

**THE TAROT:  
ESOTERIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL,  
AND DIVINATORY SYMBOLISM**



**Lady Galadriel**

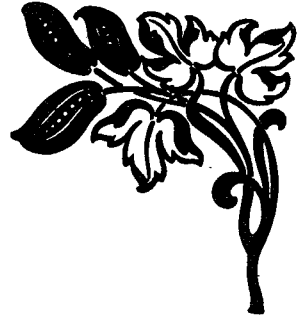
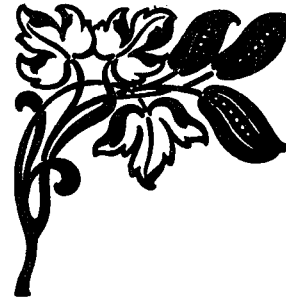


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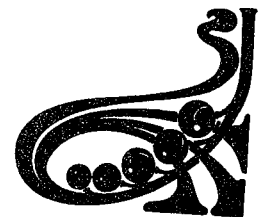


- TEMPERANCE - The Daughter of the Reconciler, the reflector of the Light. The image of Diana the Huntress, surrounded by dogs and a stag.
- THE DEVIL - The Lord of the Gates of Matter, the figure of Pan, dancing in the forests.
- THE TOWER - The Child of the Forces of Time, the Lord of the forces of Matter, the image of birth, life and death as symbolized by a baby, an adult, and a coffin, the image of Cronos.
- THE STAR - The Daughter of the Firmament, the Dweller between the Worlds. The image of a water nymph cavorting and frolicking with sea creatures. A star.
- THE MOON - The Ruler of Flux and Reflux, The Lady of the Astral Planes. The image of a woman as a ghostly apparition.
- THE SUN - The Lord of the Fires of the Spirit and of Matter, a masculine face within the sun, the figure of the God of Ankhmaton, with extended rays becoming outstretched hands.
- JUDGEMENT - The Ruler of Illumination, the sarcophagus within the Great Pyramid as initiatory symbol of rebirth, surrounded and protected by four winged goddesses.
- THE WORLD - The Great One of the Night of Time, the image of the Sphinx, or the four Kerubim of the chariot of God.

(Meditational names and images adapted from Aleister Crowley)

#### DEDICATION

- TO MY HUSBAND: For his encouragement, support and faith, and all those trips to the office supply stores.
- TO HENRI BELLMAN: For making me synthesize and organize my knowledge onto paper, and for making me work harder than any student has since.
- TO MY PARENTS: Who taught me alot about life.
- TO SALLY COOK: For her inspiration, and the use of her typewriter, without which I couldn't have finished.
- TO LADY RHEA: For helping me make my dreams come true.....



MEDITATIONAL IMAGES OF THE TRUMPS

- THE FOOL - The spirits of the Ether, the symbolism of the circle.
- THE MAGICIAN - The Magus of Power, a fair youth equipped with the winged helmet and staff of Hermes.
- THE HIGH PRIESTESS - The Priestess of the Moon and Stars, a veiled woman sits before a statue of Isis, in an attitude of prayer.
- THE EMPRESS - The Daughter of the Mighty Ones, a winged goddess stands upon the crescent moon, crowned with a starry symbol of Venus.
- THE EMPEROR - Chief among the Mighty, the morning sun, a flame crowned god.
- THE HEIROPHANT - The Magus of Eternity, upon a throne a bearded ancient sits.
- THE LOVERS - The Children of the All, the oracle of love, two carefree and innocent children at play.
- THE CHARIOT - The Lord of the Triumph of Light, the powers of water and regeneration, a young hero stands beneath a starry canopy.
- STRENGTH - The Daughter of the Flaming Sword, a young woman stands before a crowd, in calm confidence.
- THE HERMIT - The Phrophet of the Eternal, the magus of the voice of power, wrapped in a cloak and bearing a staff, eyes turned to the skies.
- THE WHEEL - The Forces of Life, a wheel with eight spokes, representing the seasonly quarters and cross-quarters.
- JUSTICE - The Daughter of the Lord of Truth, the ruler of balance and equilibrium, a Grecian goddess with blindfolded eyes.
- THE HANGED MAN - The Spirit of the Mighty Waters, the mind and heart as a flowing river
- THE REAPER - (Death) -The Child of the Great transformer, the image of a head facing all four directions.

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# MEDITATION & THE TAROT

The Tarot can be one of the most productive approaches to meditation you will encounter. By using the images and symbols of the cards you can explore all the various modes of consciousness and psychological stages represented therein. The Tarot as a meditational tool is extremely enriching, and possibly an even greater teacher than the usage of the cards for divinatory purposes. On the following pages several images and word descriptions are given in connection with the Trump cards as alternate approaches to a meditational study of the Tarot. You may wish to use these to give even greater depth and vision to the symbols already present in the picture itself. These word symbols are keyed to express inner, psychological associations with several key portions of the Trump symbols, ideas and associations that contemplation seems to trigger off within ourselves.

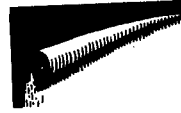
It is important to remember that if you intend to use the Tarot as a meditational tool, that any meditations you do should be as a serious approach to the topic. Lack of respect for the cards often means a lack of success, even more so in this area than in its divinatory functions. Prepare yourself as you would for any other meditation. If you have no specific ritualistic approach to meditation that you already follow, you may wish to take into consideration the following ideas.

First you will need a place where you can be left undisturbed. You will wish to take the phone off the hook. Your area should be equipped with comfortable seating or lying arrangements. It is better to meditate in the daytime, at least in the beginning, because to do so at night may cause you to fall asleep.

First calm yourself, and consciously relax. Let yourself get rid of all your tensions and troubles, and let your mind and body unwind. Do some deep breathing, and feel all your cares go away as you release each breath. It is important to remember that in deep breathing you should be using your abdomen and fully expanding your diaphragm. However, this should not be done to the extent that you feel uncomfortable, or that the breathing occupies too much of your concentration.

Examine the card or read the verbal image that goes with it, shut your eyes, and explore!

(Note: You may wish to intone several OM's during the beginning stage of your meditation, or during the initial deep breathing, in order to help set your awareness and the tone of the meditation.)



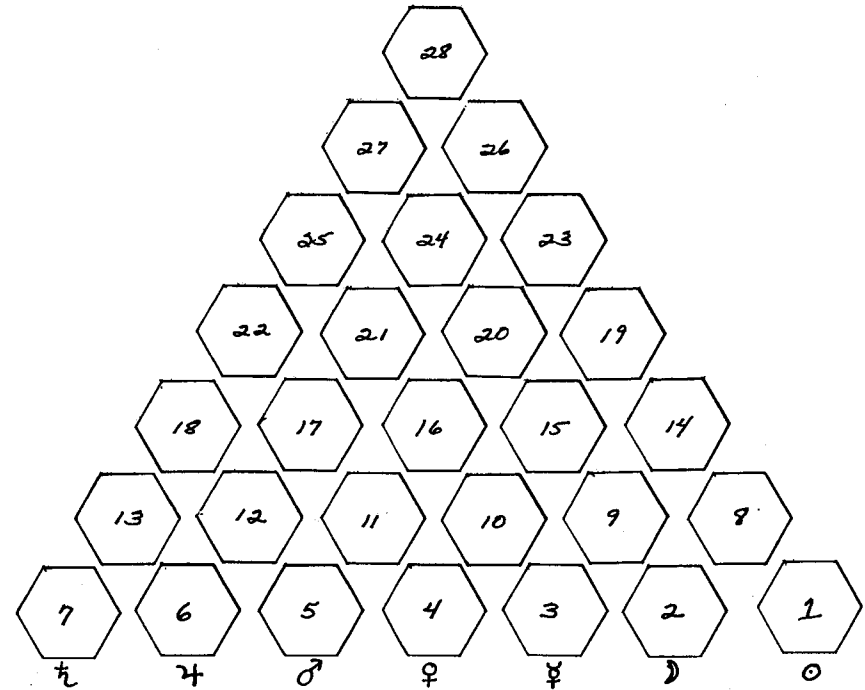
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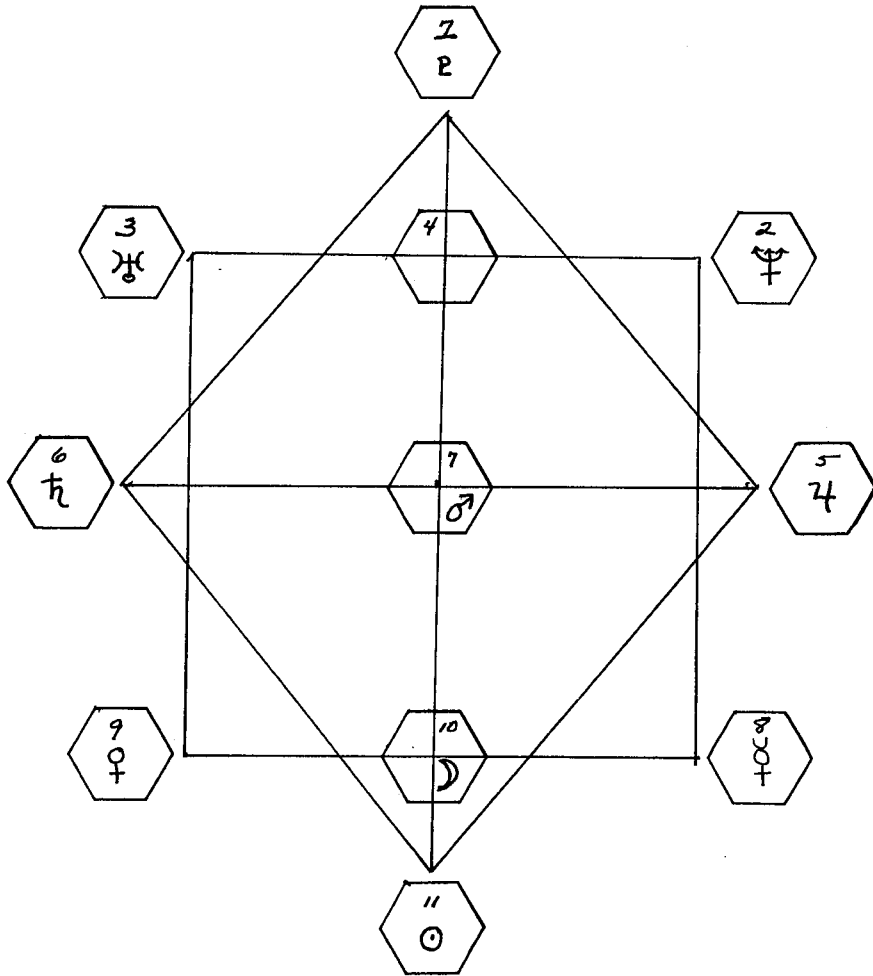
# The Pyramid



This spread is used for lifetime readings, and as such should only be used once for each querant, unless there are extreme circumstances which indicate otherwise. The bottom row is attributed to the seven planetary influences as the basic composition of the querants character. Cards 8 through 13 represent the intellectual character. Cards 14 through 18 represents the emotional character. Cards 19 through 22 rule health and material concerns. Cards 23, 24 and 25 rule the home and family of the querant. Cards 26 and 27 rules the spirituality and religiousness of the querant, and Card 28 represents the overall tone and accomplishment of the querants lifetime.

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# Planetary Spread



Card four represents the querant, and their position regarding the question. It can either be chosen ahead of time as a significant, or can be dealt as a part of the spread.

Notice the resemblance of this spread to the Tree of Life? You may wish to apply the meanings of the sephiroth to the interpretations you make, as well as the planetary influences.

# THE LORE OF THE TAROT

The Tarot is a deck of 78 cards which are split into two major sections - The Major Arcana and the Minor Arcana. The Major Arcana consists of 22 cards in all. The Minor Arcana are comprised of four suites, each containing 10 cards, numbered Ace through Ten, and four Court Cards for each suite, thus giving a total of 56 cards.

The study of the Tarot is a study in consciousness, as well as the universal symbolism that consciousness tends to communicate with. Jung calls these symbols "archetypes", for they are present in everyone's unconscious/conscious mind regardless of cultural background and intellectual training.

There are several speculations as to the origin of the Tarot, but as far as I know, no proof that any of these theories are correct. Some people claim that the Tarot comes from the days of Atlantis, while others claim that the Major Arcana were devised by the Egyptians and used within their complex initiation ceremonies as keys to the Sacred Mysteries.

Others attribute the invention of the Tarot to the Gypsies, and still others say it was developed from an Italian card and dice game called Tarocchi which became popular in the fifteenth century. One last story concerning the beginnings of the Tarot is connected with a gathering of the world's philosopher's and wise men in Fez, the capital of Morocco and a great center of learning after the burning of the great library in Alexandria. Due to the fact that there were so many varying languages between the philosophers there was a great deal of trouble in communicating with one another. And so, the story goes, the Tarot was invented as a symbolic picture language in order to breach the 'communications gap'.

Personally, my favorite theory is the one regarding their Egyptian origins. Although, if this theory is true, there was no sign of the cards for many hundreds of years, I do not find it difficult to believe that their secrets and symbols were kept hidden by various occult and hermetic societies until they resurfaced about the end of the 1300's. Whatever your particular pet theory might be, the oldest existing specimens of the Tarot date back to circa 1390 and are now on display in several museums.

The Tarot cards are a unique compilation of archetypal symbolism, whatever their origin, and since their inception they have accrued hundreds of other correspondences and references, aside from their original meanings. They can be used as stepping stones to explore the various modes of consciousness and all of their connotations, connections, and stages of manifestation. They are considered to be "Universal" in their application because all humanity encounters these modes of being on an individual level at some point within their lives. In fact, a well known author and occultist named Eliphas Levi once said that if all a person had was a deck of Tarot cards, and they applied some study and effort in learning and using them, such a person could come to learn and understand all the wisdom of the world.

But, putting aside for a few moments, all the areas which the Tarot can be used to explore, lets examine the basic question of HOW and WHY the cards work, particularly in their function of divination and prediction.

There are several schools of thought on this topic as well. One is the theory of random generation, or, basically, the same principle that functions behind the operation of the I Ching and horary astrology. This is the concept that the moment or time of the question determines the avenues that the question may develop along, and indicates the path most likely to be followed from the querant's situation and perspective in time and space. If, as some occultists claim, the past, the present, and the future are all simultaneous, and it is only our view and perspective that makes them seem separate from one another, then it would stand to reason that what occurs in the present would determine, or already BE the future. This is another variation on the idea of "Fate".

The other theory on how the cards work is that the subconscious mind directs the querant's shuffling of the cards, thus causing those cards which are pertinent to the question or situation to surface in the reading. This is based on the fact that the subconscious mind is aware of the myriad aspects of the environment, and the querant's mode of response to them, which the conscious mind may have only dealt with or assimilated certain aspects of. The subconscious then translates this knowledge through the symbolism of the Tarot into a form that the conscious mind can become aware of and then integrate into its functions. In other words, the Tarot becomes a system that allows the two portions of your mind to communicate, enabling one to draw upon all of their faculties for guidance and information. The Tarot acts as an intermediary and translator between the conscious and the subconscious.

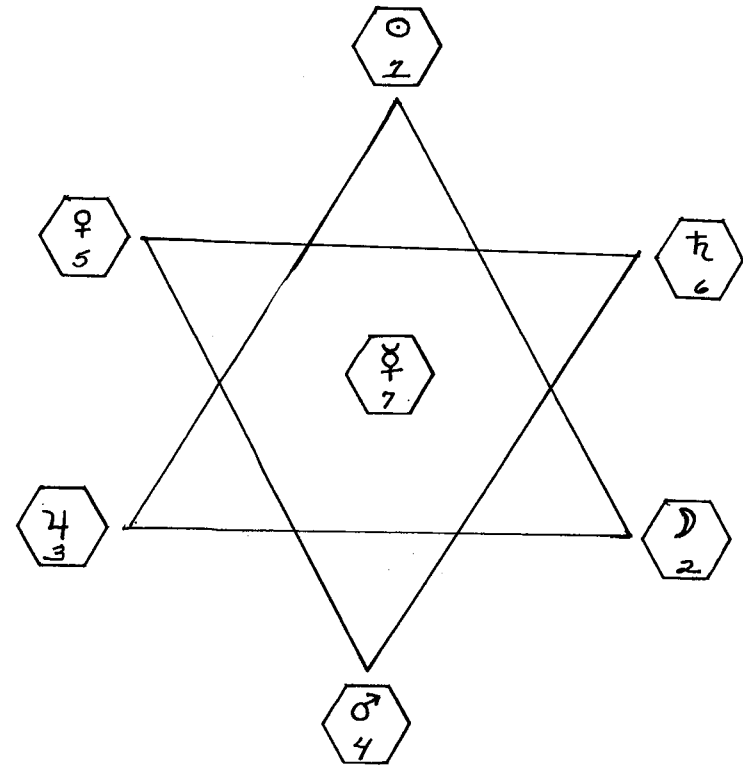
However, it should be mentioned here that the Tarot does not really predict the future in the mysterious sense of the term. Rather, the cards are portals and windows through which one can view themselves and thus, knowing more about how you really are and feel, you can make conclusions on how you are likely to act or respond in any given situation. By knowing more about yourself today, you will also know more about yourself tomorrow.

But irregardless of the stories behind the Tarot and how it works, the important fact is that it does work! And this is why it has acquired its aura of mystical and magical reputation -- for when people are confronted with obvious results which cannot be ignored and denied, and yet have no physical, scientific explanation for the phenomenon, these things are then labeled magical and mysterious. But in truth there is nothing truly mysterious about the Tarot, except its origins, and perhaps, how some person or group of people had the insight, foresight, and wisdom to put together such an extremely complicated, yet fascinatingly simple set of archetypal symbols that have stood the test of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years of use.

There are many mystical and superstitious taboos which are associated with the cards and their handling. Just as with astrology, the Tarot gives one an approach to viewing and understanding the aspects of one's life and personality. As with astrology, the Tarot fell into disrepute for many years and was written off as mere fortune telling. However, many psychologists and psychiatrists are now admitting the potential worth of the Tarot as a system of self-analysis and knowledge from the standpoint of generalized human growth patterns and potentials. It will not be long before this overview is brought down to a more personal level, which is where the Tarot functions best.

Lets examine some of the so-called 'rules' on how to purchase, store, and handle the Tarot cards.

## The Magick Seven



This spread is excellent for determining the areas of influence in any action, or the significance of the planetary influences regarding a specific situation. Card seven represents the attitude of the querant towards the matter at hand. This layout is also good for determining if a 'wish' will come true.



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ASTROLOGICAL SYMBOLISM

On the following pages are several spreads with planetary influences and attributes. In order to better understand the meanings and interpretations of these spreads it is important to know what the planetary attributes represent. The following is a list of the ten planets and their areas of influence.

**THE SUN** - By denoting the sign one is born under the sun impresses itself on the basic personality. Its qualities are hot and bright, warath of emotion, great vitality and creativity, ambition and leadership, concern with rational matters, the concious mind and the ego, the father.

**THE MOON** - This is the sun's opposite and governs the night, the intuitive, the occult, depth of feeling, and the unconcious mind. The moons changeability also reflects itself in the persons character, and it represents the mother's influence.

**MERCURY** - Mercury rules the intellect, cleverness, communications, skill, and talent, management and business matters.

**VENUS** - Venus rules matters of love, beauty, harmony, and the fecundity of nature, as well as gentleness, kindliness, gracefulness, warmth, sensuality and morals. Also governs some artistic talents.

**MARS** - Aggression, energy, virility, extroversion, physical power, determination, courage and strength.

**JUPITER** - This is considered the greater benefic, with regal qualities. Concerned with money matters and worldly success, prosperity, and luck, optimism, expansiveness, and manner and character.

**SATURN** - At its best Saturn rules responsibility, gravity, reliability, and wisdom. It is considered the planet of Karma. At its worst it can represent cruelty, narrowmindedness, austerity, selfishness, and can govern criminal tendencies. It may also deal with illness.

**URANUS** - Associated with invention, rebelliousness, and radical change, upheaval. In its higher applications it concerns itself with liberation, ideals and freedom.

**NEPTUNE** - Unpredictability, over-reactions, mysticism and concern with other world influences, exaggerations and extravagences. Can lead to dangerous excesses and escapist tendencies.

**PLUTO** - Mostly concerned with death and darkness tendencies, hidden aspects of life and mind. However it is considered to be more of a generational influence because of its distance from the Earth. Can indicate instability, problem areas.

In the days when everything was done by hand, it was thought best to create your own set of cards. However, modern society being what it is, this is impractical for many, and so this particular "rule" has been revised to the purchasing of a brand new, unopened deck. This is to insure that the cards have not been handled by another person who may have "charged" them with unwanted or undesirable energies. In many books one is warned against accepting an opened deck from a friend or acquaintance, or from purchasing a used deck. After all, you never know what evil demons may be lurking in the cards, or what nasty curse might have been placed upon them!

So now you have either hand-illuminated your own deck of cards, or you have purchased an unopened "virgin" deck from your local bookstore or occult supply shop. What next?

According to older authorities on the subject, one should wash their hands thoroughly and carefully before handling the cards. From an occult point of view this is to remove any negative or unwanted energies from the reader so that they are not instilled into the cards, thus affecting the outcome of the reading. From a practical point of view, handling the cards with clean, dry hands helps prolong their longevity. Either way, a concious ritual involved in the handling of the cards makes one more aware of the situation at hand and your responses to it. The ritualistic washing and drying of the hands between readings is also recommended, so as to prevent "contamination" from one question to the next.

The next thing I advise you to do, if you have purchased a deck, is to throw away the interpretive booklet that comes with the deck. Ninety nine percent of these booklets are almost totally worthless, and if you do not get into the habit of using a worthless crutch you will save yourself a great deal of confusion and problems later on.

The cards are also said to remain uncontaminated and better insulated from outside energies if they are kept in a silk or velvet drawstring pouch. The most popular colors for these are black or white. Whether or not you choose to do this, it is only practical to keep them in a clean spot, away from excessive moisture and out of direct sunlight.

Before doing a reading, or upon opening a new deck, the reader should "clear" the cards. This is basically a shuffling of the cards while keeping your mind clear and free of distracting or negative thoughts. This gives the cards, and you, a neutral place to work from.

Let me also point out that when we refer to shuffling the cards that this is NOT done in the manner in which you would shuffle a deck of playing cards, for several reasons. First, bending the cards in the middle is abusive to the cards and decreases their life span. You will also find that many decks are too large to shuffle comfortably in this manner. Secondly, the shuffling of the cards should be a deliberate and meditative gesture, and should be performed slowly, with careful concentration on the question to be asked. The cards should be held in one hand, and with the other hand a portion of the deck should be "spliced" into the remaining part of the deck. This process should be repeated several times, even turning the cards end to end if you so desire. It should also be done so that the cards pictures are facing away from your view. Any cards that accidentally fall out in the shuffling process should be laid aside for later examination. These cards are often considered pertinent to the situation or question at hand. Many people use them as the significator in the reading, which is the card designated to represent the querant and/or the question. You may wish to do this, or to use a different significator and merely consider these cards as an addendum to the reading itself.

In choosing a deck of cards care should be taken to choose a set that is aesthetically pleasing to you. The closer a rapport you develop with the cards the better your readings with them will be. It is hard to establish a rapport with a deck that is not appealing to you and your tastes, and whose symbolism is not in gear with your personal views. This is why you should examine as many decks as possible before purchasing one. Another factor to be taken into consideration, and an important one in my estimation, is whether or not the Tarot deck uses illustrative pictures for the Minor Arcana, or whether they simply picture a repetitive symbol of the suite according to the number of the card. I strongly recommend those decks which have illustrated Minor Arcana for learning purposes, as they are much easier to work with and to learn from. This is because the pictures will cue your responses and your memory better than four cups or ten swords will. Save those decks for when you have a better grasp of the Tarot and your memory can supply you with the information associated with the cards. The three decks I recommend for learning the usage of the Tarot are the Morgan-Greer deck, the Aquarian deck, and the Rider-Waite deck, all of which have illustrated Minor Arcana.

The word Arcana come from the Latin "arcanus" which means hidden or secret. Thus the Major Arcana contain the most important "secrets" or truths, and the Minor Arcana are the lesser, or supportive "secrets". Another name for the Major Arcana is the Trumps, as these cards are considered the most important and valuable aspect of the Tarot. Other names for the Trumps are Keys and Atu's. In fact there are several decks available which consist of only the 22 Major Arcana.

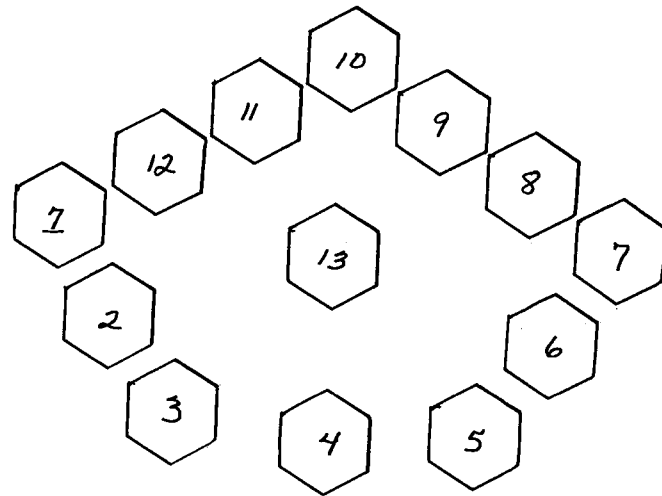
Let's take a moment to examine the word "Tarot" and what it means. The word Tarot is actually a synthesized or artificial word. If we drop the final T (which is silent in the pronunciation) and is of more modern addition, we are left with T A R O. These letters can then be arranged to form several different words whose meanings all have a bearing on the purpose and usage of the Tarot. These words are:

- Rota - Latin for wheel or cycle
- Orat - Latin, meaning to speak, more familiar to us as the word orate.
- Tora - Hebrew for 'the Law'
- Ator - From Latin meaning to characterize or categorize
- Troa - from the Latin meaning gateway.

As you can see, all of these words can refer to the Tarot, which is, symbolically, the gateway through which we can view and characterize universal laws of consciousness and being, as they speak to us on an individual basis and in relation to our particular cycle of life, or wheel of evolution.

As far as Divination or prediction by the Tarot goes, there is an old saying which I am fond of repeating. This is "The cards never lie, only the interpreter makes mistakes". The error in any reading that goes astray is not within the cards themselves, but rather, in the way the reader verbalizes their significance based on their understanding of the symbolism. Now, this is not to say that whatever comes out in a reading is immutable law and cannot be changed. Rather, the Tarot indicates the most probable path of development in a given situation based on the querants position in regard to the question and the actions/reactions of the environment and other people involved. Thus the Tarot indicates the way things will proceed provided NOTHING is done to change the situation.

## Zodiac Spread

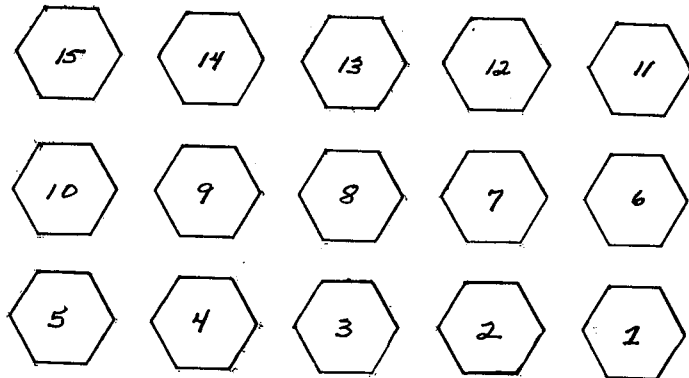


Card 13 represents the querant

- Card 1 represents Aries and the area of First House concerns
- Card 2 represents Taurus and the area of Second House concerns
- Card 3 represents Gemini and the area of Third House concerns
- Card 4 represents Cancer and the area of Fourth House concerns
- Card 5 represents Leo and the area of Fifth House concerns
- Card 6 represents Virgo and the area of Sixth House concerns
- Card 7 represents Libra and the area of Seventh House concerns
- Card 8 represents Scorpio and the area of Eighth House concerns
- Card 9 represents Sagittarius and the area of Ninth House concerns
- Card 10 represents Capricorn and the area of Tenth House concerns
- Card 11 represents Aquarius and the area of Eleventh House concerns
- Card 12 represents Pisces and the area of Twelfth House concerns

- The First House rules self-view, appearance and personality
- The Second House rules money, possessions and material matters
- The Third House rules intellectual achievements, communication, and friends
- The Fourth House rules the home, childhood and the mother
- The Fifth House rules Love, children, recreation
- The Sixth House rules Health, work, servants or employees
- The Seventh House rules marriages and partners, also enemies and conflicts
- The Eighth House rules death and inheritance, wills and indirect benefits
- The Ninth House rules education, philosophy, mysticism and spiritual matters
- The Tenth House rules career, reputation, fame
- The Eleventh House rules friends, social life, ambition and hopes
- The Twelfth House rules secrets, enemies, confinements, illnesses, problems

## Past / Present / Future



This spread is to be used for inquiries dealing with specific areas of life, such as love, work, success, happiness, family etc. Cards 1 through 5 represent the past, Cards 6 through 10 represent the present, and Cards 11 through 15 represent the future. In each of the three lines the middle card is considered to be the most important, the two cards on either side to be secondary influences, and the two outer cards to represent even more distant influences.

As with astrology, the Tarot shows the basic trends and indications inherent in any person or situation at any given time. However, when one becomes conscious or aware of these indications and trends then one may take conscious and definitive action to change or alter these trends. This is one of the most valuable usages of the Tarot, for once it has explained the indications surrounding a question, the cards may then be consulted as to the probable outcome if any action is taken to change them. From this point, using the available data regarding how things will manifest if left alone, and how they will manifest or be changed if other courses of action are followed, one may then decide on a course of action (or non-action) that will produce, in the querant's opinion, the most favorable result in any situation. Thus the Tarot is not a fortune telling device decreeing people's fate in an arbitrary manner, but rather it is a synthesis of all available information, both conscious and subconscious, on the querant's position at a particular moment in time and space towards a particular area of life that enables the querant to make informed judgements on the action, or non-action, that will bring the desired outcome or resolution.

At this point it is good to mention the fact that ANY reading one does on themselves is usually affected by the fact that you are dealing with yourself and your subjective reaction to what you wish to see. It is often hard to be objective regarding one's hopes, fears, desires, and needs. Irregardless of how objective you might try to be, if the question has an important emotional or other charge, one is bound to be more positive, or negative, about the reading because you cannot reach a state of impartiality about it. On one level or another you are bound to project what you would like to see happen, or what you fear will happen, into the interpretation and significance of the cards themselves. This is why many people who read the cards often consult another reader when a question holds an important personal impact. An outside party can remain objective, impartial, and unbiased regarding the information that come up.

Interpreting the cards is a skill, and like any other skill or talent, once the basics are learned the skill must be practiced and used repeatedly if you wish to become proficient in it. And once proficiency and mastery is acquired, as with any other form of knowledge, if you don't continue to use it you tend to lose your mastery of it and become rusty. In the beginning you will make mistakes, and sometimes be off target in your interpretations. If you don't allow this to discourage you, and you learn from your mistakes, your ability will grow. No one learns to read a language overnight, and in the early stages our efforts are fraught with errors in pronunciation and understanding. But with perseverance and continued effort the mistakes become fewer and the proficiency greater. So it is with the cards. I advise doing numerous readings for friends and acquaintances, with the understanding that you are just learning, and obtaining as much feedback as possible from the querant in order to check the accuracy of your reading -- how often are you on target, and in what areas? Does the reading make sense in light of what you and the querant know about the situation? Is it applicable? Ask them for their opinion, and if you desire, keep a record book of your results. As you find your accuracy increase so too will your confidence increase. And since reading the cards well and accurately is a matter of "channeling", the more confidence you have in your accuracy and your ability to channel, the easier it becomes, for the channel becomes clearer when it is not blocked by anxiety, or tension over your performance.

THE TAROT AND ITS CORRESPONDENCES

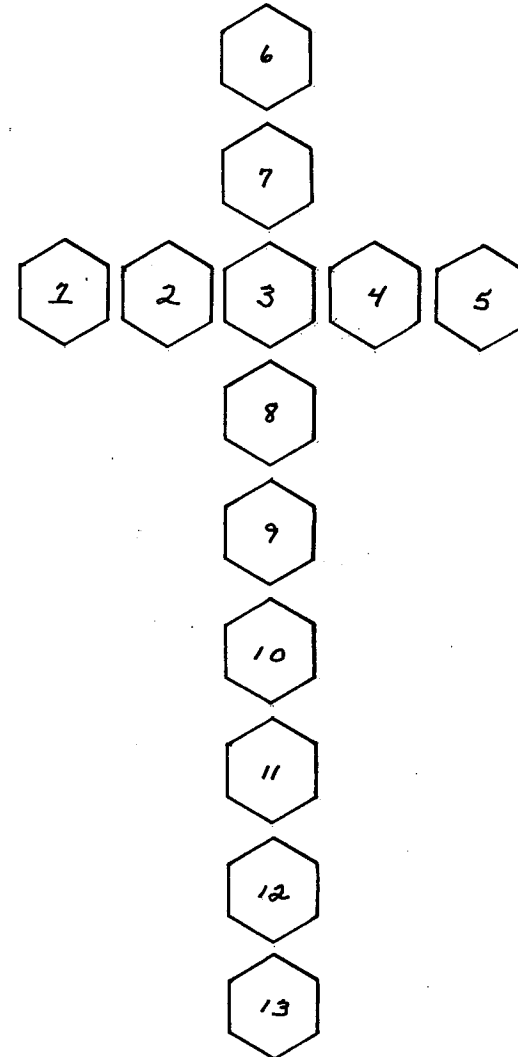
The Tarot has often been referred to as a pictorial representation of The Tree Of Life, a Qabbalistic, esoteric diagram of the workings of the universe. The Tree of Life is composed of ten spheres and the twenty-two lines or paths that connect them together. The Qabbala and the Tree of Life is a whole study and discipline in itself which people have devoted lifetimes to, and which it is impractical for me to give you but a glimpse of here. But for purposes of reference, and because the Tree of Life, the Hebrew alphabet and the Tarot are so interconnected, a basic summary and overview is necessary for a better understanding of the structure of the Tarot cards and their meanings, as well as the other correspondences connected to the cards. (For further reading on the Qabbala I recommend The Qabbala Primer by S.J. Cook, Astral Press, 1980.)

The Sephiroth, numbered one through ten, correspond to the cards of the Minor Arcana with the same number and in each of the four suites. The twenty-two Major Arcana correspond to the twenty-two paths. The twenty-two paths are also attributed to the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet, which are in themselves symbols or pictographs of other concepts. These letters also have definite numerological attributes which can be applied in card readings where dates, time or age is involved. (See diagram and list following this chapter).

The Major Arcana have also acquired correspondences to various other things as well. Some of these are astrological, alchemical, stones and gems, perfumes and incenses, real and legendary animals, musical tones, colors, directions, methods of occult healing, parts of the body, herbs and flowers, degrees in the Masonic orders, Biblical references, stages of initiation in magick, astronomical constellations and gods and goddesses of the various mythologies. Most of this correspondences are of little worth to the beginner, but can be fruitful avenues of inquiry later on. Some of these correspondences are included following the chapter on the Major Arcana.

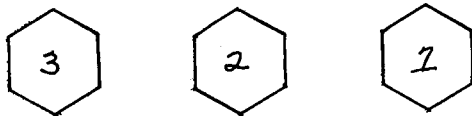
By now you have, hopefully, acquired a deck of you own Tarot cards and become familiar with them. It is now time to proceed into a review of the cards themselves and their significance.

# Magick Cross



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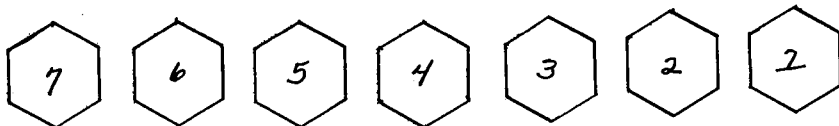
# Yes/No Spreads



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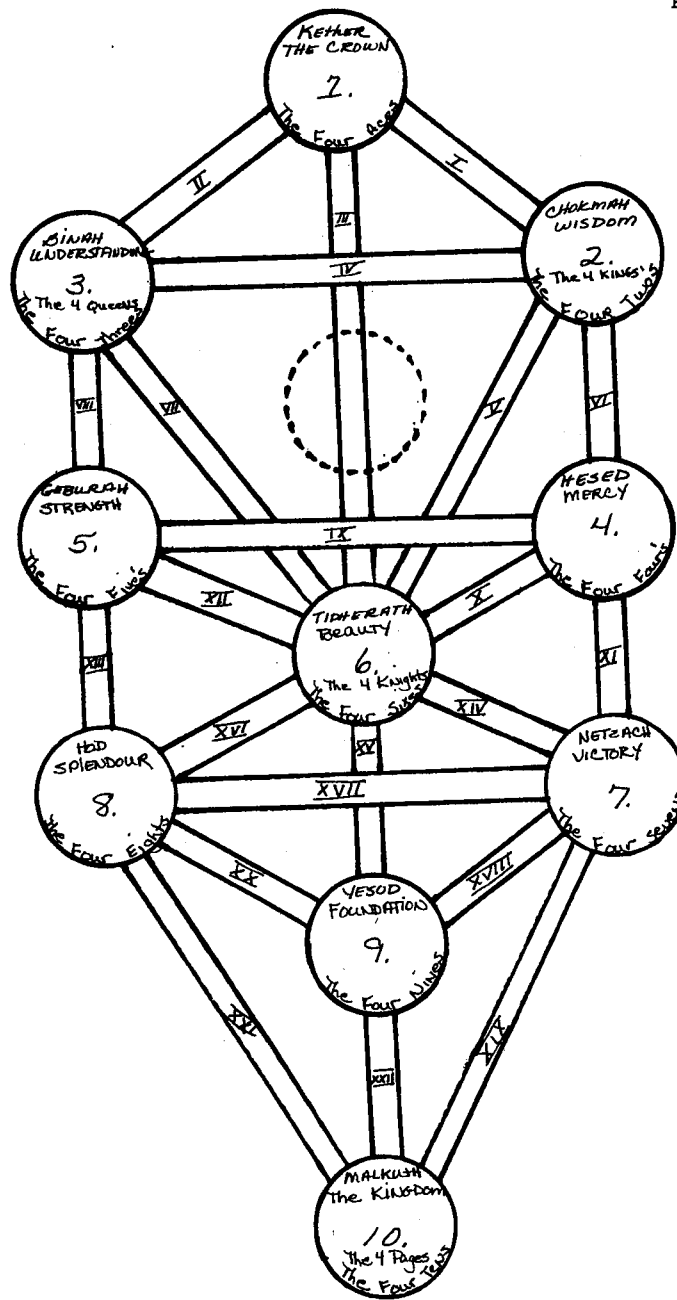


OR



These spreads are used for determining a simple yes or no answer to a question. The middle card is always of greater importance and emphasis. All cards facing the reader are positive and all cards reversed are considered negative. The middle card counts for two. Count the positive and negative aspects and the answer is the greater number in either category. Some people also read the upright cards as influences coming into the querants life, and the reversed cards as influences that are leaving. The cards on either side of the middle card are considered to be influence cards.

THE MAGICKAL CROSS (on following page) Card 3 represents the querants outlook on a situation. Cards 1, 2, 4, and 5 represent the environmental influences. Cards 6 and 7 represent the past factors of the situation. Cards 8, 9, and 10 are present influences and factors, while Cards 11 and 12 are future aspects. Card 13 represents the final result

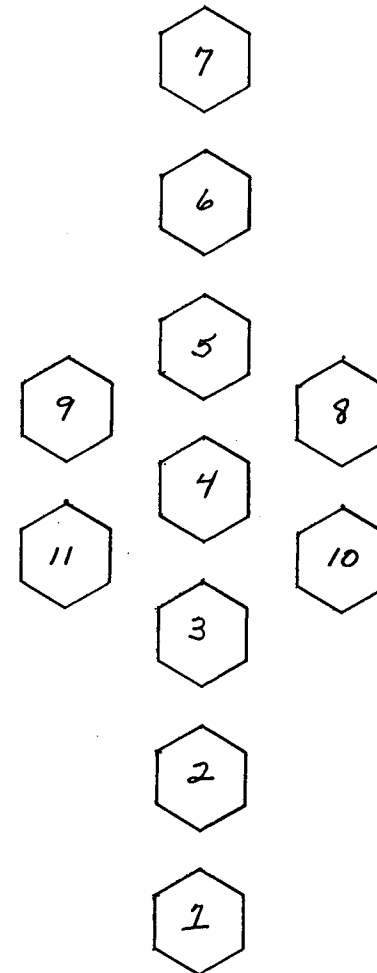


THE HEBREW LETTERS

	<u>Value</u>	<u>English Equivalent</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Aleph	1	A	Ox
Beth	2	B	House
Gimel	3	G	Camel
Daleth	4	D	Door
He	5	E, H	Window
Vau	6	V	Nail
Zayin	7	Z	Sword
Cheth	8	Ch	Fence
Teth	9	T	Serpent
Yod	10	Y, I	Hand
Kaph	20	K	Palm of hand
Lamed	30	L	Ox Goad
Mem	40	M	Water

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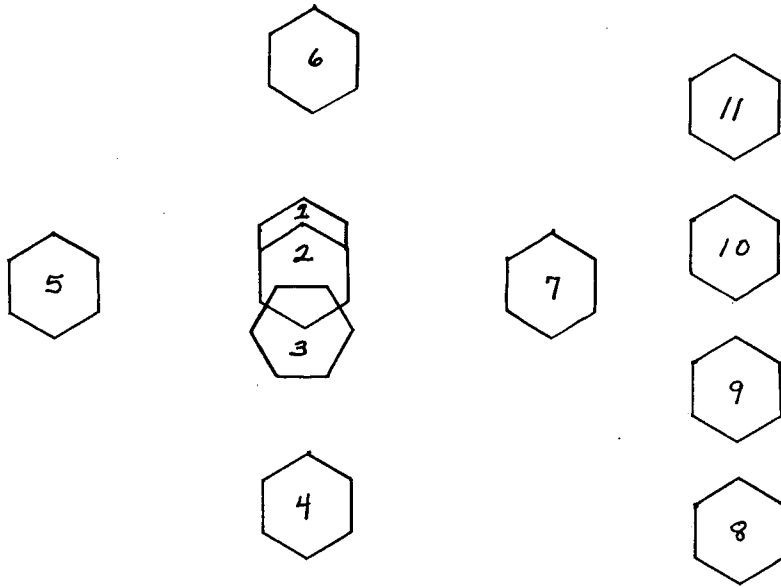
# Chakra Spread



Card 1 represents the genital chakra and sexual urges, Card 2 represents the spleen chakra and instinctual reactions. Card 3 is the navel chakra and represents the will of the querant. Card 4 is the heart chakra and it represents the emotional context of the situation. Cards 8,9,10, and 11 are the influence cards and they will portray hopes and fears, the environment and family attitude, as well as hidden thought and unconscious aspects. Card 5 is the throat chakra and indicates dreams and desires. Card 6 is the third eye chakra and it represents psychic and cosmic influences. Card 7 is the final result.

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# Celtic Cross



Card 1 is the significator, and should be picked before the spread begins. Card 2 represents the forces surrounding the question. Card 3 is the opposition of those forces. Card four represents the present, Card 5 is the past, Card 6 is the present, and Card 7 is the future. Card 8 represents the querants feelings regarding the question. Card 9 is the environment surrounding the question. Card 10 is the querants hopes or fears in the situation, and Card 11 is the final result or outcome.

Nun	𐤍	50	N	Fish
Samech	𐤌	60	S	Prop
Ayin	𐤏	70	O	Eye
Pe	𐤐	80	P	Mouth
Tzaddi	𐤑	90	Tz	Fish-hook
Qoph	𐤒	100	Q	Back of head
Resh	𐤓	200	R	Head
Shin	𐤔	300	Sh	Tooth
Tau	𐤕	400	Th	The Earth; A cross

## THE MINOR ARCANA

The Minor Arcana is composed of four suites -- Rods (Wands, Batons, Staves), Cups, Swords (Daggers), and Pentacles (Coins or Disks). These represent the four qualities or areas of life, which are: thought, feeling or emotion, action, and form, and they in turn correspond to the four elements of the ancients: Air, Water, Fire and Earth. Each of the four suites is comprised of fourteen cards. These are labelled Ace through ten, and four Court Cards. The Minor Arcana is the forerunner of the popular playing cards of today, which dropped one of the court cards in each suite and changed Rods to Clubs, Cups to Hearts, Swords to Spades and Pentacles to Diamonds.

The Ancients did not consider the four elements to be the same thing as we understand the term elements in its chemical references and the periodic table of table of today. Rather, when they said that something was composed of water or earth or a conglomerate of two or more elements they were referring to the overall qualities which the object or person displayed. This is exemplified by the arrangement of the four suites in the Tarot.

Air, or Wands represents thought. Thought must proceed feeling and action in one form or another. Something must be conceived of or perceived before one can feel anything towards it or take action regarding it. Our feelings towards a situation or our thoughts often determines our actions (or reactions) towards it. And once we have acted we must wait to see what manifestation, or form, our actions will take or produce.

Wands, or Rods, grow on trees, and trees give off air, are grand and majestic, and often live to be very old - our archetype of what a wise person should be. Their leaves also rustle in the wind making whispering type noises, and speech is the by-product of thought.

Cups have been considered the vessel of the heart, or emotions, from time immemorial. Emotions are flowing; they surge, rise and ebb, and can also be calm and placid. Tears, which can indicate sorrow or joy, are salt water, and thus water is the symbol for our emotions, and the cup is the receptacle of water.

Our actions are often based on incorrect reasoning or negative emotions, thus causing strife, tension, arguments and quarrels which can lead to painful repercussions, or the wounding of our psyches. And thus the symbol of the sword. And swords are forged and tempered in fire. But the other edge of the sword is our drive and motivation, which is empowered by our will. And when our actions are directed towards just and beneficial avenues, energized by a will of steel, they can be come a strong and inspiring symbol of justice and triumph for ourselves as well as others.

But wherever our actions may lead us, we must deal with what they bring us. When we set wheels in motion, in work or love, or any area of life, we create or form an aspect of our own reality. Our thoughts, feelings and actions determine how successful we are in the material aspects of life. And material success is often viewed in terms of wealth, and thus coins, as a symbol of money, becomes the logical choice. The higher rewards of life, such as satisfaction, happiness and spirituality are represented by the higher symbol for this suite, the pentacle. It is the star in our eyes, and in our dreams, and the one we wish on late at night.

The cards should not be turned over from bottom to top while they are being spread. Rather, they are picked up from the deck by the right edge and turned over towards the left so that the picture is now facing upward, and it is then laid into position.

Before beginning the actual interpretation of the reading take a few moments to look the lay-out over. Notice such things as whether or not there is a predominance of any one suite, or of any particular number. How many trumps are there, and what positions do they occupy? In general, are there any particular patterns you notice, or especially significant cards in key positions? Once the overall tone or flavor of the reading has been examined, then the reading can be directed to the interpretation of each card individually.

Don't use the book when you are doing a reading, or soon you will find yourself unable to do a reading without one. Let your imagination and instincts guide you, and study the book at other times. This will cue the meanings of the cards into your subconscious, and that will provide you with the necessary information needed when you are engaged in doing readings. Too much reliance on the book will lead you into the formation of a worthless habit.

When you are interpreting each card please be sure to take into account the position of the card and its attribute in the spread, as well as whether or not the card is upright or reversed. The interpretation is then filtered through these factors.

You are now ready to begin experimenting on the various spreads in the following pages. Good luck, and good reading!

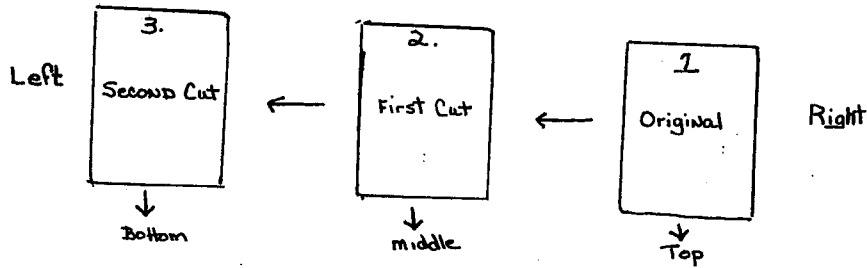


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Have the querant sit the cards before them, and using their left hand, have them cut the deck, placing the top part to the left of the original pile. From that pile, a second cut should be made, still using the left hand, and that should be placed to the left side again.

The reader should then pick up the cards from right to left, following the order that the cards were cut. This should be done from the querant's perspective. See the following diagram.



Now you should ask the querant the nature of their question to determine what type of spread or lay-out would be the best choice. If the spread indicates the need for a significator, this should be picked before the shuffling of the cards. However, even when I use the Celtic Cross (the only spread illustrated which calls for a significator card) I generally allow the first card up to represent them.

Generally, a significator is chosen from the Court Cards. A king would represent an older or more mature man. The Queen would represent a mature woman, particularly if she is married and has children, although that need not be a necessary criteria. The knight card represents adolescents of either sex. The pages represent children. The suite of the card can be chosen by the type of personality they manifest (refer to the descriptions of the Court Cards in chapter three) or by the nature of the question and the area it concerns.

You are now ready to begin the actual laying out of the cards. This should be done according to the numbered sequences shown in the following diagrams. In general the rule is to lay the cards out from the right to the left, the same way the Hebrew alphabet is written and read. This is also considered to connect in with the positive flow of energies that comes from the right and with the nature of the right hand.

I should mention here that there is a controversy regarding the elemental attributes of wands and swords. There are many who claim that the wands represent fire, and that swords belong to air, but I hold this to be untrue, based on several different reasons. First, if you examine the meanings of the cards in both suites, the wands mainly represent thoughts, growth, messages, journeys, insight and plans. Swords generally represent conflict, crisis, loss, quarrels and disappointments. Another aspect that does not make sense to me is to have a symbol that can be destroyed by its element, rather than being the master of it. Wands release air as a part of the living tree, and although they do provide fuel for fire, this would make them servants of the element. And what does the symbol of the sword have to do with air, other than perhaps cleaving it? In the past, as well as in the present, occult authors have had a tendency to 'rearrange' information, and to even include false information. I believe that this is how the mix-up began. This was done so that those who were initiated, or who knew what they were doing, would know better, and those who weren't would follow a blind alley and not learn the 'secrets' of the occult. You'll need to make your own decision regarding this matter.

Now, in order to better understand the meanings of the four suites it would be helpful to learn the meanings of the numbers one through ten. Each of these meanings or ideas are then applied through the particular element of the suite in order to provide us with the meaning of the card in question. Here is a brief summary of the ideas and principles represented by the numbers one through ten.

- ONE: Unity, Beginnings, Primal Source
- TWO: Duality, Receptivity, Choice, Partnership, Opposition
- THREE: The Creative Process, Birth, Formation
- FOUR: Foundation, Action, Manifestation
- FIVE: The Mind, the Law, Spirit functioning on a material or physical level
- SIX: Love, Beauty, Harmony
- SEVEN: Transmutation of force to form, form to force
- EIGHT: Infinity, Stability, Balance, Regeneration
- NINE: Imagination, Occult Power, Illumination
- TEN: Material Manifestation, Completion, Cyclicity

If, in a reading a large proportion of a particular suite appears it sets the tone for the general indications of the answer, and the area mainly concerned, and should be considered in an overview of the reading.

- WANDS: energy, change, new growth
- CUPS: pleasure, merriment, satisfaction, happiness
- SWORDS: sickness, strife, difficulties, opposition
- PENTACLES: money and success, business and possessions
- COURT CARDS: societal responsibilities, meeting new people

If a spread contains three or four cards of a particular number this also influences the tone of the reading and should be kept in mind while interpreting the rest of the layout.

4 Aces: great power and force  
3 Aces: success, gain

4 Twos: conferences, conversations  
3 Twos: reorganization, conciliation

4 Threes: resolution, determination  
3 Threes: possible deception, misguidance

4 Fours: rest, peace, completion, repose  
3 Fours: industry, action

4 Fives: order, regularity  
3 Fives: opposition, quarrels

4 Sixes: Pleasure  
3 Sixes: choices, new directions

4 Sevens: disappointments, discouragement  
3 Sevens: agreements, conciliation

4 Eights: news, information  
3 Eights: travel, change

4 Nines: added responsibilities  
3 Nines: communication, messages

4 Tens: stabilizing change with stress before calm  
3 Tens: quick loss and gain

I feel the need to stress here that these are keyword summaries and are not meant to be adhered to too strictly. These, as well as other keyword interpretations found within this booklet are guidelines only, and are to be used to help spur your own thoughts on the subject. No ONE definition of the cards is always strictly correct. Since the Tarot IS such a set of multi-faceted symbols, and because the position and designation of a card in a reading can flavor the meaning, these keywords can only provide a general summary of what a card would indicate in most situations.

When working a spread use the pictures to cue you. The basic and most prominent idea within the card will have the most prominent part to play within the picture, enhanced by secondary symbolism and their meanings. In becoming familiar with the cards it is a good idea to look at the picture and see what it seems to indicate to you. Then check the keywords given here and see how closely your impression matches them. Then apply the card to certain key positions within a layout, such as the hopes/fears, environment or final result position, and see how this might accentuate, depreciate or otherwise change the overall significance of this card. It is this particular factor which can give the Cards the many nuances and variations they contain. Exploring these possibilities ahead of time is the best way to become acquainted with them.

On the following pages you will find keyword interpretations for the four suites. (The court cards will be treated separately in the next chapter).

## DOING A READING: THE SPREADS

Learning to read the cards is a matter of practice and channeling. In order to be a good reader, one must be open to intuitive responses to the cards, and not afraid to go with impulses received from the symbols. The form that a spread or layout may take is not really an indication of how successful a reading will be, for it is not the form, but the content of the spread and the readers ability to translate this content into meaning for the querant. The various spreads that are illustrated here are merely to give the reader various ways of approaching the questions s/he may be asked. Some of these spreads are more conducive than others for approaching the different aspects of life, and may integrate the information into an easier form to digest and synthesize.

Before beginning any reading one should take a moment to clear themselves of outside thoughts and interferences. This assures that the energies will be focused on the reading about to take place. Some readers like to begin this period with a short prayer, invocation to the cards, or a meditation. You will need to experiment and see if any of these methods are suitable for your personal use. A suggested invocation for use is:

"I ask the energies to flow freely and clearly around this area, that I may be a correct channel for the information about to be received."

This can be done silently or aloud, as you prefer. Or, you may wish to devise one for yourself.

Before the actual start of any reading it is a good idea to 'clear' the cards. We spoke of this process in chapter one when talking about the purchase of a new deck. In clearing the cards one must keep the mind blank regarding all outside situations and concentrate only on clearing the cards as a channel.

Once this is done the cards should be handed to the querant and they should be told to clearly formulate their question within their minds. Once this is done the shuffling process should be explained to them, and they should shuffle the cards while concentrating on the question. Once they feel they have made the necessary 'imprint' on the cards, the next step is the cutting of the deck.

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## HERBAL AND OCCULT REMEDIES OF THE TRUMPS

- The Fool - Electricity and Mesmerism
- The Magician - Mental treatments, Psychiatric Analysis
- The High Priestess - Hydor-therapy
- The Empress - Rest and Recreation
- The Emperor - Garlic, Mustard, Onion, Radishes, Nettles, Poppies, Peppers, Hemp  
Broom, Holly, Dock, Thistle
- The Hierophant - Daisies, Dandelions, Flax, Myrtle, Gourds, Larkspur
- The Lovers - Meadowsweet, Madder, Tansy, Vervain, Woodbine, Yarrow, Privet
- The Chariot - Rashes, Cucumbers, Melon, Lilies, Water Plants
- Strength - Lavender, Parsley, St. John's Wort, Mint, Parsnips, Eyebright, Dill  
Camomile, Daffodil, Cowslip, Anise, Fennel, Marigold
- The Hermit - Endive, Millet, Barley, Oats, Wheat, Rye, Skullcap
- The Wheel - Proper Diet
- Justice - White Rose, Strawberry, Violet, Balm, Pansy, Primrose, Lemon-thyme
- The Hanged Man - Spiritual or Energy Healing
- Death - Heather, Blackthorn, Horehound, Bean, Bramble, Leeks, Wormwood, Wood
- Temperance - Mallow, Wood Betony, Feverfew, Agrimony
- The Devil - Henbane, Nightshade, Red Poppy, Hemlock, Aconite
- The Tower - Thermo-therapeutics
- The Star - Myrrh, Frankincense, Spikenard
- The Moon - Mosses, Ferns, Seaweeds
- The Sun - Light and Color Therapy
- Judgement - Stellar Healing
- The World - Naturopathy

These interpretations are given as Divinatory, meaning relating to the physical, mundane, material aspect of life; Inner, as referring to the intellectual and emotional characteristics of life; and Reversed, to be applied when the picture is upside down from the reader's point of view.

## WANDS

### ACE OF WANDS

Divinatory: Activity  
Inner: Energy, strength, growth, new beginnings  
Reversed: Stagnation

### TWO OF WANDS:

Divinatory: Message  
Inner: Insight, new perspective, balance  
Reversed: Lack of understanding

### THREE OF WANDS

Divinatory: Turning away from familiar concepts  
Inner: The search for the Unknown  
Reversed: Dissatisfaction, detachment

### FOUR OF WANDS

Divinatory: Home, family, sound reasoning  
Inner: Completed work, satisfaction  
Reversed: Upheaval, lack of foundation

### FIVE OF WANDS

Divinatory: Strife, competition  
Inner: Inner conflict; emotional vs. intellectual or spiritual  
Reversed: Re-organization, expended energy

### SIX OF WANDS

Divinatory: News of a positive nature  
Inner: Overcoming difficulties, reconciliation, rest after conflict  
Reversed: Lack of acceptance of situation

### SEVEN OF WANDS

Divinatory: Courage, strength in the face of difficulties  
Inner: Authority, rightness of motivation and actions  
Reversed: Difficulty in facing conflict

### EIGHT OF WANDS

Divinatory: Journey of mind or body  
Inner: Orientation on goal and activity to reach it  
Reversed: Escalating goals to a more spiritual perspective

### NINE OF WANDS

Divinatory: Preparation, looking ahead  
Inner: Inner strength and reserve, gathering of forces and information  
Reversed: Untapped potentials, restriction

TEN OF WANDS

Divinatory: Burdens, oppression  
 Inner: Power, and the responsibility of using it  
 Reversed: Overcoming obstacles, OR refusing to handle responsibility

**CUPS**ACE OF CUPS

Divinatory: Productivity, bounty  
 Inner: Pleasure, placidity and calmness  
 Reversed: Emptiness, lassitude

TWO OF CUPS

Divinatory: Partnerships, marriage  
 Inner: Union of intellect and emotion, reflection  
 Reversed: Discord, imbalance

THREE OF CUPS

Divinatory: Profitable outcome, fulfillment  
 Inner: Friendship  
 Reversed: Unfaithfulness, gossip

FOUR OF CUPS

Divinatory: Dissatisfaction with material status  
 Inner: Contemplation  
 Reversed: Emphasizing non-constructive talents and habits

FIVE OF CUPS

Divinatory: Grief, regret, loss  
 Inner: Hidden strength and knowledge  
 Reversed: Loss of sight of higher goals

SIX OF CUPS

Divinatory: Beginning of bounty or gain, new friendships  
 Inner: Better internal environment  
 Reversed: Unconscious misdirection of energies

SEVEN OF CUPS

Divinatory: Overindulgence in pursuit of pleasure  
 Inner: Illusionary image of self  
 Reversed: Dispersion of energies, diffusion

EIGHT OF CUPS

Divinatory: Abandoning outmoded ways of life  
 Inner: Seeking for higher ideals, dissatisfaction with material success  
 Reversed: Instability

NINE OF CUPS (THE WISH FULFILLMENT CARD)

Divinatory: Fulfillment of material wish  
 Inner: Fulfillment of emotional/intellectual wish  
 Reversed: Aspects of desires come through, but not in their entirety

STARS, CONSTELLATIONS AND PHYSICAL  
DISORDERS ATTRIBUTED TO THE TRUMPS

TRUMP	STARS OR CONSTELLATIONS	TYPICAL DISORDERS
The Fool	Cepheus	Respiratory Systems
The Magician	Orion	Ataxia, Nervous Systems
The High Priestess	Cassiopeia	Menstrual Disorders Lymphatic System
The Empress	Sirius	Syphilis, Gonorrhoea, the Genital System
The Emperor	Aries	Apoplexy, Head and Face
The Hierophant	Hercules, Lyra, and Boreal Crown	Indigestion, arms and Shoulders
The Lovers	Antinous	Pneumonia, The Lungs
The Chariot	The Great Bear	Rheumatism
Strength	Leo	Heart Diseases
The Hermit	Antares	Sine, Back, Paralysis
The Wheel	Capricornus	Gout, Digestive system
Justice	Libra	Kidney Disorders
The Hanged Man	Perseus	Chills, sweats, Bladder
Death	Pole Star	Cancer, the Intestines
Temperance	Andromeda	Thrombosis, Over-exertion
The Devil	The Pleiades	Arthritis
The Tower	Ophiuchus	Inflammation, Musculature
The Star	Aldebaran	Cystitis
The Moon	Procion, Caudus Draconis	Dropsy, Deaentia
The Sun	The Solar System	Depletion, circulation
Judgement	Milky Way	Fevers, Skin troubles
The World	The Little Bear	Skeleton, excretory organs

HUMAN FUNCTION AND OCCULT SCIENCES OF THE TRUMPS

TRUMP	HUMAN FUNCTION	OCCULT SCIENCE
The Fool	Breath (Vital Force)	Natal Astrology
The Magician	Life and Death (Spiritual Body)	Esoteric Psychology
The High Priestess	Peace and Strife (Divine Soul)	Life after Death
The Empress	Wisdom and Folly (Astral Body)	Mundane Astrology
The Emperor	Sight	Qabbalism
The Hierophant	Hearing (Psychometry)	Practical Occultism
The Lovers	Speech	Cosmic Alchemy
The Chariot	Smell (Spiritual Communion)	Mediumship
Strength	Touch (Inspiration)	Organic Alchemy
The Hermit	Taste (Clairvoyance)	Doctrine of Signatures
The Wheel	Wealth and Poverty (Electromagnetism)	Masonry
Justice	Work and Action (Feelings)	Spiritual Alchemy
The Hanged Man	Receptivity (Thought Transference)	Divination
Death	Motion (Subtle Essences)	Imponderable Forces
Temperance	Vibration	Spiritual Astrology
The Devil	Sorrow and Mirth (Animal Soul)	Horary Astrology
The Tower	Grace and Sin	Stellar Diagnosis
The Star	Meditation (Clairaudience)	Mental Alchemy
The Moon	Sleep, Dreams (Spiritual Aromas)	Natural Alchemy
The Sun	Fruitfulness and Sterility (Ego)	Personal Alchemy
Judgement	Purification (Soul Mates)	Spiritual Philosophy
The World	Dominion and Slavery (Physical Body)	Weather Prediction

TEN OF CUPS

Divinatory: Success, health  
 Inner: Emotional/intellectual harmony and happiness  
 Reversed: Slow achievement of goals through hard work

**SWORDS**

ACE OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Swift change, action, courage  
 Inner: Conquest of one's lower aspects  
 Reversed: Failure to accept life situations

TWO OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Indecision, unawareness  
 Inner: Balanced force, justice  
 Reversed: Conflict, confrontation

THREE OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Sorrow, delay, absence of security  
 Inner: Restructure of energy channels  
 Reversed: Attempting to face responsibility

FOUR OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Rest, repose, quiet attitude  
 Inner: Assimilation of knowledge and current input, pause before action  
 Reversed: Sloth, laziness, lack of concentration, daydreams

FIVE OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Preparation for confrontation  
 Inner: Facing one's own inferior aspects  
 Reversed: Dishonor, slander

SIX OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Travel, passage through difficulties  
 Inner: Change in attitude, new concepts, seeking  
 Reversed: Situation causes anxiety and tension

SEVEN OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Burdens, heavy responsibility, uncertainty  
 Inner: Intense emotional/intellectual exertion, partially successful  
 Reversed: Tension, fear of failure, weakness of position

EIGHT OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Forces beyond querants control, environment, karma  
 Inner: Indecision, wasted energy  
 Reversed: Limited freedom

NINE OF SWORDS

Divinatory: loss, pain, ill-health  
 Inner: Inner anxiety over decision, action or loved one  
 Reversed: Pretense, false emotions

TEN OF SWORDS

Divinatory: Ruin, dissolution  
 Inner: End of illusion  
 Reversed: Abrupt change causing 'death' of old attitudes, position, responses

# PENTACLES

## AGE OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Material gain, contentment with situation  
 Inner: Balanced forces and energies between physical and material planes  
 Reversed: Material/physical pre-occupations

## TWO OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Attempted equilibrium, family balanced against work  
 Inner: Harmony in the midst of change  
 Reversed: Lack of stability

## THREE OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Creativity, use of skill,  
 Inner: Development and growth  
 Reversed: Laziness

## FOUR OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Power, force, authority  
 Inner: Head and heart united, both aspects of self working together  
 Reversed: Restrictive positions and attitude

## FIVE OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Plans for future, journey  
 Inner: Adaptation, conformation  
 Reversed: Lack of affinity to situation

## SIX OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Gifts, material gain, physical comfort  
 Inner: Philanthropy  
 Reversed: High self opinion of oneself and one's achievements

## SEVEN OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Unfulfilled desires  
 Inner: Delay in results causing growth of oneself  
 Reversed: Malcontent, frustration

## EIGHT OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Skill in material affairs, new hobby or craft entering life  
 Inner: Skill in relationships and maintaining equilibrium within them  
 Reversed: Lack of attention to details

## NINE OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Completion of old phases  
 Inner: Contemplation  
 Reversed: Inability to deal effectively with environment

## TEN OF PENTACLES

Divinatory: Prosperity, stability, achievement of goals  
 Inner: Success with home and family, and inner life  
 Reversed: Lack of effort, withdrawel

## GEMS, PERFUMES AND INCENSES OF THE TRUMPS

TRUMP	GEMS	PERFUMES AND INCENSES
The Fool	Topaz, Chalcedony	Galbanum
The Magician	Opal	White Sandlewood, Mastic Mace
The High Priestess	Moonstone, Pearls	Camphor, Aloe
The Empress	Emerald, Turquoise	Red Sandlewood, Rose, Myrtle
The Emperor	Ruby, Garnet	Dragons Blood
The Heirophant	Topaz, Agate	Storax
The Lovers	Tourmaline, Alexandrite	Worawood
The Chariot	Amber	Onyeha
Strength	Tiger's Eye, Cat's Eye	Frankincense
The Hermit	Peridot	Narcissus, White Sandlewood
The Wheel	Amethyst, Lapis Lazuli	Saffron
Justice	Emeralds, opals	Galbanum
The Hanged Man	Beryl, Aquamarine	Myrrh
Death	Snakestone	Benzoin, Oppoponax
Temperence	Jacinth	Ginseng
The Devil	Black Diamond	Musk, Civet
The Tower	Ruby, Carnelian	Tobacco, pepper, Dragon's Blood
The Star	Crystal, Glass	Galbanum
The Moon	Pearl	Jasmine, Ambergris
The Sun	Diamond, Chrysolith	Cinnamon, Frankincense Glove
Judgement	Fire Opal	Cedar
The World	Onyx, Salt	Dittany of Crete, Sulphur Asofetida

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## THE COURT CARDS

### ZODIACAL AND MUSICAL ATTRIBUTES OF THE TRUMPS

TRUMP	ASTROLOGICAL ATTRIBUTE	SYMBOL	MUSICAL ATTRIBUTE
The Fool	Air (Modern: Uranus)	△, ♀	The Astral Chimes
The Magician	Mercury	♿	B
The High Priestess	Moon	☾	F
The Empress	Venus	♀	E
The Emperor	Aries	♈	High C
The Hierophant	Taurus	♉	Low E
The Lovers	Gemini	♊	High B
The Chariot	Cancer	♋	High F
Strength	Leo	♌	High D
The Hermit	Virgo	♍	Low B
The Wheel	Jupiter	♃	A
Justice	Libra	♎	High E
The Hanged Man	Water (Modern: Neptune)	♆, ♄	Music of the Spheres
Death	Scorpio	♏	Low C
Temperance	Sagittarius	♐	High A
The Devil	Capricorn	♑	Low G
The Tower	Mars	♂	C
The Star	Aquarius	♒	High G
The Moon	Pisces	♓	Low A
The Sun	Sun	☉	D
Judgement	Fire (Modern: Pluto)	♁, ♅	Harmony/Disharmony
The World	Saturn, Earth	♄, ♁	G

The Court Cards are one of the most misunderstood and misused aspects of the Tarot. Most people have attempted to wedge the sixteen cards that make up the Court into the twelve signs of the Zodiac, and to give them their attributes. Obviously this doesn't work well, for no matter how its done there are either four cards left over, or four double attributes. Many of the people who do this also insist that these cards represent actual people surrounding the querant and the question. This may be true in certain cases, for they do represent "personas", but they are as likely to represent the way the querant views themselves, or the way that they would like to view themselves.

The King is the father figure, full of paternal authority, as well as external authority. He represents the element of fire in its aspect of will and justice. The Queen is the mother figure, nurturing and loving. She represents the element of water, as the ruler of the emotions. The Knight (or Prince) represents the dutiful son or loyal subject, who carries out the wishes of the King and Queen. He is the element of Air. The Page (or Princess) is the coalition and manifestation of the preceding three figures, and molds their forces and energy into form, thus representing the element of earth.

The element that the court cards represent in and of themselves is then translated through the elements of the particular suite to which they belong, thus resulting in all possible combinations and permutations of the four elemental forces working through the four elemental areas of life discussed earlier.

The King of Wands - Fire of Air  
 The Queen of Wands - Water of Air  
 The Knight of Wands - Air of Air  
 The Page of Wands - Earth of Air

The King of Cups - Fire of Water  
 The Queen of Cups - Water of Water  
 The Knight of Cups - Air of Water  
 The Page of Cups - Earth of Water

The King of Swords - Fire of Fire  
 The Queen of Swords - Water of Fire  
 The Knight of Swords - Air of Fire  
 The Page of Swords - Earth of Fire

The King of Pentacles - Fire of Earth  
 The Queen of Pentacles - Water of Earth  
 The Knight of Pentacles - Air of Earth  
 The Page of Pentacles - Earth of Earth

Now, keeping these attributes in mind, the Court Cards can be said to be influenced by the zodiacal signs, and can indicate either a person who works with these zodiacal signs energies (but is not necessarily a Cancer or an Aries person) or an aspect of the querants personality that is in the emphasis at the time, or is in need of emphasis.

Thus the major zodiacal influences as translated through the Court Cards would be Aries, Leo and Sagittarius belonging to the suite of Fire, or Swords, Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn belonging to the suite of Earth, or Pentacles, Gemini, Libra and Aquarius belonging to the suite of Air, or Wands, and Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces belonging to the suite of Water, or Cups.

The King, Queen and Knight cards indicate modes of action and being, dominant forces which lie behind a persons behavior, or their desire to be perceived by others in a particular mode. The Page or Princess cards indicate these ideas and modes becoming crystallized into form, and in this case, the person translating these ideas, feelings and actions into being can usually be ascertained from the court or Trump card nearest to the Page.

The following is a list of the major mode of activity or being that the Court Cards represent.

- KING OF RODS - a man of science and thought, intelligent, restless, volatile.  
Dominant Mode - I THINK
- KING OF CUPS - a man of faith and belief, reserved, home loving, pleasant  
Dominant Mode - I FEEL
- KING OF SWORDS - a man of energy and activity, fiery, headstrong, courageous  
Dominant Mode - I AM
- KING OF PENTACLES - a man of trade, reserved, practical, skillful  
Dominant Mode - I HAVE
- QUEEN OF RODS - a woman of nature, studious, even-tempered, witty, ingenious  
Dominant Mode - I ANALYZE
- QUEEN OF CUPS - a lady of emotion, good, high-minded, amiable, noble, loving  
Dominant Mode - I BALANCE
- QUEEN OF SWORDS - a lady of conflict, haughty, high-spirited, ambitious, resolute  
Dominant Mode - I WILL
- QUEEN OF PENTACLES - a lady of status, proud, reserved, eccentric, powerful  
Dominant Mode - I DESIRE
- KNIGHT OF RODS - a youth of knowledge, witty, argumentative, yet amiable, artistic, fond of refined society, humanitarian  
Dominant Mode - I KNOW
- KNIGHT OF CUPS - a youth of love, romantic, listless, timid, easily influenced  
Dominant Mode - I BELIEVE
- KNIGHT OF SWORDS - a youth of work, crafty, subtle, aggressive, quick tempered  
Dominant Mode - I USE
- KNIGHT OF PENTACLES - a youth of money, benevolent, jovial, easy-going, fond of sports and activity  
Dominant Mode - I CREATE

ALTERNATE TRUMP TITLES

0. The Fool	The Materialist	The Spiritualist
1. The Magician	The Juggler	The Magus
2. The High Priestess	The Papess	Veiled Isis
3. The Empress	The Mother	Isis Unveiled
4. The Emperor	The Father	The Sovereign
5. The Hierophant	The Pope	The High Priest
6. The Lovers	The Two Paths	
7. The Charioteer	The Chariot	The Conqueror
8. Strength	Lust	The Enchantress
9. The Hermit	The Sage	
10. The Wheel	The Wheel of Fortune	
11. Justice	The Balance	Adjustment
12. The Hanged Man	The Martyr	
13. Death	The Reaper	Transformation
14. Temperance	The Alchemist	Art
15. The Devil	The Black Magician	The Sorcerer
16. The Tower	The Lightning	
17. The Star		
18. The Moon		
19. The Sun		
20. Judgement	The Aeon	The Sarcophagus
21. The World	The Universe	The Adept

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## KEYWORD INTERPRETATIONS FOR THE TRUMPS

THE FOOL - Folly, Choice, Innocence, Unawareness  
 THE MAGICIAN - Mastery, Skill, Will, Dexterity  
 THE HIGH PRIESTESS - Science, Wisdom and Knowledge, Intuition  
 THE EMPRESS - Action, Marriage, Creativity, Fruition  
 THE EMPEROR - Realization, Foundation, Plans  
 THE HIEROPHANT - Spiritual Laws, Religion, Authority  
 THE LOVERS - Beauty, Harmony, Growth, Union, Temptation  
 THE CHARIOT - Victory, Virtue, Achievement  
 STRENGTH - Spiritual Force, Power, Character  
 THE HERMIT - Prudence, Advice, Knowledge, Illumination  
 THE WHEEL - Chance, Change of fortune or events  
 JUSTICE - Integrity, Justice, Compensation, Conciliation  
 THE HANGED MAN - Sacrifice, Nobility of gesture and Mind, Expiation  
 DEATH - Change, transformation, New directions and ideas  
 TEMPERANCE - Patience, Calm, Regeneration, Assimilation  
 THE DEVIL - Negativity, Difficulties and Problems, slavery to outworn ideals  
 THE TOWER - Accidents, Abruptness, Misfortune  
 THE STAR - Truth, Hope, Faith, Belief, Trust  
 THE MOON - The Unconscious, Dreams, The Occult, Hidden thoughts and Information  
 THE SUN - Happiness, Joy, The Conscious Mind and the Ego  
 JUDGEMENT - Awareness, Growth, Spirituality, Facing Oneself  
 THE WORLD - Completion, Success, Material Power

PAGE OF RODS - thoughts of health and success, of promotion and creation of new ideas  
 Divinatory: useful, workable ideas  
 Reversed: restricting, confining ideas  
 PAGE OF CUPS - thoughts of love and affection  
 Divinatory: sincerity, support, fondness  
 Reversed: deceit, falsehoods, opposition  
 PAGE OF SWORDS - thoughts of personal gain, carelessness in the face of conflict  
 strife, or danger  
 Divinatory: self defense and protection  
 Reversed: desires for the ruin of others, plans to thwart  
 PAGE OF PENTACLES - thoughts concerning money, business, societal status  
 Divinatory: prosperity, business gain, benevolence  
 Reversed: opposition to others advancement, plots

The Court Cards are actually androgynous in essence, although the King portrays mature masculine qualities, the Queen portrays mature feminine qualities and the Knight youthful, or immature aspects of both a masculine and feminine nature. So a King card could actually represent a mature woman who works through masculine channels such as aggressiveness or possessiveness, and a Queen card could also represent a man who is ruled by his emotional nature. The terms man, lady and youth used in the descriptions above are more for categorization of these qualities, but are not necessarily indications of physical sex.

However, the Court Cards can be a good general indication of the emotional and intellectual age or persons of the people represented by them. The King and Queen indicate mature, fully developed attitudes, derived from experience, and thus the potential authority and rigidity of these attitudes. The Knight Court Cards indicate youthful, energetic attitudes, untempered by maturity and containing the "act first, think later" impulses of adolescents and their enthusiasm. The Page cards indicate childish behavior and attitudes in the areas concerned, motivated by self-interest and personal need, as well as the bid for attention.

## THE MAJOR ARCANA

The origin of the Major Arcana is said to stem from the time of the Egyptians. During the trials and ordeals of initiation, one phase is said to have included a journey through a great hall (speculated as being located within the Sphinx) on the walls of which were painted the twenty-two pictures of the Major Arcana. The initiate was led to each picture whose meaning and symbolism were explained. From this the initiate was to gather the necessary knowledge and inspiration to complete the remainder of the initiation. Whether or not this is true, these cards do comprise a universal doctrine which can aid us in viewing and understanding the spiritual, psychological and material forces which act through out our lives.

The twenty-two cards of the Major Arcana are classified into three septenaries, with the Fool card treated separately. The Fool is usually placed at the beginning of the series and numbered "0". However, in some decks it comes at the end of the sequence and is numbered "22".

Each card in the Trumps is given a title which is an indication of the concept and the meaning of the card. These titles can be used as a spring-board to launch oneself into the deeper symbols and ideas contained therein. Let's consider each of the septenaries in turn.

The first septenary numbered one through seven includes the Magician, the High Priestess, The Empress, the Emperor, the Hierophant, the Lovers and the Charioteer. This septenary refers to the powers and channels of the universe as symbolized by certain personas and the modes of being that the personality depicted may manifest through. This should not be confused with the character portrayed on the card. Rather, it should be understood that the personage within the card represents the vehicle or channel for these forces, and represents situations and modes of action and being rather than a particular physical person.

The second septenary numbered eight through fourteen includes Strength, the Hermit, the Wheel of Fortune, Justice, the Hanged Man, Death, and Temperance. These cards represent cosmic and material laws and variables which affect the existence of all humans.

The third septenary numbered fifteen through twenty-one includes the Devil, the Tower, the Star, the Moon, the Sun, Judgement and the World. These cards represent conditions of existence which apply to all phases of life.

Totaled together these cards represent all the possible permutations and connotations of existence, and are considered to be universal because they apply equally to every individual regardless of race, religion, sex, environment, skills and training.

The Fool represents the individual soul at the start of life. Innocent, unaware, trusting, the person commences through their life (The Major Arcana) thus gaining knowledge, love and experience in various fields and situations. Thus the Fool, as the zero card, represents the blank screen of our minds and hearts on which is drawn and imprinted our experiences. Hopefully, by the time we pass from physical existence, the Fool has moved through all of the phases of existence and the experiences delineated by the Trumps, and is then numbered twenty-two, and renamed the Adept, for s/he has mastered the physical plane of life. Unfortunately most of us rarely conquer all of these experiences within one lifetime, and we often tend to retain some of the characteristics of the Fool.

Lines: horizontal - passive, feminine. Vertical - active, masculine  
 Wavy - instability, fluctuation.  
 Lion: force, power, authority, animal nature  
 Moon: feminine energies, psychic and occult forces, dreams.  
 Mountains: goals, spirituality, strength  
 Pentagram: upright - a man or woman Inverted - negative forces  
 Rivers: the flow of the emotions, the subconscious, passage  
 Road: the road to spirituality, pursuit of goals, journey of the mind  
 Rose: red - love, sensuality. white - purity, innocence  
 Scales: justice, good vs. evil, balance  
 Scarab: immortality of soul  
 Scorpion: lower animal nature  
 Scythe: reaping of human efforts  
 Serpent: sexual energies, vitality, life, wisdom. Biting its tail, eternity, cycles  
 Sphinx: the four elements, the passage of time  
 Square: obstacles, formation and foundation  
 Staff: power, the male force, the rod of authority, experience  
 Star: hopes, wishes, dreams  
 Sun: male energies, happiness, success  
 Tools: skill, ability, craft  
 Trees: longevity, wisdom, concealment  
 Triangle: the mind, creation

### COLORS

Black: negativity, ill fortune, evil  
 Blue: spirituality, contentment, harmony, calm  
 Brown: the earth  
 Gray: mist, illusion, unawareness  
 Green: fertility, growth, money, good fortune, health  
 Orange: energy, intellectual activity  
 Pink: love, humanitarian feelings  
 Purple: nobility, regality, power, the occult  
 Red: vitality, force, action. Also anger, lust  
 White: purity, innocence, enlightenment  
 Yellow: friendship, happiness, mental activity

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The Universal Nature of Symbols

It has been stated many times in the past that in order to perceive and understand all there was to know about life and its forms of manifestation one needed to have at their disposal the Two Keys. These two keys are the Golden Key of Astrology, and the other key, the Silver Key, is the Tarot. Both of these disciplines and fields of study use symbols as their form of communication. In fact, the study of astrology and the Tarot IS a study in symbolism. The reason for this is because symbolism is universal language, which all people of all cultures and times recognize and understand. Although we have changed and grown as a race, man and woman still respond to stimulus and symbols in much the same way as they did during the times of the Chaldeans, who people credit with the invention of astrology and its science and applications. History has added to these initial analogies by reinforcing the original reactions and understanding of symbols. And these symbols are still alive and active within the Tarot cards. Because of this, many other associations and meanings have been attributed or aligned to the original symbols contained within the collective unconscious of humanity.

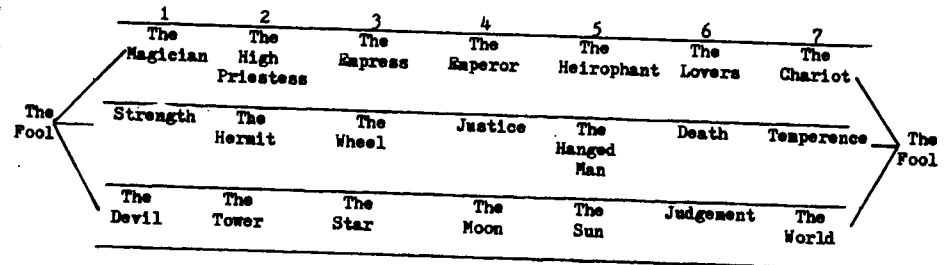
In learning to read the cards familiarity with the basic universal symbols can greatly enhance your work with the cards. Their basic application and meaning can be filtered through the area of the reading to obtain many different nuances of interpretation. Since certain symbols may be interpreted from many different viewpoints, this gives the wide flexibility of the Tarot to fit such an extraordinary amount of circumstances, situations and people. Only by reacting and interacting with the symbols of the cards can one become aware of the various interpretations and significances that the cards can take on. The following is a list of some of the basic symbols that appear within the cards, and some of their meanings in order to help further your understanding of the basic composition of the cards.

- Arrow: strife, anxiety, unpleasant news.
- Boat: the vehicle of the emotions or soul, other world voyages
- Bull: labor and work, stability, strength
- Butterfly: the symbol of the spirit and psyche, freedom
- Chains: restrictions, bonds
- Circle: eternity, cyclicity, the whole
- Clouds : storms, sudden changes, shadows
- Crescent: the soul, the moon, change
- Cross: matter, the four elemental kingdoms, the Earth.
- Cube: the physical world
- Dagger: trouble, plots, illness
- Darkness: sleep, unawareness
- Dove: peace, contentment
- Eagle: spiritual achievement, wisdom, keen sight and awareness
- Eyes: awareness, consciousness. When the eyes are bandaged or blindfolded they imply unawareness, inward sight, lack of prejudice or perception
- Feet: journey, movement, travel, progress
- Flames: the spirit, purification
- Gold: Beauty, light, positivity, success
- Hands: the right hand is masculine and positive, it transmits; the left hand is feminine and negative, it receives. When pointed upwards they are indicating spiritual aspects, when pointed down they indicate the physical realms.
- Laap, lantern: Light, illumination, intelligence, wisdom
- Light: life, activity, positivity, achievement
- Lilies: peace, harmony, rest

Originally the Tarot consisted of only the twenty-two Major Arcana. The Minor Arcana seem to be a later addition (perhaps during the Middle Ages) which were invented as accessory symbols and concepts to give a better delineation and understanding of the Trump cards as applied to the four areas of life. The Court Cards are an expanded version of the Fool as applied to the four stages of life or experience and mentality within each of the four areas of life.

Since the Major Arcana represent cosmic forces and universal aspects of life when a reading contains a large proportion of these in relation to the total number of cards in the spread, it indicates a particularly significant time in the querants life, over which the querant can exert little or no control. The proportions I use for determining this is roughly one-third to one-half of the total number of cards in the spread. In other words, in a fifteen card reading five to eight Trump cards would be considered to fit into this category. In a seven card lay out only three to four Trump cards would be needed to fit this pattern. Careful attention should be paid to these readings, as a thorough understanding of the forces operating in the querants life are necessary for the successful handling and assimilation of the events taking place.

Before going on to the individual Trump cards and their significance it would be of value to the reader to consider the alignment of the three septenaries of the Major Arcana and to meditate on the connections between them. Following is a diagram showing this line-up.



THE MAGICIAN

The Magician is a man or woman who is in control of their environment and themselves. This is because they are a channel for higher or cosmic powers, as is signified with the ouroboros symbol over the magician's head. These forces are then directed into manifestation through the four areas of life which are represented as the symbols for the four suits which are before the Magician. In many decks the Magician is also holding a wand which is upraised towards the sky. The wand being a symbol of thought and of the mind, it is an indication that the Magician is open to the minds of higher spiritual voices and is providing a direct channel for either his or her own soul and spirit, or for the Divine Spirit.

Because of the cards numerological attributes, as well as its elemental attribute of Air, The Magician is said to represent the First Cause, or The Primal Urge to create and transform. It is an active card, and represents the Original Unity from which comes the vital forces of life. In occult and religious symbolism this is translated as the masculine aspect of God, or as Adam Kadmon, the Perfected Man, as symbolic father of the human races.

In a reading, depending on the focus of the question, the Trump cards can be read or interpreted through the filters of the four aspects of being: Spiritual, Intellectual, Emotional, and Physical. The indications of each Trump in these four areas are given, and then several key phrases are given to illustrate how these concepts can be translated into a reading. Please remember that these are modified depending on the position of the card within a spread, the content of the question, and whether the card is upright or reversed.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: Absolute Being, which contains and sets in motion all the infinite possibilities contained within the Universe. The potentials and permutations of all creation.

Key Phrases - Become aware of your inner Divinity. Listen to inspiration. Use your potential for creativity.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: The will principle of action. Mastery of Knowledge. Unity and synthesis of Knowledge with action.

Key Phrases - Your ideas are good, but need to be manifested. Decide what it is your really want and act on it. Knowledge of yourself and motivations are needed to make clear decision.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Drive, the need to create. However a certain aloofness and coldness of character tends to oppose the use of skills. Pride of position and of knowledge.

Key Phrases - Allow yourself to channel and create. Use skills for practical purposes instead of wild imaginings. Don't hold yourself back with others.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Man, as the highest sentient being on earth. The ability to focus on higher goals and ideals, common causes, improvements for humanity as a whole.

Key Phrases - Examine your higher ideals and take action to manifest them. Devote your energies to a cause you feel is productive. Your knowledge and skills will work positively for you.

THE FOOL

As was discussed earlier, the Fool has two placements in the Major Arcana. As "0" s/he represents the absence of experience and wisdom in life and personal interactions. As "22" s/he is the embodiment of mastery of all the areas of life, and when in this position the Fool is generally renamed the Adept or the Spiritualist. As the Fool portrays a certain innocence and trust in dealings with others, this implies naivete and gullibility. As the Adept s/he is guide and counselor to others, drawing on vast amounts of knowledge and experience to enable others to approach life with less of the attitude of the fool.

When we enter life we are a blank book. What is written upon those pages is determined by our actions, thoughts and experiences. Often these are based on erroneous judgements or lack of knowledge regarding a situation or circumstance of life. By traveling the roads of life, and investigating where they lead us, we expand our awareness and our abilities, thus directing learned information to progressive improvement. But before we know all there is to know, our steps may lead us over several cliffs where we barely manage to escape in order to translate the new data into wiser courses of action. While some of the qualities of the Fool may never be abandoned (such as the ability to trust) they do need to be modified into wiser applications. As the Fool journeys through the areas of life depicted by the rest of the Trump cards this modification is learned, thus providing us with better, wiser choices in each ensuing experience.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The Fool - This can imply atheism or agnosticism in someone. The Adept - Spiritual completion and the affirmation of the cyclicity of nature. The ability to travel the full circle.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: This can indicate senility as the Fool, or the return to childish, undeveloped modes of being. Also gullibility, fallacy of beliefs, and knowledge.

The Adept - The ability to reconcile knowledge with experience. The desire to know the truth. Ceaseless co-operation in the furtherance of the Grand Plan for humanity and its evolution. Teaching and guidance.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: The Fool - The inability to control the emotions. The desire for immediate self-gratification. Blinded by selfish interests. Indiscretion.

The Adept - The balance of emotions as a tool of human endeavor and experience. Contentment through prayer. Realization of humanitarian efforts. The ability to elicit group co-operation

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: The Fool- Ignoring danger. Unable to make decisions, What decisions are made are usually foolish and can cause trouble. Coersion and manipulation by others.

The Adept - Synthesis of all available knowledge and experience into solving life situations in a harmonious manner. Eternal progression through matter. Community activity. Mastery of the body.

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THE WORLD

The World indicates successful rulership and regulation of the forces and precepts of life, as well as the gentle guidance of others in correct application of the laws of nature. It implies the success and attainment of life, and dealing with life, and the subjugation of the lower impulses of the animal nature by synthesis and integration. Control over one's environment and life direction. Utilizing all of oneself in harmony with nature in order to produce bountiful results and harmonious growth. Becoming aware of and working with higher principles in order to obtain gratification on all levels.

This card can also portend fame and recognition in the area of work, as well as respect and authority used to direct others towards more productive results. On the other hand, it can represent dominion and slavery of the tyrant ordering the lifestyles of others, In some cases it may represent Mother Nature and Her will in the matter at hand. It is also a card that implies power, as that is needed to make things operate according to ones wishes. It can be either beneficial or negative in its application.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: Attainment through the application of will power. Success in spiritual affairs and focus. Gratification.

Keyword Phrases: Align yourself to spiritual goals. Know truth, and the power it wields.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: Become aware of the need to work with the higher forces of the earth, rather than against. Pursue growth oriented philosophies and cultures as these bring the most reward and gratification of self. Understand the wise application of force.

Keyword Phrases - Use knowledge to ensure success of project, situation. Power used wisely is beneficial. Will as the driving force in all action.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: The tendency to regard oneself as the center of the world and to demand the attention that goes with that philosophy. Overbearing actions and dictatorial methods. Pleasure found in work.

Keyword Phrases - Turn your thoughts and attentions to others instead of focusing on the self. Do not overuse authority and ability. Know yourself in order to attain success.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Material comfort. Contentment with position and status in work and home life. Mastery. Confidence based on prior achievement.

Keyword Phrases: A position of authority and leadership. Right application of knowledge and skill to ensure success. Famous friends and acquaintances. Perfection and completion attained by perseverance and hard work.

THE HIGH PRIESTESS

The High Priestess is the representative of the highest spiritual feminine aspects. As the Magician was active and creative, the High priestess is receptive and passive. She receives the impulses and actions of the Magician and transforms them into an understanding of the inner realities of creation and manifestation. She is the feminine aspect of God, Eve as the perfect woman. She is authoritative, wise, and rules the investigation of inner being and awareness. Life and love and a knowledge of the higher aspects of self and being are her channels of investigation.

As the symbol of the Moon and the number two are connected with her, she rules the psychic and instinctual portions of the mind, which are receptive in nature. One must be calm and placid in order to receive the input of the subconscious mind and its workings. The High Priestess is a symbol for the subconscious mind, intuition, deductive reasoning, ebb and flow, and growth.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: Awareness or consciousness of the Absolute and the separation which must exist for creation or manifestation to take place. The impulse which originates in the Source, but which must be externalized in order to take form.

Key Phrases - Recognize the connection between past and present, present and future. Study the higher aspects of life. Learn the laws and rules of nature. Act in accordance with your higher ideals.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: The perception of hidden and visible forces, the translation of form to form, knowledge to action, dreams to realities.

Key Phrases - Allow yourself to acknowledge your inner dreams. Relay spiritual truths to others. Attempt to understand the hidden, or private self. Become aware of inner instincts, unconscious habits.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Calm, placidity, Repose. Studious nature. Reflective, day dreams, imagination. Responsive. Open to fluctuation and change in emotions and attitudes.

Key Phrases - Allow your inner ideals and wishes to become reality. Rid yourself of useless modes of thought and being. Do not allow others to program your responses. A calm interior leads to rational decisions.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Woman as the complement of man. The aspects of polar opposites. Change, fluctuation, within the rigid structure. Ability and power of new learning and growth.

Key Phrases: Use inner conviction and correctness of position to strengthen your position. Regulate yourself. Use your insight to help guide others.

THE EMPRESS

The Empress, which is ruled by Venus exemplifies the nurturing, motherly aspect. She is the mother of humanity and her concern extends to all her subjects and creations. She is warm, friendly, loving and sensual. The Empress portrays the good qualities of a ruler as well, concern and understanding of situations and people. Fairness, ethics and morals, as well as benevolence. As the mother principle the Empress also imparts growth, fertilization, fecundity and sustenance.

In the aspect of the Great Mother the Empress is able to send forth principles and ideals which are of her own generation and yet are of an individual nature all their own. She can mold and form concepts and actions and guide their development and growth patterns, but this is done as a mother would guide the growth and development of her children. Yet each child, while being the outgrowth of the parents and environment is also much more than that. The individual uses the input in order to mold and form their own responses and creations. If the guidance is good and of a positive productive nature the child will flourish and learn responsibility. If the guidance is poor and of a negative, restrictive nature, the child will be narrow minded and selfish.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The fecundity of the soul and its regenerative and creative powers, balanced by eternal action, absolute wisdom and continuous growth of perspective and understanding.

Key Phrases - Concentrate on spiritual progress and growth. Become aware of your impact on environment and others. Study spiritual truths in order to become a vehicle for their manifestation.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS - Affirmation of beauty and harmony as necessities of life. Translation of ideals into codes and ethics. Guided growth in terms of truth and law as guidelines.

Key Phrases: Principles of high integrity. Spiritual ideals translated into positive affirmations of work, home. Awareness of need to balance physical growth with inner growth. Fruitful advice, logic.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Marriage, love partnerships, growth. The need for social interactions to spur own development. Harmony, warmth, pleasant nature.

Keyword Phrases - Good love relationships, harmonious family life. Friends and social interactions. Contentment with situation and station in life. Inner activity balance with outer activity.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Nature as creator, source and substance of life. Mother as nurturer and sustenance of life. Actions produce bountiful, pleasant results. Direction and harmony of deeds, words.

Key Phrases - Plans are coming to a productive stage. Action produces favorable results at this time. Good planning and management. Equilibrium and stability in worldly situations.

JUDGEMENT

In many representations of this card throughout the various Tarot decks the picture is one of Gabriel calling the souls of humans to the final day of Judgement. However, this day of judgement is not necessarily a cosmic one, although it is capable of working along those lines. Rather it is the time of inner evaluation and judgement, time when one must face what we have done, or not done, with ourselves. This inner form of judgement is often exemplified by people nearing their thirtieth birthday. Their attitude becomes one of "What have I accomplished? Who am I? What is the purpose and the reality of my being?" These questions can only be approached from an inner point of view, and they are something which one must do for themselves. Self realization and actualization is necessary in order to establish a sense of identity and participation within the workings of the universe.

On a more mundane level, this also extends to those judgements that we must make constantly in our daily lives. Who to associate with, or not to associate with. What we are responsible for, and the implementation of those responsibilities. Although it is said that in the end we must answer for all of our actions, it is ourselves that we must answer to and thus this card rules our conscience. And all too often we are found blowing the horn on ourselves.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: Acknowledgement of our inner desires and goals, and implementation of action to reach them. Realization of the spirituality of human nature, and the fact that death is nothing more than a transition between stages or aspects of life.

Keyword Phrases: Self introspection. Inner awakening. Through awareness true perception may take place. Knowledge that an end is also a new beginning.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: Discretion in undertaking new projects and studies. Modification of position. A broadening of mentality and the intellect.

Keyword Phrases - Study your life and its accomplishments. Learn your lessons and progress. Establish new modes of thinking.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: The acceptance of death and the transitory nature of all things. Can indicate an attitude that is too harsh and judgemental, too righteous. Possibly also emotional turmoil, thoughts of doubt and worthlessness.

Keyword Phrases - Judge not that ye be not judged. Let he who is guiltless cast the first aspersions on others. Rise above emotional turmoils and conflicts. Establish a firm foundation in and of the self.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Indications of a necessary re-evaluation of lifestyle and of associates, as well as of the self. The turning of a page in the book of life. Transition period.

Keyword Phrases - Make realistic evaluation of friends, lifestyle. Awareness leads to new perspectives. Do not make judgements based on appearances.

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THE SUN

The Sun is the conscious, active, aware principle of life and manifestation. It represents the ego and its gratification or lack of it. It is an active card, working to further individual desires and rules the drive for accomplishment and acknowledgement. It is also the cornerstone of the personality, as the sunsign is the cornerstone of a natal chart. The Sun represents growth, warmth and life as well. It is an indication of emotional fulfillment and the drives that are enacted when its lacking. It is also the ruler of personal responsibility and authority, as well as energy.

As the Moon rules the night and subconscious phases of activity, the Sun rules the day, and the conscious phases of activity. It supplies the energy and the impetus we use in life in order to work for and obtain our goals. With too little sunshine in our lives we may fade and die, withering away from lack of attention and the nurturing of others. Too much sun can result in problems as well, for then there is a tendency to be too active and burn ourselves out quickly from overexertion. Love also comes under the rulership of the sun as well, for it is the warmest and most growth oriented of the emotions. This love may be manifested on many different planes and in many different, nurturing aspects.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: A love for humanity and conscious evolution. The direction of that love into the spiritual nurturing and illumination of others.  
Keyword Phrases - The attainment of Heaven on Earth. The inner rewards of unselfish, spiritual love. Assume the role of teacher.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: The reconciliation of knowledge with the workings of the heart. A conscious attempt to live life to the fullest. Enjoyment of the here and now. True inner happiness.

Keyword Phrases - Avoid excessive pride and egotism. Align your physical, mental, and emotional goals to a more holistic approach. Do not become lost in the pursuit of pleasure or knowledge. Utilize self-organization. Apply personal knowledge.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Can indicate a sincere devotion to family and children and earnest work to maintain that circle of love. In its beneficent applications this would symbolize the wise application of love in ones life. In its negative connotations it can mean an inflated ego, excessive arrogance and demands for attention.

Keyword Phrases: Strive for harmony and peace, both on an inner and outer level. Moderation of desires to leave allowances for others. Guard the sacredness of marriage and children from those who would destroy it.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS Cheerfulness. A loving attitude towards, and acceptance of others. Joy and pleasure in daily life. Conscious awareness of reality.

Keyword Phrases - No one can harm you but yourself. Extend yourself to others. Goals are approaching reality. Happiness, merriment. A position of authority and respect.

THE EMPEROR

The Emperor sits upon the throne of the world, decreeing the laws and the fate of his minions. His dreams, wishes, ideals, and goals can be structured into becoming reality at his whim and will. Whether the implementation of his desires is beneficial or malefic to his subjects and country is determined by the spiritual characteristics and integrity of character that he displays. But this in turn must also be tempered by the harsh realities of life and the laws of nature and the cosmos with which he in turn must be subject to. He is the paternal figure in all its sternness of character and power. The mentor as well as the disciplinarian.

In numerology the number four represents the crystallization of ideas and actions into form. The laying of a foundation upon which to build. The rulership of Aries gives the card the impetus of new beginnings and growth in all forms and fashion. It is the cornerstone and springing point of new creation, new phases of existence. These are all symbolized by the Emperor in his most beneficial aspects. But there is always another side to the coin. If goals and orientations are not highminded and humanistic the result can be harsh laws and dictatorial conditions of life.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The higher creative powers and ethical codes translated into positive manifestation. The realization of the eternal heirarchy of life. The authoritative justice of the Absolute.

Key Phrases - Recognize universal codes and laws and work with them. Strive for beneficial applications of power. Allow yourself to manifest that which is firm foundation.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: Using the four-fold process of the mind for balance and judgement of ideas and creations. These are Affirmation, Negation, Discussion (or Reason) and Solution.

Key Phrases - Rely on your critical faculties in drawing conclusions. Examine ideas closely before implementation. Apply reason tempered with understanding to the situation.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Courage, fortitude, daring. Some impetuous aspects. Innovative and clever. May not have too much foresight, works on impulse.

Key Phrases. - Undertake tasks which demand your durability for the most satisfaction. Stimulating situations draw you. Curtail your impulsiveness for stronger and more durable results.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: The realization of acts and projects as directed by knowledge, ability, and will of the querant, within the framework of Karma. Good position of authority to work from in order to cause changes.

Key Phrases: - The situation is turning out as planned. Realization of plans and fruition of labor and work. Potentials coming into focus.

THE HEIROPHANT

As the Emperor rules the mundane physical world, so is the Hierophant to the soul and spiritual aspects of the human. He translates philosophy, theosophy and symbolism into ritual and religious methods of development for the psyche. He is the guide on the Path, the teacher in the classroom of evolution, and represents the manifestation of spiritual laws and modes of being. His are the powers of the Divine given into temporal custody for the furtherment of the soul.

In some decks this card is named the Pope as he is the spiritual representative of the Catholic church and the director of Divine authority. However the significance of this card goes far beyond such a physical representation, prone to human error and misjudgement. The Hierophant is representative of the spiritual truths, and wisdom, found in all religions. The various disciplines, customs and doctrines of the theology may differ, but the goal is the same, and the Hierophant represents the union and synthesis of these into cohesive form.

**SPIRITUAL ASPECTS:** Universal law as the regulator of all manifestation. BEING in unity with substance. Higher and lower self united in regulation of action and motive.

**Key Phrases** - Become aware of your Karma and the necessary actions needed to regulate its effects. Utilize your spiritual knowledge to advance your evolution.

**INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS:** Religion, philosophy as an avenue of truth and understanding. Mental disciplines and studies, geared to better understanding the self. Becoming aware of and understanding the relation between the Absolute Being (The All) and the relative Being (Self)

**Key Phrases** - Utilize spiritual and mental disciplines to strengthen character. Become aware of your position within the Cosmic Plan. Undertake your spiritual investigations.

**EMOTIONAL ASPECTS:** Can indicate a possible need to review or reaffirm the spiritual aspects of life. Deeper truths finding a method of exploration through the avenues of faith and belief. Conviction of rightness of views and beliefs.

**Key Phrases** - Searching for spiritual satisfaction. In search of deeper convictions and beliefs as a stabilizing quality of life. Faith and Experience.

**PHYSICAL ASPECTS:** The manifestation of spiritual beliefs and dogma as a way of life. Head and Heart ruled by belief in Higher Forces and life and environment manipulated within their context. Can indicate a physical connection with mode of work or social obligations, such as a member of the clergy, initiate, missionary.

**Key Phrases:** Dedication and devotion to ideals and principles. Work for the furtherment of the whole. Spiritual disciplines applied to lifestyle.

THE MOON

The Moon rules psychic, occult, subconscious and hidden forces. The High Priestess card shows this influence as applied to a personal level. The Moon illustrates this principle as applied to the world and to nature. It is a representative of Jung's collective unconscious, or that memory and inheritance that belongs to all, irregardless of time and place of birth or the environment in which one lives. The Moon is also representative of dreams, illusions, fantasies, vision, the astral realms, and the ebb and flow in the life of all things. It embodies the reflection of our inner selves and our unspoken attitudes, thoughts and desires.

Because the Moon is the nocturnal luminary it stands as the reflection of the active or conscious portion of ourselves. Its association with woman and can refer to the inner workings of the home and family as well. As the ruler of the night it can also carry the implications of shadows and deception, lies, daydreams and silence, as well as the more positive ones associated with inner illumination.

**SPIRITUAL ASPECTS:** At its highest qualities it can represent the full development of psychic powers and their beneficial application. I have also found it useful in recognizing and indicating people with a belief in the feminine aspect of God, or those who are of a pagan persuasion.

**Keyword Phrases** - Develop your psychic abilities. Strive for inner illumination and initiation. Look below the glamour to see the true appearance.

**INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS:** This can indicate a tendency to deceive oneself and others, as well as to spend too much time in daydreaming that is non-productive. A lack of ability to pay attention. Self glamorization.

**Keyword Phrases** - Pay attention to what you say. Make your inner environment a better place to live. Occult study and practice may be indicated. An attraction to the hidden side of life.

**EMOTIONAL ASPECTS:** Fluctuation of emotions and energies. Beliefs need to be translated into reality instead of vague imaginings. Emotions should be tempered by analysis, reason and logic.

**Keyword Phrases** - Do not attempt to shoulder the burdens of the world. Concentrate on maintaining a harmonious and happy home and family life. Silence may prove wiser than outspokenness. Flattery. Vacillation.

**PHYSICAL ASPECTS:** May indicate an inability to deal with the real world. Also instability of the mind, secret desires and longings. A lack of energy; lethargy and listlessness. A tendency to become bloated with self importance.

**Keyword Phrases** - Secret enemies or foes. Problems in handling reality. Confusion and discord. Learn to translate dreams into realities. Secret motivations.

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THE STAR

The star represents the spiritual drive that resides in all of humanity. All cultures, in all parts of the world, and at all times, have constructed a theogony of the universe and religious concepts and disciplines to emphasize their particular philosophy. Man has always looked to the unreachable and unknowable and attempted to understand its functions and position. Once a goal, thought or frame of being is conquered, understood and assimilated new areas of endeavor are found. Thus the Star rules those qualities which are inherent in the search for the ultimate truth; meditation and contemplation. It also represents the nobler emotional qualities which work behind the inner motivation to know and catalog everything that can be perceived.

In a somewhat broader application the Star is the spiritual or Divine quality that exists in everything and that links us to the Original Source or Deity. When Crowley said "Every man and woman is a star" he was referring to this potential and characteristic that resides within. Just as the planets and satellites of the universe has its mapped course and direction, so too does each mortal. And knowledge of this particular course. The star is also can enhance ones understanding of the ways and workings of the universe the inner light that burns inside of us all, and that can illumine our inner nature through introspection and meditation. It is a symbol of light and faith in all of its myriad manifestations.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The belief in the immortality of the soul. The understanding of the divinity within. A positive approach to inner illumination and the reconciliation of the theologies of the world.

Keyword Phrases - Search for the truth in everything. Develop character and spiritual integrity. Understand the harmonious workings of the aspects of the self blended together.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: The rapport of wisdom and knowledge. The understanding of the fact that thoughts and words become deeds and actions. Knowing that the inner truth is found through the combination and the blending of the heart and mind into a single unit.

Keyword Phrases - Cultivate a positive attitude to life. Do not put restricting limitations on yourself. Listen to your inner voice.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: A strong confidence built on knowledge and faith. The ability to distinguish reality and illusion. Sometimes a tendency to overlook smaller details and aspects in pursuit of the larger goal. Strong beliefs and convictions in the inner workings of life.

Keyword Phrases: Hope for humanity. Trust in others. Belief in oneself. Inner conviction and determination lends strength to the character. Moral integrity.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: The coalition of the spiritual aspects of life into action and being. Ideas and endeavors gaining expression and utilization.

Keyword Phrases - Cultivate a positive attitude in dealings with others. Select a goal and stick to it. Replace impetuosity and restlessness with patience and faith. Tolerance.

THE LOVERS

Although this card pictures a man and a woman locked in close embrace and obviously 'in love', the symbol is only one aspect of the universal concept which is represented by this card. This is the principle of attraction or magnetism which operates on all planes and levels of being. In its most sexual form it is the attraction between the male and female. But this symbol has many other connotations as well. It is the force which keeps our bodies on the earth, or gravity. It is the vacuum that nature fills. It is the socio-religious structure which brings people together in order to fulfill inner needs for interaction. It is resistance, which enables the structure of the universe to remain stable and not collapse in on itself. It is the polar opposites, night and day, white and black and chaos and order. In order for one thing to exist there must be the complement to it as well.

In some decks this card is titled The Two Paths or Temptation. This is in its reference to the opposite position or action or state of being that is always present, and the conscious or subconscious decision of the individual to respond in any given direction. Its sodiascal symbol is Gemini, to show that there are two sides to every question, two views on any subject, and a mediating, or merging point between them, where they are united and become one.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The Knowledge of Good and Evil, of Truth and falsehood. It also represents the higher and lower aspects of self, as well as the male and female nature of manifestation.

Keyword Phrases - A decision is reached to strive for ideals. The merging of the male-female aspects of personality. Love and desire united in search for truth.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: The balance between freedom and responsibility, knowledge and action, carelessness and gravity of outlook.

Keyword Phrases - Weigh duty and obligation against desire before taking action. Make a commitment to goals. Join with those of like mind for support and encouragement.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: The balance point in the emotions and their fulfillment as well as the the maturity to make commitments. If channeled negatively can be indicative of unhappiness and frustration in dealing with emotional situations, viewing others as crutches and supports. If channeled in a positive nature means well balanced friendships and love affairs and wise management of emotions in life.

Keyword Phrases - Integration of emotional and intellectual faculties. Happiness with partner(s) of all types. Strive towards maintaining equal relationships.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS - The natural forces of the world of cause and effect, birth and death. The principle of synchronicity, Karma, which brings what is needed when it is needed, as well as 'coincidence', and the interconnectedness of all life forms in subtle fashion.

Key Phrases - Could mean a physical love affair, new friendships. New channels for communication and action are open for you. Support from loved ones is helpful in obtaining successful results.

THE CHARIOT

The Chariot is the symbol of strength and force on a physical basis, and the triumphant handling of situations threatening to overwhelm the normal functioning of daily life. The ability to dominate the physical environment and life situation. The Chariot is the vehicle which we drive down the road of life and existence, as well as the vehicle of expression. Its balance is dependent on our knowledge of how to operate the vehicle, and wrong decisions could overturn or call halt to our progression. However, the Chariot is usually represented as returning in a procession or parade after victory has been established, or as the crowned and conquering hero.

In its more spiritual aspects it reveals the dominion of spirit over matter as the operating force behind action, and through the cycle of evolution. In the end the spiritual aspects of self are responsible for the direction of actions, and if the motives and force are good, victory is likely. The outcome is determined by the ideals and limitations held by the driver. This is the reason for the symbolism of the black and white horses (in some versions these are sphinxes) as an indication of the manner choices or options available, the scenery and experiences to be discovered in the course of a life. It also shows the necessary mastery of the will over the animal nature in order to ensure a steady, direct route.

**SPIRITUAL ASPECTS:** The dominion of spirit over matter, of the higher over the lower in the pursuit of the higher goals and in all aspects of life.  
**Key Phrases** - The application of appraisal to the situation leads to more rewards and productivity. A zeal to serve mankind and humanity in a grandiose manner. Material conditions conquered.

**INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS:** The study of philosophy and its truths in order to aid existence of self and others. Drive for control and power, usually exerted in a beneficial manner, but can be empirical in nature. Rationalization of power over others "for their own good"  
**Key Phrases** - Apply your mental powers. Cut through red tape and useless intellectual speculation. Prompt and just decisions needed. Success through the use of intelligence.

**EMOTIONAL ASPECTS:** The ability to control the emotions of self and to manipulate the emotional responses of others to individual's goals and satisfaction. Drive for success, ambition and achievement. Needs recognition and attention in order to feel fulfilled.  
**Key Phrases:** Perfection maintained by careful watching and active effort. Travel stimulates desires and enthusiasm, encourages new outlook. Reform of character of self into higher ideal.

**PHYSICAL ASPECTS:** The need for power and to imprint oneself on the surroundings and people involved in life and learning situations. The ability to command and get results. Philosophical approach translated into mundane goals.  
**Key Phrases** - Survival of the fittest. Might makes progress, not necessarily in benefit of others. Zeal and ardour for life and its accomplishments. Submission of situation to desires.

THE TOWER

The Tower card is representative of the misapplication of energies and actions, as well as thoughts. Despite the whims and wishes of humanity, the cosmos move in a self-regulated order. If we work within this order, we may achieve results, but in the infinity of the All, everything has its eventual end, and everything reaches dissolution except the All. And so any results of a physical nature will eventually be swept away by the sands of time. Correct application of this principle would, however, include the ability to begin new projects and manifestations upon the ruins of the old, and to rebuild or re-work the structure so that in the end it will be better than the original work. Only the work of the All is so perfect that it can resist final dissolution and destruction. Knowing the measure of these things is a form of wisdom that few possess, but many would like to actualize. For the energies of the dissolution may then be directed into positive channels to aid in the rebuilding and re-creation of bigger and better things. If, as they say, change is the only constant, then knowledge of change and its principles can lead to wise application of wisdom. However ignorance of these workings can result in intense dissatisfaction and ill-timed resolution of problems and projects.

**SPIRITUAL ASPECTS:** The necessity to integrate spiritual truths into mundane functions in order to build a stronger, longer lasting character. Evolution is necessary in order for life to continue.  
**Keyword Phrases** - The need for undaunted courage in the face of catastrophe. Develop the spiritual self in order to avoid disaster, loss. Testing of character.

**INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS:** The exhaustion of the mind and the faculties when used to oppose cosmic principles. In order to make sure that one's balloon doesn't burst constant vigilance must be maintained. However, constructive efforts should be rationalized and put into action in view of the overall self potential.  
**Keyword Phrases** - Develop the inner self and knowledge in order to avoid conflicts. Irritability and lack of patience leads to mistakes. Constructive efforts will ease problem. Pursue high principle and noble concepts.

**EMOTIONAL ASPECTS:** Aggressive, destructive emotions, usually interested in conflict and fighting, repression. Undesirable instincts with a tendency towards self destruction and self negation.  
**Keyword Phrases** - Curb impulsive actions in order to make sounder judgments. Apply creative energies constructively. Self abuse and over excessive humility lead to problems. Love is a stronger force than evil.

**PHYSICAL ASPECTS:** Necessary reorganization and reconstruction of energies through better channels in order to avoid destruction and problems of one's own making.  
**Keyword Phrases** - Do not dissipate energies, conserve them for constructive usage. Failure due to approach and methodology. Release undesirable modes of being and thinking.

STRENGTH

While the Chariot is a card of physical strength and the control or power that comes with it, the Strength card is more indicative of the strength that comes from knowledge and conviction. It represents spiritual and intellectual force and guidance. In its symbolism of the woman forcing apart the jaws of the lion we are also shown that this type of force may be of greater effect in certain areas of life and manifestation than headlong physical force can be. The woman portrays a softness and nobility of character than can be more winning than a headlong assault. If this inner force is in union with the physical force great things may be accomplished, no less miraculous than that of taming a wild beast with a word or a glance. There is an inner conviction and knowledge that adds strength and beauty to the character and achievements.

But for all of this to operate smoothly the right paths and channels for implementation must be available, and this implies organization and knowledge of the ways and means of things. Thus it is also an indication of intellectual capacity and the use of reason and the faculties of the mind to dominate situations where mere physical strength would be useless.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: Gentleness of character, but not a lack of backbone and endurance. Rather like a tranquil flow of energies that gradually beats down resistance and elicits co-operation for endeavors.

Key Phrases - Exercise your spiritual powers. Develop and follow the inner voice. Advance with conviction of position.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: Clear vision and sight of complex goals and methods of attainment. Translation of this knowledge into appropriate channels of action. Use of stimulus to activate proper responses to puzzling situations.

Key Phrases - Success demands organization of capabilities and skills. Productivity and success dependent on knowledge of situation. Facing realities will clarify nebulous influences, reactions.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: High moral character and qualities, given fortitude by convictions of ethics and position. Trust, faith in the higher powers or spiritual forces of life.

Key Phrases - Overcome evil with good. Advance with Faith. Reject temptations to stray from ideals, ethics. Fear defeats actions and purpose.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Using the knowledge of organic force and the modes or methods it uses in physical life to ones advantage. Allowing the natural laws of science and life to work for you. Realization that there is more to life and experience than meets the eye.

Key Phrases: Accomplish your duties and obligations without hesitation or distraction. Good timing will maximize your results. Obstacles and opposition are more imaginary than actual.

THE DEVIL

The Devil does not necessarily indicate the personage of Satan. Rather, it shows the material level of mankind, as ruled by the lower or animal nature. In this sense the Devil is a representative of this nature, but not strictly within the keeping of the picture that is sketched of him by the Christian Church. The Devil in this card is not the opposition to the Godhead on a cosmic level, but the inner demon of our own creation and design. It is those forces and habits of character that dictate our actions in a manner contrary to the overall harmonious growth of the spirit and psyche, those self-destruct principles and urges we have sometime or another. It is that force which causes us to act or react in such a way that we know intellectually or spiritually to be bad or wrong for us. He is the chain of the material and physical world, that binds us even closer to this plane than we would like to believe.

The Devil has also been called the Black Magician because he portrays the attitude of "Me first." And in manifesting those things he desires or wants, he is very often likely to disregard the natural laws of the cosmos, such as karma. His attitudes and actions may stem from ignorance, or they may be flagrant opposition to the needs and opinions of others. It is the self-preservation instinct carried to the point of aggression and domination of one's will over others and the environment.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The ignorance of the functions of the universe and the position of humanity within it. The need to balance material gratification with spiritual and intellectual gratification and pursuits.

Keyword Phrases - Take pleasure in pursuing spiritual goals. Overcome selfishness. Play down pride and arrogance, cultivate some humility.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: Reason and logic need to be applied in studying the forces of life and the individual drives. Discontent may lead to wrong action, but discontent may be supplanted by knowledge, which allows change.

Keyword Phrases: Understand inner drives, habits. Delays and catastrophes can be avoided by careful planning, understanding of situation. Secretive and Hidden motives.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Narrowmindedness in interest of self. Excess in action, pride, feelings of self worth and importance. Greed, coldness to others.

Keyword Phrases - Domination of others. Too much self interest. Replace coldness of character with warmth. More is won by love than by subjugation and manipulation of others. Avoid deceptive activity.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Unhappiness with material status, including the scheming and plotting to overthrow or dominate others to advance the self in material ways. Disregard for the laws of life and of the land. Spiritual barrenness.

Keyword Phrases - Fatality of pursuits. Undermining influences sent out to others are now returning. Trouble handling the material aspects of life. Cruelty of actions will cause ruin.

THE HERMIT

The Hermit is one who withdraws from the distractions of physical life and environment in order to contemplate the inner and spiritual qualities of life. He is the trailblazer that lights the way for others to follow. And because he is undistracted from his observations by the intrusion of outside forces there is little to keep him from the pursuit of his objectives or from passing these on to others in need of illumination. The lamp he carries is the symbol of knowledge and truth and the light it can shine into the dark areas of life and the human psyche. He is the inner voice of all of us, which calls to be let free to follow our individual choice of pursuits and experiences, without the restraining duties of obligation and responsibility.

On the opposite side of the coin however, the removal of the hermit from society and its changes and customs can result in unwise handling of affairs and gullible naivety if not tempered. One who is withdrawn from the daily realities of life may not be distracted by them, but they are also incapable of inter-reacting with them as well. Thus a balance must be achieved between inner sight and wisdom and outer achievement and use of knowledge. If this stability is lacking it is easy to become caught up in illusion and reality, to be blinded by the light, instead of illumined by it.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: Inner growth and knowledge translated into physical aspects of being and action. The collating of experience and result into being. Discretion and prudence as the fulcrum of informed action.

Keyword Phrases: Silence in the face of ostentatious claims. Prudence as a virtue. Nobility of character and ideals.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: The wise application of philosophy and study as the fulcrum of existence. Meaningful summations of experience lending strength to advice and its psychological applications.

Keyword Phrases: Knowledge applied through life experience. Experimentation with different views and theories of manifestation. Foresight and insight in humanitarian endeavors. Firm direction of will power.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Detached analysis of hopes, wishes dream, and desires to determine most beneficial pursuit and application of them. Caution and discretion are outstanding character factors, as well as a high self view of personal integrity ethics and morals.

Keyword Phrases: Adjust the rigidity of your character to go with the flow of the situation. Select associates and friends wisely, and with care. Do not be blinded by outward appearances, manifestations.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Conviction and caution lead to the maintenance of safety margins in actions and thoughts. In terms of material success this means that there are not many risks or dares undertaken, and thus there are not many surprises in life situations.

Keyword Phrases: Knowledge supports your endeavors, but with no risk there is little gain. Good advice should be integrated and acted upon. Take supportive steps to maintain position.

TEMPERANCE

This card represents the cohesive force which ties together all manifestation. It is the moderating force of life that allows co-existence and co-operation between various life forms. On a human level it reflects the ability to work with others in order to produce an effect beyond the means of the individuals alone. It is the common ground or the cohesiveness which operates on many different levels. It is also the common goal of evolution, and the pursuit of studies and religious disciplines which lay out a foundation for the advancement of the soul.

In some decks this card is titled the Alchemist. In this attribute we can approach a better understanding of the relevance and significance of this card. An alchemist is one who consciously works towards the combination of various elements and objects, binding them together into new states of being and manifestation. This card can also signify the process of evolution as the force which brings us down and binds us into the physical realm in order to experience life on this plane. Translated into human emotional terms this card can indicate patience, tolerance and moderation, but its implications are much more far-reaching than a sense of co-operation which allows us to work together for a common cause.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The inner transformation of the spirit to more awareness of the Divinity. The usage of spiritual training in order to create a bond with the higher forces and aspects of life.

Keyword Phrases: Acknowledgement of the souls ties to the All. Conscious effort to become aware of higher forms of corporeal life. Regeneration of the spiritual qualities.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: Use of knowledge, ways, and means to bring together those who have common experience or goals in humanitarian gestures. Partnerships consisting of unselfish service to others. The combination of ideas which create the ethical and moral codes of life.

Keyword Phrases: Allow yourself to participate in ideals and causes. Bring out the creative aspect of yourself and apply it to the furtherance of yourself and others. Re-evaluate your moral and ethical position on the situation, and make sure it is based on reality.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: This signifies all of the humanitarian traits of the emotions gentleness, kindness, patience, tolerance, understanding, moderation, morality, and belief in human potential.

Keyword Phrases: Inspiring action leads to reformation of others opinions, and actions. Mediate disputes. Resolve to take affirmative action. Look ahead to long range, common goals. Awareness of growth.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Can indicate the harmony and unity of marriage and partnership. Work done in harmony. Diligence and perseverance in reaching goals. Patience and trust rewarded.

Keyword Phrases: Stubbornness could bar success, completion. Moderate expenditure of time and energy. Efficiency in dealing with others. Associate only with harmonious people.

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DEATH

This card has built up the sinister reputation of heralding in physical death. However, this reputation is undeserved, for unless there are severe indications in the rest of the reading, this is not the case. Rather, this card shows approaching change and transformation on all of the various levels. I have always thought that the title of Transformation would be better suited to indicating the real aspects of this card. However, Death is also a suitable indication of the fact that something must be sacrificed in order for the change to take place, and this does imply the 'death' of outworn modes of being, or the 'death' (culmination) of a situation or a series of events.

Its astrological attribute of Scorpio does shed some light into what the essence of this particular card really is. Scorpio is the sign of regeneration and transmutation, and it is the only sign of the zodiac which has more than one symbol. In its aspect of the scorpion it reflects a preoccupation with mortal life and material considerations. But in its aspect of the eagle it shows the freedom of these chains and boundaries, and the increase of sight (both inner and outer) that comes with the new perspective and position. But in order for this transformation to take place the scorpion must die in order for the eagle to be born.

Not all processes of transformation or transmutation must be sudden or catastrophic. Some may develop very slowly, and some may indeed be very welcome. This card shows the immanency of the completion of these processes and the undertaking of a new way of life and new modes of being.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The constant motion and movement of creation, including the process of birth, life and dissolution, as well as the following renewal that comes with it.

Keyword Phrases - A visionary experience that leads to new outlooks. A change in degree and amount of spirituality. An experience with death and the realization that all life is transitory.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: This aspect would indicate a change in viewpoint and thought, possibly leading to a whole new way of perception and action. It can also indicate the beginning of the search for the more spiritual aspects of life, and their implications translated into being.

Keyword Phrases - New viewpoint towards others, situation, self. A more youthful approach is needed. Guard against impulsiveness and impetuosity.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Sudden changes of mood, responses, feelings. A tendency to react rather than to act. Can also indicate possessiveness.

Keyword Phrases - Rise above materialism, guard against selfishness. Utilizing creative skills may lead to new opportunities. Try to maintain equilibrium in emotional situations. Quick to anger, quick to lose.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Very rarely does this card indicate immanent physical death. It does portend a change, sometimes radical, in lifestyle and/or feelings towards life and situation. Usually presages new events and people.

Keyword Phrases - Stop resisting change. Let go and grow. End or beginning of situation. Rise above materialism and possessiveness. New ventures, prospects.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

There is cyclicity and motion to all things on all levels. Change is one of the few constants in life, and the fluctuations therein are usually plotted on curves. Cyclicity is manifest all around us, as the change of the seasons in the wheel of the year, and as the appearance of the moon as it goes through its monthly cycles. The turning of the earth and its effect of light and darkness upon our lives. The rise and ebb of the oceans of life. Courses of action which are formulated and started are followed through in one way or another, either to bring back positive rewards or negative reactions.

The Wheel of Fortune refers to all cycles of man and woman's life, which are often translated into physical terms of fate, luck or fortune. But although the cause may remain unseen, or the result not yet brought into focus, there is a cyclicity to all events which happen in our lives, and this is determined by our position on the cycle or curve of evolution and our conscious and aware application of our position to life situations. Thus the Wheel of Fortune represents both those forces which are under cosmic control and command, such as the energies which bring the results of our karma into view, and the smaller cycles of man and his interactions with the physical plane.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The activating principles which vivifies cycles of manifestation, and the results these produce, both on a cosmic and personal level.

Keyword Phrases - Exercise your influence on your own sphere of actions. As you sow, so shall ye reap. There is a season and a time for everything.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: Knowledge of the immutable cycles of life and human interaction with them for mutually beneficial results. Application of proper channels at proper time.

Keyword Phrases - New conditions require adaptability. Take change in stride. Work with available resources. Be alert for new opportunities.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: The changeability and fickleness of the emotions. The impulsiveness of taking sides against immutable forces because of challenges or imaginary conditions and circumstances.

Keyword Phrases - Patience will be rewarded. The breaking of old ties, and the formation of new avenues of affection and development. Unconventional concepts. Strong will and action will defeat negativity.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: The transitory nature of all things on the physical plane. The need to create and structure one's own environment and experiences.

Keyword Phrases - A change of fortune (for better or worse). Guard against a discordant and inharmonious environment. Exercise caution in order to maintain equilibrium.

JUSTICE

Although the Justice card does represent Justice on all three planes, its implications are more far reaching than that. It is the point of balance and equilibrium that must exist between polar opposites. All life is composed of vibration and motion, and the form of manifestation that these take on the physical plane is due to the rate at which they vibrate. When all motion stops, or the point of exact stability and equilibrium is reached, existence on the physical plane, in that form of manifestation, stops. So, Justice in its highest aspect would represent the point of equilibrium from which all creation manifests itself, or the primordial still point that rests within the All.

This card also represents Karma. Karma is a blind, impersonal force that is molded by each individual. Each of us creates our own karma, and whether it is good or bad depends on us. We are said to keep incarnating until we balance out our karma, so that we no longer owe, nor does anyone owe us. When this has been done the soul then progresses on to the next level of evolution.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: Achieving the stillness and balance of mind necessary to receive input from higher, spiritual sources. Ascertaining what your karma is and taking positive, definitive steps to balance it.

Keyword Phrases - Look within and observe. Become receptive, but balance that with positive action at the right time.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: The wise weighing of a situation and proper judgement on it, as in the manner of Solomon the King. Looking deeper into the situation and taking into account the hidden forces of operation before making any pronouncements.

Keyword Phrases - Apply inner and spiritual truths to the situation. Think carefully before reaching any decision. Worry and undue negativity will attract discordant events. Conservativeness should be balanced by taking a fresh point of view.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Indicates someone who weighs duty and pleasure, and acts in moderation. Acceptance of responsibilities. May tend to have a smug sense of righteousness, and an urge to dictate to others.

Keyword Phrases - Try to establish priorities. Attempt to see all points of view in every situation. Do not take on more than you can comfortably handle.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: The balance of the four elements. The principle of resistance which allows form to exist. The Mother/Father aspect of Godhead. The operation of Karma. Relative justice of mankind, which is fallible.

Keyword Phrases - Develop the sense of fair play and honor. Laws and government regulations may come into influence. Moderation in all you do. Every action brings a reaction.

THE HANGED MAN

The Hanged Man is the embodiment of sacrifice, and all that the word implies. However, most people do not truly understand the nature of sacrifice and interpret it to mean all sorts of terrible things that are not necessarily inherent to it. Sacrifice merely means an exchange of energies so that life may progress. The old and unused must give way to the new and useful, or life would stagnate. This principle is exemplified throughout nature in many ways. The growing season must give way to the barren season. Day must give way to night. The principles of birth and death are necessary for life to continue, and the laws of science back this up with the knowledge that two things may not exist in the same place at the same time. One must be displaced in order for the other to continue.

It is only by letting go that we are able to receive and embrace new experiences and emotions. Sometimes the aspect of sacrifice can be a painful thing, full of sorrow, and this is the aspect that most people tend to dwell on. However, sometimes letting go, or getting rid of something in order to receive something else is pleasant, but when this happens and we want it to happen, we seldom think of this as a sacrifice. Sacrifice merely implies the exchange of energies so that new growth may take place.

SPIRITUAL ASPECTS: The story connected with this card refers to Odin, the head of the Norse pantheon, who hung himself from a tree by his foot and pierced his side with an arrow in order to receive the knowledge of the Runes, or language and writing. In a spiritual sense this card reflects the sacrifice of personal goals in order to work for more spiritual ones. Soul over Self.

Keyword Phrases - Material temptations are conquered. The Great Work begun. Forgiveness of enemies. Conscious attention to progression of soul.

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS: A stirring of the creative urges and the choice of enacting them. The knowledge of duty and obligation and the various levels it works on.

Keyword Phrases - Careful consideration before action. Over idealistic at times. Application of the imagination works well in finding new directions and goals.

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS: Martyrdom. The attitude of self-sacrifice and subjugation to the will of others. Humanistic values.

Keyword Phrases - Compromise. Emotional sorrow. Worry undermines efforts and results. Disappointments and sorrows. Feelings of unfairness and self pity.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS: Completion of a cycle, new directions and attitudes. A sense of working for the good of the whole. More magnanimous attitude to life and others. Expiation of circumstances.

Keyword Phrases - Giving without thought of compensation or towards personal gain. Material temptations secondary. Could mean wasted efforts. Problems accepting situation.

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