

TAROT COURSE FOR BEGINNERS LEVEL 2

TAROT



THE MINOR ARCANA



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INTRODUCTION



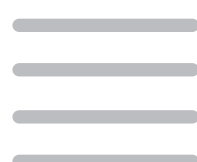
Welcome to level 2 of Tarot

If you have received this pamphlet, it is because your path with the Tarot began some time ago. Perhaps you are already aware of the power of intention, the importance of energy protection and the Major Arcana.

In this second stage of the course we will venture into the Minor Arcana, we will cover a lot of important information and practical exercises to transform our own life through the connection with the Tarot.

I recommend keeping an open heart and a patient mind so you don't feel overwhelmed by so much information. The path of the Tarot unfolds at the ideal pace for each person, there is no rush or need to approach the Tarot with intensity, on the contrary, patiently affection will lead you to learn all the cards easily.

*The **major arcana** are classified through the 4 elements
air, fire, water and earth.*



To familiarize ourselves a little with each of these energies we are going to start by mentioning the astrological systems and zodiac signs associated with these 4 categories in the Tarot.

THE ZODIAC SIGNS

The signs are grouped according to several systems:

Ternary



Cardinal Signs: Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn.

They are signs of activity, movement, energy, and bodily or physical action. They possess initiative, innovation, audacity, recklessness, ambition, drive, and quick action.

Defects: Lack of perseverance or patience, haste.



Fixed Signs: Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius.

They are signs of stability, firmness, will, constancy, strong emotions, patience, aversion to change, resistance, conservation, slow decision, stable feelings.

Defects: Routine, narrow-mindedness, intolerance and lack of adaptability.



Mutable signs: Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces.

They are signs of adaptation, reflection, flexibility, intelligence, mental life, discernment, impartial spirit.

Flaws: Indecision, cunning, imitative spirit.

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Fire signs: Aries, Leo and Sagittarius.

They are signs of vitality, activity, demonstration, enthusiasm, drive, ardor, ambition, authority, independence.

Flaws: irascibility, violence, recklessness.



Earth signs: Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.

They are signs of firmness, practical spirit, pragmatic, prudent, methodical, persevering, meticulous and exact.

Flaws: selfishness, anxiety, melancholy.



Air signs: Gemini, Libra and Aquarius.

They are signs of intelligence, study, science, invention, mental vitality.

Defects: Inconstancy, non-compliance, indecision.



Water signs: Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces.

They are psychic, emotional, sentimental, inspired, imaginative, dreamy, romantic, occult, mystical, superstitious signs.

Defects: Susceptibility, absent-mindedness, self-deception, insecurity.



THE MINOR ARCANA

"As already explained, the minor arcana add up to 56 cards divided into four sections of fourteen cards each. From the beginning, the minor arcana, like the playing cards from which they are descended, are divided into several series, which are called "suits."

We can say that the four suits represent the four basic elements that are the foundation of the world we know.

Air, Fire, Water and Earth are more than mere physical elements.



Each of them can be equated to one of the natural energies or, to put it another way, to the different ways of understanding life.

	Element	Polarity	Level
Wands	Fire	Male	Spiritual
Cups	Water	Female	Emotional
Swords	Air	Male	Mental
Pentacles	Earth	Female	Physical

As we can see, each suit of the minor arcana has different qualities. Our daily experiences are tinged with these different energies that we are going to meet with on the next page.

WANDS

*Energetic • Bold • Creative • Magnetic • Optimistic • Aggressive
Impulsive • Presumptuous • Confident • Irresponsible*

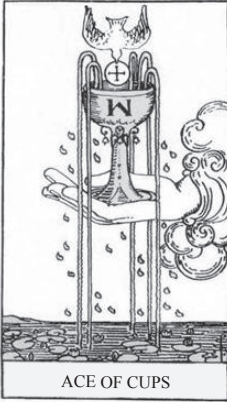


Wands are the stick of action, movement, and creativity. They are associated with confidence, enthusiasm, and a desire for adventure. The energy of the wands is masculine and expansive. It moves from the inside out and generates a passionate response. His energy does not stagnate, but prevails over events.

Wands make their way through life, they don't wait, they don't adapt. Like fire, its action is unstoppable and can be devastating. But fire is also the great purifier, the one that cleans the ground so that the new can find space. The cards of wands rule the spiritual plane and respond to our concerns in this ground.

CUPS

*Affective • Calm • Spiritual • Compassionate • Sensitive • Fantasy •
Fragile • Hypersensitive • Impressive • Lazy*



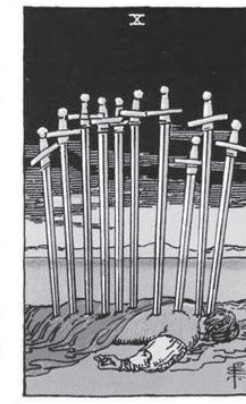
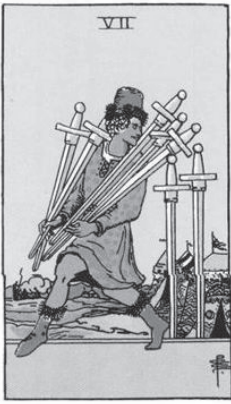
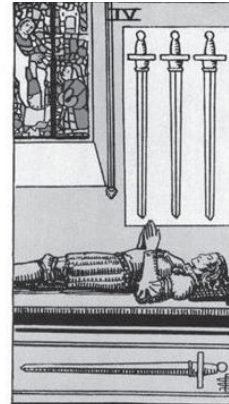
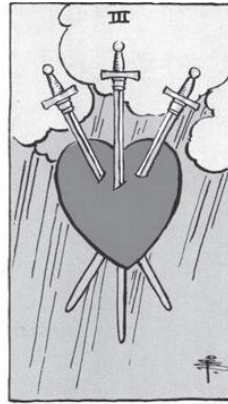
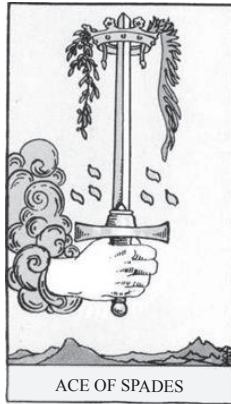
Cups are the stick of emotions and spiritual experiences. This energy flows inward and therefore these cards describe inner states and deep feelings. Like the water energy they represent, the cup cards are associated with the feminine principle.

Water is able to flow and fill empty spaces. This is an energy that sustains life and like human feelings, it is very variable.

The cups do not require changes or impose them, but adapt and wrap. Human relationships are under the direct influence of these cards.

SPADES OR SWORDS

*Analytical • Cunning • Honest • Rational • Sincere • Arrogant
• Cold • Distant • Dogmatic • Critical*

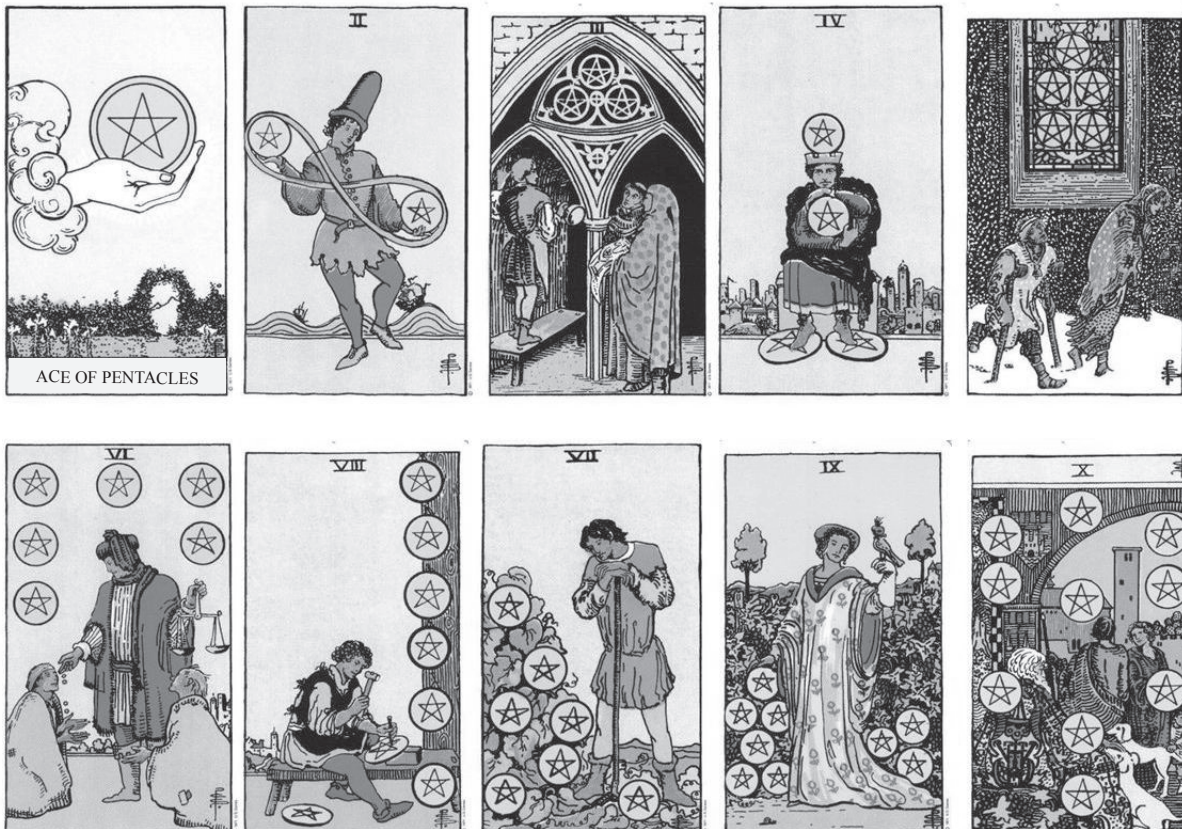


The suit of spades is associated with the mind, thought and reason. The swords are Air cards and are masculine in character. As their own symbol suggests, the swords represent challenges and Judgments and are closely related to the concepts of justice, idealism, and ethical principles.

The cards of spades demand purity of intention and balanced action from us. If we are unable to achieve these states, these cards show many moments of disharmony and unhappiness. Excessive criticism, dogmatism, or emotional coldness are mistakes associated with these cards. Spade cards represent changes that arise when there is no clarity of mind.

GOLD OR PENTACLES

*Reliable • Concrete • Competent • Organized • Tenacious •
Conventional • Materialistic • Uncompromising • Calculating
• Perfectionist*



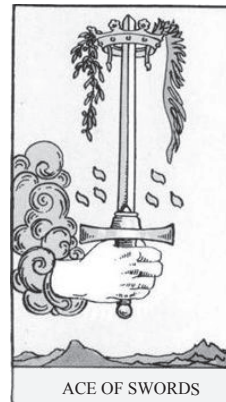
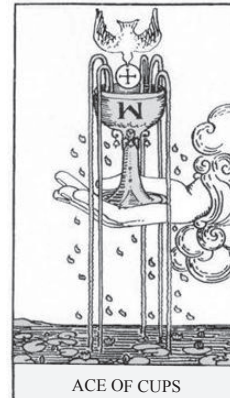
Gold cards are related to the material world. Its shape is reminiscent of coins and is therefore linked to money and work. Perfection, tenacious effort, and competitiveness are related to gold cards.

They represent the practical world and the security of the material plane. Its element is the Earth and these cards celebrate the beauty of nature and our interaction with it.

These cards are not imposed, but require patience and firmness. They represent prosperity and wealth, not only economic, but also sentimental.

THE ACES

The ace is the top card of each suit. In the Rider-Waite Tarot, each ace shows us a hand that emerges from the clouds holding the symbol of the corresponding suit.



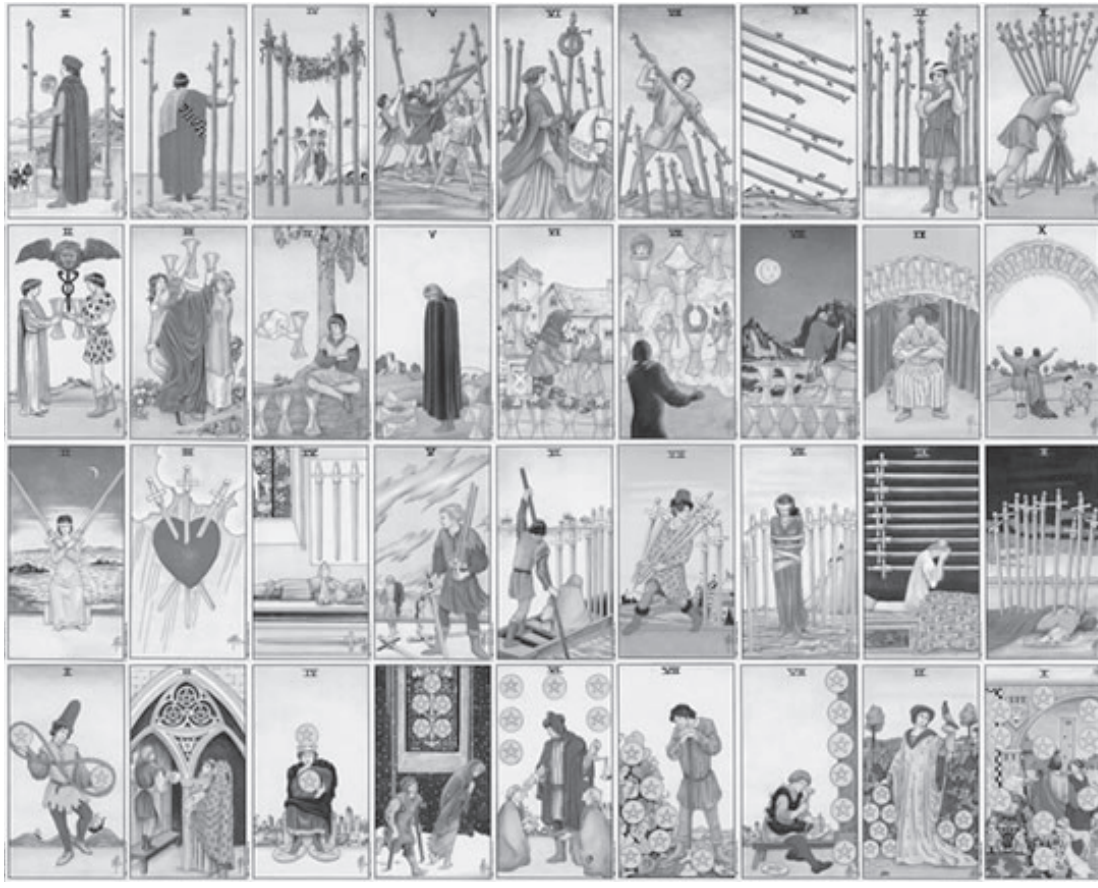
Each ace represents the qualities of your suit in its purest form. As the image suggests, an ace is a gift that comes from an unknown source.

Aces are portals between the realms of the major and minor arcana. They allow powerful but impersonal forces to manifest in the everyday world.

Ace is beneficial and positive. If an ace appears in a reading, this indicates that your energies and qualities are available. If you are able to take sides, to trust their qualities, you will achieve success. The aces speak of adventures that are in perspective, of challenges and opportunities.

THE NUMBERED CARDS

The numbered cards, called pip cards in English, are those between 2 and 10 in the minor arcana. Traditionally, numbered cards repeatedly contain the corresponding suit symbol. This symbol is drawn in an orderly and geometric way and in a number equal to that of the card. This system was widely used in all ancient tarots until the appearance of the Rider-Waite Tarot in 1910.



This deck of cards shows a different allegorical image or scene for each of the numbered cards. In the image the symbols of the suit are shown again, but forming part of the scene. Thus, for example, the Three of Cups shows three ladies dancing, each with a glass in hand. This idea of Waite and Pamela Smith has been copied by many modern tarots. The numbered cards develop the energies received by the Ace in all areas of daily life.

Its meaning varies throughout the cycle until it reaches a climax represented by the tenth card.

Numerologically we could represent this cycle like this:

1. *Beginnings.*
2. *Relationships, duality, balance or equilibrium.*
3. *Synthesis, collaboration, expression, expansion.*
4. *Fundamentals, stability.*
5. *Change, instability, need-adapt to the difficulty.*
6. *Help, idealism, perfection, change for the better.*
7. *Unexpected change, perception, inner vision, prospects.*
8. *Control, power, organization, autonomy.*
9. *Each club is completed, maximum intensity of the cycle.*
10. *Renewal through a new cycle. Master's degree.*

THE FIGURES

Tarot figures are minor arcana common to all suits and representing characters from the medieval court. In English they are known as court cards.

The figures are sixteen cards: 4 Kings, 4 Queens, 4 Knights and 4 Jacks. When interpreted, these cards have a human dimension that the others do not. Generally, they are considered to represent people around us, or even ourselves or aspects of our personality.

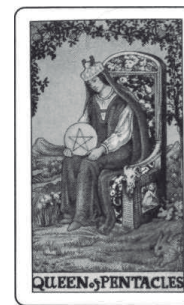


KINGS



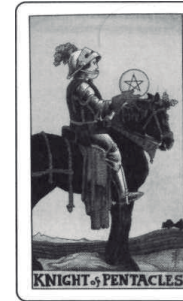
The king of tarot is active and powerful energy. You make an impact on the world through the strength of your personality. He has the attributes of ancient kings: warrior, judge, father of the nation. When it refers to a person, it is usually a man in his maturity or an authority figure: father, teacher. Its action is external and visible.

QUEENS



The queen expresses her personality from the inside. He is a figure with power, just like the king, but that power is expressed in a more subtle way. The queen shows inner qualities and inner development. If in a reading it refers to a person, this card shows us a woman in her fullness or a maternal figure. Its action is internal, producing results in the medium or long term.

KNIGHTS



The knight (or horse) is a warrior. It expresses extreme qualities of each suit. It therefore causes a very strong impact on its environment and can be frightening. But it can also have an extraordinarily positive effect, depending on which side of your personality you decide to show. In a reading, it is necessary to consider both the negative and the positive characteristics, since both can occur. When it refers to a person, it is a young person, or someone with youthful characteristics. It can be a woman or a man, although the latter is more likely. His action is determined and risky.

PAGE



The page is a happy and playful boy. In readings, it indicates an energy and invites you to enjoy the moment, to move forward, to play, to take risks. The energy of the page is not easy to follow, since a part of our education is based on the repression of impulses. This card reminds us of the need to connect with our inner child. When you point to a person, it is usually a child or someone with immature attitudes. Their sex is not clearly defined. Its action is sparkling and playful.

INTERPRETATION OF THE MINOR ARCANA

The interpretation of the minor arcana is more concrete and material than that of the major arcana. They focus on specific circumstances rather than major life influences. On a human level, they treat the specific behavior of the person before their personality.

In a reading, the minor arcana take second place, but they do not lose their importance.

When interpreting an isolated card, you can follow these steps:

1. Say the name of the card out loud.
2. What does the number mean? Express it in a few words.
3. What is the meaning of the stick? Again, in a nutshell.
4. Join both meanings, the number and the suit in one or more sentences.
5. Describe the design of the card out loud.
6. What feelings or ideas does it provoke in you? How does this card relate to your present life? Take good note and then put these considerations aside.
7. What is the interpretation "of the book" on this card? You will meet her in the next lessons.
8. Final summary. If the card spoke, what message would it give you?

EXAMPLE

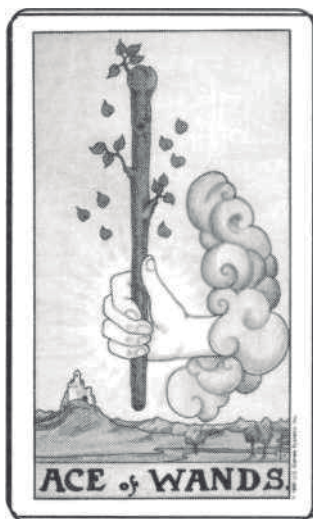
Let's see below an example of interpretation:



Three of Cups.

1. Three relates to synthesis, collaboration, or expression.
2. Cups signify feelings or relationships.
3. Uniting both meanings, I see: shared feelings. Collaboration in relationships. The fulfillment or realization of a feeling.
4. The card drawing shows three women dancing with their glasses raised. Their faces reflect joy and a feeling of brotherhood. They are surrounded by natural symbols.
5. This card suggests happiness, a feeling of shared joy. Perhaps it suggests to me the need to share my feelings with the people around me.
6. The card is related to friendship, feelings of community, party.
7. I think this card is telling me that I can achieve happiness if I share my feelings with others.

This scheme represents an efficient and comprehensive method of analysis. Use it every time you have to analyze a card. Although it may seem a bit complicated at first, with practice it will become routine.



- Confidence • Strength
- Enthusiasm • Creativity

ACE OF WANDS

The tarot aces represent the entrance to the world of the minor arcana. Their energy sums up the meaning of the entire suit they represent. Thus, the Ace of Wands is a symbol of possibilities, of new perspectives in the fields of self-confidence, creative energy and adventure.

Meaning The Ace of Wands is an indication that the enthusiasm and creative capacity of Fire have been installed in some part of your life. You may not have noticed it yet, but that seed of potentiality is planted there, waiting for the appropriate moment to sprout.

The first step to harnessing this gift is to be aware of it, appreciate it and value it. At any time a new opportunity, an offer, a meeting or a gift can arise. It can also be an idea or an inner impulse. In any case, there will be a moment when that potentiality will become conscious and that is the moment when you must cling to it and take advantage of it because it is a unique opportunity that cannot be missed.

In one reading, the Ace of Wands recommends examining what abilities or desires are growing within you. It is time to be daring and brave, to take risks. Enthusiasm will now be your best guide and defense. Wands indicate individual power and personal fulfillment. The time of passion and creativity is beginning and you have to take advantage of it.

TWO OF WANDS

When power becomes a personal, earthly and practical energy, we have before us the archetype of the Two of Wands. In the card we can see a rich man holding a globe in his right hand. This man regards the world as a personal possession, his own terrain in which he can manifest his will.

Meaning If the major arcana of the Magician symbolizes Power as an impersonal energy that provides creativity and strength, this minor arcana represents material power. With his left hand resting on the baton firmly attached to the wall, this man holds himself securely in position.

He is a person who imposes his personality in the field of relationships and who is always himself. We can imagine that it is a great lord who looks at his domain and feels secure in his possessions.



- Personal Power
- Wealth • Originality

In a reading, the Two of Wands invites us to be assertive, to trust our own inner power. It invites us to be inventive, to enhance our individuality. What are our wishes or interests? Are we capable of imposing our will? Who has the power and who seeks it? Do we use our power wisely, or are we slaves to our desires? What is our concept of wealth? Are we filled with internal development or with external fruits? All these are questions that seek answers in this card.



- Leadership • Planned Trip
- Vision of the future

THREE OF WANDS

The protagonist of this card turns his back to us and, up on a mountain, looks towards the horizon. His right hand is firmly resting on a rod, and from his garments he looks like a rich man. Before him the sea unfolds with ships heading for the horizon. In the distance we see other lands.

Towards them the vision of the man in the foreground is directed. Who is that man in the foreground? It can be a merchant, or an entrepreneur who has sent his ships to negotiate with the distant country, but he can also be someone eager to travel, to take one of those ships in search of adventure. From the height you are at, you have a clear view of the world and can safely plan.

Meaning The Three of Wands is the card of the visionary and the leader, of someone who does not react immediately, but takes distance and time. This person will act when necessary and not in a crazy way. Unlike the Fool, this man is at the foot of the abyss, but he knows what he wants and will do it with full conscience.

In a reading, the Three of Wands invites us to distance ourselves from everyday events, to look at things from a certain height and in peace. Everything we have done or what we can do we must put aside and meditate. By being supported and firm, planted on the ground and supported by something secure, we are able to better understand everyday tasks and see them in a different light.

FOUR OF WANDS

The Four of Wands presents us with the image of a celebration. In the foreground, four wands support a garland of leaves and flowers. Further back we see joyous dancers raising bouquets of flowers and crowned with plant motifs.

The people in the background are happily sitting at a table. Everything in this card gives us a feeling of pleasure, enjoyment and celebration.

Meaning The Four of Wands indicates that feeling of excitement that we have all felt in the happiest moments of our lives. It represents a wedding, the culminating moment in the lives of many people, their most remembered and celebrated day.

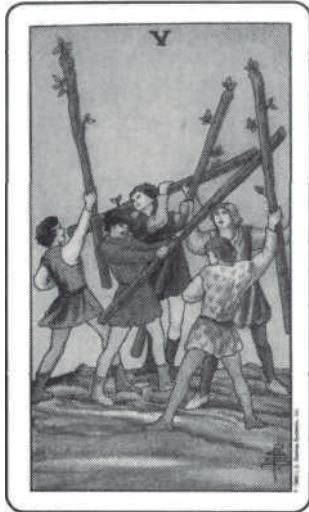
It marks a time when we are "in a cloud" and everything is on the best possible path. The celebration can be planned or it can come spontaneously, in the face of an unexpected and joyous event. In both cases, the happiness that this card proclaims is sincere and full.

In a reading, the Four of Wands indicates the pleasure of living in harmony with nature and the advantages of living in the country. Brings a message of encouragement for those who plan to get away from the city.

Those who enjoy nature must learn to enjoy it more. Freedom, breaking limits or corsets can also be very favorable forms of enjoyment and growth. This card invites us to break physical, mental or emotional limits in search of a fuller life.



- Excitement • Celebration
- Freedom



- Discord • Competition
- Inconvenience

FIVE OF WANDS

This card shows us five armed young men, each one with a stick. But what are they doing? Are they fighting or are they playing? Do they fight or do they imitate the fight? The attitude of some seems really warlike, but that of others reminds us more of the game. It could even be a sports demonstration.

Meaning The Five of Wands is a battle card, but a battle that can be feigned or real. Indicates competition, confrontation, disputes. The issues that are being elucidated do not seem to be of great importance, but they cause discomfort and concern. Small daily annoyances make us feel stagnant or regressing and at this point they seem to be at their peak.

You need to be patient and open your eyes wide. This card also talks about competitions. Competitiveness can be a positive energy as it drives us to give the best of ourselves, to do our best. But the exaggerated competitiveness or directed to a spurious end, can be totally counterproductive.

In a reading, the Five of Wands invites us to reflect on the areas of our lives in which we are competing and what purpose this competition serves. Rivalry can be a creative force or, conversely, it can be poisoning the heart. Cooperation is an alternative that must be considered.

SIX OF WANDS

The Six of Wands presents us with a horseman adorned with a laurel crown who carries a staff adorned with the same trophy. The laurel wreath is a classic symbol of victors. This man, with his beautifully adorned horse, reminds us of the ancient caudillos who, victorious, return from battle with good news. All around him, men on foot, raise their sticks and acclaim him.

The meaning of this card is evident, and clearly reminds us of the major arcanum number 7, the Chariot. It indicates a time in life when we celebrate and celebrate success, but it can also indicate a deep desire for success. In ancient times, the laurel wreath marked the victorious athlete, and was the symbol of the god Apollo. This is therefore a solar and extroverted card, full happiness and joy, the card of the winners.

Meaning Being a minor arcana, the Six of Wands usually indicates a victory more material than spiritual, more external than internal. Also, this card is related to good news and high self-esteem. When we enter a stream of success, everything smiles at us and we learn to value our qualities. But we must be careful not to fall into excessive arrogance or pride.



- Pride • Success
- Applause

The applause of others can be misleading, because as we all know those who cheer you today, tomorrow they may ignore you. Success attracts many profiteers who disappear at the first setback.

In one reading, the Six of Wands tells us about success, but it also asks us what we intend to do with that success and what we are willing to put on the table to achieve it. It can be a victory over oneself, or over circumstances. But if what we want is to obtain a victory over another person, will it be a noble success?



- Defense • Aggression
- Battle

SEVEN OF WANDS

In the Seven of Wands we are shown a young man holding a stick with both hands. In front of him six wands rise in a threatening attitude, before which he defends himself. The expression on his face, a mixture of fear and anger, indicates that he is in a compromising situation. The terrain on which it stands looks like the top of a mountain. Six people attack one, but he is in a high and favorable position.

Meaning In life we are sometimes in a situation like this, where the opposing energies are excessive. If we are in an advantageous position, we can at least defend ourselves with courage. There are times when you have to flee, but at others, it is appropriate to resist. Resistance is often confused with attack or counterattack, so the Meaning of this card can be expanded to include all aspects of a battle.

A battle is costly, in moral and material terms, so this card asks us for a preliminary reflection. Is this battle worth it? Some ideas or attitudes must be defended to the end, but on many occasions we wage war over issues that are not really worth it.

There are many power struggles in which we simply seek to strengthen our ego and really few wars in defense of an ideal or a noble feeling. Aggression and defense are often confused.

In a reading, the Seven of Wands tells us of firm convictions, of deeply rooted feelings. Do we fight for them? We give up? Do we learn to flow? Do we attempt honest resistance? These are questions that only we can answer, this card simply asks them.

EIGHT OF WANDS

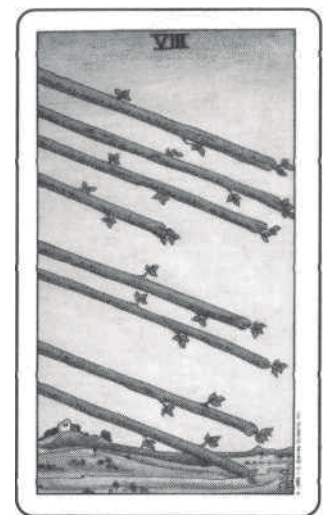
This card offers us a peculiar image, eight sticks or clubs fly over an open field. Obviously, someone has thrown them and, because of their downward inclination, they are about to fall to the ground.

Meaning The symbolism of this card can be summed up in the word: action. But before acting we must think, imagine and talk about our projects. The wands of this card move in the air, the world of ideas, before reaching the ground, the world of practical realization.

The symbolism of this card is thus evident: "think and then act, but think fast, because the time for action is coming".

In a reading, the Eight of Wands indicates to us a time of conclusions that are coming. Everything is prepared and it is not time to linger. Everything is in motion and near its conclusion, it is also a symbol of news or information.

Wands fly toward us like radio or television waves, or like news, mail, or rumors. In short, the eight of Wands is a card that indicates an imminent conclusion and therefore the beginning of a new cycle of growth.



- News • Conclusion
- Quick action



- Defense • Recovery
- Perseverance

NINE OF WANDS

A man is standing in a courtyard. The first thing that strikes us is the bandage on his head, his stern expression and the way he clings to his hem. Behind him eight wands form a palisade.

Obviously the man has been wounded defending this place, but he remains upright and vigilant, ready to return to the fight at any moment.

The meaning of this card is closely related to the many battles that we must undertake throughout our lives. On many occasions, defending our principles or our integrity provokes hostility.

On the battlefield that is sometimes life, we receive many wounds that are generally more moral than physical. Like the warrior of the card, we have been witnesses and protagonists of many combats, but we must continue standing, prepared for defense.

In a reading, the Nine of Wands indicates caution. If we continue on the current path, we can get hurt because the lessons of life are sometimes very hard. This can toughen us up, but it shouldn't sour our character, but rather make us stronger. If you are strong, like the card fighter, you can stand tall and go on living. If you are able to get up after every fall, you will never be totally defeated. Although everything seems against, in the end, your persistence will make you win.

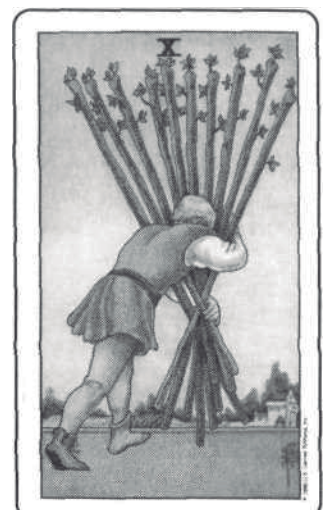
TEN OF WANDS

The man shown in this card carries a load that seems too heavy for him. Bowing before a bundle of wands, he trudges toward the castle in the background. The effort is so great that he seems not to be able to see the path, his bowed head is hidden behind the poles, allowing him only to see the ground before his feet.

*Looking at this card, the old saying comes to mind:
"whoever takes a lot of space, the less he tightens up".*

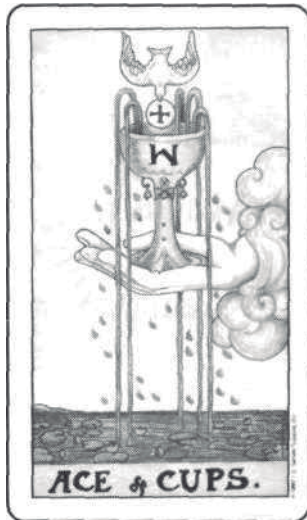
Meaning The meaning of this card seems to fit very well with the way of life of many people today. Burdened by work, responsibilities, obligations, we often walk through life with a shrunken and burdened soul. In the desire to have more, to possess more, to do more, our inner world grows smaller and weaker.

Our gaze is like that of the man with the card, capable only of seeing the small space of land in which we are going to take the next step, but without being able to look beyond.



- Excess • Fight
- Limitations

*In a reading, the Ten of Wands speaks of struggles, of limitations we impose on ourselves. Indicates excessive work and responsibilities. This arcane asks you to reconsider your form that you watch your health and that you learn to cut the ties that oppress you.
In short, they ask you for balance.*



- Love • Emotions
- Intuition • Intimacy

ACE OF CUPS

Tarot aces are the seed of a new beginning. The Ace of Cups is a symbol of new possibilities, of beginnings in the realm of feelings, love, intimacy and compassion.

Meaning The Ace represents the pure energy of your suit, and thus the Ace of Cups indicates that emotional awareness has entered your life even though you may not have realized it yet. If you are able to accept the gift of this Ace, you will be opening new doors for yourself.

When this ace comes up, you should examine how you are spending your emotional energy. Keep in mind that love is now the key to the situation. That's why you need to ask yourself questions about your feelings, desires, and hopes in this area. You should also ask yourself what you mean by love and what is the tone of your relationships with others.

Love is not always a romantic feeling between two people. The sheer emotional energy of this ace shows us that love is a force that drives us to unite and create. Love is the basis of the union of a family or of the cooperation between two friends.

Love helps to forgive and to build. It is an energy that connects us to others in many ways. Opening our feelings and showing them is a way to be stronger and more noble.

In a reading, the Ace of Cups invites you to explore your interior. This card has a more spiritual aspect and is the need to connect with our inner world. If you learn to listen to the voice of your heart, you will begin to understand the true meaning of love. Trust what your feelings tell you and acknowledge that your inner world has something important to tell you. By accepting the energy of this Ace you can achieve great goals both internally and facing the outside world.

TWO OF CUPS

The Two of Cups shows us a beautiful image. Two young men, a man and a woman, look at each other. At the same time, they look at the glasses that both carry in their hands and seem willing to share it. The lovers are luxuriously dressed and wear laurel wreaths, suggesting a party, or even a wedding.

Meaning This card is the living image of love, of the romantic attraction between two people. Those who share their cups (emotions) create a bond where power is multiplied. One and one do not add up to two, but much more than that number. Obviously it is the card that symbolizes the love between two people and has a value equivalent to the sixth major arcanum, the Lovers. The unions formed under this auspices can be very strong. So much so that you have to take care that they are not exclusive.

In a reading, the Two of Cups marks the union of two entities: people, ideas, groups, societies, etc. This arcane invites us to analyze the relationships we maintain with others. It indicates a propitious moment to seek unions or agreements with other people and, in case of conflict, advises forgiveness and reconciliation. It can also be the sign that we are struggling between two options.

Within us there is a masculine and a feminine nature that seek to balance. In this case, it is best to find a way to reconcile all the possibilities.



- Attraction • Union
- Meeting



THREE OF CUPS

This card shows us the celebration of a party. Three women dance, crowned with flowers and holding three glasses in their hands. By resting their hands on each other, they reinforce an emotional bond that is already clearly reflected in their friendly faces. Around them, the fruits of the earth unfold.

Meaning The Three of Cups is one of the three arcana that relate to human groups. If the High Priest speaks of formal learning and respect for the rules and the Three of Pentacles, of teamwork, the Three of Cups speaks of the feelings that are shared between several people.

The community or the group is not only a set of common interests, but it is also the sum of feelings shared by all.

- Friendship • Community
- Festivity

In a reading, the Three of Cups speaks of joy, of the exalted spirit of the holidays. It is an invitation to celebration, to feel loved and safe in the environment in which we live.

This arcane asks us to honor friendship and the values that are associated with it: trust, camaraderie, detachment. Before it we must reflect on our relationships with groups of friends. Should we help or request support? Should we be generous or open to the generosity of others? Friendship, whether between two people, or between a group is one of the most beautiful human feelings and this card is responsible for remembering it.

FOUR OF CUPS

On many occasions, life offers us gifts that we do not accept simply because we are not able to see them. This happens to the character of this arcanum.

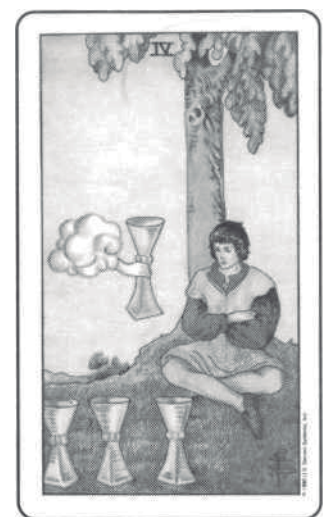
As he is absorbed in his meditation, contemplating the three cups in front of him, he is unable to see the cup that Heaven offers him. Is the solution to your questions in that cup? Possibly, but since you don't pick it up, you'll never know. On some occasions, this card can have a very positive meaning.

Meaning The Four of Cups indicates a period of renewal and reflection that is necessary before undertaking any task. If we are able to take time to dream and meditate, we can recover emotionally and mentally before facing any challenge. But in no case should we forget the message of this card which is the following:

"Don't let introspection keep you from seeing the world around you."

In a reading, the Four of Cups asks us to spend time with ourselves, but without leaving the outside world aside. This arcanum can be, if we are not careful, a sign of apathy or shyness.

If we are not able to open ourselves to others, and to their emotional gifts, we will be losing a great treasure.



- Apathy • Shyness
- Introspection



- Losses • Breaks
- Regrets

FIVE OF CUPS

The Five of Cups is a seemingly sad card. It shows us a character dressed in black, looking dejected, who looks askance at the three glasses spilled before him. This arcanum represents the moment when the loss is most acute. Sometimes we have to face these feelings of loss both in our lives, in our relationships or in our projects, and this card shows those losses.

Meaning This card indicates the possibility of loss and all the emotions associated with such an event: pain, denial, regrets. The loss may be small or great, physical or emotional, but it is there and it is painful.

If it has not yet occurred, the card is a warning so that you act in time and prevent the evil or at least, so that you reduce its consequences. If the conflict has already materialized, this card certifies your current moment of pain.

In a reading, the Five of Cups can put you off a bit, but remember that everything also has its positive side. Every loss opens up new possibilities. If you look at the drawing of the arcanum, the man has lost three cups, but he still has two behind him.

As long as you wail and don't turn around, you won't be able to see them. In our life we will suffer losses. But once the most acute pain has passed, we must not forget that we have hidden resources that we must take advantage of to continue living. Keep in mind that at the bottom of the card there is a bridge that crosses the river and beyond a house. Life goes on and our path does not end with disappointment.

SIX OF CUPS



- Innocence • Play
- Good feelings

The Six of Cups is the arcanum of innocence. In it we see two children playing. He hands her a glass adorned with a beautiful flower and the girl greets her with a smile.

Generosity can be innocent at times, as we don't always give to those who truly deserve it. But in any case, generosity makes us bigger and better.

Meaning This card encourages us to be generous, to give. "Innocence" is a discredited word these days. Saying someone "innocent" is almost a form of insult when it should be the opposite. Innocence can be a way to avoid corruption or hypocrisy, a form of inner purity.

In this sense, it is positive to preserve a certain dose of innocence. Although this term can also have its negative connotation. If we are too innocent, we can live without knowing some important secrets of life. Maturation is largely the loss of innocence.

In one reading, the Six of Cups can have various meanings depending on the context. It can be an invitation to be a bit like children, to enjoy the playful side of life and not worry too much about the future. It can indicate an innocent person, whose naivety may or may not be positive, depending on the circumstances. It can also be an invitation to true generosity, to give without expecting anything in return.



SEVEN OF CUPS

When this arcane appears it is important to analyze the current situation and ask questions such as: do I live in a disorderly way? Am I trying to control everything excessively? Do I use my imagination too much or too little?

Meaning In a chaotic situation, a certain order must be achieved. But excess order can be negative since it limits our ability to improvise, to be creative and dynamic.

In the card we see a man who observes a series of visions in a cloud. His desires and fears unfold before him, and each of the glasses is an option. Many times we can find ourselves in a similar situation and too many options can lead us to indecision and apathy.

- Purity • Fantasies
- Freedom of choice

Clutter can be creative, but it's also frustrating. If we decide on an option, are we doing the right thing? And if we do nothing, are we losing something?

In a reading, the Seven of Cups is a difficult arcane that can only be interpreted correctly, depending on the current context. It shows many possible paths and great confusion. Reflection is more necessary now than ever. By putting order and cleaning our interior, we can find our way.

EIGHT OF CUPS

A man walks away from the glasses of happiness. Does he do it because he is satiated? Or maybe they don't interest you?

The Eight of Cups is an endgame card, or rather, an endgame card. On many occasions, we know inside that something is ending (a relationship or a project) but we consciously cling to the belief that everything is moving forward. Around us there are many messages that indicate that end: boredom, lack of interest, fatigue, lack of dialogue, but we do not want to see it and we cling uselessly to an illusion.

Meaning This arcanum clearly indicates to us that the past is something that we must leave behind to face new challenges. There are moments in life when we discover that what was true has ceased to be true, that feelings have changed. While we cling to the mists of something that no longer exists, we are postponing the happiness that surely awaits us elsewhere.

The journey that the character in the playing card undertakes can be a physical movement, change city or country. It may be a change of job or occupation. But it can also be an inner journey.

In a reading, the Eight of Cups, invites us to recognize the changes and value them, let go of the old and accept the new, these are processes that require time and internal work. It is difficult to give up what made us feel comfortable. But many times, comfort is just a synonym for conformity. This card invites us to move. The road will be difficult, but rewarding.



- Boredom • Travel
- Introspection



- Pleasures • Satisfaction
- Wishes fulfilled

NINE OF CUPS

The man who shows us this arcane seems very pleased with himself.

On the physical plane, this card indicates the delight of all the senses and is an invitation to satisfy all our desires. This satisfaction can be achieved through personal relationships or perhaps in closeness to nature.

In the same way that the character in this card is sitting with a firm posture full of pride in front of us, smiling, we can feel satisfied with all that we have achieved in our life.

Meaning The Nine of Cups is also an invitation to reflect and to value all that we have achieved and stored thanks to our efforts. If our relationships are working well, we should appreciate them. If our material life is comfortable, it has surely been thanks to our efforts.

In a reading, the Nine of Cups tells us about desires. If you have a wish, his message is: "You can do it." Another question is whether that desire is healthy or positive, since what we desire is not always the best for us. In any case, this arcanum indicates the possibility of achieving success.

TEN OF CUPS

The image that this arcanum shows is really beautiful. A united couple revels in the rainbow. Together with them, the children play happily and in front of them, we observe the fields, the river and the home.

The joy that this card exudes is a manifestation of what our emotional life can become when it reaches its peak. Happiness is something that goes beyond pure contentment, it is an inner state in which we feel full, complete. It is not something that comes from outside, but is born from our own vital attitude.

Meaning The playing card shows us the united family and this may be one of its most obvious meanings. But we can also understand that this family is our interior. Are we at peace with ourselves? In us there is a man and a woman, there is also a child part and a home.

If you think that the external is a reflection of the internal, you are on the right path to understand the deep meaning of this card: "seek peace within yourself and you will find happiness".

In a reading, the Ten of Cups speaks of inner peace. Inner peace must be reflected in our relationships. Serenity comes from harmony, from the completion of battles. A good way to achieve peace is through forgiveness and a good place to apply this forgiveness is in our own family. The Ten of Cups is an announcement of the possible future, but it is also advice on how to act. Seek peace within and without yourself.



- Joy • Family
- Peace



- Truth • Justice
- Courage • Mental strength

ACE OF SWORDS

The tarot aces represent seeds, symbols of future possibilities that we may not have been able to recognize yet, but that are waiting for their moment to germinate and grow.

The Ace of Spadas is a seed that can sprout providing intelligence, reason, justice, clarity, truth or inner strength.

Meaning The manifestation of the Ace of Spades depends on our interests and desires to obtain a result. If we are facing a time when a mental effort is required, either due to studies and exams or professional demands, this Ace challenges us to continue working, to deepen our intellectual work, because this is a time when such an effort will take success.

If what we ask for is justice or clarity, if we feel persecuted or harassed, the Ace of Swords tells us that we can have complete assurance that the truth will shine at last. If we have been honest in the past, that honesty will be recognized to us, if we have given, our generosity will receive its reward.

A word that can define this Ace well is "challenge". Duels and challenges were formerly made with the sword and in them not only the warrior skill of a knight was demonstrated, but above all, his honorability. Refusing the duel was synonymous with cowardice. Accepting it, even if it failed, was an act of dignity.

In one reading, the Ace of Swords brings the message that many times we have to face complicated situations, real duels, in which we cannot take a step back, but must move forward with courage and firmness. If we are truthful, just and courageous, life will reward us handsomely.

TWO OF SWORDS

In the Two of Swords card we see a young woman who maintains a barrier of swords.

His rigid posture, his arms crossed over his chest, speak to us of closure. His eyes are blindfolded. Behind her lies the sea, a symbol of the emotions that she does not allow us to approach. It is as if he were telling us: "nothing can come in and nothing can come out."

Meaning When reading this card, we must consider what areas of our life we are blocking, what emotions or feelings are being held back. The young woman with the card shows us our own closed heart or our difficult relationship with others. If our ideas and feelings go along divergent paths, if our intention is divided into parts that are not reconciled, this break can have serious consequences in our lives.

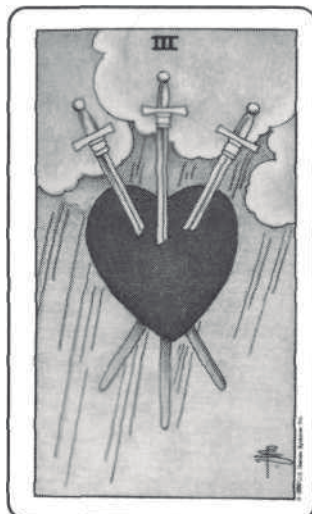
Each time we close our heart, it becomes more difficult for us to open it again.

In a reading, the Two of Swords forces us to look at the fact that the woman with the card is wearing a blindfold, so think about what I don't want to look at? What secret am I keeping from myself? What attitudes, my own or someone else's, am I avoiding?

Couldn't the card be suggesting a duel, a woman presenting swords to two contestants? Who do we want to fight? Against someone external or against something internal?



- Blocked emotions
- Blindness • Paralysis



THREE OF SWORDS

The image of this arcanum is quite clear. A heart appears pierced by three swords. Behind him, the clouds shed raindrops that remind us of the tears shed in moments of pain.

Meaning Sometimes, life gives us pain like this, in the face of the infidelity of the person we love, or in the face of abandonment and loss, in the betrayal or unnecessary cruelty of which we can be victims.

Emotional pain often transforms into physical pain, so this card may be signaling a terrifyingly real and certain feeling: the feeling of a broken heart. In these circumstances, we feel that the world has been turned upside down, we see everywhere a painful reflection of the injustice we suffer, and we come to believe that life itself is meaningless.

- Betrayal • Loneliness
- Broken heart

In a reading, the Three of Swords is asking us to reflect on the kind of life we lead. It may be a warning not to follow a certain path, but it can also be a reflection of our current situation.

If this is the case, let us seek peace and quiet and wait for the bad times to pass, because without a doubt they will pass. Finally, it is possible that we are thinking of hurting someone and that this card symbolizes our wish. If so, we must remember the old law that "everything we do is paid back in full." In this case, the Three of Swords may be clearly indicating to us that the result of our intrigues will be disastrous for ourselves.

FOUR OF SWORDS

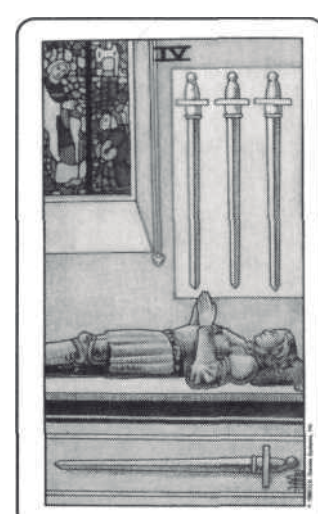
Lying on a rigid bed we find the character of this card. Above it are three swords and a beautiful stained glass window. Under his bed, a fourth sword. In his relaxed position, with his hands on his chest, the knight may be praying or meditating.

Meaning The Four of Swords is a card that inspires peace and tranquility.

It represents the moments of rest and calm meditation that can precede action. It represents the challenge of being still, of stopping the feverish pace of activity to which we are generally exposed.

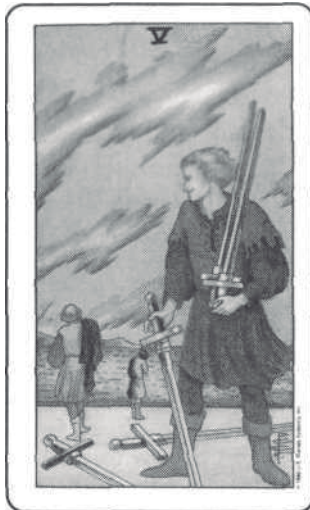
Knowing the right time for the fight and the favorable time for rest are qualities that we must develop and that this card suggests to us.

In a reading, the Four of Swords can indicate a time of sickness, of wasted energies, in which we need to stop and rest. Before undertaking any activity, facing any challenge, we must take a time of preparation and reflection, of prior relaxation.



- Rest • Meditation
- Recovery

The question that the Four of Swords asks us is whether we are spending too much energy on the outside at the expense of our inner world. Finally, an additional meaning must be noted: the man in the card may be dead! In this case, death must be understood as a change in our way of life. That is, not as an end, but as the beginning of a new cycle.



FIVE OF SWORDS

Under a sky of torn clouds we found three men in different positions. The one in the foreground has a smirking and malicious demeanor. He is collecting the swords that others have left lying on the ground. The other two protagonists wail away, giving up the fight.

Meaning The Five of Swords is a card of complex meanings. The names that are leaving, have they resigned of their own free will or have they been defeated? In any case, his action can be interpreted as a dishonorable gesture in the old codes of warfare.

Throwing the sword and leaving the battlefield was interpreted as a sign of cowardice. But we can also think that these two men have fought a duel and have renounced violence because they find it useless.

What is the solution? As with all tarot interpretations, there is no single answer and no single meaning. Each one will look for the one that best suits their present situation.

- Discordia • Dishonor
- Egocentrismo

In any case, there are some considerations to make to this card. There are times in life when we must learn the hard lesson of sacrifice, but we are not always willing to be humble enough to do our duty. Like the man who picks up swords, we worry about ourselves, about picking up what others leave behind, but without being able to seek comfort for them. Perhaps we are looking at life from a very narrow perspective, worrying only about the small daily victories without being able to see more in the long term, with more selflessness and love. Dishonor does not come from disobedience to an outdated martial code, but from our lack of compassion and generosity.

In one reading, the Five of Swords represents that hostility and discord are assured. The battles are lost beforehand, perhaps because they have not been thoroughly prepared. Rumors, gossip, and gossip feed on us, so we must be vigilant. In any case, what we must ask ourselves is which of these characters do I resemble with my current attitude? And also what can I do to improve?

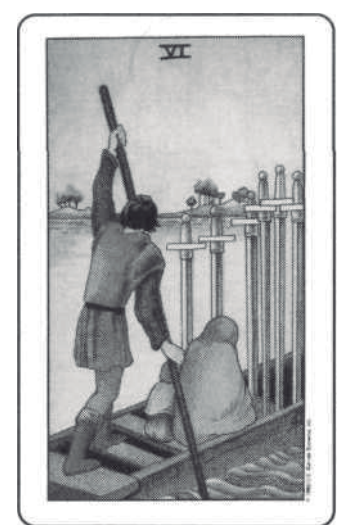
SIX OF SWORDS

In the foreground, a boat advances on the sea heading towards a nearby coast. In it there are six nailed swords and three characters that seem to form a family. They turn their backs on us and give the impression of being sad travelers, perhaps exiles or emigrants in search of a better future.

Meaning The Six of Swords conveys a certain feeling of sadness. Sometimes it is necessary to leave our place to seek other horizons, but it is not the same to travel for pleasure than to do it out of necessity or with pain in our heart. Perhaps the situation is not so serious, but it is not good either. One could speak of a feeling of mild depression.

Things may improve when the other shore is reached, but for now, sadness and melancholy invade us. The swords that are on the boat can be stuck in it, in the same way that sometimes the pain digs deep into our heart. In the same way, the effort of the man pushing the pole is remarkable but everything can find a solution.

In a reading, the Six of Swords is an arcane that signals sometimes physical and other times interior travel. The melancholy itself is a journey through our feelings (the sea that we see in the card) towards a new land, a new reality. This card asks us to rest and promises recovery. The current situation is not the best possible, but we can rest assured that it is moving in a new direction.



- Exile • Travel
- Recovery



- Loneliness • Escape
- Hidden dishonor

SEVEN OF SWORDS

The Seven of Swords shows us a man escaping on tiptoe from a camp. In his hands he carries five swords, while two others are stuck in the ground behind him. His way of walking and the disdainful expression on his face clearly indicates that it is a robbery.

Meaning This card usually represents loneliness, the man who walks away is, after all, fleeing from society (the tents), and performs an action that would make it very difficult for him to return to it with dignity. The thief is on the fringes of the human group that surrounds him, and he must live a life of constant worry in the face of fear of being caught.

In one reading, the Seven of Swords indicates that we have secret plans that must be accomplished alone. These plans may not be very honest, so we should be prepared to suffer the consequences.

It can also indicate the desire or need to flee from a situation that is especially painful or conflictive. In these cases we must assess whether the circumstances are truly so difficult that they completely prevent us from facing the problems and solve them. It is always better to face up and find a solution, since the problems that we leave behind unsolved, sooner or later will reappear in our lives.

From a more positive point of view, this card can also represent the need to withdraw from the group and start a solo journey. Learning to trust your own abilities, developing a feeling of proud self-reliance can be very positive attitudes as long as they are not taken to the extreme. Running away from others or pretending to live in complete autonomy is not always a good choice. Loneliness makes us stronger, but also more selfish and insensitive.

EIGHT OF SWORDS



- Confusion • Prison
- Loss of energy

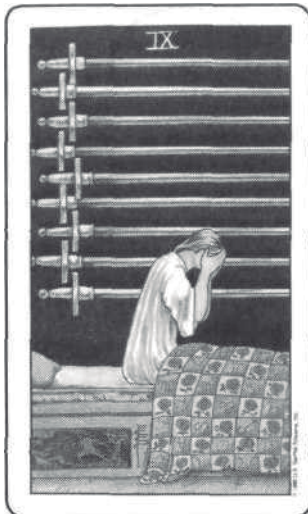
In this card a woman appears in the middle of a ring of swords stuck in the ground. She is tied with a rope that goes around her body several times and she is blindfolded. It gives us an intense feeling of helplessness and sadness. In the background we see a distant castle perched on the rocks.

Meaning The image on this card is clearly self explanatory. The protagonist is alone and lost. He cannot see because he is blindfolded. It cannot move because it is firmly tied. She cannot escape because she is a prisoner. You are far from home surely behind your back.

On certain occasions we feel fully identified with it, especially in moments when we feel lost, confused and weak. Perhaps there is a safe place, but it is far and we do not reach it or we do not see it.

The problems can become so great that they prevent us from seeing the faintest ray of hope. A problematic job, painful relationships, an illness that cannot be overcome, are reasons for unhappiness in our lives. In those moments we feel trapped in the prison of our pain and we are not able to see another reality than the one that hurts the most at that moment.

In one reading, the Eight of Swords tells us that the most important lesson is to recognize the moment in which we find ourselves and remember that we have power and can, with patience and clarity of mind, seek a new path. The solution is in us.



- Worry • Guilt
- Anguish

NINE OF SWORDS

A young woman wakes up agitated in the middle of the night. His richly decorated bed and his beautiful, clean blankets indicate that he is someone well off. But what nightmares have awakened her? At the back of the scene nine swords indicate an agitated dream, full of sad premonitions. The pain that this young woman suffers comes from within. What torture is apprehensions, dreams or fears. But are they real?

Meaning On many occasions we worry excessively, we try to control all aspects of our life and we feel uneasy if something threatens not to adjust to our plans.

Internal torture is usually harder than external torture, since the latter is generated in external problems and dissolves as soon as these are blurred. But internal torture has its origin in our way of being, in our personality and that is why it reproduces itself even if nothing external bothers us.

In a reading, the Nine of Swords indicates inner pain that comes from worry, guilt, or apprehension. It is not a pleasant card, but it can be taken as good advice. What do we gain by worrying? Let's do our homework in the best way possible and have faith that sooner or later things will work out. And what is guilt for?

Let's live in the present, leaving the past behind, without forgetting its lessons, but without becoming obsessed with what happened. A positive attitude is the best way to move forward without regret or apprehension.

TEN OF SWORDS

The Ten of Swords shows a bleak picture. A man lying on the ground is pierced by all the swords belonging to this card. Beneath it is a pool of blood.

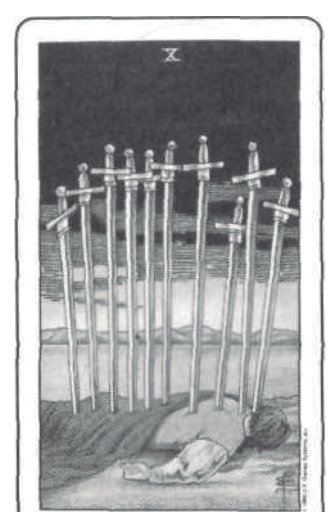
Meaning The character in this card has been the victim of a cruel fate. But, beyond the apparent, this card contains more meanings.

The man has ten swords stuck in his back, isn't that excessive? Not one enough? Perhaps the deep message of this card is that the problems, being real, are exaggerated.

In a reading, the Ten of Swords may indicate a victimizing stance towards life. There are great difficulties, but we complain more than necessary, perhaps in search of comfort or help from others. It is difficult to know to what extent our pain is real and to what extent we present ourselves as victims.

The reflection that this card proposes goes beyond pain and tries to know to what extent our affliction is exaggerated.

Another pertinent reflection is about our ability to accept the pain and sacrifice that life unites us. Sometimes, from a painful experience, we can attract a great teaching that opens new paths for us.



- Victimism • Martyrdom
- Desolation



- Prosperity • Trust
- Subject • Happiness

ACE OF PENTACLES

The tarot aces represent the purest energy of the suit to which they belong. The Ace of Pentacles is a seed of material growth that must be planted as soon as possible.

Meaning If the Ace of Pentacles appears, it is necessary to examine our life to know how we can use this energy. Now is not the time to imagine or dream. It is the moment of action, of putting your feet on the ground. This ace is an announcement of financial prosperity, abundance, confidence and security.

On the physical plane, it is also an invitation to enjoy nature and to make your life flourish. At these times, unexpected opportunities, encounters or offers may arise.

It is time to take advantage of them, as they are the sign that the energy of this ace is unfolding in your life.

Look for what gives you security. Listen to the voice of your common sense. Come down to earth and heed the signals from your body. Enjoy the gifts of life and take advantage of all that the material world has to offer.

In a reading, the Ace of Pentacles is a sign that this time your dreams may come true. Being a symbol of practicality, it makes tangible everything that is planned. You must be clear about your preferences, because with the energy of this Ace you can fulfill what you want, and you can also attract all the prosperity you need.

TWO OF PENTACLES

The character that the Two of Pentacles shows us is hard to forget. In his hands he holds two coins or pentacles, which move following the sign of infinity.

The movement of your feet and your position tell us that you are dancing, or swinging. Behind him we see two boats that effortlessly face the ups and downs of the sea, the strong waves.

Meaning Our life is similar, on many occasions, to that sea that we see behind it. Waves that rise and fall. But the boats do not face the sea, as we try to do on many occasions, but they let themselves be carried away by the waves.

This card gives us the feeling of being effective and flexible. The problems can be endless, but there is always a way to handle them gracefully.

In one reading, the Two of Pentacles brings a message of flexibility and peace. If you know how to avoid stiffness, unnecessary worry, and use all your energy to flow without resisting, you will achieve success.

That is why it is a symbol of joy and good times. Invites you to ward off depression and bad mood to open up to beauty and novelty. This is a lighthearted card, and it also carries a challenge. The Two of Pentacles character is telling you:

"Every day is a gift, trust yourself and take advantage of it."



- Blocked emotions
- Blindness • Paralysis



THREE OF PENTACLES

The Three of Pentacles is one of the tarot cards that is related to the idea of "group". The spirit of this card is practical. Represents a group of people who work cooperatively to achieve a goal.

In the drawing of the card we see three men at the foot of a portico under construction. Two of them hold the plans, while a third, on a bench, executes the work. The idea of cooperation is very clear in this design.

Meaning This card shows the need to plan work before doing it. In the same way that the two men on the right make a plan of the work, we ourselves must learn to plan what we want to do before carrying out any act. Perhaps this is not an appropriate time for hasty action, but rather for reflection and analysis.

On the other hand, the Three of Pentacles also indicates competition. This card says that we possess within us the qualities necessary to fulfill our plans, provided that we are able to discover these qualities and know how to take advantage of them. Accept your positive characteristics and use them.

- Teamwork
- Planning • Efficiency

In a reading, the Three of Pentacles asks you to consider your task as teamwork. If you try to do it alone, you have a great chance of totally or partially failing. Few jobs are totally solitary and in many cases we depend on the effectiveness of others to achieve the desired objective. What this arcane indicates is that at this time you will be more productive and effective if you share your task with others.

FOUR OF PENTACLES

On certain occasions, in our desire to cling to what we have, we prevent positive changes from occurring in our lives.

Meaning This arcanum speaks of the problem of possessiveness. In the Four of Pentacles we observe a man clothed with the crown and mantle of royal power. On his head there is a pentacle, another is firmly held between his hands and two others rest under his feet. Behind him a city that, we assume, is his possession. We do not know how this king has earned his riches.

They can be the award for a military victory, or they can be the product of an inheritance. In any case, we are sure that he clings to them as if they were his whole being.

Control is something valuable and necessary at times. Having firm roots prevents us from being overwhelmed by the strong winds of destiny. In chaotic situations, organization and structure prevent destruction and loss. This is all true. But blocking also prevents the possibility of change. A certain degree of instability is necessary for situations to flow and there are no stagnations. In moments of crisis, human beings hone their wits and harness their energies. Creativity and evolutionary leap are born from crises.



- Control • Possession
- Change locked

In a reading, the Four of Pentacles tells you that you need to consider the extent to which you are blocking certain necessary changes. Do you have property problems, or possessiveness? The profound lesson of this arcanum is that total control is impossible. Even if this man is the owner of the city we see behind him, can he impose his will indefinitely? Can you avoid the changes that are really necessary? If life has to teach you a lesson, can you resist? Use the energy in this card to preserve and defend what you possess, but not to stagnate.



FIVE OF PENTACLES

This arcanum shows one of the saddest images in the entire deck. Under the snow, a man and a woman walk helplessly. He wears crutches, a bell around his neck, and his head and leg are bandaged. She can barely cover herself from the rigors of time. Both of their clothes are ripped apart.

In the background we see an illuminated window with a beautiful display case. In it are the five pentacles of this arcanum. It is a house church or a palace that they pass by on a frosty night.

Meaning The Five of Pentacles shows the image of poverty, neglect, disease and hardship in its highest degree. When everything has been lost, all that remains is a feeling of helplessness and pain from which we do not always know how to recover. When we don't have what we need, our anger or pain can be immense.

- Illness • Abandonment
- Difficulty

In one reading, the Five of Pentacles can represent various types of deficiency. One is financial deprivation, the poverty that follows a financial loss, the collapse of a business, or bad fortune.

It can also refer to poor health, which can be caused by an accident, but also by inadequate living conditions. Another type of lack is spiritual poverty, which is the result of excessive materialism. Finally, this arcanum can also be an indication of a lack of social acceptance.

Perhaps we feel excluded from society, treated as true pariahs. We need to feel part of the social group, but we are rejected. In any case, the Five of Pentacles is a card that invites us to meditate on what aspect of our life we are neglecting to the point of feeling sick. If we discover it, surely we can find solutions. Remember that the letters only advise us. They do not decide for us.

SIX OF PENTACLES

The Six of Pentacles is a card that is halfway between the deficiencies of the Five of Pentacles and the excesses of the Ten of Pentacles. It shows that broad middle ground that separates poverty from wealth that most of us move into. Is our situation fair? We will surely think not at all. We wish we had more.

Meaning In this arcanum we see two beggars kneeling at the feet of a powerful man. In his left hand he carries the scales of justice with which he symbolizes his desire for equity. One of the beggars receives coins from the rich man, while the other begs for his share of the alms. We do not know if he will receive it, although the rich man still has coins in his hand and it is likely that he will.

In the card we see the two parts of life. There is who gives and who receives. There are those who have and who do not. This card is very directly related to the major arcana of Justice.

In a reading, the Six of Pentacles invites you to seriously consider the question asked and discover, in fairness, what you deserve and what you don't. Sometimes we want things that we honestly don't deserve to get. In others, we have fulfilled our obligations and still do not receive the expected reward. When the Six of Pentacles arises, each one receives according to their merits. If you have made merits, you will receive the fair reward, if not, you must learn to fight for what you want. It may also happen that you find yourself on the other side of the card, identifying yourself with the rich man who must deal. If so, the message of this card is that you act with the greatest possible equity, as there are people who expect the best of you.



- Gratitude • Resources
- Equitable distribution



- Reward • Reflection
- Change of path

SEVEN OF PENTACLES

In the Seven of Pentacles we see a young man who is working in a garden. He is resting, leaning on his hoe and looking at a bush to his right. The bush shows, like fruits, the pentacles of the arcanum.

Meaning This card reminds us of those moments when we take a breath and stop to observe the work already done. Every job well done has its reward.

The man has stopped to look at the fruits of his labor. But nothing prevents you from reaching out and collecting those fruits. The Seven of Pentacles is a card of rewards, of fruits that are collected.

In a reading, the Seven of Pentacles indicates that the time has come to enjoy the results of the work. Also, this card can indicate a moment of rest or reflection in the middle of the task.

Everything can be improved and many times we are not able to see other possible solutions when we are engaged in an absorbing task. Like the man with the card, you need to take a breath and look. Take a step back to look at the whole picture before continuing to paint it. Sometimes, when we take a break, we see that there are other ways, other procedures. We decided then to change direction. That is another of the meanings of the Seven of Pentacles. Change is always possible, as this is not a final decision card. The task is not over and therefore new solutions are still possible.

EIGHT OF PENTACLES

The Eight of Pentacles is the job card. In it we can see a young man chiselling a pentacle. At his side he has six finished and, on the ground, one more to do. He is comfortably seated on a bench and uses the necessary tools.

At the same time, take a suitable tablecloth so as not to stain your clothes or damage them with a metal chip. His face is calm and focused. Obviously, he enjoys his work and does it with the greatest diligence. Behind him there is a village in the distance, to which we suppose he belongs. Work is not always a routine and alienating task.

Meaning Like the man with the card, we can also enjoy work while sustaining us materially. Their task, like ours, is not over, but it is about to end.

If we are doing any work, this arcane shows us that we are on the right path and that our tools, attention and attitude are the correct ones to achieve a good result. This is the card of practical wisdom. It is not enough to know the theory, but it must be materialized. In work or occupation there is a theoretical part and a practical part. One the basis of the other and both are necessary to achieve results.

The card also shows us the love of detail. Although all the pentacles are finished, he goes over them with the chisel so that his drawing is perfect.

In a reading, the Eight of Pentacles asks us to be very meticulous with the task we carry out. By looking at the smallest details, we can fine-tune the results to surprising extremes, which will be very useful.



- Wisdom • Work
- Detail



NINE OF PENTACLES

In this arcane we observe a lady of the nobility. He walks gracefully through its gardens and carries a falcon in his right hand. Behind her are its nine pentacles and the castle.

Meaning The Nine of Pentacles is a symbol of discipline and self-control. The hawk in his hand is a wild bird that has been domesticated and trained to hunt. Falconry is undoubtedly a strange art for a medieval lady, but it is one of the keys to understanding this arcana.

In a certain sense, this card is related to the major arcana of the Force, since it refers to the subjection of the animal instincts and the sublimation of these energies. What differentiates man from animal is culture, and that is why this lady is an example of refinement and civilization. This arcanum is perhaps one of the least materialistic of the suit of Pentacles.

The pentacles are there, but the lady turns her back on them and takes pleasure in her bird. In the same way, we can base ourselves on the material to create art, civilization and beauty.

- Possessions • Refinement
- Self-confidence

The creative impulse sometimes arises from the sublimation of other instincts or desires. In this way, the hawk in the card is a symbol of our shadow, of the dark or animal part of our nature that we cannot defeat, but we can take advantage of for our benefit.

In a reading, the Nine of Pentacles may be indicating the need for a small temporary sacrifice, to avoid falling into materialism. Indicates the need for self-control. It can also be a sign of self-confidence. Like the mighty lady at the card, we can walk through our possessions with the confidence that, for the moment, we don't need the help of others.

TEN OF PENTACLES

In this card we see a family in the middle of their daily tasks. In the foreground, a seated old man caresses the dogs. His rich mantle is adorned with natural motifs. Further on, a couple talk while the boy plays with the dogs. They are all in the city, next to the entrance or in the market. The coins are floating in the air and form the outline of the Kabbalistic tree of life.

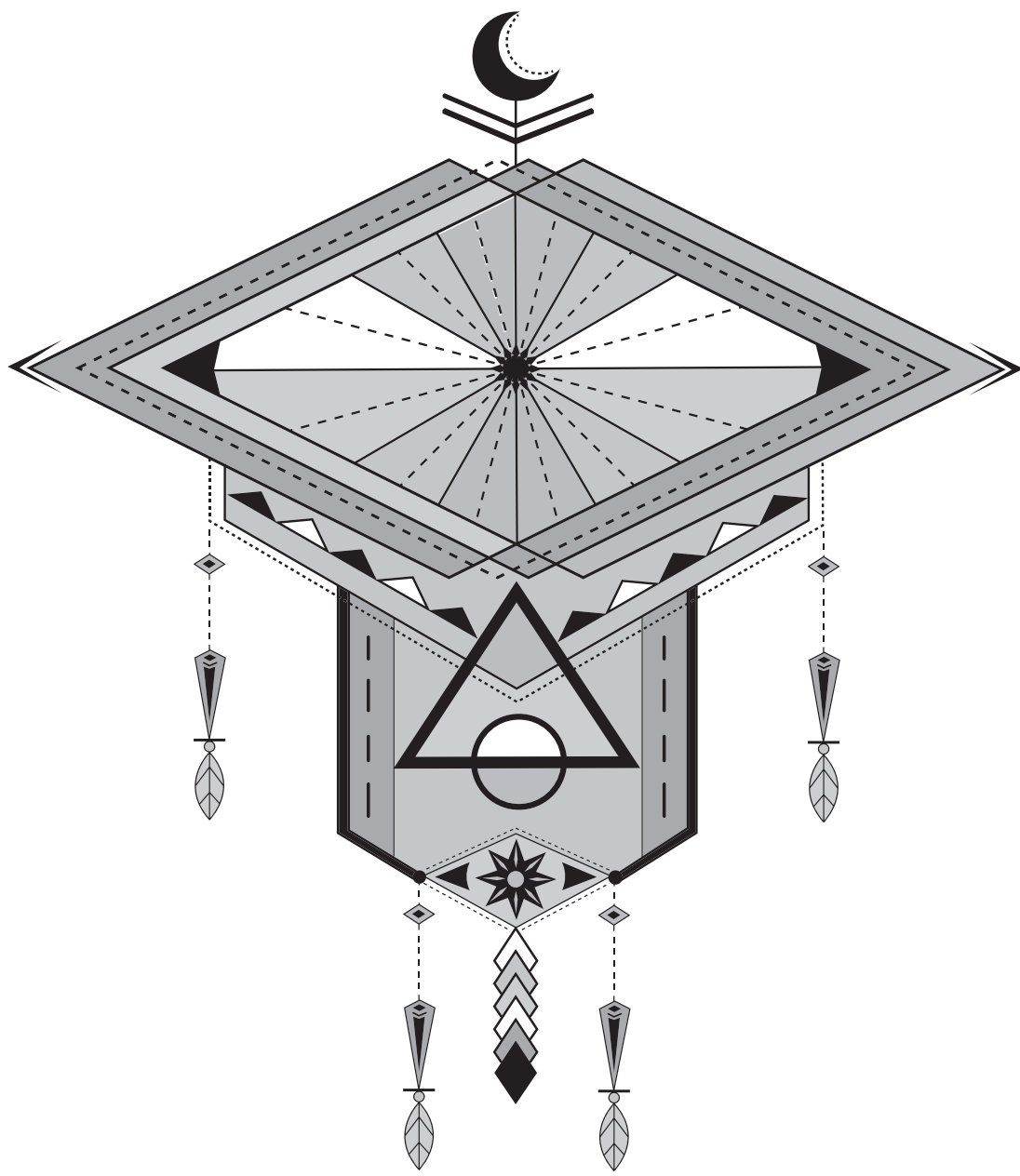
Meaning In the Ten of Pentacles we achieve material success at its best. A rich family goes shopping and everything around them is peace and luxury. It indicates abundance, material affluence and growth in all orders. It is also a symbol of the happy family, or at least the quiet, unproblematic family.

In a way, this card is nice, but a bit boring. Once success and wealth have been achieved, one wishes to keep it. Why risk? Why seek adventure if everything is fine as it is? The more we humans possess, the more conventional and fearful we become.



- Abundance • Conventions
- Permanence

In a reading, the Ten of Pentacles indicates that we have taken the path of comfort, of the conventional, of the proven solutions. If what we are looking for are new ideas, this card will not bring them. He is the enemy of change and, therefore, the opposite of the Fool. Although if you have struggled to achieve material or family stability, you will be happy to see this card in your reading, as it is the best omen.



PRACTICAL EXERCISES AND LEARNING

THE TAROT NOTEBOOK

The first exercise we will use will be the self-analysis. If you like the idea, as a homework after this course you can get yourself a notebook that you love to continue your Tarot studies. If you already have one, you can start immediately.

The notebook does not have to be of any specific type, the important thing is that you like it a lot. Inside you can cover all the practical exercises that we will give you here so that you can learn as much as possible from this course.

You can keep it private if you like and keep it on your personal altar. Within this notebook you should try to be as open and fluid as possible, writing down everything that comes to mind intuitively without censoring yourself.

Your first entry should correspond to the day you bought your deck of cards, or perhaps the day you started this course. It doesn't have to be this way, you can go next week to get your notebook and start from there too.

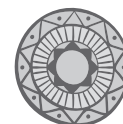
Next, and to release your notebook, you can answer these questions:

1. What is tarot for me?
2. Why do I want to study tarot?
3. What do I hope to achieve at the end of this course?

If you wish, write down any other observations, comments, wishes or ideas that occur to you about the letters below.



CARDS TO DREAM



As you already know, Tarot cards are not only predictive tools. Playing cards can also be a good support for meditation and can help solve problems.

With this simple exercise, you will learn to use the cards as advisers, while strengthening your bond with them.

The practical exercise is very simple. It consists of keeping the mental image of an arcanum as a focal point during sleep and observing how its symbols are introduced into your dreams, either directly or in a subtle way.

To start, choose a card that particularly grabs your attention. It can also be a card that has been repeated several times in your readings. In the same way, you can choose an arcane that, due to its content, seems appropriate to solve an important question in your life.

In this sense, some suggestions would be:

Sentimental Difficulty: *The Lovers, Two of Cups.*

Family Crisis: *Ten of Cups, Ten of Pentacles.*

Fragile Health: *King of Wands, Two of Pentacles.*

Labor issues: *Three of Pentacles, Eight of Pentacles.*

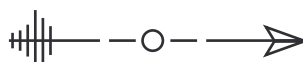
Financial problems: *Two of Wands, Ace of Pentacles.*

Spiritual doubts: *The High Priest, The Hermit.*

Judicial problems: *Justice, Queen or King of Swords.*

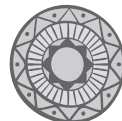
Stress, nervousness: *Temperance, The Star.*

Sadness, Depression: *The Sun, Three of Cups.*





CARDS TO DREAM



Once you have chosen the desired card, wait for bedtime. In bed, and with the light on, relax and look closely at the card. Ideally, by closing your eyes, you will be able to see it clearly in your mind. This is more difficult than it seems, as you will notice the amount of small details that escape you.

Observe her for at least fifteen minutes, observing, closing your eyes and opening them to complete every detail. Do not try to achieve perfection with this exercise either, as it is really very complicated. You just need to see the image clearly enough.

Once you have managed to memorize the arcanum, place the card under your pillow, turn off the light and go to sleep. If you are afraid of ruining or crumpling the card by having it under your pillow, simply leave it on the bedside table, very close to you. The next day, when you wake up, take note of the card used and the dreams you remember.

Perhaps the first time you will not notice anything special and you will not even be able to remember any dream. But with practice, very soon you will begin to discover that the message of the arcanum begins to seep into your consciousness by subtle means. This exercise, when practiced regularly and done well, is very powerful and provides a wealth of information about the archetypal world to which the arcana belong.



MAKING DECISIONS WITH THE TAROT

The tarot deck is a very effective tool for making decisions. In this practical exercise, you are going to learn how to use tarot to clarify your vital options.

So the next time you have to make a decision, use the following method. First, find a time of day when no discomfort is foreseeable. To perform this exercise you need calm, time and silence.

Take your tarot notebook and a pen. Write down today's date on it and write down the decision you are doubting about.

For example: "Quit my current job and accept the job offer I have received." Meditate deeply on this crossroads. Ask yourself questions: what will I gain if I do it? What can I lose? What time do I have to decide? What will I feel if I don't try? What will I feel if I try and fail?

Mentally formulate all the questions you think appropriate. If you wish, write these questions and the answers in your notebook. Then write down all the possible options that come to mind. Following the previous example, these could be:

- 1. Quit my job and accept the offer immediately.*
- 2. Reject the offer and continue working where I do now.*
- 3. Visit the new company, talk to my hypothetical colleagues, see the work environment and postpone the final decision a little longer until I have thought about it.*

Your options can be as many as you want, although it is advisable to reduce the initial list to three or four so as not to complicate the analysis. Once you have clarified your options, draw a card for each of the options expressed both positively and negatively as expressed on the next page:



Reasons to do 1
Reasons not to do 1

Reasons to do 2
Reasons not to do 2

Reasons to do 3
Reasons not to do 3



Write down all the cards that have come up and analyze them calmly. Finally, remember that although the letters can help you clarify your options and are one more element to take into account, the final decision is yours and yours alone. If you feel like you shouldn't listen to the advice on the cards, do so. You are the only person who can decide about your life. Don't delegate your power to someone else or to the tarot cards.

A CARD A DAY

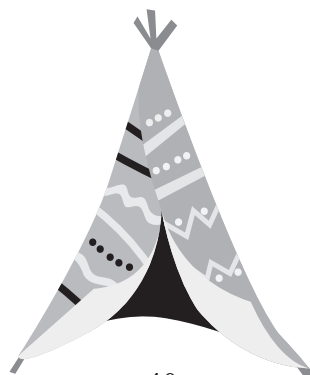
The best method to learn the meaning of the cards is the exercise known as "one card a day." It consists, as its name suggests, in extracting an arcane every day and using its symbolism as a focal point for meditation.

For this exercise we are going to use the seventy-eight tarot cards. This is a very simple exercise that you can do every morning and it will only take a few minutes.

If one day you forget to get the card out, don't worry. Also, don't fret if, for whatever reason, you can't exercise for a season. When you want to return to them, your tarot cards will be waiting for you.

The step-by-step exercise is detailed below:

1. Every day when you get up in the morning, shuffle the deck of cards for a few seconds.
2. Select a card, either by cutting the decks and drawing the top card or by spreading the cards face down on the table and choosing only one.
3. Examine the picture of the card. What ideas come to mind? What feelings does it provoke? What relationship does it have with you? If the characters spoke, what would they tell you?
4. Write down in your Tarot notebook the date, the card and its position (normal or inverted). Then write, in a few words or with a short sentence, what this card suggests to you. You can also come up with a positive statement or phrase that applies to your current situation.

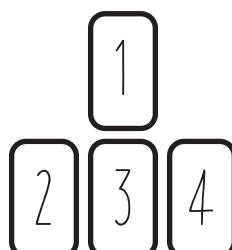


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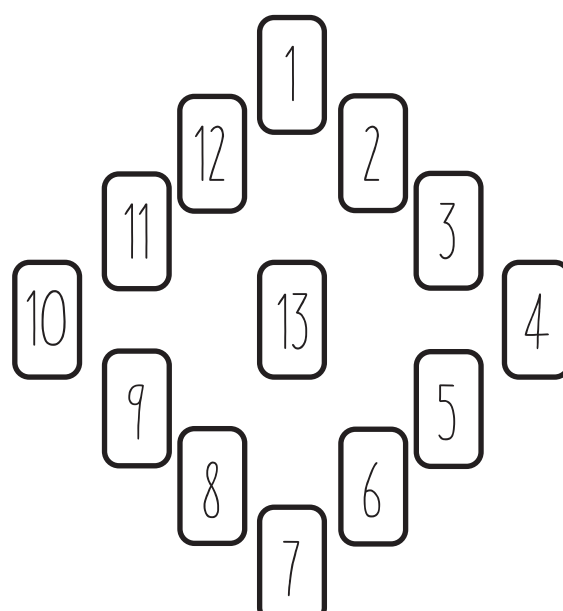
TAROT SPREADS

CLARITY READING



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- 2 - 4. *Factors influencing the situation*

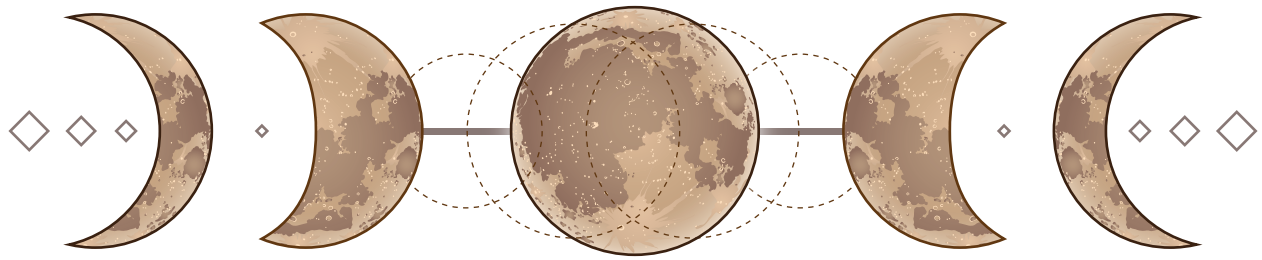
READING "ANNUAL FORECAST"



- 1 - 12 *The months of the year*
13. *The predominant energy of the year.*

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