



Tarot Guidebook

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Introduction

Reading Tarot cards can reveal insights into your past, present, or future. The premise is simple: the Querent asks a question, and then the Reader draws the cards and interprets the results.

Tarot reading has been used for divination since the 1700s, and every Reader develops his or her own methods for interpreting the cards. There are some fundamentals, but Readers are encouraged to explore and develop their own unique approach.

The Deck

The Tarot deck contains seventy-eight cards: twenty-two Major Arcana and fifty-six Minor Arcana.

The Major Arcana represent the journey through life, and the archetypical stages that everyone experiences. Everyone begins life as the Fool, and ends life as the Fool.

The Minor Arcana represents the actions, thoughts, feelings, and material struggles that we all encounter in our lives. The Querent seeks to learn from every experience.

The Minor Arcana are made up of four suits and fifty-six cards, like a traditional deck of playing cards. Face cards consist of Knave/Page, Knight, Queen, and King. Each suit

is associated with one of the elements. Clubs/Wands/Staves corresponds to Fire, Cups to Water, Coins/Pentacles/Disks to Earth, and Swords/Spears/Arrows to Air. The cards in each of the suits take on the symbolism and essence of the corresponding element: Fire/Action, Water/Emotions, Earth/Work, and Air/Thought.

Spreading the Cards

A spread is a layout for the Tarot cards which provides a framework for the reading. Spreads often follow a predefined theme where the position of the cards is relevant to how they are interpreted.

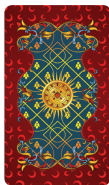
There are numerous different types of spreads. Certain spreads tend to work well for different types of questions. This guide will provide a starter spread, but you can research and find many predefined spreads. As you become more experienced, consider developing your own unique spreads.

Three-Card Spread

The past/present/future three-card spread is the best and most commonly used starting spread. This simple spread is ideal for novice Readers and simple questions. Cards are drawn and read in the following order: 1) Past, 2) Present, and 3) Future.



Past



Present



Future

1. **The Past:** This card symbolizes the Querent's past experiences, recent or distant, that pertain to the Querent's question.
2. **The Present:** This card represents the Querent's current situation.
3. **The Future:** This card indicates a possible future outcome for the Querent, or a goal the Querent should strive for regarding their question or issue. The Querent can have an impact on his or her future via their thoughts and actions.

Tips

Become familiar with your deck. Buy a journal and take a page to write about each card, starting with the Fool, in the Major Arcana, and going through all seventy-eight cards, in sequence.

Look at the pictures and use the explanations in this booklet to connect each card with one of your life experiences. Since the cards are archetypical, you have experienced all seventy-eight at least once. Perhaps you've experienced certain cards repeatedly. Write your corresponding life experience with each card in your journal.

The explanations in this booklet refer to the card being “upright” or “reversed”. After shuffling, drawing, and turning over the cards, some may

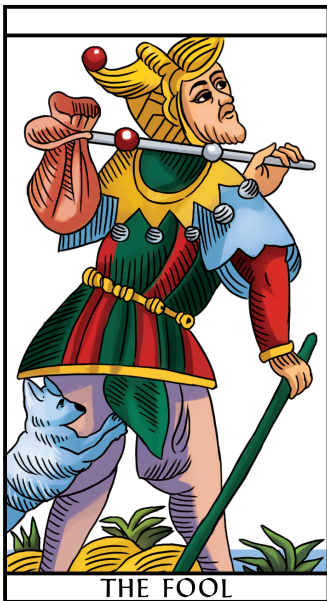
be upright while others will be upside down (or reversed). Reversed cards turn the meaning “upside down.”

Pay attention to the symbolism in the artwork; the symbolism enhances, and provides nuance, to the meaning of the cards.

Tarot cards are not deterministic and life is not fated. The future is never set. The Querent can always alter his or her future by changing their course of action, changing their thoughts, or adjusting their feelings.

The Major Arcana

The Fool (0)



Meaning: The Fool represents a leap of faith, the beginning and ending of the Major Arcana journey we all take through life. We are the Fool; therefore, the Fool archetype is about curiosity and open-mindedness, going with the flow of life, and managing our way through the unknown.

Symbolism: The figure has the appearance of jester and is taking a leisurely stroll. He is not concerned where he is going and he travels with a walking stick and a bag with a day's worth of food. He is looking up rather than down at the path, so the dog is trying to get his attention in case he may be about to step into something unpleasant.

Upright: optimism, a journey without a destination, a new beginning, curiosity, and potential

Reversed: foolishness, gullibility, and ignorance

The Magician (I)



Meaning: The Magician represents choices and creative problem-solving, a connection between imagination and reality. The Magician archetype is the first encounter for the Fool, indicating that we all must make crucial decisions on our life journey.

Symbolism: A street magician prepares to entertain people in the market. He has all four symbols for the suits of the Minor Arcana, a wand in his left hand for the fire suit, balls to juggle and hide in the cups for the earth suit (coins), cups for the water suit, and knives for the air suit. He is looking away in thought and contemplation.

Upright: choices, problem-solving, diverse knowledge, solutions, and cleverness

Reversed: deception, conning, mistakes, something broken beyond repair, and failure

The High Priestess (II)



Meaning: The High Priestess represents the knowledge and enlightenment that we attain by overcoming difficulties. The High Priestess archetype is the second encounter for the Fool, indicating that we must learn about our intuition, how to trust it, and when to seek guidance from others.

Symbolism: A learned woman with regal, but not royal clothing, holds a sacred text. She has two crowns and sits on a paper throne, indicating that she has knowledge from difficult experiences to share with others in the form of wisdom and advice.

Upright: divination, wisdom from experience, insight, and counseling

Reversed: gossip, bad advice, incomplete knowledge, and misrepresentation

The Empress (III)



Meaning: The Empress represents the feminine divine, the essence of beauty, abundance, and nourishment. The Empress archetype is the third encounter for the Fool, teaching about the natural world, how to care for the world, how to nurture yourself, and how to care for others.

Symbolism: A regal woman sits on a throne with a crown, scepter, and a shield, indicating her sovereignty over all the land. The phoenix on the shield represents death and renewal. The back of her throne looks like angel wings, which connect her with divine power to nurture all under her care.

Upright: nurturing, abundance, the feminine divine, and sovereignty over the natural order.

Reversed: Hardships, scarcity, bareness, and neediness.

The Emperor (III)



Meaning: The Emperor represents the masculine divine, the essence of command, order, and power. The Emperor archetype is the fourth encounter for the Fool, teaching us how to establish order from chaos, how to shape the natural world to our needs, and how to build civilization.

Symbolism: A regal man with a crown that appears more like a merchant hat, indicating the power of trade and commerce, which are the essential power of the Emperor. He leans against his throne with his scepter held out in front of him and his shield against the throne, a phoenix with a crown. His position indicates moving forward while also being comfortable with his power and authority. His grey beard shows that he has lived a long life and gained wisdom.

Upright: authority, the rule maker, order, stability, and sovereignty over society and civilization

Reversed: abuse of power, cruelty, dictatorship, and narcissism

The Pope (V)



Meaning: The Pope represents wisdom attained through scholarship and exploring the world, the knowledge and potential wisdom we attain in our effort to make sense of life. The Hierophant archetype is the fifth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we need to go beyond intuition and emotion, and use intellect and experience to solve certain problems. Or, we need to find someone with those qualities to help us

Symbolism: A learned and spiritual man gives a blessing to a person in need or in search of wise guidance. He has a crown shaped like a container, for his wisdom. His scepter is also a staff to show his importance and to support him while he travels. The two pillars behind him represent strength and wisdom. He has a grey beard and regal clothing that distinguish him as someone important.

Upright: wisdom, authority, knowledge, doctrine, and advice

Reversed: arrogance, elitism, hypocrisy, and charlatanism

The Lovers (VI)



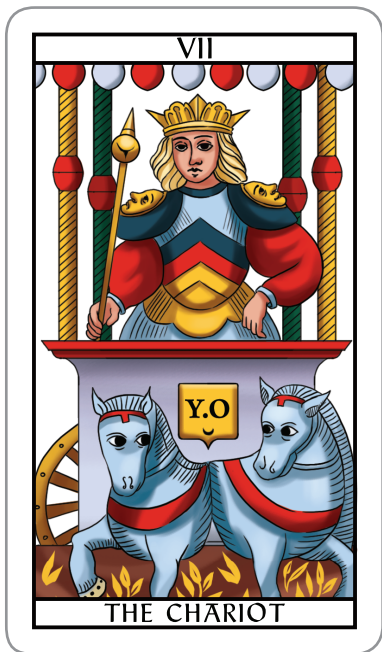
Meaning: The Lovers represents partnership, especially a profound connection with someone that is both intimate and romantic. The Lovers archetype is the sixth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we cannot fully experience life until we connect with someone intimately and deeply.

Symbolism: A couple receives the blessing of union or marriage from a queen while the cherub above prepares to shoot the couple with an arrow of love and commitment. The starburst behind the angelic figure is the divine power blessing the union of the couple while the queen shows her blessing by touching the shoulder of the man.

Upright: commitment, status through union, connection, and soul mate

Reversed: jealousy, unfaithfulness, arguments, and separation or divorce

The Chariot (VII)



Meaning: The Chariot represents willpower and drive; the intense focus we need to establish our identities and stand out in some important and useful way. The Chariot archetype is the seventh encounter for the Fool, teaching us how important it is to have conviction and intensity in our lives.

Symbolism: A royal figure rides in a chariot pulled by two horses. The horses are looking at one another but pulling away from each other; it is the will of the charioteer who directs them. His staff is also a spear, which he can use to strike his target from the higher ground of the chariot. On his shoulders are the masks of drama: comedy and tragedy, and he is the steady force between the two.

Upright: victory, willpower, intensity, drive, and control

Reversed: anger, delay, indecision, and interference

Strength (VIII)



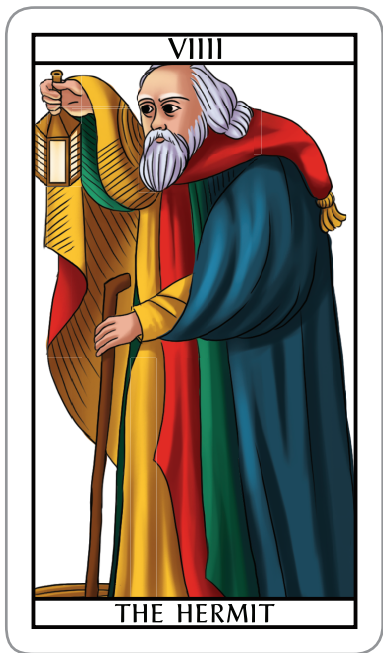
Meaning: Strength represents our fortitude to live life, overcome struggles, and persevere; the journey through life will require strength to live fully and completely. Strength, as an archetype, is the eighth lesson for the Fool, showing us that life is a marathon and not a sprint. We must find the strength within to help us survive and thrive in life.

Symbolism: A gentle lady holds open the jaws of lion. This image shows the intersection and interaction between humanity/civilization and instinct/primal fear. The image represents the power of trust rather than the power of force.

Upright: power, courage, compassion, and gentle strength

Reversed: weakness, anger, abuse of power, and threat

The Hermit (VIII)



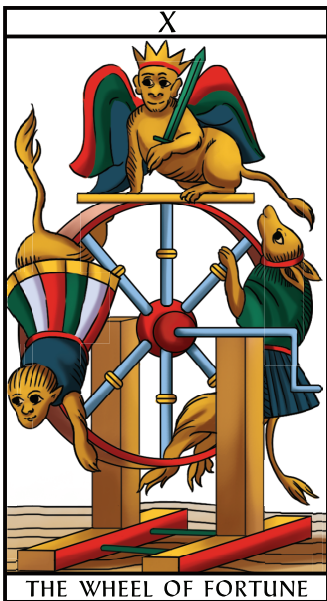
Meaning: The Hermit represents our individual pursuit for personal truth in a world of competing truths. The Hermit archetype is the ninth encounter for the Fool, teaching us that sometimes we must detach from the flow of life to discover ourselves, and bring what we learn in isolation back into the world of social connections.

Symbolism: An elderly man travels with a lamp and cane. He is wearing warm clothing that makes it possible for him to travel in cold weather and at night. The lamp is the light of personal truth guiding him towards a wisdom he will be able to share with others. His age and frailty do not deter him from his path to truth.

Upright: introspection, discovery, wisdom, truth-seeking, and taking time away from society

Reversed: loneliness, escapism, depression, and being cast out

Wheel of Fortune (X)



Meaning: The Wheel of Fortune represents experiences and circumstances outside of our control. The Wheel of Fortune archetype is the tenth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we exist in a dance between Fate and Free Will. This card teaches the lessons of Fate, the external world, and how others with more power than us force us to react.

Symbolism: Three fantastical creatures on a wheel with a crank. Each creature has a different role representing the passage of time in one's life. The creature going up is the time when we rise and build our life (birth to mid-life). The creature on top is the pinnacle of life, shown by position and by the crown and sword. The final creature climbing downward is the later part of life leading to death.

Upright: what is inevitable, destiny, and the passage of time

Reversed: misfortune, powerlessness, and unpleasant circumstances

Justice (XI)



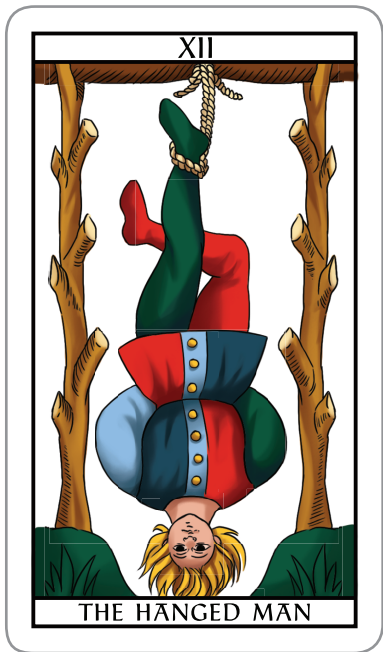
Meaning: Justice represents detached decision-making, logic, and the power of knowledge outside emotions. Justice, as an archetype, is the eleventh teacher for the Fool, showing us the importance of objectivity and analysis for determining outcomes and making important decisions. Life can be fair if we act with integrity.

Symbolism: A severe or austere woman holding a sword in her right hand and a scale in her left hand. She sits on a simple throne, which represents her power to judge. The sword represents decisiveness and detachment when considering an issue or dispute. The scales will tip as necessary to indicate which way a judgement should go, in favor of one side or the other.

Upright: detached decision-making, responsibility, consequences, cause and effect, and logic

Reversed: injustice, missing information, indecision, and bureaucracy

The Hanged Man (XII)



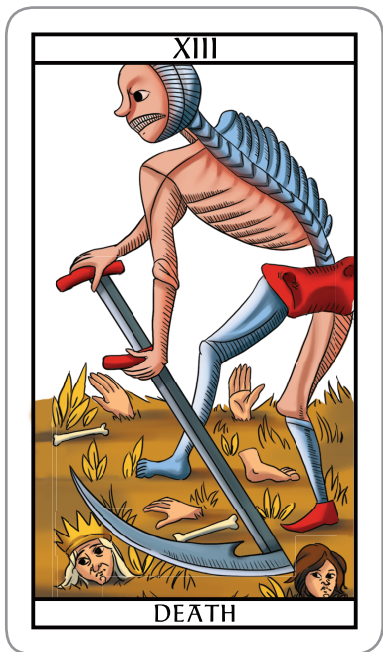
Meaning: The Hanged Man represents knowing sacrifice, when we realize we must accept a short-term difficulty for a long-term gain. The Hanged Man archetype is the twelfth encounter for the Fool, showing us the importance of devotion, surrender, and sacrifice as ways forward that are as powerful as the willfulness of the Chariot lesson.

Symbolism: A youthful man hangs upside down with his head in a hole; he has a neutral expression on his face. One leg is tied to hold him up and the other is crossed behind it, as if in comfortable repose. His hands are behind his back but we do not know if they are bound or free, implying that he could free himself but chooses not to. His unusual position gives him a different perspective than everyone else. He needs the change in perspective to understand something he cannot know while upright.

Upright: knowing sacrifice, change in perspective, and patience

Reversed: helplessness, impatience, confusion, and selfishness

Death (XIII)



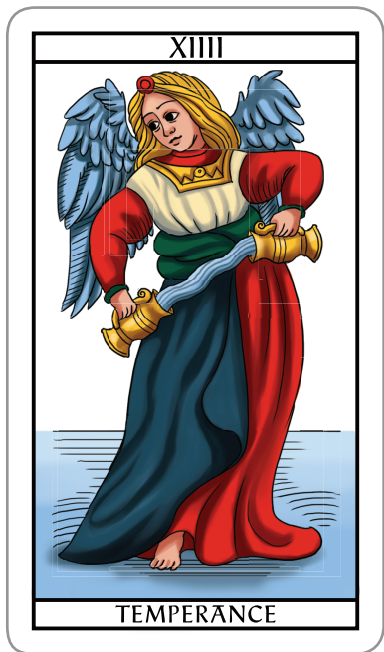
Meaning: Death represents endings in the cycle of life, and the power of regeneration. Death, as an archetype, is the thirteenth encounter for the Fool, reminding us that life is finite, which helps us appreciate how well or poorly we are doing in our pursuit of life experience and soul growth.

Symbolism: A skeletal figure uses a scythe to crop humanity. The head of a noble (queen or king) lies on the ground with the head of a common person, along with hands, feet, and bones. Death brings everyone down eventually.

Upright: death/rebirth, transformation, inevitability, and cycles

Reversed: arrogance, depression, hopelessness, and severe grief

Temperance (XIII)



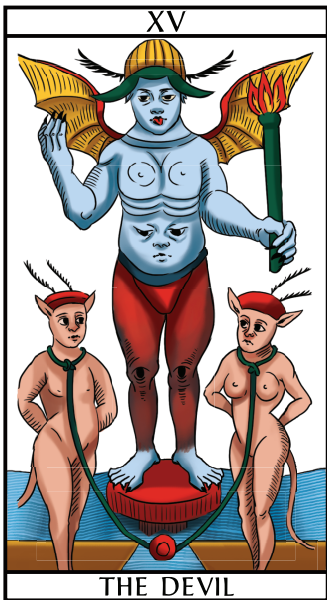
Meaning: Temperance represents balance and equilibrium that has the chance to develop with greater life experience. Temperance, as an archetype, is the fourteenth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we all need to step back, from time to time, and assess where we are to determine if we are in balance.

Symbolism: An angel pours water from one vessel to another. She has the symbol for the Sun on her forehead and in the crown that is woven into the lapel below her neck. Her bare foot shows from beneath her robe. The water pours both downward and upward through the power of her divinity; her bare foot touching the ground or standing on water indicates that she connects heaven and earth.

Upright: calm, health, well-being, balance, common ground, and harmonious action

Reversed: imbalance, disruption, anxiety, frustration, and pettiness

The Devil (XV)



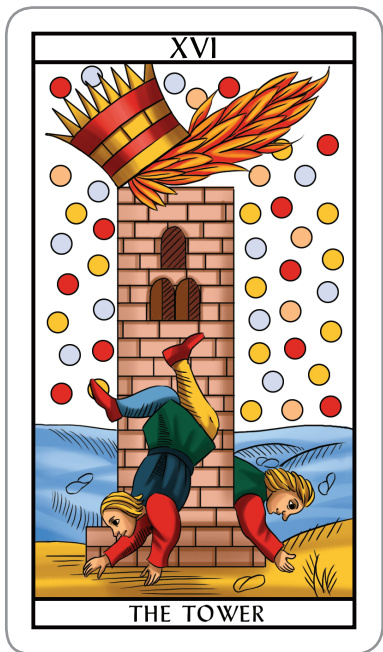
Meaning: The Devil represents consequences we face as our choices become more significant the further into life we travel. The Devil archetype is the fifteenth encounter for the Fool, teaching us that we are responsible for our lives and our choices. If we make selfish choices that harm others, we will not enjoy the outcomes.

Symbolism: A demon stands on a dais holding a flaming scepter while a man and woman are held captive by ropes around their necks; they slowly transform into animals. Their hands are behind their backs so we do not know if they are bound or free. Traditionally, the hands are free indicating free will, but behind their backs to represent embarrassment by the consequences of their choices, this shows their animal, rather than civilized, nature.

Upright: self-interest, temptation, consequences, and choice.

Reversed: unwise choices, lust, wanton abandon, and manipulation

The Tower (XVI)



Meaning: The Tower represents sudden, unexpected change that takes something we have built over time and quickly forces us to start over or reset. The Tower, as an archetype, is the sixteenth encounter for the Fool, teaching the lesson that life is a construct and at any time can be “blown up,” forcing us to make unexpected adjustments.

Symbolism: The top of a tower is falling off and flames are spewing out while two figures fall out of the tower. Destruction of the tower represents a sudden and shocking change that reduces an established belief or expectation to rubble, flinging people out of their comfort zone and into chaos.

Upright and Reversed: unexpected change, sudden catastrophe, and traditions failing

The Star (XVII)



Meaning: The Star represents hope, and vision for the future. What do we see as our life's purpose and how do we get to it? The Star, as an archetype, is the seventeenth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we all need hope and optimism about the future. We need to have dreams to enjoy this life.

Symbolism: A nude woman pouring water into a river and onto the land. Eight stars are above her head, with one in the center shining brighter than all the other seven, which represent the chakras of the body. Her nudity represents innocence and the largest star is her “guiding” star, her vision for the future. The two urns pour water to replenish both the river and the land.

Upright: hope, inspiration, promise, purpose, and faith

Reversed: doubts, confusion, delusion, and despair

The Moon (XVIII)



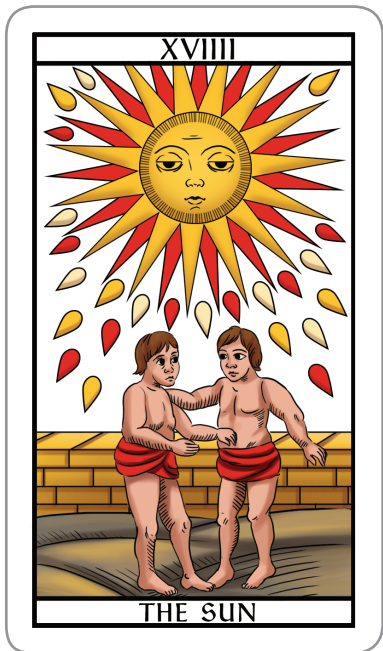
Meaning: The Moon represents the feelings we need to explore and express. The Moon, as an archetype, is the eighteenth encounter for the Fool, illuminating our deepest feelings so we can understand the emotional framework that gets reinforced, suppressed, and shaped by our family and closest relationships.

Symbolism: A full moon face with a crescent moon in the forehead and below the mouth in front of the sun represents the phases of the moon and the necessity of the sun's light to illuminate the moon. Two hounds bay at the moon, indicating the instinctual energy the moon rules in the natural order. The lobster in the pool of water connects emotional energy with the creatures in the sea that provide nourishment for humans. The castles are structures of protection.

Upright: dreams, positive emotions, intuition, and soul purpose

Reversed: delusion, nightmares, negative emotions, and despair

The Sun (XVIII)



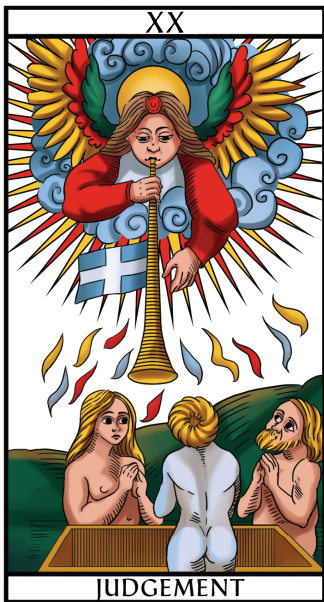
Meaning: The Sun represents revelation and the light of truth. The Sun, as an archetype, is the nineteenth teacher for the Fool, showing us the lesson of honest revelation and how we deal with clear truths in our lives. What do you learn when you see a situation or a person for what they really are?

Symbolism: A bright sun shines on two boys in front of a wall. The children are Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome. Thus, the sun represents the divine right of kings and the pure symbol of leadership. The low wall is the start of the city that built itself to greatness.

Upright: revelation, greatness, vitality, and truth

Reversed: excessive pride, arrogance, blocked action, and lies

Judgement (XX)



Meaning: Judgement represents significant and life-changing decisions, as well as the judgements from the world around us. Judgement, as an archetype, is the twentieth lesson for the Fool, teaching us the need to use all we have learned through encounters with others and the lessons we need to make the most important choices in life.

Symbolism: An angel plays a trumpet heralding the passage of a soul from life to death, to heaven or hell. Two living nude figures pray for the departing soul. The deceased has blue skin and is lying in a coffin looking up at the angel. The angel descends from heaven to judge the soul, and the note s/he plays will direct the soul upward or downward.

Upright: deciding for others, being judged, consequences, and closure

Reversed: prejudging, stereotyping, lazy thinking, and abuse of power

The World (XXI)



Meaning: The World represents the ending of a cycle to prepare for a new, repeating journey for the Fool (us). The World, as an archetype, is the twenty-first encounter for the Fool, showing us that life is constantly changing and we are meant to build on our experiences. In this ending is another beginning.

Symbolism: Eve, the mother of humanity, is nude in the center of a wreath, which represents the perfect beginning and ending of a circle. Four images representing the four fixed signs of the Zodiac (Taurus, the bull; Leo, the lion; Scorpio, the phoenix; and Aquarius, the water-bearer) mark the four corners of the card and the balance of the four elements: earth, fire, water, and air.

Upright: fulfillment, completion, conclusion, the sum of your efforts, and success

Reversed: stagnation, failure, and final obstacle

The Minor Arcana

The Suit of Clubs

The Suit of Clubs is associated with the element of fire, representing passion, energy, willpower, and strength. The cards of this suit provide archetypes of human actions and reactions. The Fool takes his or her journey through this suit to make choices, seek adventure, and deal with challenges.

Ace

Meaning: You need to be inspired or excited; something or someone needs your spark.

Upright: inspiration, and spark

Reversed: lacking energy, and hinderance

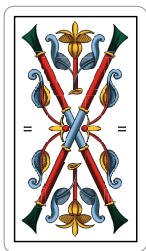


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Meaning: You need to choose a direction and take steps to move forward.

Upright: determination, and confidence

Reversed: fear, and indecision

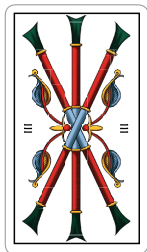


Three

Meaning: The path is clear; you need to invest your time and energy to succeed.

Upright: adventure, and optimism

Reversed: delays, and broken promises

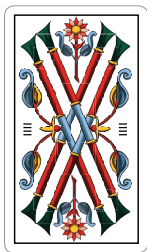


Four

Meaning: Gather friends and family around you and celebrate together.

Upright: celebration, and socializing

Reversed: unfinished work, and no time to celebrate



Five

Meaning: Conflict and competition are necessary to keep moving forward.

Upright: conflict, or competition

Reversed: poor leadership, and trouble-making



Six

Meaning: Victory and success are yours; be sure you act with dignity.

Upright: victory, and desires fulfilled

Reversed: public humiliation, and failure



Seven

Meaning: You are right; hold your ground. Any lack of integrity will be your downfall.

Upright: courage, and valor

Reversed: treachery, and lack of conviction



Eight

Meaning: Be focused and intense; let nothing distract you from your goal.

Upright: intensity, and drive

Reversed: frustration, and confusion



Nine

Meaning: You have a duty to uphold; others look to you as a role model.

Upright: loyalty, and discipline

Reversed: disloyalty, and stubbornness



Ten

Meaning: It is time to say “no” and set limits; you do not have enough energy right now.

Upright: obligations, and devotion

Reversed: exhaustion, and oppression



Knave

Meaning: You have a lot of excitement, but you need to find some focus.

Upright: enthusiasm, and creativity

Reversed: unpredictability, and foolishness



Knight

Meaning: You need to go on an adventurous quest; get out of your routine and explore.

Upright: driven, and passionate

Reversed: headstrong, and reckless



Queen

Meaning: You need to show confidence; if not, fake it until you feel it!

Upright: confident, and honorable

Reversed: insecure, and vindictive



King

Meaning: Show others how it is done; lead by doing.

Upright: role model, and independence

Reversed: selfish, and impatient



The Suit of Cups

The Suit of Cups is associated with the element of water, representing emotions, feelings, and relationships. This suit indicates what is happening in the heart rather than the head.

Ace

Meaning: Open your heart to a new relationship or reinvigorate an old one.

Upright: new love, and new emotional connection

Reversed: misplaced feelings towards someone, and emotional immaturity



Two

Meaning: Enjoy a mutual attraction and shared positive feelings with someone.

Upright: attraction, and connection

Reversed: unrequited love, and rejection

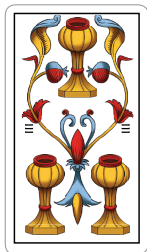


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Meaning: Gather your closest friends and celebrate something ... anything!

Upright: celebration, and sharing

Reversed: overindulgence, and discord

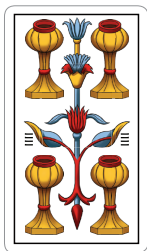


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Meaning: Find some time to meditate, or at least rest; your emotions need soothing.

Upright: rest, and meditation

Reversed: boredom, and isolation

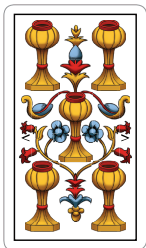


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Meaning: You have a disappointment you must accept; hidden possibilities have not revealed themselves yet.

Upright: disappointment, and sadness from loss

Reversed: depression, and despair

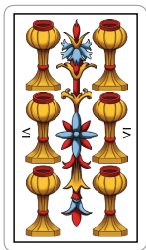


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Meaning: Reach out to someone you care about and share a memory or create a new one.

Upright: happy memories, and the positive legacy of childhood

Reversed: unhappy memories, and the negative legacy of childhood

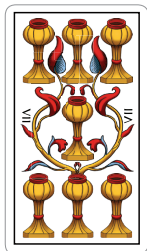


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Meaning: You have an important decision and need to know what motivates you to make the choice you want to make.

Upright: choices, and motivations

Reversed: wishful thinking, and inaction

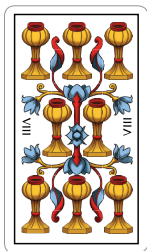


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Meaning: You must let go of something or someone that was once emotionally important to you, but no longer has any value.

Upright: letting go, and moving on

Reversed: denial, and attempts at bargaining for something now worthless

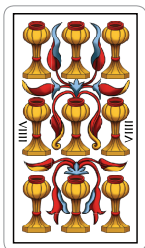


Nine

Meaning: Embrace and accept what truly makes you happy. Your fulfillment is most important right now.

Upright: contentment, and self-satisfaction

Reversed: arrogance, and selfishness

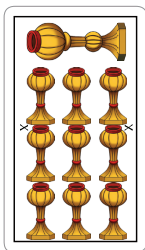


Ten

Meaning: Profound joy in relationship is what you need, or need to appreciate (if you have it). Happiness with a partner is key.

Upright: mature love, and blessed union

Reversed: disagreements, and unhappiness in relationship



Knave

Meaning: Emotions are strong but flowing wildly; they need a proper container.

Upright: imagination, and charisma

Reversed: emotionally stunted, and confused



Knight

Meaning: The warrior carries a cup with an important elixir or cure, to be delivered where it is needed, regardless of the challenges.

Upright: romance, and seeking what you love

Reversed: possessive, and clingy



Queen

Meaning: You need to act with conviction regarding a significant relationship.

Upright: nurturing, and emotionally supportive

Reversed: passive aggressive, and overly sensitive



King

Meaning: Accept and embrace your responsibility for the care of others as your way to be empowered and lead.

Upright: influential, and responsible

Reversed: narcissistic, and cruel



The Suit of Swords

The Suit of Swords is associated with the element of air, representing intellect, logic, thought, and decisions. Since this suit deals with the mind, many of the cards reflect the dangers of negative thinking and poor decision-making. When these cards appear in a reading, they often provide a warning for the Querent.

Ace

Meaning: It's time to decide; consider a new way of thinking; use logic regarding the situation or relationship.

Upright: new thoughts, and logic

Reversed: ignorance, and misinformation

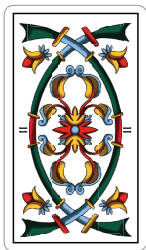


Two

Meaning: Be at peace with your decisions; do not look back or revisit decisions that brought you to this point.

Upright: an important decision, and need for logical resolution.

Reversed: self-deception, and obstinance



Three

Meaning: You are getting mixed results and must find a way to face the frustration and sorrow of the situation or relationship.

Upright: sorrow, and cognitive dissonance

Reversed: self-pity, and anxiety



Four

Meaning: You need a mental break; disengage to save your sanity.

Upright: rest, and contemplation

Reversed: burnout, and stress



Five

Meaning: There is a loss or defeat you must accept and work to overcome.

Upright: defeat, and argument

Reversed: despair, and distrust



Six

Meaning: You need to move from one “shore of thinking” to another; you are currently in-between and need to complete the journey.

Upright: transition, and the old gives way to the new

Reversed: fear of the unknown, and forced change in thinking



Seven

Meaning: It's time to take your ideas and thoughts elsewhere; you may need to do so quietly and secretly.

Upright: dishonesty, and misrepresentation

Reversed: theft, and deception



Eight

Meaning: You must address negative thinking, anxiety, and self-denial or remain trapped in a mental downward spiral.

Upright: trapped and restricted

Reversed: victimhood, and hopelessness



Nine

Meaning: There is a fear you need to face; this card also warns you to protect yourself from the cruelty of others.

Upright: nightmares, and insecurity

Reversed: torment, and cruelty



Ten

Meaning: A warning card telling you to accept that a situation or relationship is ruined and it is time to move on.

Upright: warning to change thinking, and the writing is on the wall

Reversed: ruin, and destruction



Knave

Meaning: Lots of ideas, but no focus. Great energy for generating new thoughts, but eventually choices must be made.

Upright: curious, and excited

Reversed: easily distracted, and unfocused



Knight

Meaning: Use clear-headed and logical thinking to achieve your goals; be decisive.

Upright: clarity, and decisiveness

Reversed: brash decision-making, and fanaticism



Queen

Meaning: The situation or relationship calls for detached and logical thinking; be strategic.

Upright: strategic, and just

Reversed: cold hearted, and insensitive

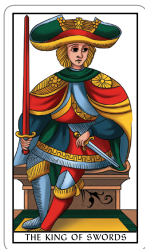


King

Meaning: You oversee the decision and do not need input from others; make your choice and inform everyone else once you have decided. You may be called on to negotiate a dispute.

Upright: the final decision-maker, and judge

Reversed: intimidating, and argumentative



The Suit of Coins

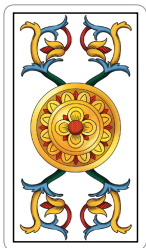
The Suit of Coins is associated with the element of earth, representing prosperity, health, security, and stability. Coins deal with tangible possessions. Money may be the first thing that comes to mind with this suit, but the cards more generally refer to the material world and what we need to take care of ourselves.

Ace

Meaning: Now is the time to start something that will be real in the world.

Upright: investment, and getting started

Reversed: delay, and difficulty getting started



Two

Meaning: Time to experiment and try different actions to get better results.

Upright: adaptability, and activity

Reversed: interference, and stagnation

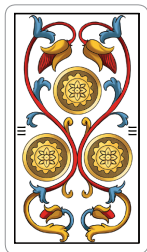


Three

Meaning: Hard and consistent work is what is needed to succeed and push forward.

Upright: creativity, and teamwork

Reversed: missing, skill and incompetence

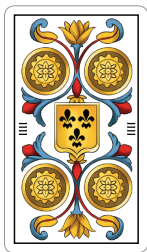


Four

Meaning: Be careful with your resources; it is a good time to save and be conservative with finances.

Upright: conservation and cautiousness

Reversed: miserliness, and hoarding

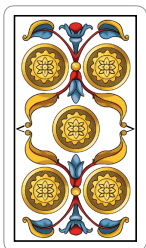


Five

Meaning: Be prepared to face material difficulty; you may need to ask for help or borrow money to get through a difficult time.

Upright: debt, and illness

Reversed: loss of resources, and persistent health problems

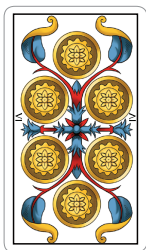


Six

Meaning: Share your wealth and success; be grateful for what you have achieved.

Upright: shared wealth, and valued role in community

Reversed: greed, and stinginess

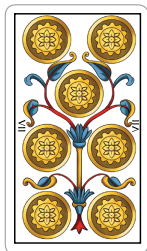


Seven

Meaning: Time to consider how you will invest your success; put resources back into what you have that is successful or start a new venture.

Upright: long-term planning, and dedicated persistence

Reversed: lack of vision, and wastefulness

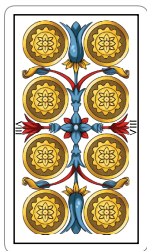


Eight

Meaning: Use your skill and experience to improve your financial status and improve your security.

Upright: craftsmanship, and expertise

Reversed: deception regarding skill, and laziness



Nine

Meaning: Focus on your purpose and use it to attain the wealth you desire; be your best to earn the most.

Upright: financial independence, and empowerment

Reversed: egotism, and pride

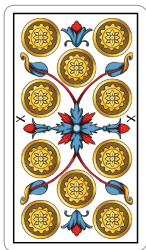


Ten

Meaning: Embrace or seek the fulfillment that comes with a partnership that will help you both attain a great and safe life.

Upright: long-term gains, and inheritance

Reversed: missed opportunities, and burdensome obligations



Knave

Meaning: Experiment; try not to get lost in starting, but not finishing anything.

Upright: apprenticeship, and practice

Reversed: lack of ability, and lack of ambition



Knight

Meaning: Time to take decisive action that leads to concrete results; find the solution and act on it.

Upright: goal-driven, and reliable

Reversed: stubborn, and misdirected



Queen

Meaning: Get your life in order; review your finances and make sure all important legal documents are in place. Assess your material life and fix anything that needs attention.

Upright: stability, and necessity

Reversed: instability and debt



King

Meaning: Use your wealth, status, and influence wisely; others look to you for leadership.

Upright: power, and prosperity

Reversed: corruption, and excess



