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Preface

I wrote this manual, titled The Royal Road, back in the mid-1980's. At that time, I could find very little information on the Thoth Tarot, and Crowley's book proved a far bit over my head for those early stages of my development. Still, I wanted a resource I could use, especially when reading for myself, as well as one I could give to a friend who also wanted to learn to read this deck. So, I scoured bookstores for the few books I could find on the subject, took from them what resonated with me, and added my own insights and experiences as time went by. I did a rewrite in 1991, but haven't touched it since then. As I look through some of its pages, I realize it's probably time it went through a whole new rewrite in order to add updates and insights I've gained with this deck over the past 11 years. However, I fear that will have to wait now until I have a considerable block of free time; perhaps during a winter vacation spend snowbound at home.

In this website, I have classified the Tarot as an Art separate and apart from the Craft. This is deliberate on my part. The Craft is our spiritual path. The Tarot is not an integral tenet of that path, but rather a tool to aid anyone who has an open mind and seeking heart. You don't have to be Pagan to read the cards, though we may have a headstart in understanding the energies, elemental influences and, with the Thoth deck at least, the astrological and numerological correspondences of the cards. The most important aspect of learning to read, however, is teaching yourself to stay open to possibilities; to step away from yourself and allow the Higher Power to work through you via the cards.

I am very intense on the subject of ethics and responsibility where reading the cards is concerned. Hope and guidance can come from a properly interpreted spread; but great damage can be done when they're read haphazardly or with a hidden agenda. As a reader, you have a responsibility to the person for whom you're reading, to the Power channeling knowledge through the cards to you, and also to

yourself. The Rede and the Karmic Laws are not suspended when you sit down to do a reading.

Take what knowledge you may of this work, but realize the many hours that went into compiling and writing it. I have no problem if you want to use this work in your own study, or if you want to use pieces of it on your own website. All I ask is that you credit me as the author. Other than that, I hope it serves you well.

Personally, I want to thank a very special friend of mine who helped make it possible to move this book to the website. Mike spent many long hours proofing, scanning, and doing the coding on most of this tome of mine. I appreciate his dedication to the task, and congratulate him on a job done most excellently! Thank you, Mike...

-- Lady Shyra, 4/2000

Introduction

The Tarot has been used as playing cards and as predictive tools in Egyptian, Indian, and European nations for centuries. The ancient mystery orders used the Major Arcana as gateways to higher self knowledge via meditation. This book can be of assistance with the Tarot as either a predictive measure or as a tool for self-actualization. However, I do not endorse the use of the Tarot as a toy, and strongly caution against it.

This book is not a history of the Tarot through the ages; that will have to wait until a later date. Instead, this manual will hopefully be of assistance in interpreting the meaning of each card itself, as well as to how each relates to the others. In order to give you a broader foundation, the cards are presented with not only the accepted interpretations, but also with reference to Astrology, Numerology, Planetary and Elemental Influences, the Hebrew language, and card symbology. This will enable you to provide a fuller, more personal interpretation.

The Thoth deck is packed with symbology, perhaps more so than any other deck on the market today. At times the colors and figures can seem overwhelming. Most of the cards have both an outer and an inner symbology; the inner symbology is best understood in a meditative state. It is because of their rich symbology, as well as the fact that it was designed by Aleister Crowley, that many people see this deck as a 'dark' deck. However, no object is inherently evil in and of itself. It is the practitioner who determines whether it will be used for good or evil; the cards themselves are neutral, simply absorbing your energy.

For this reason, I advise NOT to attempt a reading when you are depressed or angry. The cards will reflect your negativity and give an inaccurate reading. This is true for any extreme state of mind, including joy and elation. Your mind must be clear to read the cards accurately. Remember, you are simply the channel and the cards the medium in an altruistic purpose.

It goes without saying that you should never purposely misinterpret or skew a reading. There will be times, especially when reading for people you love, that you will want to speak to them through the cards. You must resist this temptation. Remember, you are only the channel.

Interpreting the Tarot can be a source of great joy, but you must always treat the cards with dignity and accept the inherent responsibilities. I've listed below a few of these responsibilities which were gained through years of experience.

- The Tarot has an aura unto itself. Except for those sensory cues that aid you in emptying your thoughts and emotions, keep the "trappings" confined to magic festivals and faires. You have a responsibility to introduce your clients to the higher aspects of the Tarot, and to dispel society's fears of us.
- Always try to make your client feel comfortable. A first-timer doesn't know what to expect. This can be a fearful step for him, for he is asserting both his need and his independence in seeking your help. Take time to talk about his worldly affairs.

Explain in simple, mundane terms what you are doing and why. Let him know what he can expect, and eliminate any unrealistic expectations.

- Many clients will want to fashion you into their own personal "guru." Do not allow them to fall into this trap. Each person must walk his own path, no matter how fearful or distasteful that may be. Do not tell them what to do (although this is probably what they want). You should advise him only of current trends and possible outcomes. All decisions are theirs to make. Telling them what to do deprives them of the lessons they must learn and puts you in the unenviable position of working through their karma yourself!
- Limit the number of readings any person can have in the course of a month. Frequent readings are inadvisable for two reasons. One, it is a sign that the person is becoming too dependent upon you and is beginning to abdicate his decision-making rights. Two, events must have time to develop. Frequent readings can confuse the issue. The spread can begin to look like garbage, and the client will go away believing you are a fraud. I limit readings to no more than twice a month, and attempt to keep it to once a month.
- You have a responsibility to help the person reach his full potential. In this regard, accentuate the positive in a spread and soften the negative. Phrase the hard times as challenges, and reinforce the belief that for every ending there is a new beginning. You are there to give hope and love. Remember that above all else.
- Always treat the cards with dignity. They are a voice through which your Guide speaks to you. This channel is an all important one, for through the cards you are attempting to help another. The burden of responsibility should not be taken lightly.

**Understanding Your Deck
or... What to do before you try reading the cards!**

Choosing a Tarot Deck

Perhaps the most difficult task when you begin is in finding a deck that "speaks" to you. There are many decks available; be prepared to go through several before you find "yours." Your deck should immediately feel familiar, and you should be able to intuitively understand the symbolism. Above all, you should feel comfortable using it.

After finding your deck, take the time to perform a cleansing and centering ritual with your cards. This ritual eliminates any negative energy the cards may have absorbed through the manufacturing, wrapping, handling, and merchandising processes. It will also bathe the cards in your energy, and attune them to your intentions.

Following is the ritual I have performed on my cards. Use it if you wish; modify it as it suits your purpose.

Cleansing and Centering Ritual

Ritual Ingredients:

- Orris root (whole or crushed)
- The cloth that will protect your cards
- A quiet place where you will not be disturbed

Ritual:

- When you are in your quiet place, meditate on your purpose until you feel at one with it.
- Take each card, one at a time, and hold it and the orris root firmly between your palms.
- Gently rub the card with the orris root, saying, "All negative energy from this card is dispelled. This card is now attuned to me and will only be used for the good of all."
- After you have cleansed all 78 cards, wrap them in the cloth.

The Cloth

The color of the cloth you choose is not important. Pick a color that is attuned you or to your spiritual goals. Some examples are listed below.

Red for physical
power or love

Yellow for friendship

Blue for spiritual
healing and serenity

Purple for recognition of and
praise to the Higher Power

White for purity

Black for spiritual power

Although I have listed the color black, I caution against using it. This color has its own drawing power, and you may find yourself drawn into unnecessary situations. It also tends to reinforce the misperceptions of non-pagans.

Other points to consider regarding the cloth and your cards include:

Ensure that is large enough for a full layout.

ALWAYS keep your cards wrapped. This prevents influence from surrounding vibrations.

ALWAYS do your reading on your cloth for protection against surrounding vibrations.

If possible, store your wrapped cards in a wooden box.

Never allow anyone to handle your cards except the person for whom you are doing a reading.

Structure of the Tarot

The Tarot consists of 78 cards, divided into two categories: the Major and Minor Arcanas.

The **Major Arcana** consists of 22 cards, know as Trumps. These are the spiritual cards of the deck, dealing with the inner persona. They represent the universal forces of Nature, and trace an individual's spiritual progression as depicted in the Qabalah, i.e., the 22 steps of the path from the material world back to the spiritual kingdom of God.

Spiritual readings are done using *only* the Major Arcana. Although they give insight into hidden talents as well as to an individual's karma, be cautious when giving a spiritual reading. Many people will turn a blind eye when confronted with truth. This is when you need to stress the positive and explain the negative in terms of positive challenges. Realize that the self-fulfilling prophecy is a psychological fact. If an individual is told something often enough, he will incorporate it into his personality. Remember, your goal is to help people become more than they are, not to give them the assurance that it's OK to stagnate.

The **Minor Arcana** consists of 56 cards representing the physical/material side of life. It is divided into four suits, with the numbers corresponding to a deck of regular playing cards. Each suit has four Court Cars: The Knight, the Queen, the Prince, and the Princess. The suits represent each of the attributes listed below.

One of the four elements: earth, air, fire, or water

A facet of daily life

The three signs of the zodiac ruled by the named element

One of the four letters of the Tetragrammaton

The **Suits** and the their respective attributes are listed in the table below.

Name	Element	Aspect of Daily Life	Astrological Correspondent	Tetragrammaton Letter
Wands	Fire	Business	Aries, Leo, Sagittarius	YOD
Cups	Water	Emotions	Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces	HEH

Swords	Air	Mentality	Gemini, Libra, Aquarius	VAU
Pentacles	Earth	Money	Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn	HEH (Final)

Each set of **Court Cards** is also ruled by a particular element. The assignments are as follows.

All Princesses are assigned to the element of Earth.

All Princes are assigned to the element of Fire.

All Queens are assigned to the element of Water.

All Knights are assigned to the element of Air.

With reference to elemental values, we can assign "names" to each of these Court Cards. These names reflect each card's essence, its personality. Thus, the ruler of a particular Court set works through each of the Royal's elements. For example, The Princess of Wands would be Earth working through the Element of Fire (Earth rules the set of Princesses' and Fire rules the suit of Wands.). This would show some grounding (or smothering, dependent upon the surrounding cards) of a message or aspect relating to a business enterprise. Knowing these elemental attributes This is particularly helpful when choosing a Significator. Understanding the essence of each of the court cards will assist you when interpreting them in a spread. Through the court cards you will be able to judge how the individual is dealing with events, and whether the ensuing events will be negative or positive for the individual in question. The table below lists the "names" of each of the Royalty.

	WANDS	CUPS	SWORDS	PENTACLES
Princess	Earth of Fire	Earth of Water	Earth of Air	Earth of Earth
Prince	Air of Fire	Air of Water	Air of Air	Air of Earth
Queen	Water of Fire	Water of Water	Water of Air	Water of Earth

Knight	Fire of Fire	Fire of Water	Fire of Air	Fire of Earth
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Numerical Values

In addition to the elemental values, each card is also assigned a Numerological correspondent and an individual numerical value. It is important to keep these two concepts separate in your mind.

Numerical values are derived from the face value of the card, with the notable exception of the Ace.

Major Arcana cards are numbered 0-21, using Roman numerals.

Minor Arcana cards 2-10 take the full face value of their card. Thus, the Two of Wands would hold a numerical value of 2.

Aces ALWAYS take the numerical value of 5.

Princesses ALWAYS take the numerical value of 7.

All other court cards (Queens, Princes, and Knights) ALWAYS take the numerical value of 4.

Numerological Correspondents

The Numerological Correspondent helps to clarify the essence of the card. Numerology deals mainly with the numbers 1-9; beyond 9, the numbers are written in unreduced/reduced format. Therefore, "10" would be written as 10/1 (the essence of the working through the God Power of 0). In this way, all 78 cards are represented by their own unique Numerological correspondent.

Although a working knowledge of Numerology is helpful, it is not necessary in order to interpret the cards. The Numerological attributes simply help to give a richer reading.

Astrological Correspondents

The last major set of attributes pertain to the Astrological values. Each card is represented by a specific Astrological correspondent. These include the sign of the Zodiac, planets, and elements. Again, knowledge of Astrology is not necessary, but helpful.

Perhaps a brief summary of all the general attributes would be helpful at this point.

Major Arcana cards, numbered 0-21 in Roman numerals, are spiritual in Nature.

Minor Arcana cards, numbered 2-10, are divided into four suits which encompass the aspects of mundane life, and take the face value of the card.

Each suit has an Elemental ruler.

Each set of Court cards is assigned an Elemental ruler which works through the suit of the particular Court card.

Each card is assigned a(n):

- Astrological correspondent
- Numerical value
- Numerological correspondent
- Hebrew letter

Attributes of the Major Arcana					
Card Name	Numerical Value	Astrological Value	Numerological Value	Keywords	That Represent
Fool	0	Air	22/4	Advancement; Dream Realization	Faith
Magus	I	Mercury	1	New Beginnings; Decisions	Divine Act

Priestess	II	Moon	2	Cooperation; Self- Knowledge	Spiritual Influence i Matter
Empress	III	Venus	3	Growth: Self Expression	Circle of Continuity
Emperor	IV	Aries	4	Building; Practicality	Universal Order
Hierophant	V	Taurus	5	Change	Inner Wisc
Lovers	VI	Gemini	6	Marriage, Domesticity	Marriage o Universal Duality
Chariot	VII	Cancer	7	Reflection; Rest; Health	Blood of Voluntary Sacrifice
Adjustment	VIII	Libra	8	Responsibility; Health	Fleeting Q of Human Justice
Hermit	IX	Virgo	9	Change; Endings	The Creat
Fortune	X	Jupiter	10/1	Intuition; Fortune; Luck	Renewal
Lust	XI	Leo	11/2	Tests	Ecstasy of Desire
Hanged Man	XII	Water	12/3	Waiting Period; Change of View	Redemptio through Suffering
Death	XIII	Scorpio	13/4	Change; Release	Restoratio through D
Art	XIV	Sagittarius	14/5	Pregnancy; Verification	Union of tv elements t

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Devil	XV	Capricorn	15/6	Indecision; Bondage	Malicious Creation; Abandonn
Tower	XVI	Mars	16/7	Accidents; Awakenings	Purificatio through Fi and Water
Star	XVII	Aquarius	17/8	Good Fortune; Assistance	Hope
Moon	XVIII	Pisces	18/9	Caution; dreaming; Healing	The Occul perilous p knowledge
Sun	XIX	The Sun	19/1	Love, Marriage, New Beginnings	The Occul simple, ph path to knowledge
Aeon	XX	Fire	20/2	Turning Points; Decisions	Complete destruction the old; bir the new
Universe	XXI	Saturn, Earth	21/3	Change; Success	The Force the Polarit

Attributes of the Suit of WANDS

Card Number	Card Name	Numerical Value	Astrological Correspondent	Numerological Correspondent	Keywords
Ace	Root of Fire	3	Fire	27/9	Birth, New Starts
Two	Dominion	2	1st Decan Aries	28/1	Contradictio
Three	Virtue	3	2nd Decan	29/11	Learning

			Aries		Period
Four	Completion	4	3rd Decan Aries	30/3	Work Completed
Five	Strife	5	1st Decan Leo	31/4	Competition
Six	Victory	6	2nd Decan Leo	32/5	Good News
Seven	Valour	7	3rd Decan Leo	33/6	Responsibility
Eight	Swiftness	8	1st Decan Sagittarius	34/7	Haste, Settlement
Nine	Strength	9	2nd Decan Sagittarius	35/8	Preparedness
Ten	Oppression	10	3rd Decan Sagittarius	36/9	Obstacles
Princess	Earth of Fire	7	3rd Decan Aries	26/8	Message, Marriage
Prince	Fire of Fire	4	Spring	25/7	Change of Residence
Queen	Water of Fire	4	2nd Decan Aries	24/6	Family, Gain, Love
Knight	Air of Fire	4	1st Decan Aries	23/5	Protection, Contracts

Attributes of the Suit of CUPS

Card Number	Card Name	Numerical Value	Astrological Correspondent	Numerological Correspondent	Keywords
Ace	Root of Water	5	Water	41/5	Love, Feels, Change
Two	Love	2	1st Decan Cancer	42/6	Contract, Marriage

Three	Abundance	3	2nd Decan Cancer	43/7	Abunda
Four	Luxury	4	3rd Decan Cancer	44/8	Karma
Five	Disappointment	5	1st Decan Scorpio	45/9	Old Frie
Six	Pleasure	6	2nd Decan Scorpio	56/1	Good Ka
Seven	Debauchery	7	3rd Decan Scorpio	47/11	Discrimi
Eight	Indolence	8	1st Decan Pisces	48/3	Success
Nine	Happiness	9	2nd Decan Pisces	49/4	Good H
Ten	Satiety	10	3rd Decan Pisces	50/5	Love, H Change
Princess	Earth of Water	7	3rd Decan Cancer	40/4	Finance Birth
Prince	Fire of Water	4	Summer	41/5	Love
Queen	Water of Water	4	2nd Decan Cancer	38/11	Friendsh
Knight	Air of Water	4	1st Decan Cancer	37/1	Love, D

Attributes of the Suit of SWORDS

Card Number	Card Name	Numerical Value	Astrological Correspondent	Numerological Correspondent	Keywords
Ace	Root of Air	5	Air	55/1	Honor; Clari

Two	Peace	2	1st Decan Libra	56/11	Balance
Three	Sorrow	3	2nd Decan Libra	57/3	Separation
Four	Truce	4	3rd Decan Libra	58/4	Rest; Retire
Five	Defeat	5	1st Decan Aquarius	59/5	Change; Responsibility
Six	Science	6	2nd Decan Aquarius	60/6	Passage; New Home
Seven	Futility	7	3rd Decan Aquarius	61/7	Health; Completion
Eight	Interference	8	1st Decan Gemini	62/8	Impasse; Restriction
Nine	Cruelty	9	2nd Decan Gemini	63/9	Struggles; Generosity
Ten	Ruin	10	3rd Decan Gemini	64/1	Tests; Awareness
Princess	Earth of Air	7	3rd Decan Libra	54/9	Vigilance
Prince	Fire of Air	4	Autumn	53/8	Sudden Events
Queen	Water of Air	4	2nd Decan Libra	52/7	Change; Separation
Knight	Air of Air	4	1st Decan Libra	51/6	Legal Dealings

Attributes of the Suit of PENTACLES

Card Number	Card Name	Numerical Value	Astrological Correspondent	Numerological Correspondent	Keywords
Ace	Root of	5	Earth	69/6	Honor;

	Earth				Contentment
Two	Change	2	1st Decan Capricorn	70/7	Partnership; Business
Three	Works	3	2nd Decan Capricorn	71/8	Opportunity
Four	Power	4	3rd Decan Capricorn	72/9	Increase; Satisfaction
Five	Worry	5	1st Decan Taurus	73/1	Work; Values
Six	Success	6	2nd Decan Taurus	74/11	Sharing; Balance
Seven	Failure	7	3rd Decan Taurus	75/3	Money; Patience
Eight	Prudence	8	1st Decan Virgo	76/4	Training; Employment
Nine	Gain	9	2nd Decan Virgo	77/5	Luck; Achievement
Ten	Wealth	10	3rd Decan Virgo	78/6	Happy Family; Luck
Princess	Earth of Earth	7	3rd Decan Capricorn	68/5	Education; New Pats
Prince	Fire of Earth	4	Winter	67/4	Work; Patience
Queen	Water of Earth	4	2nd Decan Capricorn	66/3	Friends; Money
Knight	Air of Earth	4	1st Decan Capricorn	65/11	Promotion; Risks

In addition to the attributes previously listed, the ACES also have attributes that are theirs alone. They denote both season and direction. They are the time cards of the Tarot.

In order to determine in which week of the season represented an event will occur, look to the first numbered (Minor Arcana) card **preceding** the Ace. For example, if the 5 of Pentacles immediately preceded the Ace of Wands, you could expect a change near the fifth week of Spring (April, May, June). Since the card preceding was the five of Pentacles, the change would be in the individual's financial, business, or career sector.

Some readers believe that the directions each Ace rules also represent the direction from which the change will appear. Following is a table denoting each Ace, the respective season, and the respective direction.

Attributes of the Aces		
SUIT	SEASON	DIRECTION
Ace of Wands	Spring	South
Ace of Cups	Summer	West
Ace of Swords	Autumn	East
Ace of Pentacles	Winter	North

Card Placements: Dignified vs. Ill-Dignified

Although there is disagreement on this point, I believe that each card has two separate and distinct meanings. When a card is Upright it is said to be "Dignified" and showing positive aspects. When the card is in the Reverse position (upside-down) it is said to be "Ill-Dignified"

and showing negative aspects. I further believe that the Ill-Dignified cards may also represent the inner, hidden self. This aspect consists of emotions, thoughts, and dreams that the individual has not been willing to acknowledge in reference to his question. With reference to an event, Ill-Dignified cards usually represent a time delay.

The following examples show a few of the differences in meaning that occur between Dignified and Ill-Dignified cards. Please understand that these are not set in stone, nor do they cover all possibilities. They are generalizations, at best.

Dignified vs. Ill-Dignified Cards		
SUIT NAME	DIGNIFIED	ILL-DIGNIFIED
WANDS	Business and projects for money; the public self	Secret projects; Self-image; also, delayed business starts
CUPS	Love, relationships, affections publicly expressed	Lost love, delayed love, broken heart; also intuition
SWORDS	Communication; trials that should come out favorably or in the individual's best interest	Secret lifestyle; trouble due to miscommunication or obstinacy
PENTACLES	Physical security, money, job, possessions	Loss of money and security: change

As you study the definitions of the cards in the second half of this manual, you will be tempted to label different cards as either good or bad. Try to avoid this; there are no "good" or "bad" cards. Even cards such as the Devil, Death, and The Tower have positive effects. These cards test our strength, patience, and moral fiber. They are the cards of abrupt change, and often the rewards gained because of them are worth the hardships endured.

You should also be aware that there are alternatives to everything I've stated on this page. Some readers *firmly* believe that all cards should be read for upright meanings only, that reverse positions have absolutely no meaning. Everyone is entitled to their beliefs. Find which method is right for you, and if down the road it no longer feels correct, do not be afraid to change. The Tarot is a learning tool, as much for you as for the individual who is coming to you for assistance.

Choosing a Significator

Power Positions

The first concern in a reading is the seating arrangements. Each of the four cardinal points has its own distinctive "power," and there has developed two modes of thought of how best to utilize these energies in a reading.

One mode of belief is to have the individual face West. You, the reader, would then be facing East. The reasoning behind this lies with the belief that East is the direction of all beginnings and, as such, is a strong power position. Also, the Querent may be more open and accepting of what the reader tells him if he is facing West, traditionally the Watchtower of Water, the ruler of emotions and a naturally nurturing, feminine energy.

The second mode of thought is to have the reader face North, the original Power Position, and the individual face South. My problem with this mode lies in my placement of Watchtowers. For me, North is Earth. I see (and feel) this as a grounding of the reader, at a time when the reader needs to let go of his "little" self. It also puts the querent facing South, the position of Fire, traditionally the ruler of strength, action, and fiery emotions.

Either of these modes is as valid as the other, however; as is any other that works for you. Only personal, practical experimentation will help you make that determination.

Choosing a Significator

Find any five readers, and you will find five different ways to choose a Significator. A Significator is that one particular card that symbolizes the person asking for a reading. About the only thing readers will agree on is that the Significator should be a Court card, and even then some take exception!

As far as human attributes are concerned, each of the court cards represents a coloring and temperament for a man or woman. Knights and Queens are said to represent men and women who have been or are married. Princes and Princesses represent men and women who have never been married. Princesses can also represent children, male and female.

Many readers base their choice of significators on the physical characteristics just outlined, much the same way as Cartomancy readers choose their significators. They will actually thumb through the deck in search of the Knight or Queen, Prince or Princess whose symbolic coloring and marital status most closely resembles their clients. If it works for them, OK. However, I prefer to let the Tarot itself choose the Significator.

My method involves matching the *personality traits* of the Court Card to the individual, *not* the physical characteristics. I base this method on the firm belief that the Tarot deals with inner vibrations and emotions. These are intangible, changeable qualities. The appearance of an individual usually has very little bearing on a situation, but how a person feels about it **does** impact most significantly. Therefore, I allow the Tarot to choose the proper Significator and clue me in to the emotional disposition of this individual. Remember, you are only the channel; keep yourself open to all possibilities. Allow the Higher Power to speak to you and through you.

Natural to this method is the possibility of more than one significator, dependent upon the individual's question. This ambiguity is necessary because each of us has more than one personality, depending upon the circumstances at the time. For example, we may behave soft and gentle in our domestic role, yet assertive and

aggressive in the office. It would then make sense that the Significator for a question pertaining to domestic life would be different than the one chosen for a question about the career sector.

My beliefs concerning Significators demanded this unique method of discovering the correct one. I found that letting the Tarot choose the appropriate significator opened a clear and unbiased channel. It also provided me with a litmus test as to the difficulty of the reading, or if I should even attempt one at all. Three failed attempts to find a significator meant that I should postpone the reading. It disappoints a few people and even angers some, but responsibility and integrity are foremost when doing a reading.

I will outline my method in the following paragraphs. Again, as with everything in this manual, experiment with it. If it doesn't feel right, don't do it. Use what you can, and change what needs to be changed for you.

1. Read the individual's body language. This is important in knowing how much you can safely say.
2. The next step is to have the person shuffle his question into the cards. Ask him to concentrate on his question as clearly as possible as he shuffles, shutting off all other thoughts. Tell him to continue shuffling until it feels right to stop.
3. While he is shuffling the deck, you should clear your mind and focus on the task at hand. I always say a little "prayer" that I may be a clear channel and give to the individual what he needs.
4. When he has finished shuffling, ask him to cut the deck into four stacks to his left.
5. At this point, lightly touch your fingertips to the tips of his fingers. This enables you to "feel" his energy. The fingertips are the nexus of the life-force. You may feel heat, electricity, or emotions. Don't worry if it takes you a few times to experience this, just keep practicing.

6. After you have picked up on his vibrations, place your fingertips on the four stacks. One should feel radiate his vibration. That will be the stack with his Significator.

I find that this ritual works best if your eyes are closed from the time your hands first touch his until you have chosen the appropriate stack. This way, you avoid unnecessary sensory interference.

Types of Readings

Although there are various layouts that can be utilized in a reading, all questions posed will be one of two natures, Spiritual or Mundane.

Spiritual readings use only the 22 cards of the Major Arcana. They give a much more intensely personal response to questions dealing with personality, spiritual growth, and past lives. Therefore, caution should be heeded before attempting this type of reading. Due to the inherent intensity, the readings can invoke powerful, profound emotions in some individuals. These emotions can make for a very uncomfortable session at times, inhibiting your ability to keep a clear channel. If this occurs, it's best to stop the reading and offer apologies; nothing productive is likely to be discovered if you find yourself "caught up" in someone else's emotional state!

There are other reasons for exercising caution about doing a Spiritual reading for someone. These reasons are based on human nature. No one likes to be told all the negative aspects of his personality, even if he did come to you asking "What's wrong with me?" In the middle of the reading, he is apt to either start disagreeing with you or offering excuses -- neither of which is conducive to a good, accurate reading.

In addition to the above cautions, it should also be noted that you do not give a Past Life reading to someone who does not believe in reincarnation. The subject is merely a curiosity at best and a joke at worst to these people, and can only serve to promote a "circus atmosphere" in the individual's eyes.

Despite these cautions, Spiritual readings can and should be given when appropriate. They're invaluable in helping an individual understand where he is now, how he got here, and where he's headed. Spiritual readings can point out latent talents and gifts, and help an individual find the Path best suited for him.

Not all questions answered by this type of reading will fit neatly into a niche called "Spiritual Questions." Often, the question to be answered can seem rooted in the physical world. It will be up to you as the reader to decide which type of reading, Mundane or Spiritual, can best answer the question, as well as which type of reading will be best received by the individual. Queries such as, "Why am I always scraping by for money?" may sound rooted in the physical, yet the answer may actually be found within the personality, experiences, and/or karma of the individual. Judge the nature of the individual as best you can. If the individual is skeptical and/or not spiritually inclined, a reading with a spiritual foundation would likely be lost on him. This individual wants the more practical, material responses of a Mundane reading. Allow the Tarot to speak to the individual on his level of understanding, not yours; don't overwhelm the individual. Remember, a preschooler learns nothing from a high school class.

Mundane Readings

Mundane Readings are the most basic readings, dealing with practical, day-to-day issues. They utilize all 78 cards of the Major and Minor Arcanas, and will probably answer the majority questions you'll ever be asked. Examples of the types of queries they answer include those concerning love, money, and career, as well as other earth-rooted questions.

You'll find a multitude of layouts for Mundane spreads readily available. Chief among these are the Celtic Cross and the Modified Celtic Cross. Others include the Daily Spread, the Astrological Spread, the Planetary Answering Spread, the Sixteen Card Spread, the Thoth Spread, and the Cabalistic Spread.

Each layout has its own merits and drawbacks. It's not absolutely necessary to find one single spread and use it exclusively every time

you lay out the cards. Even though I, personally, find it advantageous to have a thorough knowledge of one particular layout, I experiment with others layouts from time to time. An alternative spread can help you see things from different angles and new perspectives at times, especially when the cards seem unclear or not particularly helpful on a given question.

Past Life Readings

The Past Life reading can give insight into the very basic question of "Why am I here?" It can help to point out hidden talents, attitudes, and karma that the individual has brought into this lifetime. It can also gives clues as to what should be accomplished in this lifetime.

A modified Celtic Cross spread is used for this reading; only cards in Positions One through Six are laid out on the table. The positions and definitions of each position are outlined below.

SIGNIFICATOR This is the Major Arcana card chosen to represent the individual. It is symbolic of the Soul's essence; it's true being.

POSITION ONE Covers the Significator. This card represents the individual's current state of being.

POSITION TWO Crosses Position One. This card represents the talents (and Karma) the individual has brought into this lifetime.

POSITION Is placed below Positions

THREE	One and Two. This card represents the individual's purpose for incarnation, his destiny.
POSITION FOUR	Is placed to the left of Positions One and Two, and represents the lessons of the most influential lifetime and their impact upon the current lifetime.
POSITION FIVE	Is placed above Positions One and Two and represents the individual's future in this lifetime.
POSITION SIX	Is placed to the right of Positions One and Two and represents the next lifetime, if nothing changes the patterns laid down in the current life so far.

Spiritual Readings

The Spiritual reading is similar to the Past Life reading in they both use only the Major Arcana and both deal with the inner person, the soul essence of an individual. However, while the Past Life reading is an excellent way of discovering latent talents, seeing the pros and cons of an issue in the overall scheme of the Universe, and in realizing where one fits into that Universal plan, the Spiritual reading can cut to the heart of a particular problem area. It can illustrate most graphically the situation entrapping an individual. The Spiritual reading can give insights into what is causing a problem or pattern,

what can be done to break the cycle, and the type of growth that can be expected after the issue is resolved. This type of reading falls under what I call "Psychotarotology," for it calls on the Reader to blend the spiritual essence of the cards with an innate instinct for human psychology.

Be aware that this spread does not always "work" for every individual. Further, there are times in life when answers are seemingly purposefully withheld from us. During these times, we must use our intuition and the knowledge we've gleaned from our past experiences to make decisions. It is at these times that trust in ourselves and the gods is most important.

SIGNIFICATOR This is the Major Arcana card chosen to represent the individual. It is symbolic of the Soul's essence; it's true being.

POSITION ONE This card Covers the Significator; it symbolizes the person as he is now. It could be representative of his current emotional state or a dominant personality trait.

POSITION TWO This card Crosses the person for better or worse. It symbolizes what has caused the crisis and often reveals the outer aspects of the test.

POSITION THREE This is the Basis card, symbolizing the why the crisis has occurred.

POSITION FOUR This card represents the Past, and shows emotions and/or behaviors that should either be avoided or utilized during this crisis period.

POSITION FIVE This card Crowns the person. It's position represent a path that either may have been tried or will yet be tried.

POSITION SIX This is the card of the Immediate Future. It shows the immediate consequences of this test if the person continues on the path he is currently following.

POSITION SEVEN This is the card of Personal Negativity. It represents the emotion and/or behavior that is binding the person to this test; why he can't seem to move pass it.

POSITION EIGHT Position Eight shows the Influence of Others

on the situation. It reflects current influences over the situation and whether or not the person should heed them.

POSITION
NINE

This is the card of Hopes and Fears. It should tell you how the person really feels about the crisis.

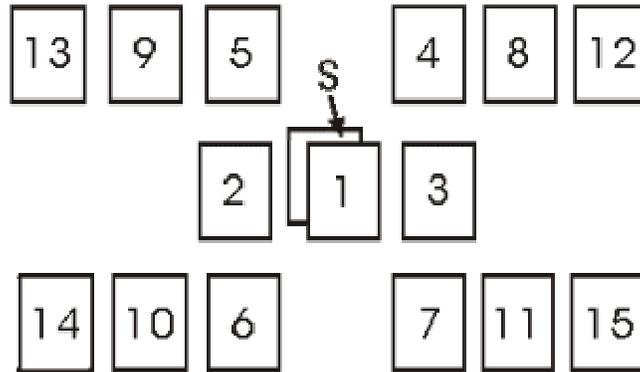
POSITION TEN

This last card demonstrates the Final Outcome of the test if no other variables enter into the situation.

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Instructions for Sixteen Card Spread

1. Lay out the spread as diagrammed.
2. Begin the reading with Card Number 1. This card represents the primary concern and present situation.
3. Cards 2 and 3 should be read next. These cards give further information into the primary question. They also give insight into personality aspects, especially if one or both cards are Major Arcana cards.
4. Cards 14, 10, and 6 (in that order) should be read next. These cards give background information; how the situation evolved.
5. Cards 7, 11, and 15 (in that order) are read next. These cards show the influence of others on the situation.
6. Cards 4, 8, and 12 (in that order) are read next. They show the direction of progress in the situation. They should be read with reference to cards 7, 11, and 15.

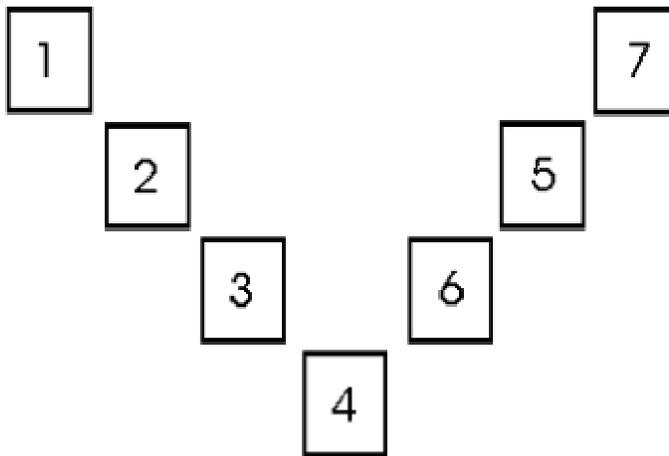
The direction of progress towards change is indicated if at least two of the cards in set 7, 11, and 15 and two of the cards in set 4, 8, and 12 are Minor Arcana Cards. However, if more than one card in either set is a Major Arcana card, then the situation will definitely progress in

the direction shown. A majority of Major Arcana cards in these two sets symbolize that no alternative action may be taken.

7. Cards 13, 9, and 5 (in that order) are read next. These cards show alternate possibilities, if any.

NOTE: If the card set 4, 8, and 12, or the card set 7, 11, and 15 consist primarily of the Major Arcana, the card set 13, 9, and 5 will indicate how the outcome may be mitigated or assisted.

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The Seven Card Ellipse Spread

This spread is good for asking about a project. The basic question that will be answered is "What is to be done?"

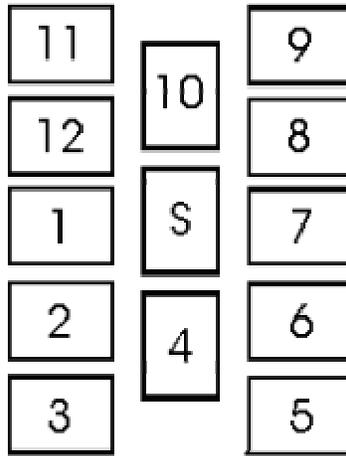
1. Shuffle the cards and fan them out in front you, face down.

2. Draw seven cards. Do not turn them face up.
3. Shuffle these seven cards and lay them out as shown in the diagram on the preceding page.
4. Turn them over, one by one.

Interpretation

Position One:	Represents the past, or that which is ending
Position Two:	Represents the present
Position Three:	Represents the future, or that which is beginning
Position Four:	Represents the path to take; what to do
Position Five:	Represents helpful or harmful outside influences
Position Six:	Represents hopes and fears
Position Seven:	Represents the final outcome

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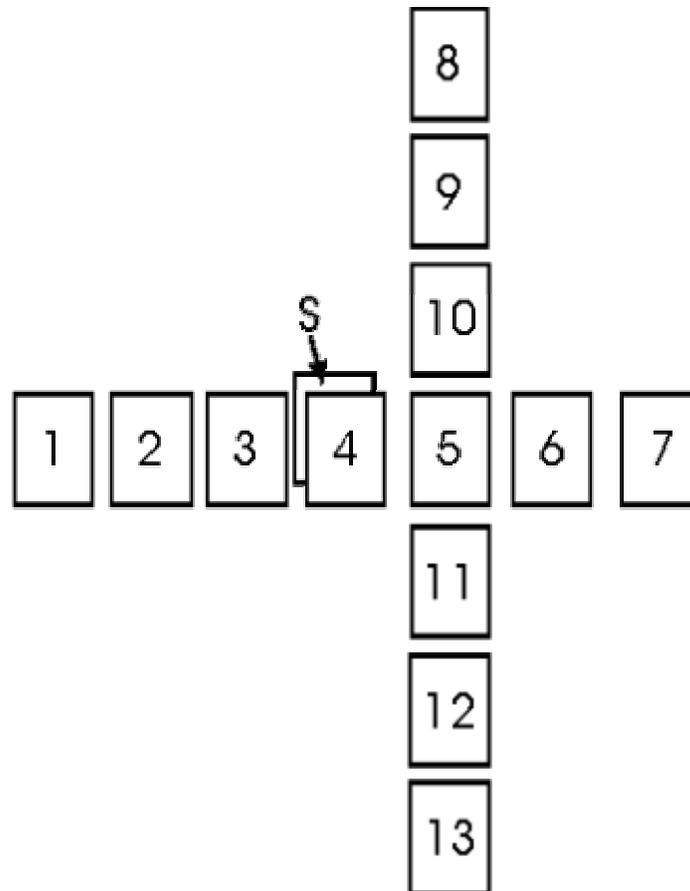


The Astrological Spread

Card 1 -- Aries	Represents mood, disposition, and current problems
Card 2 -- Taurus	Represents the financial situation
Card 3 -- Gemini	Represents travel and communication
Card 4 -- Cancer	Represents home life, siblings and parents
Card 5 -- Leo	Represents pleasures
Card 6 -- Virgo	Represents health
Card 7 -- Libra	Represents partnerships and marriages
Card 8 -- Scorpio	Represents inheritances and deaths
Card 9 -- Sagittarius	Represents philosophy, religion, education, and dreams
Card 10 -- Capricorn	Represents career
Card 11 -- Aquarius	Represents friends
Card 12 -- Pisces	Represents burdens, restrictions, and secret fears

Each card is read and interpreted on its own, without reference to the surrounding cards. For a more in-depth reading, deal four cards per each position and read from within each block. The cards may be dealt either four-at-a-time per position, or by following the diagram four times around, whichever seems correct at the time.

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The Cabalistic Spread

This layout is designed to give an overall picture of a situation. It includes the past, present, and future circumstances, as well as the feelings and attitudes of the people involved in the situation. Any question posed with this spread must be general in nature. This is NOT an answering spread.

- Card 4 is placed on top of the Significator. It represents the individual's state of mind. This card should be read

BEFORE the other cards.

- Cards 13, 12, and 11 should be read next (starting at 13). This card set gives the **influences of the past three months** on this situation. Card 13 is considered to be the farthest away in time.
- Cards 1, 2, and 3 should be read next (beginning with 1). This card set symbolizes **present circumstances**.
- Cards 10, 9, and 8 should be read next (starting with 10). These cards represent **future circumstances**. Card 8 is considered to be the farthest away in time.
- Cards 5, 6, and 7 should be read next. These cards represent the **feelings of other people involved in the situation**. These cards often contrast with the information in Card 4.

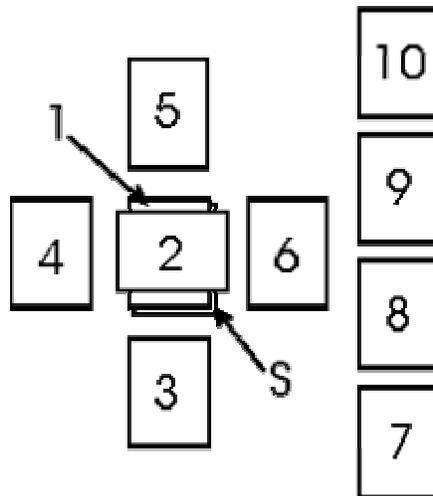
NOTE

There are three ways to read this layout, and the spread should be read all three ways.

- Reading the circumstances upon their own merits, card by card.
- Read the spread in light of the feelings of others.
- Contrasting the above with the attitude of the individual.

When the layout is read in each of the three ways, it produces a good, accurate picture of a situation. You will be surprised at how the 'feeling' of the reading changes as you approach it from each of these different angles.

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The Celtic Cross Spread

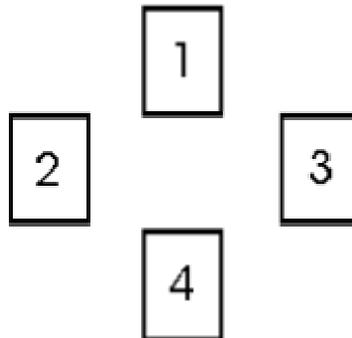
- Significator: This is the first card laid on the table, chosen from the four-stack cut as previously defined. Card 1 lays on top of the Significator.
- Card 1: Represents the situation as it is now.
- Card 2: Represents what is crossing the situation, for good or bad.
- Card 3: Represents the basis of the question.
- Card 4: Represents the past. It could be either the distant past that is influencing the situation, or a situation that is currently passing away.
- Card 5: Represents what crowns and could possibly come into being, i.e., an alternative course of action.
- Card 6: Represents the near future. If Cards 5 and 6 are complementary, Card 5 does not represent an alternate path, but strengthens the probability of Card 6.
- Card 7: Represents negative emotional/personality aspects that are influencing the situation; i.e., "what holds him back."
- Card 8: Represents the influence of significant others upon

the situation.

Card 9: Represents the clients deepest hopes/fears about the situation.

Card 10: Represents the final outcome.

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The Clarification Spread

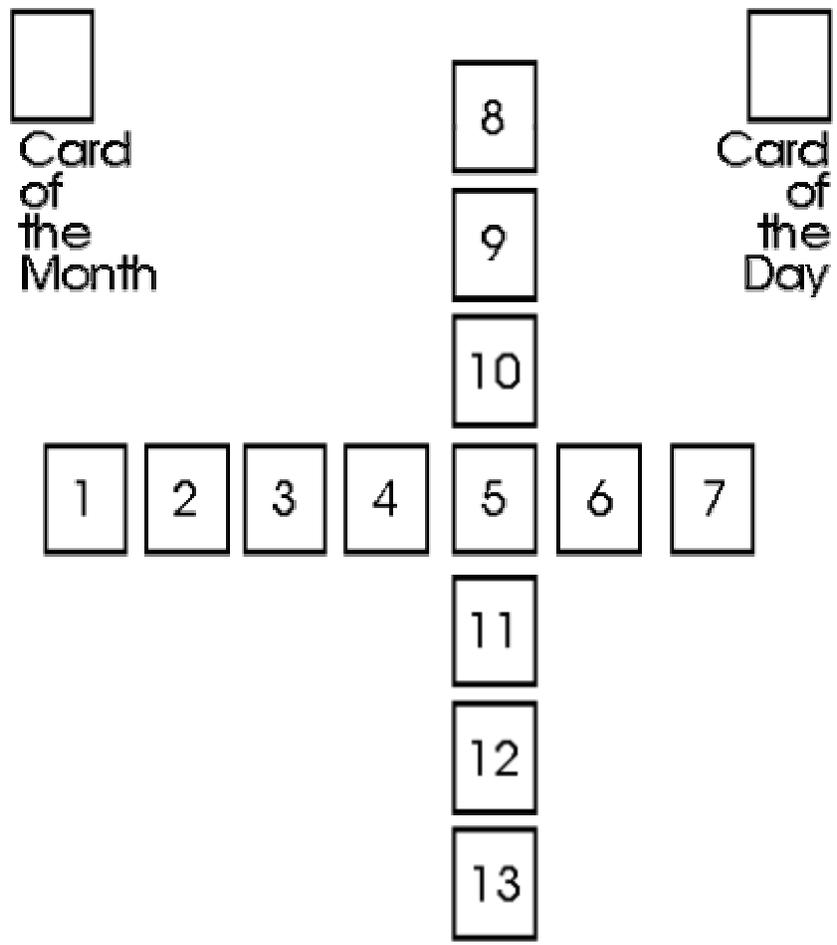
1. Shuffle the cards and cut them into two piles. The pile on your left represents the passive, emotional side. The pile on your right represents the active, intellectual side.
2. Shuffle the left stack again. Lay the top card in Position 2, and the bottom card in Position 3.
3. Shuffle the right stack again. Lay the top card in Position 1, and the bottom card in Position 4.

Interpretation

1. The card in Position 1 shows the actual basis of the question; what is really going on.
2. The card in Position 2 shows what you are open to. It shows the people, events, and energies that you are attracting.

3. The card in Position 3 shows what you are outwardly expressing to others. It shows your influence on your environment.
4. The card in Position 4 shows the answer. It shows the way in which the problem can be overcome, or suggests a way around it. III-Dignified cards in this position show the possible end of a negative condition or attitude.

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The Daily Spread

1. Determine which card will represent the current month.

Lay it, dignified, on the left side of the table.

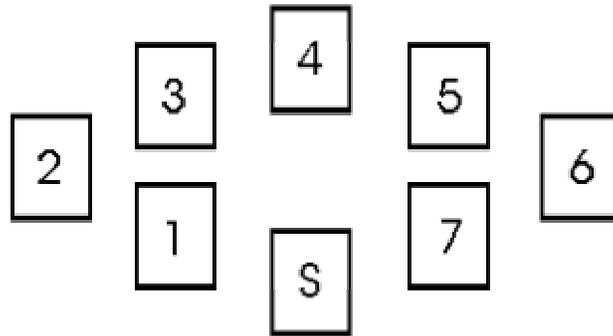
2. Determine which card will represent the current day. Lay it, dignified, on the opposite side of the table.
3. Lay out the cards according to the diagram above.
 - A. Cards 11 through 13 represent events leading up to the day in question. They should be read bottom to top (Card 13 to Card 11).
 - B. Cards 1 through 3 represent events of the morning of the day in question. These three cards should be read from left to right (Card 1 begins).
 - C. Cards 5 through 7 represent events of the afternoon of the day in question. They should be read from right to left (begin with Card 7 and end with Card 5).
 - D. Cards 8 through 10 represent the evening of the day in question, and should be read top to bottom (begin with card 8 and end with card 10).
 - E. Card 4 serves a dual purpose. It shows the outcome of any special project that might be under consideration it also is the general "tone-of-the-day" card.

This card must be read on its own merits and according to Dignity. It is important to realize that an Ill-Dignified card in this position DOES NOT necessarily mean that a project will turn out badly, or that it will be a rotten day. Some cards are better aspected when they ARE Ill-Dignified.

This Spread is useful for answering specific questions about settled future events like parties, job interviews, etc.

NOTE: This Spread is NOT useful for every day interpretation. Day-by-Day interpretation using this spread will only cause confusion.

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The Planetary Answering Spread

Card 1	(Place of the Moon)	Matters of the home
Card 2	(Place of Mercury)	Matters of business, skill, or deceit
Card 3	(Place of Venus)	The love life
Card 4	(Place of Mars)	Matters of enmity or adversity
Card 5	(Place of Jupiter)	Matters of gain, expansion, and acquisition
Card 6	(Place of Saturn)	Matters of general restriction and intellectual deliberation
Card 7	(Place of Mercury)	The Answer Card

This layout is used primarily as an Answering Spread. It does, however, give a good overall picture of the current situation. Although

at first glance this spread seems deceptively simple, but it you may find it actually more difficult to read than the others you find here. Following are some notes on how to interpret this layout.

Card Number 2 holds an answer to the question, but this answer must be interpreted in light of the majority of cards in the spread.

Every card in this Spread should be read on its own merits, relative to the definition of its placement. It should also be read in light of the majority of cards in the spread.

The cards can be paired and read in juxtaposition. For example, the Moon position should be paired with the Sun position; Venus should be paired with Mars; and so on.

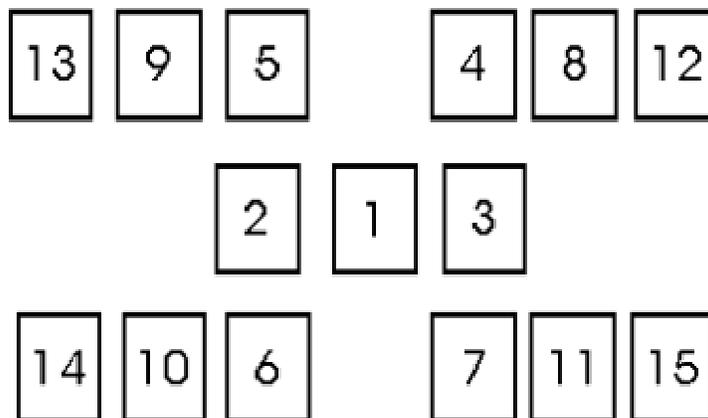
NOTE: The reading from the viewpoint of the majority should ALWAYS be considered first.

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- 1 & 4 -- Moon and Sun
- 3 & 5 -- Venus and Mars
- 6 & 7 -- Jupiter and Saturn

Immediate future found in 2
Outcome found in 7 -- Mercury

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The Thoth Spread

Card 1:	<p>Represents the client and the nature of the question. It also represents the primary influences upon the situation.</p> <p>A court card in this position refers to a dominant individual, influence, or personality trait affecting the situation.</p>
Cards 2 and 3:	<p>Read this combination with reference to Card 1. All three cards are keys to describing the nature of the situation and the personality of the individual.</p>
Cards 13, 9, 5 and 4, 8, 12:	<p>These two sets of cards indicate potential futures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the two sets compliment each other, the cards on the upper left are a development of the cards on the upper right. • If the two sets are in conflict, the cards on the Lipper right are the direction the individual will naturally follow. The cards on the upper left represent actions that could change the natural direction.
Cards 6, 10, 14:	<p>This set indicates the psychological basis of the issue.</p>
Cards 7, 11, 15:	<p>This set shows the operation of forces beyond the individual's control (destiny or karma), and how he can adapt to them. They are personal advisory cards.</p>

NOTES

Princes and Queens often indicate actual men and women connected with the matter.

Knights mean the coming or going of a matter in accordance with the direction the Knight faces.

Princesses show ideas, thoughts, or opinions related to the subject.

LOOK FOR A MAJORITY OF CARDS IN ONE SUIT

A majority of Wands indicates great energy, quarreling, or opposition.

A majority of Cups indicates love, emotions, and pleasure, or intoxication.

A majority of Swords indicates either intellectual matters or sickness, depression, trouble, and death.

A majority of Pentacles indicates general business matters in general, possessions, and material success or failure.

A majority of Trumps indicates higher forces at work, therefore, the individual is not fully in control of the situation. This majority is a strong indicator of spiritual or karmic matters.

A majority of Court Cards indicates meetings, society and many people surrounding the individual or situation.

The Major Arcana



0 -- THE FOOL



Elemental Rulership: Air
Planetary Rulership: Uranus
Hebrew Letter: Aleph
Hebrew Translation: Ox
Numerological Value: 0

Significance of Rulerships

Air represents the elemental quality of The Fool, and is emphasized by the Hebrew Letter, Aleph, also meaning Air. These rulerships signify the breath of new life that this card represents, as well as the natural confusion of situations that are "up in the air," another aspect of this card.

Uranus, the Planetary ruler, represents the eccentricity and impulsiveness inherent in The Fool. Think of the stereotypical traits of the Aquarian, and you can begin to understand the nature of this card. It represents rebelliousness and revolution; unorthodoxy, and unconventional behavior.

The translation of the Hebrew Letter is Ox, but the shape of the Hebrew letter itself suggests a plowshare. Both are symbolic of a metaphysical phallic influence.

The Numerological Value is 0. This represents the formlessness of the Infinite. It is the God number; the number of wholeness.

Overview

Represented within The Fool are the elements of both male and female. As the Divine Force is neither male nor female, yet embodies the elements of both male and female, so it is with The Fool. He manifests qualities of both sexes, while maintaining his ability to transcend the polarities at will. He is the breath, the very essence of Life itself. He represents eternal youth, with all the risks, recklessness, and faith in his own immortality that embodies youth. He lives totally in the present. He believes and acts as though Life is made solely for fun and pleasure. He has perfect faith that everything is right and is as it is meant to be. The Fool is a card of innocence and naivete. It represents

**the impulse that comes from some strange,
unexplainable, unexpected sphere.**

Symbolism

Green Color:	Creative energy; rejuvenation; rebirth
Wide Eyes:	Awareness; curiosity
Horns:	Enjoyment of the pleasures of Pan
Spiral:	The universe, by Zoroaster and Einstein; evolution of new cycles; of new beginnings
Fruits:	Spring; rebirth
Gold Boots:	The Sun, maleness
Sun Disk:	Male
Breasts:	Female
Vulture:	Symbolic of the godforce; as is the dove and the ivy.
Children:	Childlike qualities; also creativity
Coins:	Abundance of the material

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	The focus of this card is happiness, faith, trust, and contentment. It represents new beginnings. There is confidence in the action being undertaken; energy and optimism. Circumstances and events may
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	<p>arise which are totally unexpected, possibly leading to the start of an entirely new life or thought style. There are important decisions to be made with the appearance of this card. Depending upon the surrounding cards, it can represent a birth. The Fool often represents one just starting out on the Seeker's Path.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Impulsive action; reckless choices. There is foolishness, frivolity, and indiscretion. Wasting of energy, especially creative energy. Mixed emotions regarding relationships. A general feeling of discontent or unease with the way life is going.</p> <p>In interpretation to the Position of Others, it can represent a relative or friend who will make him feel like a fool for being cheated, deceived, or fooled in some way. Sometimes it represents one who is terrific at starting projects, but never finishes them; who constantly seeks a new job, new career, a new environment.</p>

I -- THE MAGUS



Elemental Rulership: Gold
Planetary Rulership: Mercury
Hebrew Letter: Beth
Hebrew Translation: House
Numerological Value: 1

Significance of Rulerships

Gold is symbolic of the alchemist, the original magician. It also represents material success through perseverance, adaptability, and determination. It is the symbol of achievement.

Planetary Rulership is given to Mercury, messenger of the Gods. Mercury uses the energy of the golden sun to spread the will and wisdom of the gods to the universe as a whole. Therefore, the planetary relationship of Mercury is symbolic of the glyph's essence, communication.

The Hebrew Letter is Beth, which translates to liouse. There is a touch of the alchemical here once again, for Beth is symbolic of the transformation of what

was once considered "magic" into today's "science."

Beth also represents the opposites, Life and Death; another symbol of metamorphosis and transformation.

The Numerological value is 1. One is the manifestation of what was previously formless. It is symbolic of new beginnings, decisions, and independence. It represents the conscious mind focusing on the ideas and intuitions found in The Fool and making them real.

Overview

The Magus is a card of duality, representing both the transformation and regeneration of Life to Death, and Death to Life. It also represents the fine line dividing white magic from black magic. This is a power card, and the power can be used in either a self-serving manner, or one in service to the All. In order for The Magus to achieve his aims, there must be constant awareness and self-examination. This is the card of one who is able to discriminate between various realities and fantasies; between various points of view, and yet retain his sense of humor at life in general.

Symbolism

Winged Feet: Symbolic of Mercury; represents communication

Gold Body: Achievements; success

Nakedness: Openness, confidence, sincerity, freedom

Smile: "Communication through humor"; optimism

Crossed Lines: Because they are behind the figure, they represent freedom;

	liberation
Eye of Horus:	Divine inspiration; spreading the divine message
Monkey:	Flexibility; non-regulation of wisdom
Caduceus:	The two snakes at the top of his head represent healing and re-creation
Juggled Objects:	Represents the different realms of communication
Scroll:	Communication through the Arts
Coins:	Communication through Business
Fire:	Communication through and with the Divine Force
Arrow:	Directness in communication
Winged Egg:	Telepathy, mental communication
Cup:	Sexual communication; emotions; sexuality; relationships
Sword:	Logic, analysis, intellect

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	<p>Initiative, focus; willing to take risks. Ability to understand and utilize personal potential. Good organizational and communication skills. Has the ability to make dreams come true. Success. A new love, new partnerships, new relationships; or an old one rejuvenated. Desire to do something "new"; goal-orientated, greatly motivated.</p>
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<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Shyness, hesitation, indecision. Poor self-image; lack of self-confidence; overabundance of self-criticism. Difficulty with self-expression; inability to use talents or skills. Can also signify trickery.</p> <p>NOTE: Reversed, this card can also represent someone with learning disorders, or one who lacks physical coordination. Can also represent some other disability in relation to communication, either verbal or physical.</p>
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II -- THE PRIESTESS



Elemental Rulership: Water
 Planetary Rulership: The Moon

Hebrew letter: Gimel
Hebrew Translation: Camel
Numerological Value: 2

Significance of Rulerships

The element of Water rules The Priestess. It is reflective, receptive. It seeks not action, but rather mirrors the actions of others. It is true and total creativity, but not creativity in the physical form; she is creativity of thought, the idea behind all form. She is transcendent of all that is physical.

Planetary Rulership for The Priestess is the Moon, it being the general feminine symbol. It represents subconscious awareness, intuition, the mystical. This is the purest and most glorious image of the Moon. It is untouched by mundane desires and petty sexual idiosyncracies. It represents the the role of the Priestess, as the connecting link between our conscious and subconscious minds, between our physical bodies and our ethereal souls.

The Hebrew letter for The Priestess is Gimel, which translates to Camel. The camel, which can go for long periods without water, is representative of self-sufficiency; symbolic of an inner reservoir of strength, wisdom, and power.

The Numerological Value of The Priestess is 2. This is the number of balance, of harmony. She is the balancing power between two opposites, light and dark. However, she has no preference for either, but merely awaits the result of a focused effort of the conscious mind. This symbolic balancing can also be seen in the form of the Priestess, herself. The upper half of her body is female, expressing the receptive,

subconscious, and reproductive power. This is further accentuated by the upturned crescent moons behind her head. The lower half of her body is male, symbolizing the active male principle, straight, direct, and aggressive in its purpose. This symbolism is accentuated by the bow and arrow laying across her lap.

In spiritual terms, the Priestess represents the middle pillar between the Father in his most glorious aspect, and the Son in his most perfect manifestation. She is the direct connection, the most spiritual form of Isis and Artemis, clothed only in a radiant veil of light. Crowley and others believed that this veil of light represented not the divine light of Spirit, but rather was the veil that hides the Spirit.

Overview

The Priestess is the second of the Hebrew Mother Letters, Mem, and is a symbol of the highest initiation. It is symbolic of the higher qualities of the spiritual within us. She is representative of one who is not only in touch with the intuitive abilities, but has perfect faith and trust in them. She is manifested in the individual who accepts total responsibility for himself; who is independent of anybody or anything in the higher sense of living.

Symbolism

Blue:	Spirit; peace
White Body:	Purity
Crystals:	Clarity of perception
Light Rays:	Representative of true spiritual

nature

Net Veil: The veil that hides the true nature of Spirit; seeker of the deeper Truth

Card Bottom: The images at the bottom of the card represent the beginnings of life.

Camel: Self-sufficiency, inner strength, wisdom

Interpretation

<p>DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Insight and intuition can suggest new solutions to old problems. This is a period of gestation, when changes are beginning to take place on the inner planes, but not yet manifesting in the physical. There may be hidden influences in the individual's nature that are affecting circumstances; mysteries and secrets. Therefore, although things will turn out alright, they will probably materialize much differently than imagined. Can also indicate intuitive abilities such as clairvoyance, telepathy, and healing.</p> <p>The Priestess also symbolizes a woman's influence on a situation, and can also represent a platonic relationship, one that is based on the higher principles.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Problems resulting from a disregard for or ignorance of intuition. Surface knowledge only, no depth of understanding.</p>

Escapism; excessive retreat into the inner world; isolation.

In men, an unwillingness to accept the feminine side of their nature. In women, symbolic of an inability to accept feminine qualities within themselves and other women.

III -- THE EMPRESS



Elemental Rulership: Water
Planetary Rulership: Venus
Hebrew Letter: Daleth
Hebrew Translation: Door
Numerological Value: 3

Significance of Rulerships

The Empress is ruled by the elemental, Water. This defines Her essence as that of female energy, accepting, giving, nurturing. Whereas The Priestess seems to represent the ethereal female qualities, virginal, and transcendent of mundane sexual advances, The Empress is the embodiment of the archetypal Mother. She is the nurturer, the life giver, as water itself nurtures and gives life to all creatures.

Venus is the planetary ruler of The Empress. This is Venus in its highest expression. Here it seeks to bring beauty and elegance, balance and harmony, into whatever environment it appears.

The representative Hebrew Letter is Daleth, which means Door. it is one of the seven Double letters, signifying the contradictions of existence. On the glyph, the Door can be seen positioned behind the Empress, and is known as the "Gate of Heaven."

The Numerological Correspondent is Three. This represents growth through imagination. The Infinite Formlessness was 0, the God power, omnipotent and omniscient. The number 1 represented the conscious mind, communication, but not production. The number 2 was the subconscious mind, reflective, receptive, but lacking reasoning. It takes the number 3 to combine the single numbers of 1 and 2 into something that is concrete. In this respect, the three can be seen to represent the Christian Trinity as well as the Wiccan Trinity of Light, Life, and Love. In the Tetragrammaton, the way of the Empress, the Number Three card, is the direct path uniting the Mother and the Father. This can be seen in examples all around us everyday. Neither a man nor a woman alone can produce the child, but the combining of each can produce a third, which is a mixture of both parents (hence, a uniting), yet separate unto itself.

Overview

The Empress represents the highest of spiritual qualities, and the lowest of the material. She is symbolic of the deepest kind of unconditional and nurturing love. This is illustrated in the card by the mother swan feeding her young with her own blood. She is the ultimate expression of all that is feminine, mysterious, receptive, and magnetic. To her arms is where we all long to return for safety, security, love, and comfort.

Symbolism

Blue Flames:	Symbolic of the Empress' birth from Water
Lotus:	Represents the feminine, passive power
Revolving Moons:	Represents the need for opposition to maintain balance
Pink Coloring:	Perfection of Love
Mother, Young Swans:	Symbolic of the nurturing qualities of the female
Green Dress:	Represents the ability to make ideas manifest
Shield:	Protective of all those under her sphere of love
Moon Throne:	Emotionally involved with all; intuitive
Double Eagle:	Transformation
Maltese Cross:	Union of the spiritual with the material
Dove and Sparrow:	Bird of the future; bird of the past

Interpretation

<p>DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Can presage a birth (look to other cards around it for verification). Fertility, material success, abundance. Can indicate a marriage (depending on the cards around it). Great creativity manifested for the good of the group. Can also indicate an evolvment and acceptance of the feminine principle within the person.</p> <p>In reference to the position of others, indicates that someone close needs nurturing, love.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Domestic instability; poverty, infertility, sterility, promiscuity, unwanted pregnancy. Can indicate a smothering, overprotective personality. Repressed or blocked creativity.</p> <p>This card is very important in psychologically knowing the individual. It can indicate a conflict concerning childbearing; a conflict in acceptance of the feminine side of the personality. It can also indicate unresolved mother-child conflicts.</p>

IV -- THE EMPEROR



Elemental Rulership: Fire
Planetary Rulership: Mars
Astrological Rulership: Aries
Hebrew Letter: Tzaddi
Hebrew Translation: Fishhook
Numerological Value: 4

Significance of Rulerships

Fire is the Elemental ruler of The Emperor. Leadership, strength, power, and energy are all qualities illustrated by this card.

The Planetary ruler is Mars, which rules the Zodiac sign of Aries. Here again we see the traits of leadership, energy, and assertive power.

The Hebrew letter is Tzaddi, which means Fishhook and signifies that which produces. Therefore, this card is symbolic of a combination of dynamic, physical energy and the concept of authority. The word is derived from the old Sanskrit language and is still in use today in modern language. For example,

the words Tsar, Caesar, Senate, Senior, Signor, etc., all echo the old Sanskrit roots of TZ or TS. If you examine these words, you will see the reflection of the card, The Emperor, within them; all of them refer to male positions of power.

The Numerological Correspondent is 4. Once again we see the issue of production brought into play. The number 4 in Numerology is symbolic of the builder, the organizer.

The number 4, because it is made up of straight lines, is a sacred number. This principle can be seen in the straight lines of the cross and the square. In its divine sense, it stands for law and order, the material realms, reason, and logic.

One interesting note before we go on to the overview of The Emperor. Christ was not the only spiritual leader to die on a cross. Krishna of India, Thamus of Syria, Flesus of the Druids, Mithra of Persia, and Quexalcotl of Mexico all died on crosses. Also, the equal armed cross, with its crossbeams crossing the umbilical center, traditionally represented man. It was only after the crucifixion of Christ that the crossbeam was raised to the heart center.

Overview

This card represents worldly power and achievement, at the expense of individuality and creativity. It is a card of conservative, old world traditions; of law and order, leadership, and authority. Individualism and revolutionary ideas are not tolerated. However, much can be achieved under this card, for it represents a definite commitment to building something worthwhile for society. This is the ultimate paternal card.

Symbolism

Rams' Heads: Symbols of the representative Zodiac sign, Aries

Lamb, Flag at Feet: Symbolic of Government

Body Position: The arms and head form an upright triangle; the crossed legs form the number 4, the number of the Master Builder

Scepter, Cross: Successful energy, power, and authority; established government

Orange Color: Mix of Fire and Earth; realistic ideas put into practice

Phoenix on Shield: Transformation of the world through practical action

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Power, authority, leadership. Governments and corporations. Domination of reason and logic over emotion. Willpower; self-control learned through experience. Symbolic of anyone in a position of authority. Worldly success; financial gain through contracts and papers. Success comes either through self-mastery, discipline, and willpower or through another who is in a position of authority.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Can symbolize the card of a fanatic. Inability to think for oneself or take responsibility. Extreme dislike of any kind of authority, either through

individuals, governments, or corporate entities. An inability to deal with power, or with those in power. Lack of discipline and self-control; immaturity.

When the Emperor appears reversed, it can also symbolize that one aspect of the personality is overly dominant. This aspect could be an emotion or a strict adherence to a philosophy. Psychologically, this card reversed often shows up in the spread of one who is neurotically bonded to a parent or other significant person, or who has unresolved conflicts with a father or other authority figure.

V -- THE HIEROPHANT



Elemental Rulership: Earth
Planetary Rulership: Venus
Astrological Rulership: Taurus
Hebrew Letter: Vau
Hebrew Translation: Nail
Numerological Value: 5

Significance of Rulerships

Earth is the elemental ruler of The Hierophant. This imbues the card with stability and practicality. It represents mastery over the basic and fundamental essences of the universe.

Venus rules the Hierophant, as does Taurus. The rulership of Taurus is illustrated by the elephants pictured behind the throne. Venus here is the enlightener, and Taurus lends dependability to the enlightenment so that the Hierophant can be taken seriously in what he says and does, rather than being dismissed as an eccentric fanatic. He is the spiritual master; the liaison between man and god.

The Hebrew letter for the Hierophant is Vau, which translates to Nail. Nine of these "nails" can be seen at the top center of the card. Also called thorns, they represent the Hierophant's mastery of the trials, troubles, and tests of the number 5 cards in the Minor Arcana. This is echoed again in the five petals of the rose surrounding his head. In the Qabalah, Vau is defined as he who joins, marries, and heals.

The Numerological Correspondent for the Hierophant is the number 5. This is the number of decision making based on insight and intuition. It is a number of communication and travel. To the ancient ascetics,

the number 5 was the number of mediation. The number represented Man, with his five (developed) senses. The Hierophant has gained mastery over his five senses, so that the sixth can be developed. It also represented the four elements (Earth, Air, Fire, and Water), plus the fifth element of Ether (Spirit). The Hierophant's mastery over the four basic elements has allowed him to transcend them and become the intermediary between Man and God.

Overview

The Hierophant is interested only in uniting the material with the spiritual. He has mastered the tests of the "fives," and developed the sixth sense of the spiritual realms. He is the initiator. With him are the elements of the new age of initiation -- the child within, and Venus standing ready before him with sword in hand. No longer will she simply be the companion of the male force; she is now a force of her own to be reckoned with. The Hierophant stands smiling, but it is debatable over whether the smile is one of joy, or if it comes from considering the mysteries and dangers awaiting the new initiate.

Symbolism

- Four Beasts: Guardians of the altar;
represents the four elements
- Bull: Taurus; symbolic of Earth, the material, the physical
- Lion: Leo; symbolic of Fire, willpower, dynamic energy
- Person: Aquarius; symbolic of Air, intuition, communication, mental prowess

Eagle: Scorpio; symbolic of Water, death/rebirth, emotions

Dark Background: Function of Hierophant: to bring light to darkness

Child: The child is at the center of a pentagram; symbolic of initiation

Woman: Venus, militant in her femininity

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	<p>The card of the Initiate, the Seeker, Good advise, guidance. Anxiety and restlessness; the need to "go within" to find the answers. Can indicate a marriage.</p> <p>In the number 4 position, The Past, it references a series of tests that the individual has had to face. Look to the surrounding cards to see if mastery was achieved.</p> <p>In any of the "present" or "future" positions, can indicate a series of tests that the individual will have to face. Through self-discipline, perseverance, and inner guidance, the individual can achieve mastery over these tests. NOTE: these are often</p>
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	"karmic" tests.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Excessive drive for perfection. Bad advise; slander; distortions of the truth. Misrepresentation in advertisements. Business or personal failures now could prove to be a blessing in the future. Possibility of divorce or separations due to feelings of being trapped, restricted, or limited.

VI -- THE LOVERS



Elemental Rulership: Air
 Planetary Rulership: Mercury
 Astrological Rulership: Gemini
 Hebrew Letter: Zain
 Hebrew Translation: Sword

Numerological Value: 6

Significance of Rulerships

The Elemental of Air rules The Lovers. There is very little solidity or stability with this card. This is the card of intellect, communication, and interrelationships.

The planet Mercury rules The Lovers, and Gemini is its Astrological correspondent. This emphasizes both the communicative aspect of the card, as well as its duality. The entire card is composed of opposites, with various polarities represented. Things are together, and yet not together.

The Hebrew Letter which represents The Lovers is Zain, the Sword. The dualities involved with Card 6 are shown again. In the intellectual sense, the sword is the instrument of analysis, cutting through the confusion to the essentials. This is the lesson of this card; to look at things through their opposites, and in so doing, to intrinsically know them.

The Numerological Correspondent is the number 6. This is the number of synthesis, integration, and balance.

Overview

The Lovers appears deceptively easy to interpret. However, there is a great deal of hidden lore pictured within the card. On the surface, it appears to be the marriage of two royal personages. The pink coloring of the card lends itself to the idea of love, romance, and marriage. However, it also speaks of dualities. The entire card is composed of opposites. The old mystery orders held that this card pictured the

Hennetic marriage; that within it was told the Assyrian legend of creation and the fall of Man. This legend proffered that Cain was the child of Eve and the Serpent, and Abel the child of Adam and Eve. Because God would not hear the children of Eve and the Serpent, Cain slew Abel to get God's attention.

Symbolism

Hooded Priest:	The Hermit, an aspect of Mercury
The Hood:	The ultimate explanation lies hidden from human logic
Cupid:	Symbol of divine inspiration; also blind love
Cupid's Arrows:	Spiritual intelligence
Female Figures:	Crowley states these are representative of Lilith and Eve
Orphic Egg:	With the snake entwined, symbolic of rebirth
Crowns:	He wears a gold crown; she a silver crown; polarities
Male/Female:	Also Fire/Water and Leo/Scorpio: Representative of polarities
Tools:	Also symbolic of duality. Two tools of destruction, and two of fertility
Club:	Physical touch; also, destruction
Cup:	Emotions; also fertility

- Sword: Mental communication, compatibility; also division, destruction
- Flowers: Spiritual bonding; also fertility
- Bars: The Bars are in the background, symbolizing free will

Interpretation

<p>DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Cooperation with others to achieve a goal. Choices are made based on intuition. It is the card for playing hunches, of divine inspiration and second sight. There is much harmony with this card, as well as true partnerships.</p> <p>At times this card can indicate someone who is so immersed with the cerebral and/or the spiritual, that he is in danger of totally disregarding his physical needs.</p> <p>In a question pertaining to love or to marriage, it represents love, harmony, trust, and the overcoming of hard times through cooperation.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Indecisiveness; dissension. Either individuals of total</p>

incompatibility are coming together, or the person is unsuccessfully trying to get two or more parts of himself to work together in cooperation. Everything seems to be contradictory; conflict within a duality.

To love or marriage: represents unreliability, separation, interference from another. This card will generally show up if there is infidelity on the part of one of the individuals involved in the relationship.

VII -- THE CHARIOT



Elemental Rulership: Water (the Fiery Aspect)

Planetary Rulership: Moon and Jupiter

Astrological Rulership: Cancer
Hebrew Letter: Cheth
Hebrew translation: A Fenced or Enclosed Field
Numerological Value: 7

Significance of Rulerships

The fiery aspect of water rules The Chariot. In this aspect, water becomes hot, passionate, and ardent, but the water acts to dampen the fire and keep it hidden.

Moon and Jupiter both rule The Chariot. The Moon rules the hidden emotions and intuition; Jupiter rules expansiveness. Therefore, this card represents one who moves expansively and fearlessly to the hidden side of himself, turning to embrace the emotional and intuitive side of himself.

Cancer is the Astrological ruler of The Chariot. This gives an even deeper insight into the psyche of this card, for Cancerians are emotionally sensitive, and very protective both of loved ones, and of their own feelings. Thus, we can see the water at work upon the fire, submerging the emotions for fear of rejection or ridicule.

The Hebrew letter is Cheth, meaning a Fenced or Enclosed Field. Again we find reference to emotions, ideas, and feelings being kept close inside oneself. These are self-imposed restrictions and limitations.

The Number 7 demands control of the senses, elevation and purification of desires. The goal is for self-mastery; achievement of complete dominion over the physical body. However, this must be accomplished completely through free will, there can

be no force or coercion. The number 7 gives a deeply analytical and introspective element to the Chariot. Again, however, all analysis is done internally, and rarely is spoken aloud to others.

Overview

This card symbolizes new beginnings. It can point to a journey or to a change in home, especially a long-distance move. Care and caution should be taken to analyze the situation before any action is taken. Once a course is decided upon, it should be followed consistently. This is a goal-oriented card; achievement demands single-focused concentration; a one track-mind.

In addition, The Chariot also counsels calmness. Tranquility and peace must be maintained, regardless of any external changes. Fears must be faced and overcome.

Symbolism

Chariot:	A catalyst; achieves goals regardless of obstacles
Armor:	Spiritual warrior; also, protection and encasement
Crab:	Traveller; can find home anywhere
Fire Ball:	Power; energy
Four Pillars:	The four pillars of the chariot represent the four pillars of the Universe
Scarlet Wheels:	Represents original, primordial energy
Sphinxes:	Counter-changed elements of the four fixed signs
Enthronement:	The Charioteer does not drive

the chariot, rather he is enthroned, symbolizing perfect balance

Gold Disk: The golden disk is not a disk at all, but rather the Holy Grail

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Fast paced events. Can symbolize a journey or change of residence, job, or career. Self-control; self-confidence; willpower. Triumph over any obstacles. When interpreted as a time element, it symbolizes the need for immediacy of action NOW!
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Events are wearing the person down. Stress, pressure, self-limitations. Imbalance; possibility of destruction. Loss of control due to personality characteristics. Stubbornly holding fast to outworn ideas and traditions. As a time element, it can represent a missed opportunity or a hesitation to act, depending upon surrounding cards.

VIII -- ADJUSTMENT



Elemental Rulership: Air
Planetary Rulership: Venus and Saturn
Astrological Rulership: Libra
Hebrew Letter: Lamed
Hebrew translation: Ox and To Teach or Instruct
Numerological Value: 8

Significance of Rulerships

The Elemental rulership of Adjustment is Air. It is a mental card, but tinged with the element of water. In it we see the intellectualism symbolic of Air mingled with the emotionalism of Water.

Planetary rulerships are Venus and Saturn. This symbolized the final balance, the equilibrium, the "adjustment" of all.

The Hebrew letter for Adjustment is Lamed, which means Ox, an animal characterized by practicality. It also means To Teach, which is exactly what this card

does for us. Adjustment teaches us to find the balance in our lives with reference to our own little world and to the universe as a whole. It is the feminine complement of The Fool. In The Fool, possibilities are only potentialities; in Adjustment, they become actualities.

The Numerological Correspondent for Adjustment is 8. This letter represents strength, willpower, and effort. It confers the ability to channel energy to effect change.

Overview

The card Adjustment was originally called Justice. Crowley decided that this was not the correct name for it, for Justice implied a human condition, not one of Nature. Since Nature was never seen as fair and just, but rather "exact," it was deemed that this card should be called Adjustment. It represents balance, harmony, and justice; our adjustment to the natural world around us.

Symbolism

- Crown:** Her crown is made of ostrich plumes, associated with Maat, the Egyptian goddess of Justice.
- Scales:** The scales descend from her crown. This signifies the delicacy of the nature of balance. Alpha and Omega are symbolized in the scales, representing the ability to see both sides.
- Spheres:** Represents opposites, and the need to maintain balance.
- Sword:** The Tarot symbol for Air, for the

ability to discriminate between opposing factions. It also represents the pointed price of true balance.

Green and Blue: Creativity; wisdom

Sword Position: The tip points downward. This symbolizes that she represents Karma; the immutable universal laws by which we all will be judged.

Intpretation

DIGNIFIED:	<p>Good balance between logic and emotion, worldly and spiritual affairs; detached observation. Card of the mediator or arbitrator.</p> <p>Can also denote legal action, contracts, divorce, or marriage depending upon the surrounding cards. In the possibility of marriage, the arrangement is more for convenience; also one where marriage contracts may be signed. Favorable sign in the case of a legal question.</p> <p>This card is on of the Karmic cards. Any injustice being done or experienced by the client must be viewed nnot only in a worldly manner, but also in relation to the cosmos.</p> <p>In some cases, it can mean any easy adjustment to a certain circumstance</p>
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	or situation that has been or will be changing.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	<p>Loss of inner and/or outer equilibrium; complications in regaining focus, concentration.</p> <p>Separations not yet ruled upon by the court. Expensive legal affairs; lengthy court cases. Complications in legal affairs. Inequality and injustice.</p> <p>Unfavorable legal judgment. Difficult adjustment to a situation, such as a marriage or a job.</p>

IX -- THE HERMIT



Elemental Rulership: Earth
 Planetary Rulership: Moon

Astrological Rulership: Virgo
Hebrew Letter: Yod
Hebrew Translation: Hand
Numerological Value: 9

Significance of Rulerships

Earth is the Elemental ruler of The Hermit, and the Astrological ruler is Virgo. This rulership symbolizes the aspects of fertility, creation, and the ability to manifest ideas. The Hermit is determination; whatever needs to be done is not only accomplished, but accomplished with the highest amount of perfection possible. Think of the Taurean Bull, determined, decisive, and resolute. These qualities are manifest in The Hermit, as well. However, with the influence of the Virgo Earth, they are tempered with love, compassion, and care.

Despite the influence of the Earth signs, the Moon is the planetary ruler of The Hermit. This alignment emphasizes The Hermit at his best -- when he is alone and solitaire. It accents the mystery of The Hermit as the loner, the dreamer. He is the wayshower; but to accomplish his ends, he needs to know the way himself. This inner search is by necessity a solitary goal.

The Hebrew letter for The Hermit is Yod, the first and fundamental letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Upon it, all other letters are formed. Yod translates to Hand, and represents service to others. This need to be of service to all those around him is also seen in the Numerological Correspondent.

The Numerological Correspondent of The Hermit is 9. This is the number of completion, fulfillment. It is also

the number of service to mankind. Thus, The Hermit, having found his answers, seeks to give these answers to all who seek. He offers a helping hand to anyone who would take it.

Overview

The Hermit can represent a temporary withdrawal from the world, usually as a retreat to find inner balance; to analyze information and make decisions. Although committed to perfection, he is not consumed by it.

Even though he is wise and wants to show others the path, he is not cherished or even respected. His ways are not orthodox. He is not satisfied with society's norms, nor does he make any pretense of being so. His ways are not for the many, and because of this he represents union at the deepest level with the seeker. If the seeker is not willing to make this commitment, The Hermit will just as willingly turn away and remain alone. He prefers aloneness to superficial relationships. He is happy within himself. He has found his answers, and the only relationship he really needs is the one he shares through his own inner voice.

Symbolism

Lantern: The lantern in the center of the card symbolizes his responsibility to show others the path. In the center of the lantern is the sigil of the Ace of Wands. It is representative of the Hebrew letter Yod, the secret fire.

Wheat: The wheat in the background is symbolic of Virgo; of fertility and abundance.

Hermit: The posture of The Hermit represents the shape of the letter Yod. In essence, The Hermit is the secret fire, the fundamentals of which life is made created.

Orphic Egg: The Orphic egg, and the spermatozoa both represent fertility and creation. The spermatozoa is symbolic of birth in the outer world; the Orphic egg symbolizes spiritual rebirth.

Cerberus: The three-headed dog, Cerberus, is the guardian of the gates of hell. The Hermit has tamed him. This is symbolic of the ability to resist temptation, to do what is right. It is also symbolic of white magic triumphing over black magic.

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	<p>Retreat in order to find inner wisdom. There should be careful planning and forethought before any action is taken. Do not be afraid to seek advice, but don't act solely on the advice of others. Can also indicate the need to join with other seekers.</p> <p>Also indicative of union or marriage, depending upon surrounding cards. This union will be experienced at the</p>
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	deepest levels of commitment to each other; soulmates.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Forcible separation from friends or family. Radical isolation or escapism. Refusal to listen to or heed advice; paranoid misinterpretation of intentions by others. Stubborn refusal to change an inadequate or harmful lifestyle. Unsociable behavior; perfectionism; obsessive-compulsive behavior.

X -- WHEEL OF FORTUNE



Elemental Rulership: Lightning
 Planetary Rulership: Jupiter
 Hebrew Letter: Kaph
 Hebrew Translation: Palm of the Hand

Numerological Value: 10

Significance of Rulerships

Lightening is the Elemental Ruler of the Wheel of Fortune. In its symbology we sense the essence of the card: "electrifying" opportunities and energetic changes.

The Planetary Rulership of Jupiter gives a little more insight into these opportunities. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, growth, and luck. It is symbolic of good fortune; offortune which comes from some strange and unexpected quarters. It is not "earned" fortune, but rather blind luck.

The Hebrew Letter is Kaph, which means Palm of the Hand. Kaph is chosen because the fortune of a person may be read in the lines of the palm of the hand. Kaph is sometimes translated as the "Grasping Hand" because it signifies he who wants it all and unabashedly "goes for it."

The Numerological Correspondent is 10. This is the first card in the new cycle, and is a repetition of the number 1. Therefore, just as a wheel turns, so the Wheel of Fortune represents cycles, repetition, and rotation. This simply means that all that is currently manifest will pass away; that change is the only constant, and therefore all things will come to pass, each in its own proper time.

The number 10 represents a new start. When translating double digit numbers, we take the number on the right, and discern how it "works through" the number on the left. In the number 10, we have 0 working through the 1. Zero represents the Universal

Force, and 1 represents new beginnings, thoughts, and ideas. Therefore, in the number 10, we have the promise that, regardless of how many changes we must go through, the Universal Force is always with us.

Overview

This card represents fortune and luck. It is the card of the risk-taker; of one who is willing to gamble on an opportunity and turns it quickly to his own advantage.

The card also symbolizes the only constancy of life: change. Regardless of the current situation, remember that it is not forever. The Wheel will turn; the cycle will change; and all that is now will pass away, giving birth to the new. In this light, it can also be seen to represent the Wheel of Transmigration, the Wheel of Karma; of events coming to pass are beyond control. Whatever is occurring is that which has been earned by deed and thought. For in the law of Karma, there is no such thing as blind luck, but merely that which we have earned over aeons of Life.

Symbolism

10
Spokes: Material concerns

Wheel: Symbolizes change; cycles

Figures on
Wheel: Symbolic of the energies necessary to effect change.

Sphinx: The Sphinx symbolizes the four magical virtues: to Know, to Will,

To Dare, and to Keep Silence.

Ape: Symbolizes flexibility, and the ability to adapt to change.

Crocodile: Represents creativity. In one hands he holds the ankh, symbol of life; in the other, the hooked staff, symbol of the Grim Reaper. In Death, as in Life, there is creativity and rebirth.

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Change of fortune (usually for the better). New opportunities. The start of a new cycle. Advancement, improvement. Desire and ability to take risks. Ability to remain focused and centered despite changes in the environment. Capability for emotional detachment; not overly attached to any object, lifestyle, or circumstance. Ability to effect change.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Wishful thinking and dreams, but no practical action to make things happen. Waiting for external forces to take action. Hesitation, indecision, and a general feeling of loss of control over a situation. Resistance to change. Help (fortune) from outside sources and thus, only temporary relief.

XI -- LUST



Elemental Rulership: Fire
Planetary Rulership: Sun
Astrological Rulership: Leo
Hebrew Letter: Teth
Hebrew Translation: Serpent
Numerological Value: 11

Significance of Rulerships

The Element Fire rules the card called Lust, formerly named Strength. It symbolizes the dangerous hypnotic quality of that element. There is danger of losing control, of being burned, consumed by the leaping flames of power.

It is only correct that the Sun should run this card. The Sun, the perfect symbol of the element Fire, symbolic on its own as power and strength. Its force

has wide ranging impact; nurturing those upon whom it shines, and destroying those for whom it withholds its life-giving rays.

The Astrological Correspondent to Lust is Leo, the Lion. He is the beast represented on the face of the card itself. He symbolizes the self-assurance, confidence, and wild flamboyance this card represents. He also symbolizes the power inherent in the card.

The corresponding Hebrew letter is Teth, the Serpent. This is the feminine aspect of strength, of power -- the Hindu Goddess Kali -- the complement of the male symbol of the Sun. This card, therefore, represents the original marriage as it occurs in nature. There is no attempt to direct its course.

The number 11 means literally, the number 1 working through the number 1. However, 11 is also known as a Master Number. A Master Number takes on its own vibrations, and does not have to be reduced. They carry more import, and are much more powerful than reduced numbers. The number 11 symbolizes leadership and power.

The number 11 can also be parsed as follows: 1 plus 1 equals 2 (The Priestess); and 10 plus 1 equals The Magus. In this light, again we see the complement of the polarities, male and female, and the power and strength of both polarities reflected equally.

Overview

Lust is symbolic of the many myths of the ages. The myths of the "old order," as Crowley calls it, are all based on the non-human paternity to a champion. Some of these include the story of Romulus and Remus who were sired by Mars; Buddha, who was fathered by an elephant with six trunks; and even

Christ, who was fathered by the Holy Spirit in the form of a Dove. These stories are all illustrated by the woman astride the Lion.

The card also implies strength, but strength which comes through energy expended in the unrestricted enjoyment of experience. It is not only power, but the pure bliss and euphoria of power itself. In this essence, Lust is symbolic of the knowing that only through fully experiencing life can true creative potential be achieved, for only then can true focus and concentration be directed.

Symbolism

Nakedness: Feminine power

Lion: Masculine power

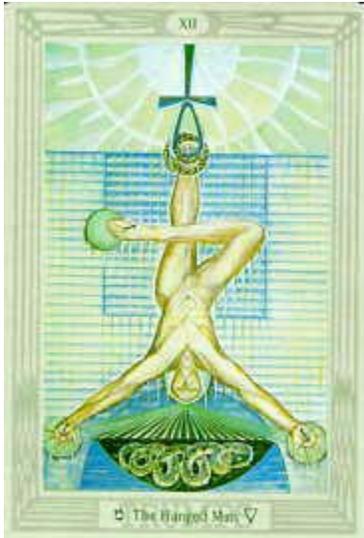
Seven Faces: Symbolize different aspects of the personality which now unite in one wild experience. Beyond caring for morality or society's norms. These are the energy forms of the new world order to come.

Ten Circles: These are located throughout the major portion of the card and represent the passing away of the outdated ideals of the old order. The 10 circles at the top of the card are the new ideals which will replace the old.

Interpretation

<p>DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Strength and courage to be oneself. Control of passion and baser instincts; able to enjoy and indulge life without losing control. Great amounts of energy (sexual and/or creative). Can also indicate an illogical but irresistible attraction to another person.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Self-indulgence; lack of self-discipline. Addiction. Surrender to base impulses. Dominating, selfish, power-hungry; no control over physical appetites. Weakness and defeat. Can also indicate wasted energy (worry, anxiety, etc), and that health is being neglected.</p> <p>NOTE: If Lust appears with The Empress, Reversed, it suggests sexual dissatisfaction within a marriage.</p>

XII -- THE HANGED MAN



Elemental Rulership: Water
Planetary Rulership: Neptune
Hebrew Letter: Mem
Hebrew Translation: Water
Numerological Value: 12

Significance of Rulerships

The Elemental Rulership of The Hanged Man is Water, which is also the translation of the Hebrew name for the card. However, rather than representing water itself, The Hanged Man represents the spiritual function of water, namely baptism and death of an old way of life.

The Planetary Rulership of Neptune symbolizes the masks we wear. Neptune represents darkness, confusion, ambiguity, and mystery. Rather than face these dark aspects and conquer them, many people prefer to conceal them. These masks of self-confidence are worn until they are forced to come out

of hiding and show their true selves.

The Numerological Correspondent of 12 refers to that time when hiding is no longer possible.

Overview

The Hanged Man refers to obstacles, burdens, limitations, and outmoded thought patterns that are held steady in our lives. These things need to be given up so that progress can continue, but often they are the things most dear to us. This makes the surrender all the more difficult. However, when the submission to the higher self is achieved, it often enables us to take two steps forward for every one that seemed to be taken backwards. It is important to understand that this is not a card of action. Merely seeing and understanding those conditions which are causing stagnation will begin the action of transformation.

In a spread, The Hanged Man can also pertain to timing. There may be a sense of waiting for the right time to act with reference to a situation. There may also be feelings of disorientation; as though the individual is "on the outside looking in;" of seeing and experiencing things in a different manner from everyone else.

Symbolism

Grid	The Elemental Tablets of Nature's
Background:	energies
Reversed	Symbolic of plans gone awry;
Items:	confusion
Crucifixion:	Surrender; self-denial and sacrifice
Sun, Moon:	Symbolic of light conquering darkness
Snakes:	Around the ankh: Refusal to

surrender has broken his will.
Below the head: Transformation
still awaits him;

Shaved Head: In some circles, hair represents
spiritual insight. Therefore, a
shaved head represents a loss of
trust in intuition.

Closed Eyes: Blind to all that is new.

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Willingness to accept and adapt to change; flexibility. Sacrifice of one thing for another. Ability to delay gratification. Analysis of circumstances for right timing. Dependent upon surrounding cards, can signify that now is the time to give up on a relationship if both will truly benefit from the separation.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Inability to change and adapt. Unwillingness to try for something new for fear of risking what he already has. Prefers the known to the unknown. Fixated on material goods and overly concerned with things for the self. Procrastination. Reluctance to make a personal sacrifice; inability to let go of weak or outdated personality traits.

NOTE: If the Hanged Man appears Reversed in the Present or Near Future, can denote the danger of becoming involved in an unhealthy, possibly damaging situation.

XIII -- DEATH



Elemental Rulership: Water
Planetary Rulership: Pluto
Astrological Rulership: Scorpio
Hebrew Letter: Nun
Hebrew Translation: Fish
Numerological Value: 13

Significance of Rulerships

Water is the Elemental Ruler of Death for a number of

reasons. First, water represents fluidity, the ability to change and adapt to circumstances and situations. Second, Death also symbolizes rebirth, and it is in water that life begins. Third, water has the ability to change form -- it can be liquid, solid, or gaseous. Thus, it is ideal to represent the changing aspects of the Self.

The Planetary Ruler is Pluto. This planet symbolizes our feelings about death, the mysterious and occult. Pluto rules the Underworld, the subconscious drives of the Self, especially the sex drive.

Scorpio is the Astrological Ruler. It is traditionally assigned rulership of both life and death. Scorpio was historically ruled by Mars until the discovery of Pluto. In the case of the Tarot card Death, we still retain rulership by Mars, which gives the fiery spark of energy to water in order that it may bring forth life.

The Hebrew letter for Death is Nun, which means Fish. This may seem an odd representative for this card until one considers that Fish is a symbol of life underwater, and that this card Death pertains as much to life as it does to death. It is the card of rebirth, of transition, of transformation.

Overview

The Death card is wrongly attributed as the most fearsome card in the Tarot; it is probably the most misunderstood card. While it can presage a physical death, this is a rare occurrence. It does presage change, sometimes forced change, and that can be cause for fear and apprehension. However, as we have seen with previous cards, the only constant in the universe is change. When we can no longer face the decisions that create change (as in the Hanged Man), change must be forced upon us. The Death card tells us that the time for change is NOW. If we

don't take steps to start it, those steps will be taken for us. However, drawing this card indicates a readiness for change, even though that readiness may not be apparent. The act of letting go of the known can be a painful experience. Always remember that once these things are released, pure liberation follows.

This is a transition card. There are feelings of anxiety; pressure from some aspect of life that needs to be changed, whether that aspect be a job, a relationship, or whatever. Although it may appear that there is destruction, this tearing down is necessary in order to rebuild for the new which will take its place.

It is important to once again emphasize that if this change is not willingly begun, circumstances will rise to a point so as to make action absolutely necessary. This could take the form of being fired, divorce, etc. There can be no procrastinating with this card. The call is for total and complete change. The time is now for Death and Rebirth.

Symbolism

Skeleton: Symbol of death and rebirth

Scythe: Cutting away the old

Lily
Plant: Rebirth; resurrection

Fish: New life; swiftness of change

Scorpion: Willingly submitting to change, despite danger or harm.

Snake: Symbolic of death and rebirth; of progression.

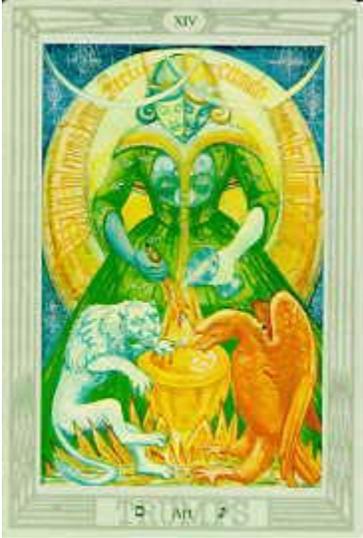
Phoenix: Birth of the new. This is the third and highest

aspect of transformation.

Interpretation

<p>DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Changes in physical and material, often as a result of current situations. Rarely a physical death; most often drastic and sudden change of lifestyle, behavior, etc., based on past actions.</p> <p>Pertaining to love, often indicates a dead relationship, but no acknowledgment of that death.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Fear and refusal to face change; depression; stagnation. Forcible removal of a something that is held tightly. Also indicative of complete inner transformation. In reference to love, often indicates needless destruction of a relationship.</p>

XIV -- ART



Elemental Rulership: Firelight
Planetary Rulership: Jupiter
Astrological Rulership: Sagittarius
Hebrew Letter: Samech
Hebrew Translation: Prop
Numerological Value: 14

Significance of Rulerships

Firelight rules the card of Art, representing manifestation, of the melding of opposites into a whole new form.

Jupiter is the Planetary ruler of Art. In it again is echoed the themes of growth and progression. Jupiter represents expansion, a widening of the horizons; luck in its purest form.

The Astrological Ruler is Sagittarius. it symbolizes the union of fire and water; again, the theme of unification of opposites which necessarily leads to a third new form.

The Hebrew letter is Samech, which means Prop. A better translation may be "Tent Peg," the center point, the basis at which all new life begins.

The Numerological Correspondent is 14, the vibration of the fusion of discordant elements. The 14 vibration sets up testing situations which all an individual to verify thoughts, ideas, and beliefs. Holding them up to analysis, the individual may discard parts and recombine them with new, to bring about a new set of beliefs created from two possibly discordant original ideas.

Overview

The card Art can be summed up in the words that appear on the disk behind the androgynous figure: *Visita Interiora Terrae Rectificando Invenies Occultum Lapidem*. It means "Visit the interior parts of earth: by rectification thou shalt find the hidden stone." This is seen as a division of two elements. It was to be a talisman to be used whenever necessary, for its form was of both pure adaptability and rigidity of purpose. "Visit the interior parts of earth" is both a direction in the scientific alchemical formula, and also a directive to go within the self. In this vein, finding the "hidden stone" is a reference to revelations that can arise from deep meditative trances and dream states; the inner voice that counsels and guides.

When this card appears in a spread, it is an indication of positive personal growth. It signifies a willingness, desire, and ability to listen to the inner voice. It speaks of the blending of the unconscious, inner world of dreams with the conscious, outer world. Neither world dominates the other, but both act to change the other, thus creating a new whole. A way to remember this card is the old saying: "The sum of the whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Symbolism

Green Robe: Fertility, creativity

Fire and Water: Death; rebirth

Alchemy: Symbolizes the scientific and educational aspect of the card

Union/Sun, Moon: Union of polarities: male/female; light/dark

Skull: Skull represents the subconscious; the bird atop the skull represents intuition

Lion: The lion and blue fire represent the male aspect of Fire

Bird: The bird and red water represent the female aspect of Water

Rainbow: Water; new life

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Use of special talents for new careers, hobbies, gains. Cooperation; good management; innovation through combination of elements. Adaptability, flexibility, balance. Awareness of a special occult gift. Living the
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	<p>ordinary life in an extraordinary way.</p> <p>In love questions, it indicates a transition from a lower level of love to a deeper level. Also indicates an awakening to the whole of Universal Love, and that which is of the Universal in all of Man.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Too much concern for physical and material matters of the self; failure to understand others. Poor judgment; mismanagement. Energies scattered in too many different directions; attempting to unite incompatible activities or people; trying to blend things that won't be blended, like water and oil.</p> <p>In love questions, when appearing with The Devil, it indicates that material considerations overshadow any feelings of love.</p>

XV - THE DEVIL



Elemental Rulership: Earth
Planetary Rulership: Saturn
Astrological Rulership: Capricorn
Hebrew Letter: Ayin
Hebrew Translation: Eye
Numerological Value: 15

Significance of Rulerships

This card is grounded in the element of Earth. In one aspect, it represents a return to nature. In another, the earthy pleasures; the sensual and sexual.

Saturn is the Planetary ruler of The Devil. Again there is a division of meaning. In one aspect, there is revelry and celebration in the feast of the Harvest. However, in order to enjoy the feast, one must be disciplined and goal-oriented. Therefore, Saturn also represents discipline and responsibility.

Capricorn is the Astrological Correspondent for The Devil. Capricorn represents persistence, perseverance, ambition. It is concerned with the

material world; with building and creating things of the earth. The Hebrew letter representing the Devil is Ayin, or Eye. It speaks of the illusory value of the world. The eye is to see not only what is obvious, but to the hidden, as well. The Numerological Value is 15, the vibration of the material side of life. It is indecision, bondage, scattered energies, and the amassing of worldly things.

Overview

The Devil is simply creative energy in its most powerful, most materialistic form. It represents the abolishment of the limitations we force upon ourselves. The card is power, but power that can easily be abused. Notice the reversed pentagram on the goat's forehead; it symbolizes that everything represented on the card is of the material world.

This card is not inherently evil. It speaks only to us of limitations. It asks that we free ourselves from the fear which keeps us bound in ignorance. It implores us to use our ability to discern reality from illusion, and act to upon the reality, always keeping in mind the humor of the situation. For life is but a fleeting moment, and should never be taken too seriously.

A note on the central goat figure: The goat, or goat-headed figure has been attributed to many gods throughout the ages. The Knights of the Temple identified it as Baphomet; to the Egyptians he was Set, God of the South; the Etruscans pictured Dionysus wearing either a goat's or bull's horns; Pan was also seen as a goat. The reference to the form is symbolic of the high places to which the goat can climb. Most religions found it desirable to hold rites, rituals, and services on a high mountain. There were just as many justifications for this: to feel closer to "God," to symbolically turn away from the confusion

of the world and turn instead to the purity and absoluteness of the barren, rugged high terrain. This symbolism is carried in the card of The Devil. There is the feeling of being in a high place, up in the air, where there is no flora or fauna, but only barrenness.

Symbolism

- Goat: Pan; rituals of nature; intoxication; music, raw sexual energy
- Smile: Symbolic of the need to face reality with humor
- Phallus: Sexual energy; creativity; fertility
- Horns: Energy that must be manifested; ambition
- Third Eye: Symbol of awareness, intuition
- Staff: Symbolic of Horus; protection by awareness of inner intuition
- Satum Ring: Symbolic of the phallus piercing the goddess Nuit
- Figures: The figures in the balls represent not only the need to create, but also the bondage in which we keep ourselves

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Overwhelming desire for material things; disproportionate amount of energy expended to gain material things. Abuse of power, especially through money. Hoarding; miserliness. Self-knowledge of needs and
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	desires.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	<p>Feelings of being trapped by limitations and restrictions, often self-imposed. Abuse of power and position for the degradation of others.</p> <p>Attention focused on the material to the point of excluding all else. Needs and desires become demands to be achieved at any cost.</p> <p>Unbalanced power. Black Magic.</p>

XVI -- THE TOWER



Elemental Rulership: Fire
 Planetary Rulership: Mars
 Hebrew Letter: Peh
 Hebrew Translation: Mouth
 Numerological Value: 16

Significance of Rulerships

In this card, Fire is symbolic of the destruction of existing conditions. However, as fire consumes and destroys, it also purifies.

The Planetary ruler is Mars, the planet of War. Here again we have the element of destruction. However, in war not only are environments destroyed, but also human life. This ruler is symbolic of Shiva, who destroys her followers so that they may gain Nothingness, and thus perfection. It is the destruction of all that is stagnant within our lives, and is therefore holding us back. Even though we cling, we will be blown away for our own growth, our own progress.

The Hebrew letter is Peh, which means Mouth or, by association, Speech. This is a reference to the Tower of Babel; of the confusing element of words. We get lost in words. We use words to our own advantage until they bind us so tight to that from which we would free ourselves, that we soon find ourselves deluded into believing that the stagnation is right and proper. Words can lead to confusion, delusion, and chaos.

The Numerological Value of 16 is key of awakening, and this is exactly what this card represents. It is an awakening through the utter destruction of all that we have built. We are forced to look beyond the surface. We are forced to trust in a higher power, in the higher power within ourselves. We are forced to heal ourselves of the diseases of stagnation and ignorance.

Overview

The Tower symbolizes the complete and utter destruction of an existing way of life, belief system, or sense of security. It demands trust and understanding that what is lost during a time of great trial and test will be replaced by something greater and more glorious. This is a time for casting off all that we do not like about ourselves. It is a time when our ego is shaken to the very core. Anything that we attempt to cling to for security or stability will be blasted away from us. It is a time of healing, though we may not be able to discern this

through the heartaches and troubles that seem to engulfing us. However, it is a time of drawing out the poisons and healing ourselves from within.

Symbolism

Tower: The inner being; also symbolic of physical structures

Fire: Destruction of the tower, of outmoded beliefs; of ignorance

Dragon: Purging the inner self by fire

Dove: Love, peace; female power

Lion: Male power

Snake: Rebirth; transformation

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Conflicts and arguments. Change in career or residence. Disruption; the complete overthrow of an existing way of life. Transformation; rebirth. Change in inner thinking that demands an appropriate change in the outer lifestyle.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Total ruination of all material that has been built up to now; bankruptcy; oppression. Possible physical incarceration, but more often imprisonment within a situation. Loss of freedom.

XVII -- THE STAR



Elemental Rulership: Watery Aspect of Air
Planetary Rulership: Star
Astrological Rulership: Aquarius
Hebrew Letter: Heh
Hebrew Translation: Window
Numerological Value: 17

Significance of Rulerships

The Watery Aspect of Air signifies the emotional part of the element. This is the creative part that inspires ideas, art, and all that speaks of beauty, feelings, and emotions.

The Planetary rulership is that of the Star. It calls for us to recognize the beauty and magnetism in who we are and who we would grow to be.

The Astrological Rulership is Aquarius, sign of the Water Bearer. It is also the symbol of humanitarianism, compassion, service to others, selflessness, and all that nourishes life.

The Hebrew letter is Heh, meaning Window. A better translation would be 'Visionary.' The Star opens a window upon a world beyond this one, where the true visionary sees what needs to be done to help

others, and starts the process of healing.

The Numerological Value is 17, which signifies good for-tune, attainment, accomplishment, achievement.

Overview

The Star is hope and inspiration; beauty and creativity. It is a feminine/nurturing card. She is the energy of the Universe, pouring this energy out into the earth below. Through this she creates a new age of love and compassion for all. She is the guiding star that leads us to the best in ourselves.

Symbolism

Star: The true nature of all is Love. Spinning Star: love as catalyst

Arms: Within her arms, she surrounds all with her healing power

Liquid: Symbolic of renewal of strength, energy, and power by giving the same to others

Crystals: Feelings and emotions becoming crystallized

Colors: The blue, purple, and pink colors shown are the healing colors of the complete Self

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	There is support, both emotional and material. Confidence; influence over others. Emotionally expressive; radiant emotional beauty, sensuality. Public esteem; self-realization; compassion; energy.
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ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Struggle against rejection and/or confusion; identity crisis. Energy turned inward in a critical, negative manner. Inflexibility of mind and temperament; inability to adapt; lack of self-confidence; loss of trust in others; stubbornness. Unwillingness to change; rigidity. Fear of the unknown.
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XVIII -- THE MOON



- Elemental Rulership: Water
- Planetary Rulership: Moon
- Astrological Rulership: Pisces
- Hebrew Letter: Qoph
- Hebrew Translation: Back of the Head
- Numerological Value: 18

Significance of Rulerships

Water as the Elemental Ruler imbues The Moon with the feminine qualities of reflectivity, passivity, and receptivity. However, in this glyph, Water takes on the murky depths of confusion and testing. There is the chance to become lost in it, to drown in the emotions it

evokes. There is the danger of being caught up once again in old patterns of thought and behavior, and thus repeating cycles over and over again without gaining the awareness to break the cycles.

The Planetary Rulership of the Moon over this card is only natural. This is the moon in her waning phase. It is the emotion-wrenching catalyst to delve deeper into one's soul. Beliefs and creeds are called into question. The Dark Night of Soul begins. There is danger of becoming so involved in the search that one forgets the goal. This is the moon in her most illusory glory.

The Astrological Rulership is Pisces, the last of the 12 signs of the Zodiac. Upon it rests the Gateway of Rebirth, which is illustrated in the card. Pisceans are well-known for exhibiting many of the negative characteristics of the moon, including moodiness, giving into illusion, struggles with the emotions, starting first in one direction and abruptly turning another, only to turn back just as abruptly.

Qoph translates to "The Back of the Head" and pertains to the potentialities within the cerebellum. In essence, this is a reference to memories, of which emotions are always entangled, and therefore come under the reign of the moon.

The number 18 is one of the numbers of completion, for one plus eight equals 9, the ultimate number of completion. It points out that this is a time of final testing.

Overview

This is one of the most dangerous cards in the Tarot. It is dangerous because it warns of our journey into the dark side of ourselves. There are temptations and illusions which attempt to cloud our vision and turn us away from our original goal. This is the completion of one form of life, and the promise of a new, more enriching one. However, in order to gain awareness one must pass through ignorance. To gain understanding, one must first become aware of the confusion. This is a testing card. The drawing of The Moon means you stand on the brink of an momentous experience. During this time, it is most important to listen to the inner voice for guidance. But caution and

awareness should be paramount in order to avoid being deluded by illusions.

Symbolism

Scarab: The scarab bears in his jaws the Sun, which is a symbol of hope and light after the dark midnight of confusion and testing

Guardians: The guardians of the narrow way are Anubis in double form. He guards the Threshold of Life, which is also the Threshold of Death

Ankhs: The Anubis are holding ankhs, symbol of Mercury, representing communication between two people working in cooperation

Jackals: Symbolic of the danger of being consumed by emotions

Nine Yods: These can be symbolic of two things. First, they can be seen as tears of joy at the new awareness found after inner exploration. Second, they can be seen as tears of heartache and pain that accompany the journey

Bottom of Card: Ascent of light into the darkness; awareness conquering ignorance

Waves: Natural rhythms; moon power over emotions

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Trust in inner guidance; imagination, intuition. Pay close attention to dreams for messages from the subconscious. Careful analysis of all offers of help and advise in order to avoid deception or misrepresentation.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Deception; illusion; inability to discern reality from fiction; escapism. Emotions confused, frantic, and skewed; "moonstruck." Often appears in the spread of a compulsive liar.

XIX -- THE SUN



Elemental Rulership: Fire
 Planetary Rulership: Sun
 Hebrew Letter: Resh
 Hebrew Translation: Face
 Numerological Value: 19

Significance of Rulerships

In this glyph, Fire is not the destructive element that it was in The Tower. Here, the Dark Night of Soul has been endured; the trials and tests have been passed; the light of the Sun has vanquished the dark of midnight. Fire is now the source of the illumination of life.

This rulership of the Sun is at its male creative peak. It is the center of life; it illuminates all, and within its sphere is now the power, leadership, and onus of responsibility. It is the basic life force channeled and focused to the highest level.

The Hebrew letter Resh translates to the Face. This is in reference to the openness and lack of mystery inherent in the card. The mysteries of the Moon and dark recesses of Soul have been purged; now it is time to bask in the open warmth of the Sun.

The Numerological Value is 19. This is a number of new beginnings. Obstacles have been overcome, rewards are enjoyed. There has been a transformation and rebirth. It is a time of freedom and prosperity. No longer is the goal "out there--somewhere"; it is here and now.

Overview

The Sun is one of the most beneficial and uplifting cards in the Tarot. It minimizes all negativity. The polarities are seen once again in the card, but in this glyph, they are now liberated partners dancing upon the green fertile earth. There is freedom, joy, energy, and enthusiasm. It assures that now all energy will be turned toward cooperative efforts, rather than toward struggles over dominance, power games, and oppression. They fly towards the rose of realization on butterfly wings, symbolizing their freedom and liberation in this new age. All that they want has been achieved. No longer is any goal far off on the horizon. They are free to enjoy the fruits of their labor, to savor what has been gained from the pain of self-sacrifice and soul searching.

Symbolism

Rose: The solar influence; a new era; the rose of

realization

Green Mound: Represents the fertility of the earth;
achievement

Wall: Symbolic of responsibility

Twin Children: Symbol of polarities, stages of
development

Symbols at Feet: Symbols of the old age, the foundation of
the new one

Zodiac: All is in order; chaos has been banished

Rainbow: Peace, harmony

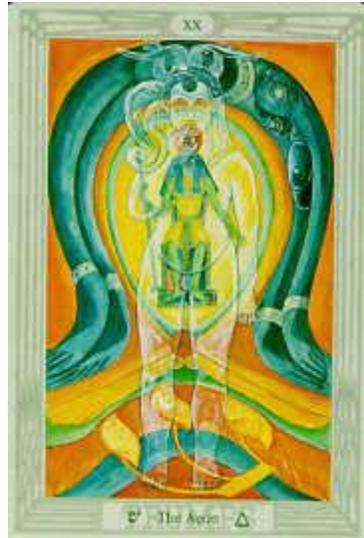
Butterfly Wings: Freedom, liberation from the old ways

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Freedom, happiness, deep love. Material success; good health. Achievement, accomplishment; reward. Intense enjoyment and happiness with life. Satisfying, long-term relationship, possible marriage. Material happiness; good health, much abundance. Fulfillment of all wishes.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	If in the Past, failure; troubled marriages, separations, broken engagements. If in the Present, disappointment in love or in

awaiting a true love. Hyperactivity and autism, learning disabilities; allergies. Delusions of grandeur. Misjudgment.

XX -- THE AEON



Elemental Rulership: Ether
Planetary Rulership: Interplanetary
Hebrew Letter: Shin
Hebrew Translation: Holy Fire
Numerological Value: 20

Significance of Rulerships

This is the first time we have had the rare fifth element assume rulership over a card. Ether is of the Spirit. It is not manifest; it is simply "out there" waiting to assume form.

This is also the first time we have had an interplanetary rulership over a card. This is because the Aeon suggests life in transition. There are no set influences; no concentrated focus or direction. Rather, each of the planetary bodies has influence until the manifestation is revealed in distinct form.

The Hebrew letter, Shin, translates to the Holy Fire. This is spiritual awareness in its highest form. It also refers to the deposing of the old Egyptian god of the Air, Osiris, by the new Egyptian Fire god, Horus.

The Numerological value of the card is 20. This sums down to a 2, which is another, higher representation of The Priestess. Here again we see the Seer, who perceives of East and West, North and South, above and below. All senses are in tune with the Cosmos, in perfect balance.

Overview

The Aeon is the old card of Judgment. It is the final judgement; the rebirth of consciousness. The old ways have died, and the new age has begun. With this new age comes the redefining of personality. It represents the final, decisive step in regard to the old, and the first, positive step with respect to the new. This card will often be drawn during a crisis situation when a crossroads has been reached. It counsels careful analysis of reality, and dares the challenge of looking at the situation in new ways.

Symbolism

God The Arched Figure is Nuit, the
Figures: Star Goddess. She is
 swallowed up during the day
 by Ra, the Sun God,
 represented as a ball of fire.
 Their union produces the third
 god, who represents the
 polarities of both active and
 passive forms.

Winged Symbolizes the God of
Snake: Wisdom

Eye of Symbolic of seeing the
Horus: consequences prior to acting

Fertility: Karma

Wavy Hair: Symbolic of the creative side of the brain, the right brain

Straight Hair: Symbolic of the analytical side of the brain, the left brain

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Indicates decisions that must be made and an accompanying change in lifestyle for the better. Renewal; rebirth; consciousness of a higher plane. Achievement; accomplishment. The taking of definite steps away from the old towards the new.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Loss, guilt, fear of change; refusal or inability to make decisions. Possible ill health; fear of death.

XXI -- THE UNIVERSE



Elemental Rulership: All Elements
Planetary Rulership: Saturn
Hebrew Letter: Tau
Hebrew Translation: Cross
Numerological Value: 21

Significance of Rulerships

All elements combine to rule this glyph. This is because The Universe represents unification and integration. It is the creative fusion of all that has been, is, and will be.

Saturn rules The Universe. This gives us the aspects of harvest, abundance, and fulfillment; but also of responsibility, control, and discipline.

The Astrological rulership is, quite appropriately, the universe and all that is contained within it. This is a call for us to realize that the universe exists not outside ourselves, but within ourselves. Therefore, anything and everything that we can dream can be achieved.

The Hebrew letter for The Universe is Tau, the Cross. This is known as your personal mark, your identity. It speaks of establishing your role in the universe, of letting your uniqueness shine through to your advantage. It is the sum of the entire essence of all that is and ever

has been.

The Numerological Value for The Universe is 21, or the qualities of the Empress in their highest form. Within her, she carries the seeds of all potentiality. Therefore, this vibration symbolizes that within ourselves are the seeds for all that we can become and achieve.

Overview

The essence of this card is simply that the entire universe lies at your feet. It is the crystallization of the whole of the matter involved. All is set for a favorable ending and a beneficial beginning. There is harmony in this card; harmony of the self with the universe; an understanding of the individual's place within the universe.

Symbolism

Spiral: The Divine Force; active and passive, each possessing both polarities

Fixed Sign: The established universe; the manifestation of all potentials of all states, emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual

Wheel: Completion; death and rebirth

Snake: The snake and the scythe combine to again symbolize death and rebirth; endings and beginnings

Dancer: Symbology of Tantra; the tantric union; the creative

dance with the universe

Eye: New sights, new insights;
new personality (Note: you
must turn the card sideways
to envision the eye.)

Green Color: Fertility; creativity; birth of
ideas and personality

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Completion; success; achievement. The end of a personal cycle or situation. Travel, new career or business opportunities. New opportunities for different, more pleasing lifestyles.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Overwhelming emotions; too many choices, too much confusion; indecision. Situations drawing to a close, but not yet ended. Fear of and inability to change; fear of the unknown. Lack of self-confidence; lack or rejection of intuitive ability.

The Court Cards



The Paradox of the Face Cards

Introduction

The first thought when seeing face cards in a spread is to immediately identify them as people within the individual's sphere of influence. It is true that this is one aspect of the Court cards; however, they stand for much more than that. Court cards can represent:

- The individual himself as he was (past), is now (present), or will be (future).
- Emotions and events that affect situations/relationships in the individual's life.
- An influential person within the individual's sphere of influence.

Understanding the Court cards is probably the most difficult part of an interpretation; there are so many different paths to follow. My best advice to you is to look at the spread as a whole, then break it down into parts. Observe the position of the Court Card and the cards surrounding it. There should be a clue as to whether the card represents an even or an actual person.

You should open yourself up and "feel" the spread as a whole. Some spreads leave you with an overwhelming feeling of sadness; others make the adrenaline flow. That feeling is an indication to you; learn to listen to your inner voice and let the Tarot speak to you.

In the pages that follow, I will try to give you both general coloring characteristics and personality traits, as well as events that these

cards represent. In this way, you can decide for yourself how best to interpret them, according to your own inner feelings.

Physical Characteristics

While you may or may not use the physical characteristics as a basis for choosing the appropriate significator, you should be aware of them. The physical characteristics, together with the personality attributes, will often help the individual to identify the Court card as someone who is influencing the situation. For easy reference, I have prepared the following tables to illustrate these attributes.

General Coloring Attributes of the Suits

Suit	General Coloring
Wands	Brown hair, light eyes
Cups	Light hair, light eyes
Swords	Black hair, dark eyes
Pentacles	Black hair, light eyes

Marital Attributes of the Court Cards

Dignitary	Marital Description
King	Represents a married or divorced.
Queen	Represents a married or divorced woman; most often a mother.
Knight	Represents an unmarried man, one who has never been married.
Princess	Represents an unmarried woman, one who has never been married.

Also representative of children.

PRINCESSES



The Princesses are most often the message bearers of the Tarot. They tend to represent all types of news from relatives, friends, business associates, and enemies. They also represent the probability of calculated risk-taking.

The Princesses will each be found immersed within her respective element, and each carries a tool symbolic of her suit. The Princess of Swords wields a sword; the Princess of Cups carries a cup; the Princess of Wands extends her wand; and the Princess of Pentacles shoulders a disk shield in addition to her staff.

Specific meanings are indicated when more than one Princess card falls in a single spread.

Four Princesses in a Single Spread	Education, colleges, new plans
Three Princesses in a Single Spread	Groups of children
Two Princesses in a Single Spread	Sports, fun



PRINCESS OF CUPS Earth of Water

The Princess of Cups is known as The Lover. She is the earthy part of Water and symbolizes emotional freedom, the defeat of jealousy, and perfect trust in the inner self. She is the power to realize dreams and ideas.

The individual who is represented by this card is gracious, gentle, kind, and tender; a willing lover and the perfect helpmate. In reference to physical attributes, she is usually very voluptuous, an age-old symbol of femininity and fertility.

The Princess of Cups is the epitome of dreaminess and romance; she radiates innocence and love. However, on first impression she may seem selfish and dependent. This misunderstanding is due only because of her increased awareness of her own independence. She has transcended jealousy and possessiveness. She gives all to help those she loves; her love provides a sheltering protection. This Princess comes closest to representing true altruistic love.

Symbolism

- Swan: Represents freedom from negative emotions. Symbolic of a sense of altruism
- Open arms: Symbolic of voluntary love and protection of all in her embrace
- Lotus: Symbolizes inner beauty and willingness to be a giving lover
- Pink cloak: As if falls from one shoulder, represents both her sexuality and her sensuality. The color pink represents her passion for romance, tinged with the innocence of unpretentiousness.
- Tortoise: Represents fertility
- Dolphin: Represents the gift of communication and insight; an understanding of the past
- Adrift in water: Symbolizes fluidity of emotion and action

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	News of a engagement, marriage, or birth. Can also symbolize a commitment to a relationship, even though unsure of the outcome. Also indicative of feelings and emotions that are correctly perceived. Pertaining to a specific individual, it symbolizes one who is very sensitive and has a childlike quality.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Possible deception that will be revealed. Pertaining to a specific individual, it is symbolic of one who has very low self-esteem. It can also

symbolize a spoiled-child personality.



PRINCESS OF WANDS
Earth of Fire

The Princess of Wands is known as the Free Spirit. She is symbolic of Fire's fuel and the passionate heat of the Fire. She tames the beast of fear. She is shown in the card to be shunning all that is mundane and physical; she has turned her back is flying away from it all. She is complete self-expression, in total disregard of all that is socially acceptable.

The individual who has this card as a significator is very likely to attract explosive people and situations. She is likely to be a complete individualist; brilliant, fiery, and daring. Even if she is not pretty by society's standards, she seems beautiful because of her never-ending energy.

The Princess of Wands is impulsive, aggressive, and not easily satisfied in either love or anger. She can seem to overpower everything near her. She is driven, ambitious, and enthusiastic. At times she can seem irrational, and patience is not one of her virtues.

Symbolism

- Flame
Dance: Symbolic of the freedom and liberation felt after conquering fears
- Dead tiger: Dragged behind her, it represents the vanquished fear
- Altar: Symbolic of metamorphosis and the newly-emerging Self. It also represents abandonment of the past
- Wand: Represents the power of the Sun. It also represents this persona: strong and fiery
- Headpiece: (Looks like antennae) Symbolic of new awareness, and an increased sense of justice
- Flame/Nudity: Symbolizes a sense of physical abandon; passion, fire, and love of sex

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Symbolizes some form of communication about exciting news. Also represents conquered fears and new beginnings, as well as a recognition of inner strength. Pertaining to an individual, one who is ambitious and enthusiastic; quick to respond emotionally.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Bad or disappointing news. Also, possibly a domineering, manipulative, untrustworthy, dishonest individual. It can also represent listlessness or

extreme shyness.



PRINCESS OF SWORDS Earth of Air

The Princess of Swords is known as The Renewer. She represents the earthy part of Air and is symbolic of clarity, the victory over emotional moods, and of rebellion itself; she is mental and intellectual acuity.

Where the Princess of Cups represents the power to materialize dreams, the Princess of Swords is the actual manifestation. The sword represents cutting away past inner conflicts in order to clarify current and future vision.

While the Princess of Swords represents rebellion, this act of rebellion is not rooted in any emotional ideology. It represents rebellion in the name of openness and truth. It's symbolic of one who will not be intimidated, and who will accept no obstacle when it comes to fully experiencing of life. Her essence consists of uncompromising beliefs and commitments. It is the passion of the mind.

The specific individual represented by this card is uncompromising, stern, and has a great wisdom of the physical world. She is firm and aggressive, and deals well with practical issues. She is also extremely clever and would make an excellent mediator.

Symbolism

- Ashes: Represents the demolished altar of emotional conflicts and fears. It is symbolic of new clarity of vision and the conquering of fear
- Her rise above dark clouds: Represents the ability to rise above emotional confusion, accomplished through use of the intellect
- Sword: Both sword and the storm represents a commitment to personal beliefs. Symbolic of one who is opinionated and a great debater
- Green dress: Symbolic of her good mental. health. Also, manifestation of dreams into reality

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Grace, agility, prudence. Good negotiator. Message of changes to come. Commitment to a new way of life, despite risks.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Ill-health; unforeseen events which cause changes of plans. Need for discipline.



PRINCESS OF PENTACLES Earth of Earth

The Princess of Pentacles is known as The Creatrix. She represents the earthy part of Earth and is symbolic of pregnancy and birth, renewal, and Mother Earth. She is fierce in her resolve to protect all Life.

The Princess of Pentacles also gives life to ideas, thoughts, and identities. She is the point at which the idea becomes reality. She is strong and beautiful; the sum of "Woman."

Symbolism

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| Crystal Staff: | Points downward, symbolizing work which still needs to be accomplished |
| Upper Staff: | The staff extends beyond the border of the card, representing enlightenment of the Spirit |
| Headdress: | The ram's horns are symbolic of actively entering to some new arena |

of life.

Boa cape: Represents protectiveness towards personal creations

Shield: Yin/Yang; represents perfect balance and harmony

Stalks of wheat and flowers: Symbolizes fertility and abundance

Braided Hair: Responsibility of commitment (3 strands in a braid = father, mother, child)

Unbraided Hair: Symbolic of the need for freedom even within committed relationships

Grove of trees: Represents unity of spirit with matter; the victory over obstacles

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Something new coming into your life. Also represents dedication of energy and/or resources to a seemingly risky project; calculated risk-taking. Pertaining to an individual, represents one who is practical and studious.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Bad news regarding financial situation. Lack of regard for or knowledge of the value of money. Pettiness; impracticality.

THE QUEENS



The Queens of the Tarot represent not only women, but anyone, male or female, who has reached a level of growth and maturity on the spiritual as well as the material path. This maturity has led them to positions of power and authority. The Queens represent fulfillment and competency.

The Queens are the highest of the Court Cards, for they have attained the highest qualities symbolized within the Major Arcana. All Queens are shown seated on thrones, bearing the emblems of their suits.

The significance of more than one queen in a single spread is as follows.

Four Queens in a Single Spread	Governments and institutions
Three Queens in a Single Spread	Groups of women; powerful friends
Two Queens in a Single Spread	Gossip or slander



QUEEN OF CUPS Water of Water

The Queen of Cups is the Sensate One, The Feeler. She is ruled by the dreamy, romantic sign of Pisces and represents the emotional part of Water. She gives free rein to her emotions, and is the Mother Spirit.

The individual represented by this card is a reflection of those around her. She gives an illusion of dreaminess and tranquility. She gives and receives all without being emotionally affected by it. She represents the pinnacle of emotional maturity and balance. As with the Empress, she nourishes the needy.

This card emphasizes the need to open up and allow true feelings to show. Although there may be those who do not understand, there should be commitment and sharing with those who do. It speaks of emotional balance. Both lust and love are necessary. However, they should be balanced, the instinct in harmony with the transcendent.

Symbolism

Hidden

Symbolic of the inability to understand

- Queen: intellectually what can only be felt
- Lotus blossom: Represents a loving, compassionate disposition; altruistic love
- Blue light: The light of enlightenment; of emotional transformation
- Water Depth: Symbolizes the depth of emotional maturity, as well as the depths of emotions
- Two lotuses: Represent emotional balance
- Reflection: Represents awareness, honesty, and openness of emotions
- Stork: Symbolizes fertility
- Shell cup: Contains Cancer the Crab, and is a symbol of domesticity

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Easily influenced by others; dreamy. Imagination and affectionate. Experiences emotions at a deep level, yet allows others to feel theirs. Tender and artistic; a woman in love.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Frustration in love or romance. Emotions are exaggerated and superficial. Caught up in romance and seduction.



QUEEN OF WANDS

Water of Fire

The Queen of Wands is known as The Seer. She represents the watery, emotional part of Fire and is ruled by Aries. She symbolizes self-knowledge, compassion, and change. She illustrates the traits of adaptability, energy, and authority. The Queen of Wands is the most perceptive member of the Royalty. She has undergone complete Self-Transformation and is committed to Truth, which she can instantly perceive. Achieved through deep meditation, her emotional aspect is portrayed through her compassion for all creatures who are still in bondage to their emotions.

The individual represented by this card radiates an inner authority which comes from knowing who and what she is. She has a calm and commanding presence. She is generally kind and generous, but will not allow opposition. She is stubborn in her beliefs, and cannot stand for anyone to contradict them. She makes a terrific friend and lover, but only if she can initiate the relationship; she will not be forced.

Symbolism

Crown: Represents enlightenment and

remembrance of pain experienced in the achievement of it

Dark spots on leopard: Symbolic of the darkness in our life which must be overcome before attaining self-realization

Fish Symbol: Appearing on her breast, symbolic of the union of water and fire, of emotion and intuition. Represents compassion and sensitivity

Staff: Extends beyond the border of the card, symbolizing the need to remain grounded in the search for self-actualization

Pine Cone: Symbolizes spiritual growth and enlightenment

Fiery Colors: Symbolize strength, energy, and passion

Hand on Leopard: Symbolic of protectiveness towards all unself-actualized creatures

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Success of a goal. High degree of personal integrity and maturity. Self-knowledge and self-confidence. The perfect person in which to confide.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Self-assurance and self-confidence, though this may not be evident to others; a loner. Restlessness, rigidity, jealousy, and domineering natures. Disregard for other's feelings.



QUEEN OF SWORDS

Water of Air

The Queen of Swords is the watery part of Air. She is the Crystallizer, the Judgement. She cuts through the masks and securities of the old world. Her vision is farsighted and cannot be trapped by today's illusions. She advises risk-taking by accepting new roles and breaking old habits. In doing so, she promises understanding and liberation.

The individual represented by this card will be attempting to separate from old roles and habits. There should be awareness of the individual's role in family, friendships, and society as a whole. This will not be accomplished without pain, but the rewards will be worth it.

This individual has an accurate perception of the world and its people. She has strong powers of observation, passionate individuality, and is confident in her actions.

Symbolism

Sword: Symbolic of slicing through the masks of illusion

Crystals: Symbolize new clarity and understanding

Old Head: Represents old habits which have been cut away

New head: Represents the emergence of the child of innocence

Queen's Post: Her location high above the clouds symbolizes farsightedness and the ability to see things different perspectives; awareness

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Intelligence, complexity, perceptiveness. Strong in communication. Aggressive, hard-working, and capable. Able to lead a different lifestyle without being threatened by others.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Deceit, cunning, narrow-mindedness, and intolerance. Danger of insecurity and neurosis. Possible sexual dysfunction.



QUEEN OF PENTACLES

Water of Earth

The Queen of Pentacles is the Succeeder, and represents the watery part of Earth. She is ruled by Capricorn. Within this card are the seeds of an inner knowing there is more than this physical world. Though success has been achieved, sometimes at great cost, it has still left an emptiness inside. This card can sometimes represent one who is ready to step on the path of the Seeker.

The individual represented by this card is self-sufficient. She has achieved success, and feels her dues have been paid. She takes pride in all that she has accomplished. She is rooted in the material with wealth and health. However, for all her past successes, this individual will still be looking for something. She probably will not know where to look or exactly what she is looking for. She has mastered the material side of life and is now ready to find the spiritual path.

Symbolism

Throne: Symbolic of the rewards of achievement.

- Globe in Hand: Authority, control.
- Gold Coins: Denote financial success.
- Snake Dress: Symbolizes concern for health.
- Goat: Sign of Capricorn. Represents focus, independence, tenaciousness, and courage.
- Desert: Symbolizes the dues she has paid for achievement.
- Green Oasis: Symbolizes the comforts of present rewards.
- Horns: Represents the desire to see that which is beyond; to evolve.
- Crystal: Symbolizes the need to know the true meaning of Life.
- Extended Staff: Indicates being rooted in the physical world.
- Colors: Symbolize money, health, and attainment.
- Looking Back: Symbolizes the knowing that there must be more than what has been achieved.

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Business or career person. Security and competence within job or career. Possesses a skill which can be used at any time to earn money.
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ILL-DIGNIFIED:

Changeability, narrow outlook, suspicious of what is not understood. Spendthrift. Bad for business matters, especially with reference to business partners.

THE PRINCES



The Princes symbolize passion, intensity, and focus of concentration. There is single-minded purpose involved when they appear in a spread. The purpose of their focus will be related to the element which rules the suit. However, there is also the danger that total focus can be carried to the extreme. In this situation, it can manifest itself as a dogmatic, fixed, and narrow viewpoint.

Each of the Princes is shown in a chariot, and bears a tool representative of his suit. The Prince of Swords bears two swords, one short and one long; the Prince of Cups bears a cup in the hand controlling the reins; the Prince of Wands holds a torch wand aloft; and the Prince of Pentacles shoulders his disk shield.

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The specific meanings of more than one Prince in single spread are as follows.

Four Princes in a Single Spread	Swiftly moving events, military-type action
Three Princes in a Single Spread	Parties, groups of people
Two Princes in a Single Spread	Old friends from the past



PRINCE OF CUPS
Air of Water

The Prince of Cups is known as The Transformation. He represents the airy part of Water and rules from Libra to Scorpio, manifesting many of the Scorpio traits. He governs wishes, and desires. He also rules self-transformation, a significant Scorpio influence.

The coloring of this card is designed to strike intense emotional chords. Its purpose is to show the need to master emotional needs and fears. Desires must be recognized as simply the compelling energy of our lives. After this awareness, we must master them in order to use them wisely. This is not accomplished by suppression, but through the awareness of them. This card calls for recognition and acceptance of our innate sexual desires. It does not counsel moderation, nor repression. It simply counsels that we should be the master rather than the slave.

The concepts of self-transformation are seen frequently in this card. The coach is part scorpion and part eagle. The scorpion represents the dark aspects of Soul; the eagle is light of Spirit.

The individual represented by this card can be very subtle and crafty.

He is intensely secret. Even though he may appear calm and unreachable on the surface, he is deeply passionate. He may seem easily influenced, but it is often just an illusion. He secretly makes use of all information he gathers.

Symbolism

Dropped flower and Snake shedding skin: Symbolic of death, release, and transformation

The Phoenix: Symbolizes rebirth, especially emotional rebirth

Eagle on helmet: Represents wisdom and a willingness to seek change

Card colors: Also the sad face, represent the pain involved in an emotional rebirth

Interpretation

<p>DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Happiness in love and romance; emotional satisfaction. Many invitations, offers, and opportunities. Complete immersion in an emotion. if in the past, this could be an emotional block, discouraging present relationships.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Disappointment in love, unhappiness, depression. Unhappy events or misfortunes. Dishonesty, deception, and fraud. Also indicative of a secret and all consuming relationship.</p>



PRINCE OF WANDS Air of Fire

The Prince of Wands is the Seeker and represents the airy part of Fire. He is impulsive, intuitive, and highly creative. This card symbolizes swiftness and strength in word and deed. Inherent in this are his qualities of individuality, ambitiousness, justice, and straightforwardness. His is a pioneering personality, as symbolized by his crossed legs which form the number 4, the number of the master builder.

The individual represented by this card is easily influenced by external circumstances and is inclined to act on impulse. He is often violent in his desire to see the ideals of truth and creativity upheld. He is fair and just, but in

his heart of hearts, he knows that true justice is not to be found in this world. Therefore, he tends to look beyond this world for guidance and inspiration, thus earning his title as the Seeker. He is the essence of intuitive creativity, and he pours his energy into the creation of his dreams.

This individual can also be an extravagant boaster. He loves to argue simply for the sake of arguing; the original devil's advocate. He is a romantic, but people often fear him without knowing any specific reason for their fear. His intensity of purpose and constant motion tend to make bad first impressions.

Symbolism

Crown:	Symbolizes enlightenment and the ability to foresee the future
Chariot:	Symbolizes a single-minded pursuit of self-realization
Phoenix staff:	A symbol of power and energy, it

represents the willingness to be led by spirit. This is also seen in the draping of the reins over his arms. The Prince is not driving the chariot, he is allowing a higher power to guide it

- Darkness: Dark points behind the Prince represent the confusion of the past
- Green color: This is seen in the flames and represents fertility and creativity
- Fire: Symbolic of mastery over emotions
- Lotus: Represents his surrender to a higher love
- Lion: Symbolic of

the seeking of
the true Self

Nakedness: Symbolizes
openness and
freedom, and
the courage
to reveal the
true Self

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	A positive trend in business; opportunities abound. Can also signify changes in residence and/or sudden departures.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Loss of respect; setback in career or business. Possible need to withdraw to reconsider goals. Procrastination; trips and/or plans are delayed.



PRINCE OF SWORDS

Air of Air

The Prince of Swords, also known as The Thinker, represents the airy part of air. He is the true intellectual of the Princes. His domains are intuition and creative thought. He rules from Capricorn to Aquarius.

The individual represented by this card is often full of ideas, yet they are often unrelated to practicality. He is intensely clever, rational, and stable, but without commitment to anything, not even his own ideas. He illustrates the qualities of the Aquarian. He charts a new course for others to follow, stirs the hearts of the rebellious, and then stands back to let others finish the task.

In order to achieve this degree of intellectual commitment, this individual must be totally free and unrestricted. Therefore, he shuns anything which suggests attachments or ties. He forcefully cuts loose anything that seeks to bind him, whether it be a person, place, belief, or emotion.

Symbolism

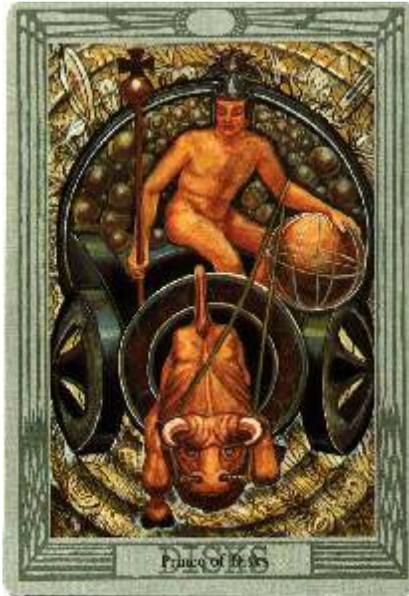
- Green
Armor: Symbolic of creativity
- Armor: Ready for battle against all that stands opposed to free thought
- Crystals: The many crystals in the card represent a multitude of ideas and personality characteristics
- Chariot: Symbolizes forceful revolution
- Sword: Represents destruction of old ways and beliefs

Figures: Three small figures draw the large chariot. These figures represent outdated ideas, restrictive thought, and limiting relationships

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Swiftly moving events. Intuition, creative thinking, and clear perception. The removal of all restrictive ties and bonds.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Negative thoughts; an unwillingness and inability to defend opinions. Overwhelming pressure and strife. Arguments

and quarrels.



PRINCE OF PENTACLES Air of Earth

The Prince of Pentacles is known as The Builder, and is ruled by Taurus. He represents the airy part of Earth.

The individual represented by this card is rooted in the physical world; a master of design and architecture. All his energy is focused on material and practical matters. He is unshakable, stubborn, and bull-headed. He is also enduring, a good manager, and a responsible worker. He is competent, trustworthy, and cautious, but also curious. He is always looking for new uses for

old things. He is a typical plodder; trustworthy and good, but almost entirely lacking in emotion. He is slow to anger, but unappeasable when he does explode.

This type of person will stop at nothing to build his fortune. Everything and everyone is something what can be used for his gain. His determination is unmatched.

Symbolism

Chariot: Represents forward movement and direction

Bull: Symbolizes determination, ambition, and power. Also seen on the Prince's helmet

Boulders: Obstacles to be defeated on the way to success

Earth in hand: Representing worldly success

Fruits: Symbolic of

the fruits of
labor

Nudity: Symbolizes
openness,
trust, and
honesty

Sexuality: Several
symbols
speak of
sexuality: the
bull, the
sexual
symbols on
the tapestry,
and the
Prince's own
nakedness

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Increased income, good health. Correct timing for action. Symbolic of a workaholic. The establishment of security for its own sake.
ILL- DIGNIFIED:	Financial conditions at a standstill;

	<p>loss of money. Withdrawal into oneself in order to regain self-esteem and security.</p>
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THE KNIGHTS



Knights generally appear when there is a release from the past of some sort. The release may be from a relationship, a job, residence, etc. The Knights are symbolic of "clean breaks." Each Knight appears on a steed, as defenders of the Queen. Each bears a symbol of the suit he represents.

The significance of more than one Knight appearing in a single spread is as follows.

Four Knights in a Single Spread	State governments; world governments; power meetings
Three Knights in a Single Spread	Groups of men; fashion
Two Knights in a Single Spread	Business opportunities



KNIGHT OF CUPS Fire of Water

The Knight of Cups is the fiery part of Water, The High Flyer, ruled by Cancer. He is the power of solution; the ecstasy of emotion. He embodies romance and passion.

The individual represented by this card will generally assume a passive role. He lives best in a world of emotions, dreams, and sensuality. He is graceful of figure, very stylish and debonair, and quite friendly. He is quick to respond to the slightest encouragement, but his affections are not enduring.

The conflict between fire and water is evident in this individual. These two elements are likely to cause great difficulty unless there is adequate knowledge for integration and balance. If harmony and balance is not achieved and maintained, there is mismanagement of personal affairs. Failure and disaster seem to lurk behind every corner.

Symbolism

Soaring through skies: Symbolic of enthusiasm for freedom; the ecstasy of knowing no boundaries where love is concerned

Green armor: Symbolic of the creative principle

White Horse: Represents purity of thought and deed

Crab: Symbolizes family, especially the universal family

Blue Wings: Symbolize spirit and enlightenment

Peacock Uplifted to Heavens: Indicates mastery over emotions and a willingness to give without binding

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Usually denotes happiness in love and romance. However, if the relationship is troubled, may indicate a need to separate for the good of both. Also represents a man of business of law; a skilled negotiator. Many ideas, good communicator.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Dishonesty and debauchery. Sorrow through love. Lack of joy and happiness; confusion. Violence, treachery.



KNIGHT OF WANDS

Fire of Fire

The Knight of Wands is the fiery part of Fire, ruling from Scorpio to Sagittarius. He represents the purifying fire and symbolizes the mastery of inner development. He is dynamic, and predicts coming changes.

The individual represented by this card has clear vision in dealing where the physical world is concerned. He is unstoppable in the pursuit of his goals. He is generous, courageous, and fierce. He can also be prideful, impulsive and unpredictable. He is not good at thoughtfulness and meditation; he wants action and he wants it now.

Symbolism

Torch: Symbol of the revolutionary, the idealist. Also symbolizes the burning away of all obstacles

Flaming Cape: Symbolic of the passion felt in pursuit of goals.

Reptilian
Suit: Represents inner transformation.

Fiery
Colors: Symbolize ceaseless energy.

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Positive trend in business or career. Sudden departures, changes of residence. New self-image, either as husband or father.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Delayed plans, especially concerning travel. Procrastination. Possible setback in business.

NOTE: When this card appears and it is not indicative of a person, proceed with caution and awareness, and then only if there is adequate self-confidence in the outcome. Use care not to take action at the wrong time, or to attempt any action that could be misconstrued as ill-will.



KNIGHT OF SWORDS

Fire of Air

The Knight of Swords is the fiery part of Air, symbolized by the wind and the storm. Known as the Decider, he is ruled by Gemini. He is skillful, clever, decisive, fierce, and courageous.

The individual represented by this card is fair-minded. He will consider all relevant points of view but will not be swayed once he has decided which way is best. He will pursue his goals with single-minded purpose. He is the epitome of goal-oriented activity.

This individual's feet are planted firmly on the ground. He knows exactly what he wants, and will not rest until he achieves it. Since he is ruled by Air, intellectual ability and imagination are strong in him. He is full of ideas that come like lightning bolts from the heavens.

He tempers his goal-oriented mentality with emotional awareness. When needed, he lends this passion to his goals. This makes him not only single-minded, but also fanatical at times.

Symbolism

- Propellers: Symbolizes intellectual freedom
- Steed: The Knights oneness with his steed symbolizes single-mindedness, decisiveness, and focused concentration
- Three birds: Represent harmony between the three aspects (body, mind, and spirit) of man
- Swords: Symbolic of the dualities of the world; represents the totality of the individual
- Armor Color: The Gold-Green color is symbolic of the creative nature of intellectual activity

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Ambition; flexibility; passion; good intellectual powers. The end of a training period. New job; relocation; change in lifestyle. Ability to overcome any strife or obstacles.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Obstinacy; calculating and temperamental personality. Maliciousness and cruelty. Inclination towards negative thinking.



KNIGHT OF PENTACLES Fire of Earth

The Knight of Pentacles is known as the Healer. He is ruled by Virgo, and represents the fiery part of earth. He is associated with medicine, finances, hard work, and its rewards. His excellent diagnostic abilities are applied to both the body and to finances.

The individual represented by this card lives a plodding life with a preoccupation for material things. He is quite patient, but not at all intellectual. Any success is due to instinct and hard work, for he tends to lack imagination.

Hard work, responsibility, and commitment are the words for this individual. He may want to reach beyond the physical plane, but it is doubtful that this will be realized. Any attempt to seek beyond the physical would probably seem to be an escapist maneuver from material responsibilities. This is not to insinuate that there is no longing for freedom, only the belief that it cannot be attained in this physical world.

This individual is stable, hard-working, and totally trustworthy. He may never become fabulously rich, but he will never want for much in the way of material things.

Symbolism

- Wheat: Symbolizes material wealth and abundance. Also symbolic of successful work, for the stalks appear strong and healthy
- Sun: Symbolizes power, especially materialistic power
- Shield: Represents protection from the diseases of this world, including emotional instability
- Antlers: Another health symbol. The@e are often associated with Medicine Men
- Armor: Symbolizes the restriction felt in this world
- Exhaustion: Both Knight and steed seem near exhaustion, indicating fatigue of the world

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Good indicator for finances and overall prosperity. Opportunities; promotions.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Dullness and overwhelming materialism. Shaken base of security; lack of peace and harmony. Possible loss of money and poor investments.

The Minor Arcana



ACES



The Aces represent new beginnings, strength, speed, and energy -- the Life Force in Its true essence. They are the beginning of the growth process, whether it be the growth in physical, mental, or spiritual capacity, or the growth of an idea, concept, or belief. They are also symbolic of new jobs, new careers, new relationships, and changes of residence. The Aces are the beginning of the journey.

Card Combinations

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The specific definitions of more than one Ace occurring in a single spread are listed below.

Four Aces in a Single Spread	Great amounts of power or energy
Three Aces in a Single	Wealth; success

Spread	
Two Aces in a Single Spread	Change of home, work, career



ACE OF CUPS Root of Water

Astrological Ruler: Water
Season: Summer
Direction: West
Keywords: Love, Fertility, Change

Significance of Rulership

The astrological rulership over the suit of Cups is Water, elemental ruler of the emotions. The triad it governs includes Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. This triplicity embodies romance, love, changeability.

Cancer specifically concerns love and domesticity; Scorpio is the shadow side of the emotions; and Pisces is the dreaminess of little fish swimming in opposite directions, a clue as to the fickleness of the emotional nature.

Overview

The Ace of Cups represents the beginning of love, usually as a forerunner of a committed relationship. However, it can indicate an highly individualized, personal realization of the true meaning of altruistic love. Regardless of its manifestation, whether inner or outer, the card embodies all components of love: emotion, romance, receptivity, giving, and nurturing. This is illustrated in the card's glyph; the single cup overflows with the water of emotional abundance.

Symbolism

- Lotus: Symbol of love and awareness
- Blue Cup: Symbolic of water, ruler of the suit of Cups
- Three Spheres: Integration of mind, body, and spirit
- Bottom of Card: Represents the material world
- Top of Card: Represents the spiritual world
- Brown Corners: Symbolizes that negativity is being pushed away
- Light: Symbolizes Universal, altruistic love

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	The start of a new relationship or a new awareness of an existing relationship. Fertility, love, abundance; faithfulness. A
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	new understanding and acceptance of one's self. Projects of a creative or artistic nature begun.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Possible the start of a secret relationship; hidden emotions or feelings. Deep desire for love and romance, but a delay in its acquisition. Barrenness, either of a physical or an emotional faculty. Emotional upsets. Loss of faith, unhappiness and dissatisfaction.



ACE OF WANDS
Root of Fire

Astrological Ruler: Fire
 Season: Spring
 Direction: South
 Keywords: Birth, New Starts

Significance of Rulership

The Astrological and Elemental ruler of the suit of Wands is Fire. It is aligned with the fiery signs of the Zodiac: Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. These are signs of progress; male in orientation. All the cards in this suit will reference issues of power, business, and aggression. The Ace of Wands is the Root of Fire; therefore, this card is the root from which all these issues arise.

Overview

The Ace of Wands represents the beginning of fiery energy. There is an intense passion and need for forward movement with no obstacles to cloud the momentum. This is the card for new beginnings, especially business enterprises. It can denote the start of a new job, but more accurately describes the start of new business enterprise. The energy level is high and should be directed steadily towards the desired goal in order to prevent its dissipation.

Symbolism

Flaming Torch: Symbolic of Fire, the elemental ruler of this suit

Rays: Power surges, energy; divine Revelation

Red/Orange Color: Inner energy, passion

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Aggression, innovation. New beginnings, new business enterprises aggressively pursued. Artistic inspiration. Fertility, conception; virility. A new job or career,
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	partnership, or enrollment in school. A new public identity.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	False starts. Projects begun but never finished. Ideas conceived but never implemented. Impotence, barrenness, sterility. New business beginnings, but they may be hindered by obstacles or delayed in some manner. Distress caused by the need to go inward for re-evaluation of self-image. In a woman's spread, it indicates many problems with men and relationships.



ACE OF SWORDS
Root of Air

Astrological Ruler: Air
 Season: Autumn
 Direction: East
 Keywords: Mental
 Clarity

Significance of Rulership

The element Air rules the suit of Swords and governs the signs of Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. These are signs of intellectual activity; male in nature. They are progressive signs, often given to eccentricity and flights of fancy. Each card in the suit, then, will deal with the intellect or thought processes in some way. Those cards who have planets in Gemini will have an undercurrent of duality about them; cards which have planets in Libra will be concerned with right thinking and justice; the cards which have planets in Aquarius will be the most progressive and the most erratic.

Overview

The Ace of Swords symbolizes the start of clear, creative thought. Mental perception is enhanced in this suit. There is an awareness that seems to be beyond the understanding of general society. The Ace of Swords cuts away outmoded thought patterns and clears the path to new ideas. However, cutting away the past, rebelling against acceptable thought, can bring about situations of conflict. This is when analytical, logical thought must give way to Spirit, so that the resolution can be achieved through the higher order.

Symbolism

Crown:	Enlightenment
Greed Sword:	Creative thinking
Inscription on Sword:	Greek for "clarity"
Sword Symbols:	Snake: Rebirth 3 Sun Symbols: Awareness of mind, body, and spirit

2 Moon Symbols: Intuition, acknowledgment of spirit

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	New aggressive beginnings; a rebirth. Victory, success, triumph; enemies and obstacles conquered. A complete change of mind and/or lifestyle.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Destruction, violence, misuse of power. Lack of communication. Irritation through letters or messages. New beginnings hindered by obstacles. Can sometimes denote death, depending upon surrounding cards.



ACE OF DISKS
Root of Earth

Astrological Earth

Ruler:

Season: Winter

Direction: North

Keywords: New
Financial
Beginning;
Contentment

Significance of Rulership

The suit of Pentacles is ruled by the element Earth, which also governs the triplicity of Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. This suit is rooted in the material and physical world. It is very much a suit of accomplishment and manifestation. Issues and concerns in this suit are of a practical and mundane nature. It is a suit which forsakes the lightening clarity of mercurial Air for the slow, gradual development characteristic of Earth. There is a disdain for the emotional fluidity of Water, and a preference for the stability and security which Earth offers.

Overview

The Ace of Disks signals a new start toward financial success. This is the unique opportunity to start living life to the fullest. However, the success of this potential depends on the perception of and ability to integrate both the inner, spiritual worlds with the outer, physical world. There must be balance and harmony, with neither overshadowing the other.

Symbolism

Gold Disk: Financial success

Seven Pointed Star and Pentacle: Integration; completion

Wheel and Wings: Movement, activity

Green Color: Growth, creativity

Peacock Feathers: Beauty

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Change for the better financially. The beginnings of a period of financial gain, and material comfort. Unexpected money; profitable business trips.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Greed, miserliness, lack of faith in anything beyond this world. There is a dependence upon physical pleasures for all happiness. New material gains will be achieved only after delay and obstacles are overcome.

TWOS



Twos represent affirmations of the decisions made with the Aces. They are the cards of choices that must be made. This is not yet the time for action, but for simply committing to an idea.

Card Combinations

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an essence. The individual cards within the group merely refine that essence.

The specific definitions of more than one Two occurring in a single spread are listed below.

Four Twos in a Single Spread	Communication; conferences
Three Twos in a Single Spread	Reorganization



TWO OF CUPS
Love

Astrological Venus in
Ruler: Cancer
Keywords: Marriage,
Contracts,
Partnerships

Significance of Rulership

Venus, the planet of love, and Cancer, the planetary symbol of domesticity, blend in this rulership to make people domestically idealistic. People are able and willing to give great love and affection under this rulership, and they expect to have the same returned. This rulership is the planetary symbol of committed relationships; the partners are devoted to each other.

Overview

This card reflects the ability to give and receive love, especially personal love. It invites full surrender to the emotion, and promises happy, fulfilling relationships. All aspects of human experience are complemented by these relationships. Often the loved one is a karmic partner, found once again in joyful reunion.

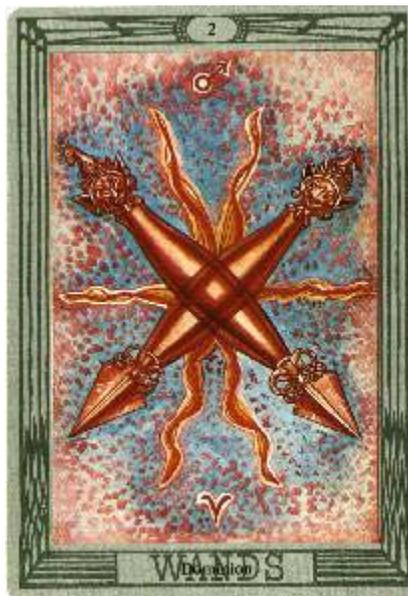
Symbolism

Yellow:	Karmic relationships; emotional bliss
Blue Sky:	Union of like minds
Green:	Fertility, creativity
Pink Lotus:	Love between partners
Joined Figures:	Communication; physical and spiritual union
Phallic Symbol/Cups:	Sexual union

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Attraction between people evenly matched emotionally and intellectually. Beginnings of a new romance, friendship, or partnership.
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	Harmony and cooperation. Enmities are forgotten, and differences are resolved.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Quarrels and misunderstandings. Separation, divorce, unrequited love; unfaithfulness, especially between people outwardly seen as compatible. Possible choice to be made regarding a secret relationship. Lack of discipline over the intellect or ego. Miserliness in emotional support.



TWO OF WANDS
Dominion

Astrological Mars in Aries

Ruler:

Keywords: Contradictions;
Conflict

Significance of Rulership

Mars is in its natural home in Aries. It rules energy, force, and action, as well as work and conquests. It is both constructive and destructive. Mars in Aries defines force, self-assurance, activity, and combativeness. It gives a predisposition towards hasty and impulsive action, as well as frustration if the desired goal is met with and obstruction, limitation or restriction.

Overview

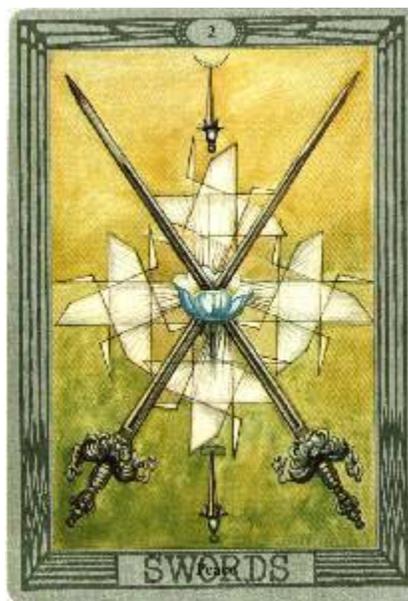
The essence of the Two of Wands is self-control and mastery of fear. The energy expressed in this card is very hostile, almost warlike. There is conflict inherent in this card. This conflict involves opposing forces desperately trying to dominate one another. The secret of rising above the conflict is to step back, take a deep breath, and detach yourself from the situation. Consider it from all perspectives, giving merit where due, especially when the conflict revolves around personalities.

Symbolism

Fire:	The rigidly structured fire symbolizes self-control
Crossed Djores:	Tibetan symbol for the thunderclap, a power symbol
Wand Ends:	Pure destructive power
Snake on Arrowhead:	Rebirth

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Projects are brought to fruition through sheer willpower. There is prosperity through ownership and job-related benefits. There is strength and power inherent in this card. It is the card of earned success, authority, and wealth.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	There is pride and ambition inherent in this card reversed, as well as an overwhelming desire to gain power regardless of the means. Wealth and authority are gained, but they are gained through or used improperly or dishonestly. This card also symbolizes a failure to thoroughly consider a job or career choice, or some other major responsibility. There is frustration with the slowness of achievement, and the desire to succeed quickly at any cost.



TWO OF SWORDS
Peace

Astrological Ruler: Moon in Libra
Keywords: Balance

Significance of Rulership

Moon in Libra causes emotions to mediate the cold logic of intellect which typifies Libra. Compassion and love overshadow the more negative emotions associated with the Moon, while Libra increases the sociability and public awareness. It tends to bring out situations which introduce new friends and acquaintances. Moon in Libra is a good placement for marriage, partnership, or any situation that requires cooperative efforts.

Overview

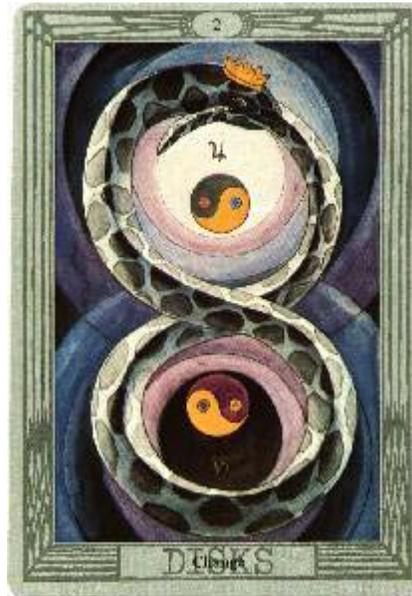
The Two of Swords is a card of deep inner peace. Mind, body, and spirit are in balance and harmony. Thus, there is strength to make decisions and take risks. Care should be taken not to become too complacent or overly dependent upon the inner peace, however. Although an open mind and new ideas can sometimes create conflict, the goal should always be to seek higher knowledge.

Symbolism

Crossed Swords:	Harmony, balance
Light Green:	Mental health
Swords Piercing Rose:	Desire for love rather than conflict
Yellow:	Spiritual peace
Pinwheels:	Clarity and desire for movement in mind, body, and spirit

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Relief. Differences resolved. Truce. Peace has been restored; there is pleasure after pain. A weight has been lifted from the mind.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Release; movement of affairs away from difficulty, but sometimes in the wrong direction. Possible misguided or misleading advice. Emotional over-reaction to external circumstances. Hidden fact influencing the situation. Strong possibility of movement for movement's sake alone.



TWO OF DISKS
Change

Astrological Ruler: Jupiter in Capricorn

Keywords: Change; Awareness

Significance of Rulership

Jupiter, the planet of expansiveness, promises that any change begun now will bring beneficial outcomes and enhance life's joy and beauty. The Jupiter in Capricorn placement also promises that the change will bring more stability and security, both physically and emotionally.

Overview

Change is the essence of the Two of Disks. Under this card, there will be many changes, some of which will present themselves as challenges. A trust in your inner guidance is what is required with this card, as well as a willingness and determination to forge ahead no matter what.

Symbolism

Snake:	Regeneration; perpetual change
Yin/Yang:	Balance through change
Turning in Opposite Direction:	Internal and external change
Triangle:	Transformation
Crown:	Awareness
Violet Color:	The warrior path

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Constant fluctuation and change in fortunes makes new projects difficult to launch. Established business needs careful handling. Success will be assured if due
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	care and planning is given. There is a need to budget carefully, as well as a warning to avoid purchasing on credit. This card can also indicate two major sources of income, or two separate projects, which are trying to be balanced.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Reckless spending. Insufficient effort. Inability to complete a project or keep a job. This is usually due to excess attention paid to the pleasures of the moment. Debt; financial loss; missed opportunities.

THREES



The Threes are the cards of preparation prior to action. They are the cards of optimism and hope. The idea began with the Ace; the Two brought a choice to be made; and now the plan is being drawn with the Three. They are the cards of imagination and visualization.

Card Combinations

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The specific definitions of more than one Three occurring in a single spread are listed below.

Four Threes in a Single Spread	Determination
Three Threes in a Single Spread	Fraud; deception



THREE OF CUPS Abundance

Astrological Mercury in
Ruler: Cancer
Keywords: Abundance

Significance of Rulership

Mercury in Cancer gives great sensitivity when this card appears in a spread. There may be a shyness and timidity to admit the depth of emotions being felt, but this card shows strong family ties. It can also show a tendency to be over-protective of loved ones, for Cancer gives an inclination to needless worry.

Overview

The essence of the Three of Cups is the recognition of a special love, not only with someone else, but also within oneself. It emphasizes open and honest communication as the way to draw people to you. If this is understood, then those who become part of your life will only be those who can appreciate you and give back to you as much as you give to them. This is the card of love received, realized, and appreciated. However, this card also cautions against losing yourself in the watery depths of emotions.

Symbolism

Pomegranates:

Untamed, unrestricted love

Golden Cups, Lotus,
Flowing Water:

Love, easy communication; emotions
easily expressed

Interpretation

Upright:	Love and happiness through marriage and partnerships. Successful conclusion of an important project. Cooperation between partners toward a common goal. Renewed health and vitality. Great happiness and celebration. A birth, either of a child, or of an idea, goal, or business.
Reverse:	Incompatibility, over-indulgence. Sensuality and selfishness. Manipulation and exploitation of others. Sometimes can denote illness associated with smoking, overeating, or drinking (look to other cards for health verification). If this card appears in the position of the Past, can indicate a divorce, or that the client never married, possible due to an unrequited love.



THREE OF WANDS Virtue

Astrological Sun in
Ruler: Aries
Keywords: Self-
Knowledge

Significance of Rulership

The Sun in Aries concentrates on mental energy. Even though there is an inclination towards hasty or impulsive action, there is an underlying steadiness in this card which speaks of leadership. A goal is pursued until it is achieved, through determination and sheer willpower if necessary. Sun in Aries gives a tendency towards quick tempers, but resentment is easily cast off.

Overview

Self-energy is the essence of this card. It involves recognition and attainment of individual potential. This can only be achieved when

mind, body, and spirit are in total harmony. At this point, there is power behind your convictions, and you cannot be compromised by anyone or anything. This is the card of self-knowledge.

Symbolism

Opening Lotus: Movement toward inner awareness; fulfillment of potential

Crossed Wands: Integration of mind, body, and spirit; harmony

Interpretation

Upright:	Opportunity; success in business. Success achieved through the practical assistance and cooperation of a partner. It also can indicate being in the right place at the right time. Power is felt through partnerships; this is not a card of individual strength and power. This is also a marriage card. However, the marriage is one of convenience only, a partnership; there is no great love or passion here. The marriage could be successful as long as both partners realize upon what it is founded. This card is a predictor of good fortune regardless of what position it holds, as long as it is upright.
Reverse:	Delays in establishing partnerships due to lack of agreement. Disappointment in a venture that looked promising, but has failed. Refusal of assistance offered through pride or arrogance. Obstinacy. Careful research and due caution should be exercised before signing any legal documents.



THREE OF SWORDS

Sorrow

Astrological Saturn in

Ruler: Libra

Keywords: Separation,
Depression

Significance of Rulership

Saturn is exalted in Libra. In this placement we see the restriction, the demand for perfection combined with the desire for justice. Therefore, a Saturn in Libra placement indicates that the situations symbolized by this card will be exacting in the demand for justice and fair play. All the human frailties and foibles are brought to light now, and Saturn seems to block all avenues of escape from their oppressiveness. Decisions must be made; they cannot be postponed or evaded, although running away is exactly what is desired the most. If avoidance is attempted, only sorry and worry will follow.

Overview

The Three of Swords symbolizes the consequences of negative thought patterns. It calls for mastery over emotions and thoughts. This is the time to draw on the inner resources in order to clarify everything that has been called into doubt, and actively work to banish any negative thoughts. Any attempt to circumvent this will lead only deeper into depression. This card can also denote a tension-filled triangular relationship.

Symbolism

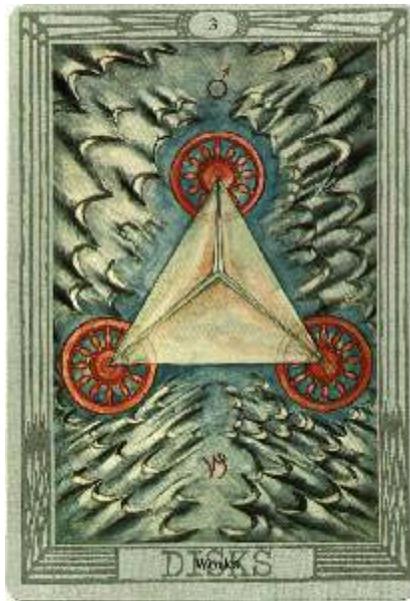
2 Small Swords/Large One: Unclear thinking; fear; doubt

Deterioration of Flower: Separation; depression

3 Swords: Triangular relationship

Interpretation

Upright:	Strife, conflict, heartbreak, tears, and separations. Loss of a loved one. Strife in marriage. At the worst, a divorce. Quarrels and disagreements.
Reverse:	Discord, confusion, loss, treachery, and sorrow. Domestic strife. Action to end a marriage or relationship is being contemplated.



THREE OF DISKS Works

Astrological Mars in
Ruler: Capricorn
Keywords: Gradual
Change;
Opportunity

Significance of Rulership

In this placement, the drive and energy of Mars is used to bring about the successful conclusion to any situation in which there is responsibility. This placement emphasizes a deep sense of obligation and responsibility, and counsels slow, gradual progress.

Overview

This is a card of gradual change and self-confidence. It points to the need to use all available skills and talents in any situation encountered. Answers do not come easy, nor or there any quick

fixes. Willpower and determination will assure success over any obstacles.

Symbolism

Three Wheels: Mind, body, and spirit in shared movement

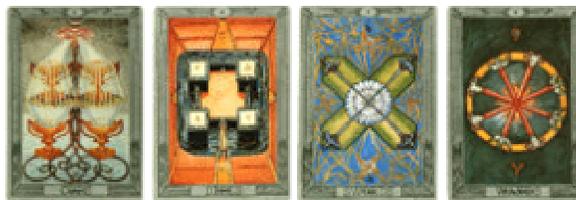
Crystal Pyramid: Power, determination, balance

Grey Color: Movement despite obstacles

Interpretation

Upright:	Business opportunities. Success through effort and hard work. Increase of material wealth; gain through business. Possible marriage card, but for financial security only.
Reverse:	Losses in business partnerships. Financial problems in marriage. Preoccupation with gain. Hoarding and miserliness. Opportunities bypassed due to fear of loss.

FOURS



Fours represent the manifestation of the plan. They are the cards of action that will bring life to all that can be imagined.

They are also symbolic of an inability to let go, of stubbornness and inflexibility. Esoterically, because four is the number of the square,

each card is contradictory in and of itself. They are the essence of all paradox: a catastrophe can bring ruin and disgrace, yet it can be the beginning of a new life; obstacles stand in the way of dreams, but strengthen our will to succeed.

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The specific definitions of more than one Four occurring in a single spread are listed below.

Four Fours in a Single Spread	Serenity; relaxation; rest
Three Fours in a Single Spread	Industry, diligence



FOUR OF CUPS Luxury

Astrological Moon in
Ruler: Cancer
Keywords: Karmic
Relationships;
Danger

Significance of Rulership

The Moon is at home in Cancer. Therefore, this rulership gives an individual the best of the emotional world has to offer. There is rich inner life, an active imagination. There is depth of emotions, intensity of feelings. This rulership promises a happy, successful marriage where family and home are of prime importance. However, this rulership can also give a predisposition towards changeability, moodiness as well as an over-fondness for romance and sentimentality. This can often give way to a glamorization of the past, and a reluctance to let go of it.

Overview

There is love, intimacy, and tenderness inherent in this card. It often denotes a karmic relationship and can presage a happy conclusion to a romance. However, there is also the danger of becoming of losing yourself to emotions and to the past. There is also the danger of immersing yourself so completely with the other partner, that you begin to lose your own independence and sense of identity.

Symbolism

Pink Lotus: Love gratefully received

Golden Cups: An abundance of love and emotions

Top Two Cups: Love of oneself

Bottom Two Cups: Love of others

Dark Blue Sky: Danger of loss of self through emotions

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Can indicate one who is beginning to take action with regard to his emotions. Openly expressing emotions. However, this card can also indicate a boredom and general dissatisfaction for a too-familiar environment or lifestyle. It can indicate a need to seek new goals. Possibility of pregnancy or unexpected occurrence.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Action taken with regard to a secret relationship or hidden emotion. Desire for children; unfulfilled emotions. Possibility of a relationship in trouble. Low threshold of boredom. Satiety and excess.



FOUR OF WANDS Completion

Astrological Ruler: Venus in Aries
Keywords: Completed Work

Significance of Rulership

Venus is the planetary symbol of love; Aries is the planetary symbol of potential new beginnings. Therefore, this rulership presses for spiritually beautiful development in any new direction. However, before the new can begin, the old must end. Therefore, the essence of this rulership is the conclusion of the old ways and the development of the new.

Overview

The essence of the Four of Wands is completion. It is a cycle coming to an end. However, as with every ending, it is also a beginning. The doves of Venus promise that what is coming towards you is important

and timely in your personal development. The Two of Wands reflects the seeds of potential that each new beginning contains.

Symbolism

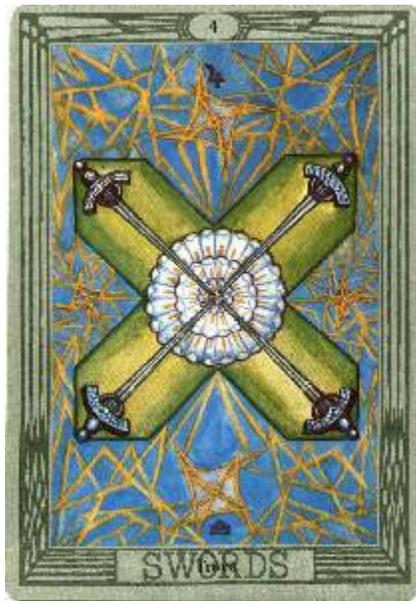
Wheel: Oneness, completion

Doves: Symbolic of Venus; love

Green Color: Fertility and creativity

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Triumphant completion of project. Prosperity and celebration. Peace and harmony. The possibility of a romance, depending upon surrounding cards. This is a card of harmony, pleasure, happiness, and good company. It is a symbol that the time is right to put a plan into action. It promises great success and prosperity.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Obstacles; completion of a project may be delayed, but success is assured if enough effort and forethought was given to it. Reversed, this card signals a period of rest and peace. It is a hiatus before the successful conclusion of a matter. This card may also symbolize stubbornly hanging on to something that would be better cut loose. In this respect, it could signify relationship problems. These problems may not be between partners, but could be merely within one of the partners who is feeling restlessness, dissatisfaction, etc.



FOUR OF SWORDS Truce

Astrological Ruler:	Jupiter in Libra
Keywords:	Rest, Peace

Significance of Rulership

Jupiter lends joy and expansiveness to Libra's quest for justice and balance. This placement makes us aware that even a seemingly hopeless situation carries within itself the seeds of successful resolution. Jupiter in Libra increases the intellectual imagination, allowing the ability to step back and look at things from alternate perspectives.

Overview

Cessation of conflicts and hostilities mark the essence of this card. The Four of Swords brings serenity and inner peace. However, this inner peace may not be exactly as it seems. There is a likelihood of "hidden" problems when this card appears. These "hidden" problems may be repressed emotions, suppressed anger, or concealed passions. Guidance should come from the inner voice at this time; not from outward sources.

Symbolism

Swords Arrangement: Balance; acceptance

Blue: Re-emergence of the spiritual

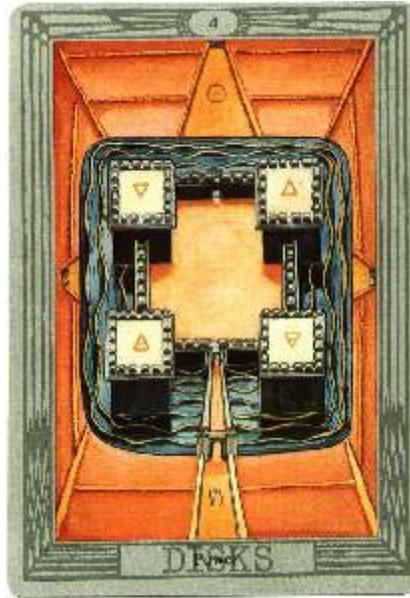
Yellow: Re-establishment of inner peace

Green Cross: Creativity

Swords Piercing Rose: Victory, self-mastery

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Rest and recovery from strife-filled situations. A sabbatical or retreat is possible. Solitude. Relief from sorrow and anxiety.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Enforced seclusion. Imprisonment, especially self-inflicted emotional imprisonment. Feelings of free-floating anxiety and guilt. Possibility of lies and false accusations.



FOUR OF DISKS Power

Astrological Sun in
Ruler: Capricorn
Keywords: Power,
Satisfaction

Significance of Rulership

In this placement we see the true nature of Capricorn in all its force. This card can be likened to the Emperor in the Major Arcana. The power illustrated here is physical power; authority. Great emphasis is placed on integrity, moral character, and the actual manifestation of ideas. This placement can cause rigidity, however. Principles are high in this placement, and the inclination is to uphold the law to the letter, regardless of mitigating circumstances or consequences.

Overview

This card symbolizes the need for awareness of inner strength. The emphasis with this card is toward centering and balancing this inner strength with the outside world. It is a card of self-confidence, of building. it represents awareness and belief in Self.

Symbolism

Four Disks/Square: Power, strength, and stability
Awareness on all levels of being

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Material stability. New job; promotion; raise in salary. Increase of power through wealth and influence. A project is successfully begun on stable footing.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Greed, suspicion, lack of enterprise due to a fear of loss. An inability to delegate authority. Delays in salary increases. Desires and plans for change in employment. Dissatisfaction with current environment.

FIVES



The Fives represent, adjustments to the plan. Change is often seen as uncomfortable and frightening, therefore, they also represent challenges to the individual. These cards are likely to be seen by many as trouble cards. They are the cards of worry, disappointment,

defeat, and strife. However, a promise is made in each of these cards that, regardless of what is lost or taken away, there will always be something to which we can hold fast: Love.

Card Combinations

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Four Fives in a Single Spread	Fights; disputes; arguments
Three Fives in a Single Spread	Order; continuity



FIVE OF CUPS Disappointment

Astrological Mars in
Ruler: Scorpio
Keywords: Completion,
Endings

Significance of Rulership

This is a powerful and dangerous rulership. It is a placement of dynamic intensity. It combines the warlike, aggressive quality of Mars with the mysterious, moody, watery sign of Scorpio. It can be a placement of intense sorrow which can lead the individual into degeneration towards unlawful or undesirable consequences.

Overview

The Five of Cups points to the fragility of relationships and emotions, and of love itself. The disappointment is in the lost love, the broken promises, the bleak future. Emotions are intense, and often turned inward in anger and sorrow. This can lead to excess in any or all forms. It is important to remember, however, that all disappointments are but learning experiences. With the appearance of this card, it is conceivable that the possibility of a breakup was always present, but the signs were either ignored or kept hidden. Rather than spend all the time brooding over what has happened, now is the time to sit back and assess in a dispassionate manner what happened and why. In this way, perhaps it can be avoided in the future.

Symbolism

Upside-Down Pentacle:	Victory of the material over the spiritual; imbalance
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Separated Lily Pads: Separation, divorce; broken heart

Falling Petals: Separation, letting go; sadness; symbolic death

Glass Cups: Symbolizes the fragility of love and emotions

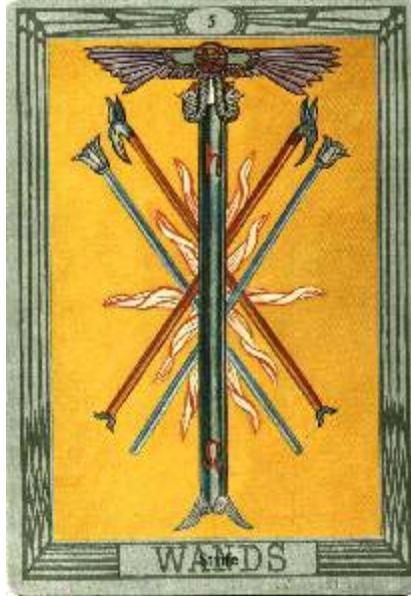
Empty Cups: Disappointment, loss

Steely Blue: Spiritual and emotional shock

Red: Anger

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Worry and regret, disappointment and loss. Broken engagements and emotional letdowns. Confusion, frustration, feelings of vulnerability. Karmically, unresolved conflicts and/or patterns of behavior surfacing once again for attempted resolution. A need to re-order and reevaluate priorities.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	A way of life overturned; private emotional adjustments. New alliances and expectations. Friendship which could lead to love. Anxieties caused by unexpected and rapid change. Trouble from unexpected sources.



FIVE OF WANDS Strife

Astrological Saturn in

Ruler: Leo

Keywords: Competition

Significance of Rulership

Saturn is the planet of restriction; Leo is the planet of power, energy, and manifestation. Therefore, Saturn in Leo blocks the power and energy of Leo, causing it to stagnate. The yearning to express the energy never ceases, however, and is the cause of much sorrow and frustration.

Overview

The Five of Wands symbolizes blocked energy due to the restrictions or oppressive burdens in our lives. There is a dangerous possibility of giving up, of resigning oneself to the restrictions. Life seems overwhelming; there is an inability to make decisions; lack of self-confidence in one's own creative power. However, drawing this card

signifies that now is exactly the time for action. Now is the time to tear down any obstacles that are blocking progress and forge ahead one step and a time.

Symbolism

Large,
Middle
Wand: Heavy-hearted; restriction, limitation

Phoenix
Heads: Turned in different directions signify stress and inner conflict, as well as personal conflicts; competition with others

Pentacle in
Disk: The pentacle is reversed, symbolizing preoccupation with material matters

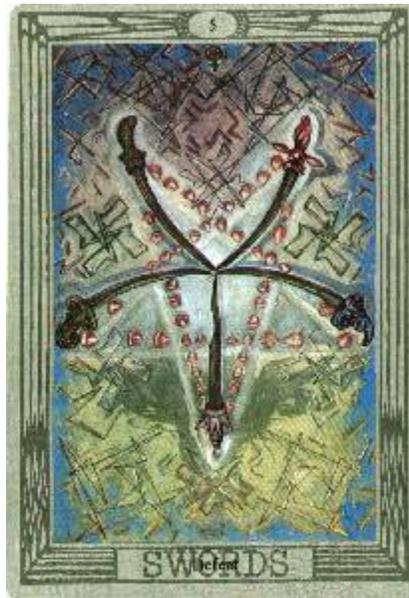
Snakes: Seem to be in hibernation, denoting stagnation

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Strife, trouble, tests, competition, opposition. Success gained through strenuous and unrelenting hard work. The individual must be willing and able to successfully adapt to new circumstances, and be willing to adjust his goals or plans accordingly. There is the promise of successful gains in business, but only after a period of strife and stiff competition. With respect to love, it symbolizes the need to recognize that love and respect must be earned; it cannot be forced. DIGNIFIED, it can indicate marriage, but one where they may be frequent power struggles between partners.
ILL-	Legal disputes that could have been

DIGNIFIED:

avoided. Sarcasm and spite. Changes which are not completely necessary nor appropriate. The environment may feel stifling, but any attempt at change right now could lead to confusion and frustration. In love, it presages an unrequited or illicit love. It can also be indicative of a person who indulges in compulsive and unnecessary competition with others.



FIVE OF SWORDS
Defeat

Astrological Venus in
Ruler: Aquarius
Keywords: Change,
Responsibility

Significance of Rulership

In Aquarius, the shadowy, emotional side of Venus tends to gain the most importance. Individual vision is blurred and clarity is lost. Loves ones and those in authority tend to respond negatively to any future plans. These reactions tend to douse Aquarius' sunny, progressive attitude, and reinforces a fear of failure and defeat.

Overview

The Five of Swords represents defeatist thinking. It is fear and anxiety that affects every aspect of life. However, the root of all these negative emotions is actually a fear of losing control. This attitude must be changed or stagnation and depression sets in. Control is but an illusion, anyway. The mind must be persuaded to let go of all fear and anxiety and once again take risks.

Symbolism

Sword Arrangement: Reversed pentacle; defeatist thinking; triumph of mind over matter; no inner balance

Drops of Blood: Old wounds reopened

Sword Hafts: Fish: The past
Snake: Stagnation
Reversed Crown: Awareness lost
Ram's horns: Inactivity
Seashell: Vulnerability

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Failure, trouble, slander, disgrace, defeat, and loss. Negative thoughts and attitudes abound. However, strength of character and inner guidance will allow the triumph over all challenges to moral character.
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ILL-
DIGNIFIED:

Weakness, indecision, and sometimes paranoia. There is great depression with this card reversed; a feeling of hopelessness and total weakness. There is no strength to carry on, and all situations are colored by indecision and frustration.



FIVE OF DISKS Worry

Astrological Mercury in
Ruler: Taurus
Keywords: Anxiety;
Communication

Significance of Rulership

Mercury is the symbolic planet of communication; Taurus the stubborn, plodding bull. Already we see the conflict in this placement. Difficulty in communication with others and miscommunication can both lead to worry, fear, distrust, and frustration. As this placement is

rooted in Earth, often these problems will be centered around the workplace, prompting fears of reprimand or dismissal.

Overview

Worry, fear, pessimism and the lack of clear communication all combine to create the essence of the Five of Disks. Relationships are worrisome, finances are bad, and anxiety is free-floating and generalized. Tension abounds. The need is for clear, precise, and direct communication to banish all the fear and negativity.

Symbolism

- Reversed Pentacle: Out of balance
- Yellow Triangle: Seeking of a solution
- Reversed Triangle: Blocked energy
- Light Blue Crescent: Worry about relationships
- Black Hole: Worry over the unknown
- Circle: Worry about finances
- Blue Circle: Urge to act

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Loss of money or financial position; power struggle. Financial difficulty. Poverty and struggle. Loneliness; an adaptation to new circumstances. However, all obstacles and hardships will be overcome and relief will be forthcoming.
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ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Long period of unemployment. Hardship and financial distress. Some relief may come, but it will not be enough to totally resolve the situation.
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SIXES



The Sixes represent the peace and contentment that come with successful projects. These cards represent stability and reliability. They symbolize the serenity after the changes experienced with the Fives. They also represent family, health, and domesticity. The only danger in the Sixes is the danger of complacency, of giving in to an emotion. Whichever emotion is nearest the heart of the individual at the time of the reading is the emotion he should guard closest.

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Four Sixes in a Single Spread	Peace
Three Sixes in a Single Spread	Material gain; success



SIX OF CUPS

Pleasure

Astrological Ruler: Sun in Scorpio
Keywords: Good Karma

Significance of Rulership

The rulership of Sun in Scorpio gives the ability for keen insight and shrewd judgement. It also gives a fondness for luxuries. It also gives a restless quality and enormous amounts of energy. There is the desire for travel and new experiences.

Overview

The essence of this card is simple: be aware of all you have and delight in the joy of it. It does indicate the need to become vulnerable by opening up your mind and your heart, but it promises emotional

renewal for the attempt. This is a card of lust and sexuality. Through them come purification and rebirth. The only caution here is to keep your head. You should enjoy all that you have, but not let the delights of the physical overwhelm you completely.

Symbolism

- Copper Cups: Symbolize healing
- Open Lotus: Symbolic of emerging vulnerability
- Sun: Represents action, life, pleasure
- Snakes in Cups: Rebirth through sex
- Flowing Petals: Love overflowing

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Pleasant memories, wishes fulfilled. Past work has brought present success. Past associations have brought present relationships. Feelings of emotional security. Also denotes an enthusiastic love affair. Harmony and cooperation.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Nostalgia, vanity. Danger of getting lost in the past. This may prove to be a barrier to present goals. Can also indicate a disappointing affair or an indiscretion with reference to a relationship. A clinging to outmoded customs or habits.



SIX OF WANDS Victory

Astrological Ruler: Jupiter in Leo
Keywords: Good News; Luck

Significance of Rulership

Jupiter is the planet of luck and expansion; Leo the planet of creative energy. Therefore, this rulership signifies that the time of oppression (Five of Wands) is complete. Now is the time to achieve the goals you strived so hard to attain. This is a most beneficial rulership.

Overview

This is the card of strength, power, and energy reborn. A breakthrough has been achieved. Goals may now be reached; timing is correct. It emphasizes renewed creativity and awareness of inner and outer surroundings. There is a sense of completeness and

personal fulfillment. The strife of the Five of Wands has been conquered. Regardless of the physical goals, the achievement of coming through the Dark Night of Soul symbolizes a most important inner victory.

Symbolism

Orderly Arrangement: Order, organization, harmony

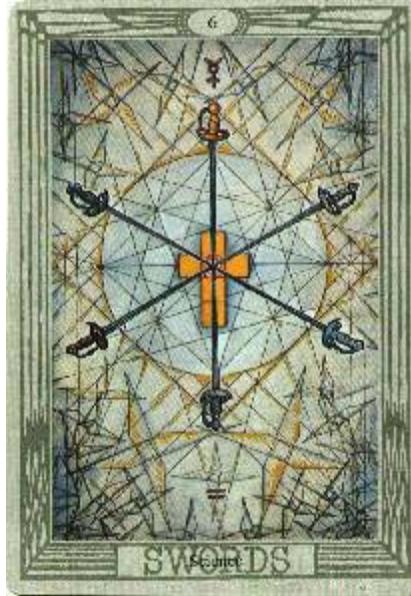
Lotus Blossoms: Increasing awareness

Phoenix Heads: Reunification, healing of inner self, balance

Snakes: Rebirth

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Triumph. Victory after strife or effort. Success through hard work. Good news and advancement as a result of previous work.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Delayed rewards. Delayed or bad news. Repetition of a cycle, causing boredom and frustration. Failure to use or fully develop a latent talent. Fear of a rival's victory. Disappointment due to the advancement of a rival over oneself.



SIX OF SWORDS

Science

Astrological Ruler: Mercury in Aquarius
Keywords: Passage;
A New Home

Significance of Rulership

Mercury confers the ability to analyze and accurately discriminate all situations. This is important when dealing with Aquarian viewpoints, which at times can be quite bizarre. In this placement, perception is not only keenly sharp, but clearly and effectively communicated to everyone affected by the situation.

Overview

This is the card of scientific thought; precise, probing, analytical. It often appears in a student's spread. It points to the ability to see things from various viewpoints, to consider each on its own merits

and draw conclusions based on perception and analytical understanding.

Symbolism

Sword Arrangement: Precise thinking; balance

Piercing Swords: Penetrating, perceptive thought

Balanced Swords: Inner balance

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Long journeys. Passage away from pain or difficulty. Obstacles overcome. Success after trouble and anxiety.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Retreat from difficulties that brings temporary relief. Emphasis should be placed on development of a more positive outlook. It may seem that one obstacle has barely been overcome before another takes its place. Retreat should be encouraged, but only if the retreat is one done in strength, not in weakness. It should be purposeful withdrawal from the struggle in order to find resolution, and not simply a matter of running away.



SIX OF DISKS

Success

Astrological Ruler: Moon in Taurus
Keywords: Sharing, Balance

Significance of Rulership

This placement is the illumination and discovery of the inner personality by the outer, physical creature. The inner essence demands an external manifestation. If this is perceived and accomplished, it can result in successful transformation. There will be a blending and harmony of the inner with the outer persona which can lead to a sense of wholeness and unity.

Overview

Contained in the essence of the Six of Disks is the formula for success. The recipe is illustrated in the planets indicated on the disks.

There is an inner urge, a demand, that thoughts and ideas be manifested into some physical form of expression.

Symbolism

Cross with Lotus in Center: Movement toward manifestation

Planets on Disks:

Formula for Success:

Saturn:

Discipline, patience, perseverance

Mars:

Activity, assertiveness

Moon:

Intuition

Venus:

Love for what you're doing

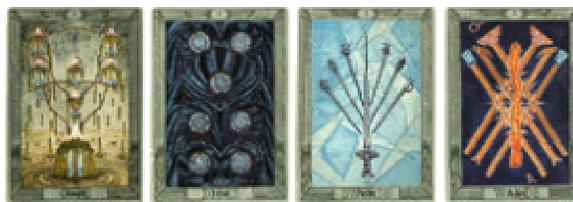
Jupiter:

Risk taking

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Philanthropy; charity, gifts, and awards. Solvency in material affairs. Unexpected money, luck through gambling. Money which can be earned through social contacts.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Loss through theft or carelessness. Pressure, stress. This card is often indicative of a social climber.

SEVENS



Sevens are the cards of expansion, of reaching beyond known capabilities. It is the card, of the seeker. There is weakness inherent

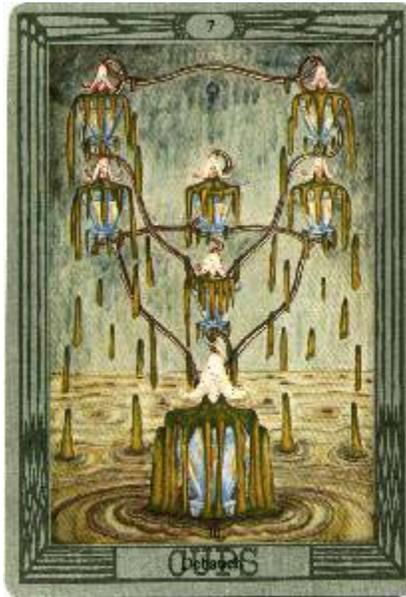
in the Sevens, though. In them we see the need to experience all that can be experienced; the temptation to reach beyond the practical.

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Four Sevens in a Single Spread	Disappointments
Three Sevens in a Single Spread	Agreements



SEVEN OF CUPS
Debauch

Astrological Venus in
Ruler: Scorpio
Keywords: Discrimination

Significance of Rulership

This placement is the Detriment of Venus. It gives the predisposition to lavish spending sprees. It also exaggerates the emotions and passions. This gives an overwhelming desire for sensation, luxury, and pleasure. However, it is often taken to the absolute extreme, and therefore results in disappointment, jealousy, or loss of reputation.

Overview

This is the card of overindulgence. Attempts are made to satisfy every craving and sensational desire. All life is suddenly rooted in the material, physical world, for it is physical sensations that are attempting to be appeased. However, when there is no time nor energy left to pursue higher causes, the result is stagnation of the heart and soul. It is a graphic representation that disappointment, such as that shown in the Five of Cups, was not resolved but simply repressed.

Symbolism

Drooping Petals:	Symbolizes the lack of life force and the dissipation of energy
Swamp:	Stagnation

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Hedonistic experiences. Emotions at a high
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	<p>level; frustration, boredom, and the craving to appease the emotions. This card often indicates that there is a choice to be made, most probably between the spiritual and the material paths. This card can symbolize the multitude of opportunities, but it cautions that careful research and discrimination should be conducted. Otherwise, serious errors in judgement can occur.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Self-delusion and fantasy. Lost opportunities; false promises. Disenchantment with environment or job. Delay in plans; environment seems to rule the emotions. Possibly a fear of success. Loss of personal control over circumstances.</p>



SEVEN OF WANDS
 Valour

Astrological Mars in Leo
 Ruler:

Keywords: Responsibility;
Courage

Significance of Rulership

Mars is the planetary male symbol of aggressiveness and war. Leo is not only the sign of creative energy, but also of bravery, courage, and daring. This combination produces a powerful impact regardless of which direction it is pointed.

Overview

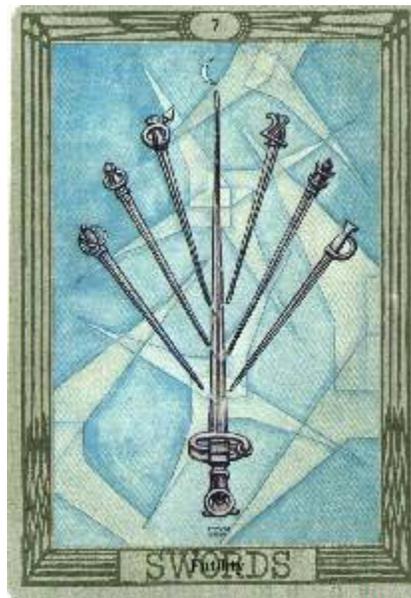
The Seven of Wands is about daring to be all you can be, despite what others say or do. It takes courage and strength, but there can be no compromise of principles. There must be unyielding trust in the inner strength. Victory must be assured regardless of the cost, for the bravery represented in this card comes from living through the darkness of past experience. Your mettle has been tested, and you have learned well; you are now seasoned for the battle.

Symbolism

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| Strong Center Wand: | Courage, backbone; the ability to be oneself regardless of the consequences |
| Violet Color: | The Warrior's color, symbolic of the willingness to speak up for one's moral convictions despite criticism |
| Six Background Wands: | These can represent society as a whole; they also represent the unification and concentration of energy into the center wand, the backbone. |

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	This card may indicate a student. It is the card of the "self-made man." Obstacles and powerful opposition which must be faced or losses will be incurred. Success after hard work. Courage and steadfastness in the face of adversity.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Indecision or shyness rooted in past bad experiences, resulting in lost opportunities. A person who has given up in the face of opposition, when in fact the end was in sight. High probability of career change. Possible refusal of success due to fear or increased responsibilities.



SEVEN OF SWORDS
Futility

Astrological Moon in
Ruler: Aquarius

Keywords: Discouragement,
Despondency

Significance of Rulership

The emotional nature of the Moon brings discouragement to the Aquarian ideals and goals. This is a placement of frustration and despondency. Thoughts and actions are inconsistent, and negative expectations abound. This placement is symbolic of being your own worst enemy.

Overview

Feelings of hopelessness permeate the Seven of Swords. Emotions, thoughts, and expectations are of a negative nature. There is discouragement and depression, as well as overindulgence in all kinds of negative thinking. The real truth, however, is that none of this negativity is based on reality. The inability to communicate feelings and fears leads to self-abnegation. The situations seems overwhelming. But if the intense personal rejection can be seen for what it is (coming from the inner rather than from external forces), then there can be victory over the essence of this card.

Symbolism

Sword Arrangement:	Loss of energy and endurance
Sun and Moon:	Reversed position; domination by despair
Sword Hafts:	Reasons for futility
Saturn:	Constraint
Mercury:	Inability to communicate

Jupiter: Situation seems overwhelming

Sun: No energy

Mars: No willpower

Venus: No love or passion

Unknown Planet: Refusal to act on inner urges

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Short journeys, change of job or residence -- often both. Restlessness and instability of purpose, however, ensures that no real progress is made. There may be an enemy among those who are considered friends. Victory after intense competition.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Indecision, laziness, and failure. Reluctance to complete what has been well begun. Travel should be avoided, as well as all arguments.



SEVEN OF DISKS Failure

Astrological Ruler: Saturn in Taurus
Keywords: Patience

Significance of Rulership

Here again we see the limiting, restrictive qualities of Saturn. Taurus is not known for plunging head-first into anything, anyway, and with the restrictive forces of Saturn weighing heavily, the obstacles seem insurmountable. There is more than a hesitancy to act, there is great fear and trepidation to even take one step forward. The hesitancy is a direct result of the fear of failure. The concern over making mistakes is all pervasive, and a quality that Saturn loves to confer in its placements.

Overview

The Seven of Pentacles symbolizes hesitation, a fear of making mistakes, and a fear of failure. There is a great lack of self-

confidence, and obstacles are abundant. Consideration should be given as to expectations and goals. These may be set too high, or the cost of failure too dear with reference to the situation.

Symbolism

Darkness:	Depression
Dead Tree:	Material setback
Saturn:	Rigidity, inflexibility
Taurus:	Stubbornness, insensitivity

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	The failure of a promising project. Unprofitable speculation. Charitable work undertaken for no reward. Profitable employment neglected through lack of interest.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Financial problems, bankruptcy, loss. Gambling, sometimes. Lack of effort to achieve goals.

EIGHTS



Eights are the cards of organization. Choices are made based on priorities. It is a time of meditation and self-analysis. They are also the number of termination. They are also the cards of Karma.

Therefore, situations and events should be understood to be the result of Karma, good or bad, which the individual himself as caused by his own personal actions.

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Four Eights in a Single Spread	News; Information
Three Eights in a Single Spread	Travel



EIGHT OF CUPS

Indolence

Astrological Ruler: Saturn in Pisces
Keywords: Fatigue, Idleness

Significance of Rulership

This placement offers loss, obstacles, delays, and possible deceptions and lies. It also gives an idleness of spirit, so that the individual lacks motivation to change the situation around him. Most problems experienced by this placement are directly attributable to the individual himself.

Overview

The Eight of Cups is the second card in this suit which deals with emotional stagnation. It is caused by fatigue experienced after over-indulgence. The fatigue has now degenerated into a overwhelming self-pity. The condition becomes so debilitating that the individual loses all motivation to break his idleness. He feels an overwhelming need to bring himself back into balance, but must start first with the inner self. This often starts with the ability to say "No."

NOTE: This card can denote a psychological fear of love, expressed either as a fear of commitment or as a fear of rejection. Feelings of unworthiness, depression, and unlovability can also be indicated by this card.

Symbolism

Broken, Empty
Cups:

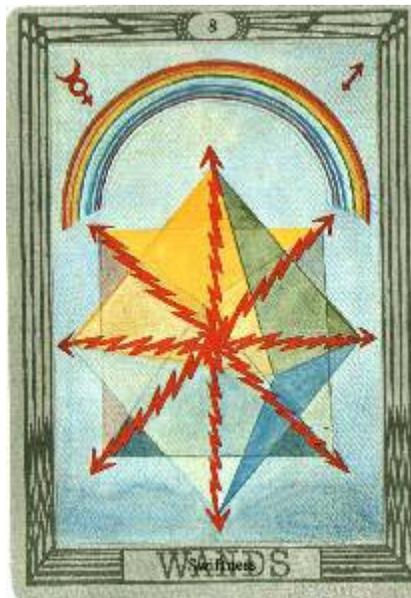
No energy, no love; hopelessness

Stagnant Water: Spiritual stagnation

Flowing Lotuses: Misuse of energies, wasted emotions

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	This card can indicate a turning point or crossroads. Often it symbolizes a rejection of established modes of thought, customs, and relationships. The individual wants a lifestyle which is new and different. There is an organizing and establishment of emotional priorities. The need is to re-establish balance and harmony within the individual.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Restlessness and recklessness. Intensive search for an ideal; often leading to abandonment of a carefully built lifestyle.



EIGHT OF WANDS

Swiftmess

Astrological Mercury in
Ruler: Sagittarius
Keywords: Haste;
decisions;
resolutions

Significance of Rulership

Mercury is the planetary symbol of communication; Sagittarius represents the willingness to communicate. Indeed, Sagittarius is not only willing to communicate, it demands communication. This is no idle rulership. The demand here is for action, sometimes at the detriment of the individual. There is a rashness here, a tendency to act on impulse. This is a freedom-loving rulership, all encompassing. There must be freedom of movement, thought and speech.

Overview

This is the card of open, direct communication. Any hesitancy should be overcome, for now is the time when obstacles can be overcome and goals attained. The Eight of Wands signifies that "the moment has come for you to define where you stand. If you are open and centered, misunderstandings are cleared." What once seemed to be obstacles and problems now fade into the background. You see things from different perspectives. It is a time to break away from all that restricts you.

Symbolism

Rainbow: Wholeness, harmony

Bolts of Fire: Communication

Square:

Blockage

Square Transformed
to Crystal:

Shattering of restrictions and
limitations; understanding

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Swift action over short periods of time. An end to delays. News, communications, letters. There is a need for tact, and to act cautiously and not impulsively. Hope of change for the better. When this card falls upright, it signifies that the choices that have been made will be most fortunate for the individual.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Impetuous, impulsiveness, reckless and foolhardy action. Termination from employment. Plans delayed or canceled. Rudeness; fault-finding. There is no balance, tact, or diplomacy in this card reversed. Any changes at this time are likely to be detrimental to the individual.



EIGHT OF SWORDS

Interference

Astrological Jupiter in
Ruler: Gemini
Keywords: Restriction,
Impasse

Significance of Rulership

Jupiter normally brings joy whatever the placement; however, when it is placed in the sign of Gemini, there is great difficulty in making choices. Each opportunity seems equally desirable and tempting. This can lead to an excessive amount of thought regarding the situation, which in turn leads to doubt, worry, confusion, and frustration. Pure analytical thought fails miserably as the time for a decision nears. Inner clarity grows dimmer and dimmer, causing even more worry from the fear of making a wrong choice.

Overview

The Eight of Swords symbolizes interference from people or situations. There is difficulty in making decisions and choices due to the number of possible alternatives.

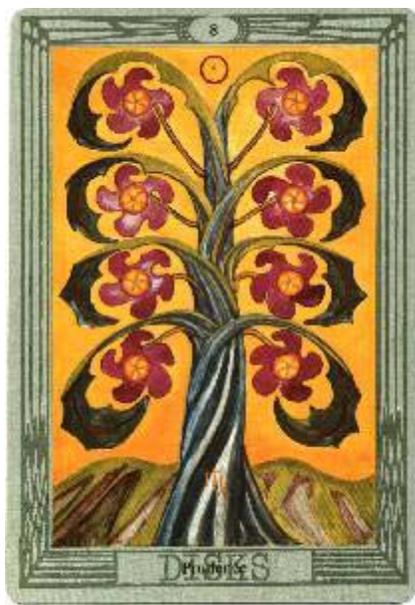
Symbolism

Crossed Swords: Confusion; too many ideas and choices

Card Coloring: Fear, doubt, inner turmoil

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Restriction, crisis (though not a disaster), indecision, enforced isolation. Jealousy possibly emanating from family or coworkers. Hesitation due to fear a failure or even a fear of success.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Freedom, release, relaxation. This is obtained by detachment from the problem rather from resolution. Hard and unpleasant work for little reward.



EIGHT OF DISKS Prudence

Astrological Ruler: Sun in Virgo
Keywords: Training

Significance of Rulership

The Sun in Virgo placement gives wisdom and caution to all matters. It is the card's steady, careful development. It grants harmony and balance, and psychic equilibrium.

Overview

This is a card of gradual development. The flowers on the tree grow both inwardly and outwardly, symbolizing that the transformation taking place is as much within us as without us. As such, careful attention and care should be given to that which is being cultivated. It is not a time to force issues.

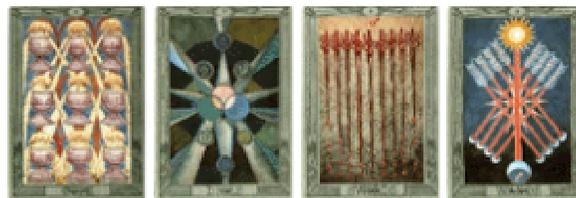
Symbolism

Disks:	Careful thought given to protection of finances
Tree:	Careful thought given to protection of health
Blooming Tree:	Harvest
Leaves:	Protection
Roots:	Strong foundation
Gold Sun:	Opportunities

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Prudence, industriousness, skill in material affairs. Gain of money in small amounts. Carefulness in respect to money. Savings. Diplomacy.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Sharp or dishonest dealings. Misuse of skill to improper ends. Possible dishonest dealings.

NINES



The Nines are symbolic of the flow of Life. Steady but flexible progress made, an effortless course of advancement. It is the crystallization of energy; energy's regeneration. Things are stable, but

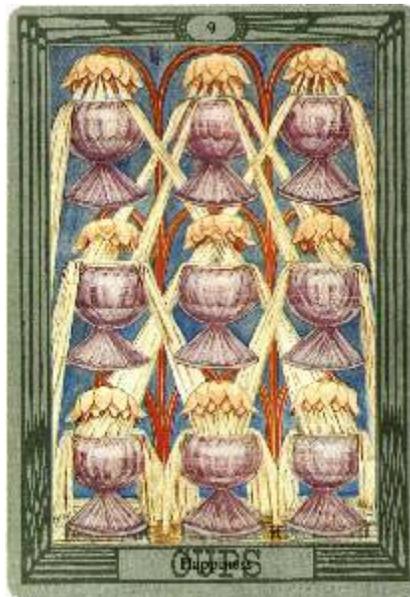
constantly changing. As the changes occur, they are readily and easily assimilated into new forms.

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Four Nines in a Single Spread	Added Responsibilities; obligations
Three Nines in a Single Spread	Letters, Mail



NINE OF CUPS

Happiness

Astrological Ruler: Jupiter in Pisces
Keywords: Health, balance, and harmony

Significance of Rulership

Jupiter in Pisces creates feelings of sympathy, empathy, and joy which are rooted deep within the soul as an outgrowth of self-knowledge and balance. This placement preserves peace and harmony in the home and draws friends.

Overview

The essence of the Nine of Cups is joy, bliss, and love. The number 9 symbolizes completion, and this card symbolizes the end of painful emotions of the past. It indicates an emotional rebirth. Balance is restored, and the path becomes clear once again.

Symbolism

Cups Arrangement: Order and balance; harmony
Filled Cups: Abundant love; emotional richness
Bursting Rays: Divine illumination permeating everything
Pastel Colors: Beauty, harmony, peace, love

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Contentment and physical well-being; easy flow of emotions. Satisfaction; relationships are successful. This card promises material success and a bright future. It is known as the WISH card. It answers YES to any desire.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Delay of wishes. Self-satisfaction, vanity, and self-indulgence. It cautions that spendthrift tendencies will lead to money shortage or loss of credit. There is also the inclination towards abuse of offered hospitality.



NINE OF WANDS
Strength

Astrological Sun/Moon in
Ruler: Sagittarius
Keywords: Preparedness

Significance of Rulership

The Sun is the ultimate energy symbol; the Moon represents the hidden side of ourselves, our latent talents. Therefore, this rulership acts to bring into manifestation our hidden talents and direct them toward a specified goal. It gives strength and power through recognition of self-worth.

Overview

The essence of the Nine of Wands is a blossoming recognition of our Self. Our hidden talents are brought to the forefront through the energy of the Sun. Communication and assertiveness through that communication with others is foremost in the individual's mind. However, as with every aspect of self-discovery, there is an underlying fear that must be recognized and conquered. Painful wounds of the past must be brought out into the open and healed; confidence in unproven skills must be acquired. Inner will must be strengthened and faith in oneself accepted as true and worthy.

Symbolism

- Center Wand: Represents a channel between the Sun and the Moon. It symbolizes the integration of polarities; wholeness and unity. Also, that the power of the inner, unseen world is actively manifested in the outer, material world.
- Sun: Creative energy; the conscious
- Moon: Latent talents; the unconscious
- Eight Wands: Each of the eight wands ends in a crescent moon, signifying that awareness, strength, and power comes from within.

Interpretation

<p>DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Productivity, strength, good health, and stability. A secure position in life. Victory assured against possible opposition. Often indicates the start of a new friendship, or the strengthening of intimacy between current friends. Victory over any and all enemies. However, when the Nine of Wands and the Nine of Swords lie next to each other, it indicates underhanded dealings.</p>
<p>ILL-DIGNIFIED:</p>	<p>Impractical and unproductive schemes. An inability to compromise leading to defense of untenable positions. Obstinacy. Weakness of character. Possible ill health. The crumbling of a supposedly secure position. It is also symbolic of friends separated by distance, but not within each other's hearts.</p>



NINE OF SWORDS
Cruelty

Astrological Mars in

Ruler: Gemini
Keywords: Struggle

Significance of Rulership

Mars is the planet of aggressiveness and war, and when placed in Gemini, the war is taken within the inner person. Mars channels its great energy into self-accusation, self-punishment, and martyrdom. The cruelty represented by this placement is not totally from outside forces, if at all; rather, this placement reflects the cruelty we inflict upon ourselves.

Overview

This is an ugly card. It symbolizes all the mean, malicious things people do to each other, and to ourselves. It represents behavior that can be changed, but awareness and understanding will have to be developed to bring about any lasting change.

Symbolism

Bloody Swords: Piercing with criticism; aggression, pessimism

White Tear Drops: Pain; wounded spirit

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Bad dreams or premonitions. Deception, depression, and suffering. Violence, scandal, and loss. Perhaps the death of a loved one.
ILL-	Malice, misery and despair. isolation,

DIGNIFIED:	imprisonment, suicide. Jealousy, resentment, or bitterness.
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NINE OF DISKS

Gain

Astrological Venus in
Ruler: Virgo
Keywords: Luck,
Achievement

Significance of Rulership

The Venus in Virgo placement assures growth and gain achieved through love and wisdom. It grants great creative ability. There is a unification of the inner and outer personas through love of self and others.

Overview

The Nine of Disks is almost a karmic reward card. There is improvement in all aspects of life. There is balance and harmony, especially between the inner and outer worlds.

Symbolism

Three Center Disks: Unity of mind, body, and spirit

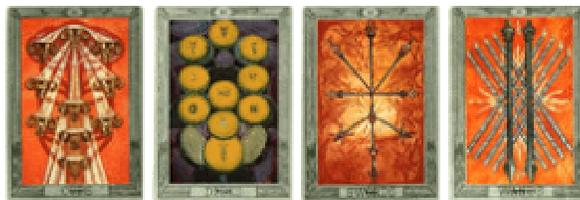
Radiant Disks: Improvement in life; achievement of goals

Faces of Disks: Formula for success

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Money from unexpected sources. Inheritances. Winnings. Settlements and gifts. Unearned income. Relaxation after accomplishments. Impulse buying.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Tainted or stolen money. Theft or embezzlement. Lack of control over finances and budget.

TENS



The Tens represent hesitation. The flow of the Nines has hit a snag and the change is not forthcoming. There is a hesitancy to take risks. The Tens can therefore be seen as warning cards. Oppression warns us not to use mere force alone to affect change. Satiety represents hollow achievement. Ruin teaches a Karmic lesson: fight long

enough, ignore needed changes, and all will end in destruction. Wealth symbolizes that money for its own sake means nothing.

Card Combinations

Card combinations are when 2 or more cards of the same card number appear in a spread. For example, 3 of the 4 "Five" cards, or 2 of the "Ten" cards. These combinations can give you added information for the spread, because each of the card groups deal with an essence. The individual cards within the group merely refine that essence.

The specific definitions of more than one Ten occurring in a single spread are listed below.

Four Tens in a Single Spread	Anxiety, especially about responsibilities
Three Tens in a Single Spread	Buying, selling, trading



TEN OF CUPS
Satiety

Astrological Mars in
Ruler: Pisces
Keywords: Satisfaction,
Fulfillment

Significance of Rulership

Mars provides the energy necessary to give Pisces the decisiveness needed to bring forth into the physical world all the love and inner beauty that lies deep within. This placement provides self-confidence borne of deep inner harmony.

Overview

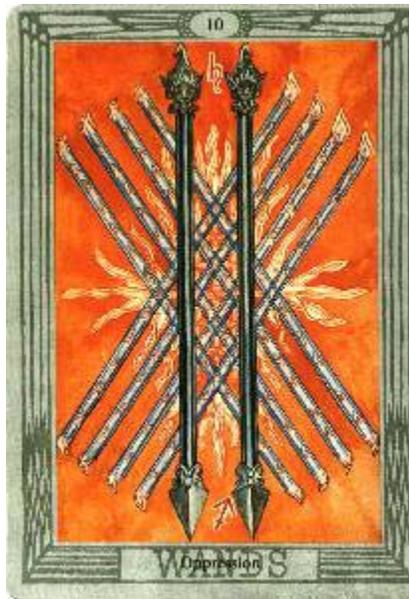
This card indicates that the desired love has finally been found. Emotions are overt and flowing freely. The individual is giving as much as he is receiving. However, satiety can lead to stagnation, so care should be given to formulate new plans and goals. This is not the time to act, although the desire to act is strong. Instead, the situation should be allowed to develop in its own time; nothing should be forced.

Symbolism

Full Cups:	Symbolic of the abundance of love; satisfaction
Large Lotus:	Represents the love that has been received
Ram's Horn Cup Handles:	Decisiveness in emotions; desire for action
Red Color:	Passion

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Happy family life. True friendship, happiness, and security. This card can also indicate a good life, but one which seemingly seems to be stuck in a rut. Although the individual may seem happy, the situation is actually a negative, rather than a positive experience. Change should not be shunned.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Family quarrels, loss of friendship. Sudden, violent disruption of an ordered environment. Possible birth, especially an unexpected one.



TEN OF WANDS
Oppression

Astrological Saturn in

Ruler: Sagittarius
Keywords: Obstacles

Significance of Rulership

Once again we see the blocking energy of Saturn, this time directed towards the willingness and desire to communicate that Sagittarius brings. This rulership symbolizes repression and oppression of an inner nature. The individual restrains himself through fear of rejection, ridicule, or humiliation.

Overview

The essence of the Ten of Wands is twofold. One point is the repressed energy which is usually self-imposed. The other part concerns responsibility to self.

Communication is stifled with this card, usually because the individual is afraid to speak for fear of ridicule or possible rejection. The repressed energy then seeks alternate channels and takes on negative characteristics. The negative aspect manifests itself in either a lashing out at other people, or against the individual himself.

Drawing this card puts you on alert that you are responsible for yourself; you make your own restrictions. Recognize them, then cast them away so that the energy currently repressed or used negatively can be manifested in a positive manner.

Symbolism

Two Strong Wands In Front of Eight: Repressed energy; self-imposed oppression and restriction

Two Parallel Symbolizes the barrier we put up

Wands: between ourselves and others, as well as between the different parts of ourselves

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	The price of success: good fortune along with its demands on time. The growth of a business or hobby beyond the creator's capacity to manage it alone. This leads to an unsatisfactory social life. Excessive overtime in a job. Too many responsibilities. Also indicative of a move, change of residence, or change of job or career.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Indicative of one who spoils other's pleasure and fun due to envy. Deceit and lies. The unnecessary burdening of oneself with tasks that could and should best be delegated to others. Inability to express oneself, leading to frustration and loneliness.



TEN OF SWORDS Ruin

Astrological Ruler: Sun/Moon
in Gemini
Keywords: Tests;
Awareness

Significance of Rulership

With the twin aspects of the Sun and Moon in the sign of duality itself, it is fairly obvious that this placement causes contradictions, frustrations, and deception. It emphasizes the power of negative thinking which works to disrupt and destroy all that is beautiful and joyful in our lives. Balance is lost; inner peace has turned to conflict and restless agitation. The mental processes cannot be trusted. The body seems to become a storehouse for dangerous, destructive energy. At its worst, this placement can cause one to doubt sanity and reason.

Overview

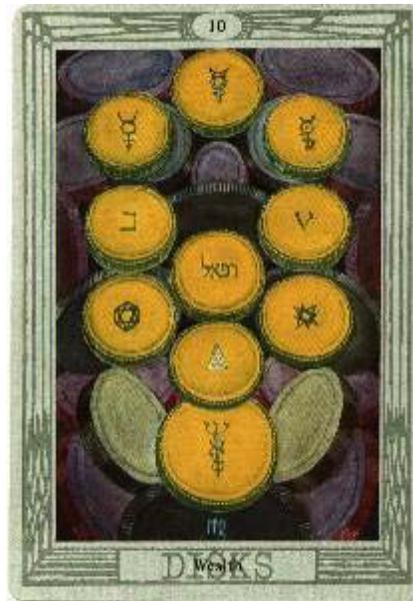
Fear is rampant with the Ten of Swords; fear of insanity, of ruin in all aspects of life. The needs is to recognize and conquer this fear, If this is not accomplished, that which is feared the most will inevitably come to pass. This is the power of the negative thought form.

Symbolism

Nine Swords Attacking the Tenth:	Pessimism
Sun/Moon Symbols on Tenth Sword:	Destructive power of negative thoughts
Sun:	Fear of ruined health
Scales:	Fear of ruined finances, business
Swords Piercing Heart:	Fear of ruined relationships

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Sudden misfortune; accident. Desolation, disruption, and ruin. Defeat; the end of an illusory dream.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Violent and extreme change; death sometimes. Anxiety and reluctance to face a crisis. Retreat in order to regain strength may be necessary.



TEN OF DISKS Wealth

Astrological Mercury in

Ruler: Virgo

Keywords: Happiness,
Luck,
Wealth

Significance of Rulership

Mercury in Virgo gives a richness to life that is experienced on both the inner and outer levels of being. It bestows the ability to show the outside world what real inner wealth looks and feels like, and urges the sharing of it with others. This placement gives brilliant powers of communication. It represents an overflowing of love on every level of existence. The need to share this with others increases the need for communication, and the more it is communicated, the more valuable the wealth becomes.

Overview

The essence of this card goes beyond wealth and material success. It is deeply embedded in responsibility. Wealth has been attained; the success was of individual creation. You have drawn those with whom you are currently involved. You have manifested your current reality. You are now responsible for seeing that the situation does not degenerate into simply material diversions.

Symbolism

Gold Coins:	Wealth, success
Planetary Signs:	Success formula
Mercury:	Signifies the importance of communication
Gold Necklace:	Symbolizes wealth and achievement
Coin Arrangement:	Tree of Life

Interpretation

DIGNIFIED:	Prosperity; property; inherited wealth. Material security founded upon the work of others. Gain through interaction with others. Profit in any business dealings. All profits must be used for the good of the whole, else they will become valueless.
ILL-DIGNIFIED:	Restrictive consequences of great wealth. Problems with will or trusts. Disagreement about money within the family. Litigation. Loss of investment. Money made through illicit or immoral channels. Engendering of karmic burden.