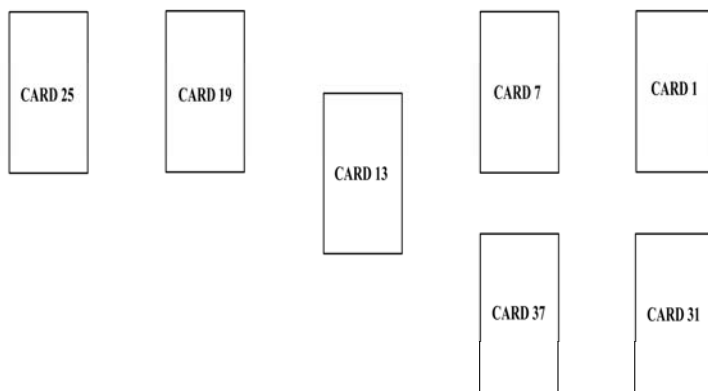
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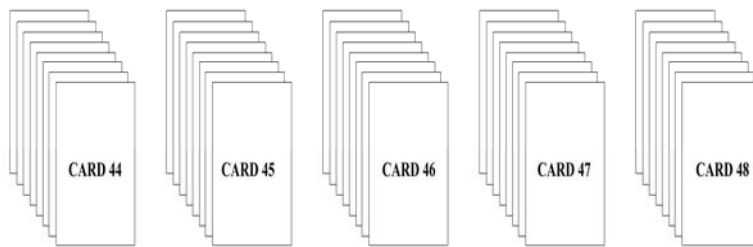
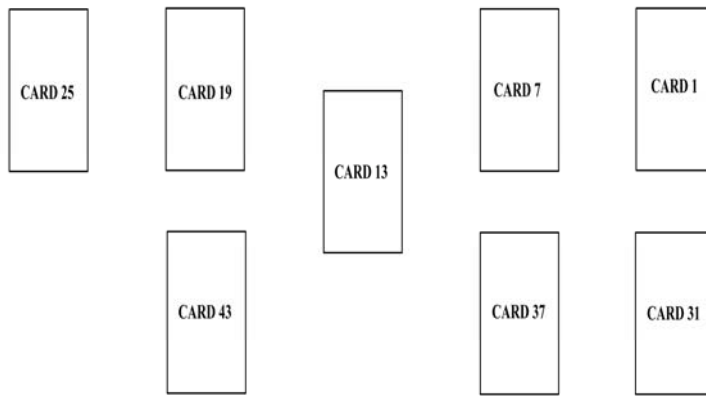
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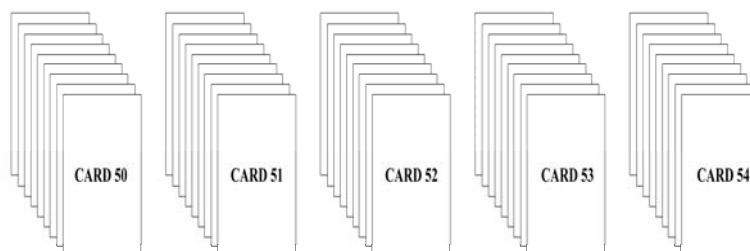
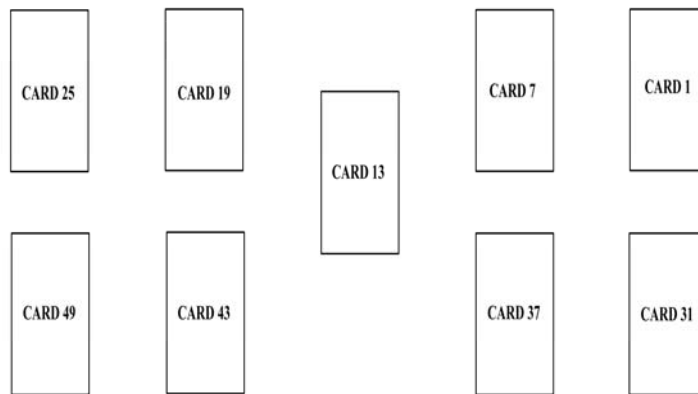
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Repeat with the next card



Repeat with the last layer



Read each month. As you move onto the next month, turn the pile of cards upside down and lay out the cards from the bottom.

You will now have 2 groups of 4 cards each and 1 card in the middle.

Look at the whole spread to get a feel for the mix of cards. Are there more major arcana than minor? If so then the issues could be long standing and their influences around for a while. Are there more cards of one suit than another?

The central card is crucial because this sets the tone for the whole spread.

You may find that each group of 4 will talk about a specific matter. Look at the cards on each of the external corners. These will often add significant information to the reading.

The 4 cards directly around the card in the middle can also be very important.

Each layer may talk about several issues going on in the person's life at the moment and you may need to do other more specific spreads on individual matters.

As you put the next layer of cards on the top, look at how those cards relate to the ones directly beneath them because they will often add extra details and insights to the situation.

Tarot Card Reversals

Some people work with reversals and others don't. I make sure that all cards are the right way up before I give them to a client to shuffle.

If cards then end up reversed, it is probably because that is what is meant to happen and there is an important message for the client.

If someone shuffles the cards by mixing them up on the table or doing some fancy card splitting, then there may be a lot of reversed cards and sometimes it can be difficult to know which way should be upright for the deck.

In many cases, a reversed card will indicate that the energy of the Upright card is blocked in some way.

Some of the cards have more specific meanings when reversed and sometimes the Reversed card can be LESS challenging than the Upright card.

Approach the Reversed cards in the same way as you would an Upright card. Look at the card and notice how the image is now different. What is now happening? Is there anything that is more striking in the Reversed position?

Notice how the card makes you feel and any insights that spring to mind. Make a note of it in your Tarot Journal.

Some people completely ignore reversed cards and treat them as if they were upright.

I tend to take them on a reading by reading basis. When a reversed card comes up, I look at in the context of everything else and let my intuition guide me about the significance and meaning of it in that particular context.

Conclusion

I hope you have enjoyed this course on using the Tarot to develop your Intuition.

Just remember to relax, go with the flow and trust the Intuitive voices, picture or feelings that you get. Then take action.

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After graduating from the University of Salford in 1989, I worked in various positions as a self-employed sales person in industries as diverse as encyclopaedias, driveways, booklet advertising and ended up as one of the top sales reps in a large national window and conservatory company, where I worked for 6 ½ years.



I began to apply simple relaxation techniques before my sales calls and found this had a marked increase in sales. I became fascinated by the ideas of using my mind to help create success. I also spent a lot of time teaching, training and inspiring others, both in the field and in classroom situations.

I found that the more I could relax and visualise my ideal outcome, the more successful I became. As a successful female in a highly male dominated industry I was on the receiving end of a lot of jealousy and highly destructive energies. Protecting my energies was one of the first things I learnt and now teach others to do.

This led to my interest in astrology, the power of names and numbers as well as a keen interest in energy healing and the awesome power of our thoughts in creating our lives.

I have been reading Tarot cards for over 16 years, and have used them to help people to empower themselves to move forward in their lives. I learnt how to read the Tarot cards and found that my natural intuitive abilities increased enormously.

I now use that as the basis to see and feel the energies going on around someone in their life or their business, and can then help you to move swiftly through that, so you can create the future you desire. The Tarot is a fantastic tool to help you to connect to your own intuition and creativity and also to the Universal energies that are around us.

My journey with the Tarot

I have been fascinated with subjects such as Astrology since I was in my teens and started to do some simple breathing exercises to help calm my nerves before exams whilst in University.

In my early 20s I met a lady who read the tarot cards. I found her amazingly accurate and attended one of her courses. I originally started to read as a way of generating an income when my first child was born, so I did not have to go back to work.

Business grew steadily and then I hit some major challenges, which I did not have the knowledge or life experience to deal with. I began to suddenly get sore throats and could not speak. I now understand that to be blockages in my throat chakra, which is about communication (not surprisingly medical drugs had no effect whatsoever!)

I found that I so desperately wanted to help people to have happy and fulfilled lives, that I found myself almost taking responsibility for their lives and accepting the blame for things going wrong in their lives.

I also found it very difficult to say No to people and would end up having conversations very late at night or I would try to find for people what they wanted to see.

Due to a combination of things, I put my cards to one side and went “back to work” or at least into selling double glazing.

In April 2006, our family went through a life-changing crisis and I found myself drawn back to my trusty tarot cards. To my surprise my psychic and intuitive abilities were vastly greater than they had ever been before.

I used the cards to see where the whole matter was going, what was going on in the minds of the people who had brought the action against us and what they were likely to do next. Whilst there was little we could do to change any of it, we could choose how we reacted.

The cards were a fantastic tool for identifying what needed healing in the whole situation.

I also had 12 years intense life experiences behind me, as well as several years study in personal development and human excellence. This enabled me to offer readings which are more coaching in nature and firmly focused on the actions the client can take for themselves to move themselves forward.

Every time a challenge comes along, I turn to my Tarot cards to help me to tap into my Intuition and to connect the Universal energies, in order to provide answers and guidance.

I regularly use all of the spreads we have talked about in this book, depending on the situation and the questions I am trying to answer.

We shape our own lives and have the choice of the thoughts we think and the actions we take. The tarot can help us to tap into our intuition and our internal guidance system and help us to make the most empowering decisions for us at the time.

We all have free will and we are the ones that make the decisions and take the actions that shape our lives.

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Testimonials:

I see this work as a really good introduction to being able to understand the Tarot. Very well laid out and easy to understand.

It flowed really well for me, and was easy to grasp. You've done a great job at presenting the Tarot as the tool they are. Nice and easy to understand and follow. –

Paul McIntosh, Ontario , Canada

I loved your tarot card book. It really gave me a sense of calmness reading it. I had always felt a little woo-woo about them but the way you explained them really gave me a good understanding of what Tarot is all about.

It is well laid out and easy to understand. If I had had a deck in my hands I would have been laying them out as you suggested and playing around with them. It's that good.

There aren't many books that make me want to go interactive. I also read it halfway through first sitting and that doesn't happen often either.

Now all I have to do is find a place that sells Tarot cards and I am ready to go. - **Becky Rhone- Nowlan, California. USA**

I just wanted to say how useful I found your Tarot course. You explained everything very simply and the notes were easy to follow. There was plenty of time for practice. I have done a few readings for friends and I feel much more confident than when I started. Great course, highly recommended.

Thanks

Jo Davies, Medium and Holistic healer, Tamworth, UK

I found Amanda's course to be very well written, easy to understand and logically put together. Although I am a proficient tarot reader myself, it has enlightened my knowledge even more, which has helped with my own readings.

Amanda has graciously given me permission to use her course within my own beginners Tarot course, which I deliver, and it has complimented it to the full. I particularly love the way she brings the cards alive by giving an explanation of what we see and how that has a relevance to the interpretation. Not all card designs have in-depth pictures to enable a Tarot student to do this, and I believe Amanda's unique style has helped me to improve on my own Tarot course and delivery to my Tarot students.

Although I have been reading cards since the age of 10 (some 40) years now, I have learned a lot from Amanda, her course and her way of doing things. Many thanks Amanda, you have enriched my own Tarot understanding and have helped me on my own Tarot journey, you are never too old to learn new things, in a field you believe you fully understand. Bless you.- **Irena Blaszkiewicz**

Amanda Goldston's Learn Tarot Online site is absolutely stellar. In this video based program anyone from beginner to experienced tarot card reader will learn things about the tarot that they do not already know. Amanda's teaching style is very clear and her knowledge of the tarot, it's symbolism, and interpretations is amazing.

It's one thing to know what each card represents and be able to interpret it within a spread, but she also teaches how certain cards next to each other or in a certain order have very different Meanings than what one might think.

I highly recommend Amanda's comprehensive tarot learning program for anyone who is serious about improving their card reading skills and their life. This innovative site and Amanda's program are brilliant!

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