Dedication

This book is dedicated to my husband Rob and three daughters Jacquilene, Bianca and Angelique. I would like to thank them for walking through this life journey with me.

In the Light, you will find your truth
and finally you will know
the power is within you,
so do as you will
and harm none,
so mote it be...

go forth and find your magick
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THE TAROT DECK
There are 78 cards in a traditional Tarot deck consisting of 22 Major Arcana cards and 56 Minor Arcana cards.

MAJOR ARCANA
The Major Arcana cards are also known as the Trump or Fate cards. They represent the greater secrets in life, the important or major life issues and things of spiritual importance or mysterious knowledge. These cards tell of the Fool on his journey through life. The Fool, being you and me, starts out at a young and tender age learning all his life's lessons ending up older, wiser and knowledgeable.

MINOR ARCANA
There are 56 Minor Arcana cards which include 40 Pip cards and 16 Court cards. Both the pip and court cards are divided into 4 different suits and four different elements. The four suits are swords, wands, cups and pentacles. The four elements are air, fire, water and earth.

Swords are an air sign and relate to thinking and our reason. Wands are a fire sign and relate to our energy and enthusiasm. Cups are the water sign and relate to feelings and our emotions. Pentacles are the earth sign and relate to sensations and physical reality.

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The Pip cards are numbered from Ace to ten and represent the every day situations, attitudes and emotions.
The **Court cards** each have a Page, Knight, Queen and King in each suit. They represent the people in our lives, characters, relationships, talents or faults. When you see the Court cards, ask yourself who these people are, and why are they popping up in your reading.

**Pages** are seen as children of both sexes. Pages are childlike in their behaviour, and are not afraid to venture forth on missions of discovery.

**Knights** are seen as young adults of both sexes. Knights carry a youthful energy, and have the reputation of not thinking at times, before they act.

**Queens** are seen as mature and/or married women. Queens are receptive in nature, nurturing and supportive.

**Kings** are seen as mature and/or married men. They are seen as active decision makers.

There are 4 ways in which the Court cards function within a reading:
1. As an environmental influence.
2. As representing a person in the clients life.
3. As representing the clients inner potential and talents, capacities and psychological state.
4. As relating to spirituality.

Remember that each reading is an unfolding story about some aspect in the client’s life. What is *your* first impression of the card? Ask the client what *their* impression of the card is, and where it might fit into their life. Does the card remind them of someone in their life? Do they see this person as supportive, or as being an obstacle? This would be the outer level of the Court card.

On the inner level, does the client see the Court card as an aspect of themselves? Is this energy within them, a skill or a talent that they can use as a personal resource? Is this something that they need to develop? Is the Court card in question representing a fear that is holding them back?
INTRODUCTION

Look at the number of Court cards appearing in any one reading. What positions do they fall in? Are they more involved with the past, the present or the future? Which cards may be facing each other, and what does that energy look like?

When you first begin to read the cards, go through a reading intuitively, speaking what comes through to you from the images in the cards. Then if you wish, go back and check the “traditional” meaning of the cards. Know that as you do more and more readings, you will develop your own sense of what a card means, and where it is taking you. Keeping a journal of your readings will allow you to see your progress on a very real level, as well as allowing you to see how specific issues develop in your life.

Today so many people are learning to tap into their intuition. The best way to interpret is NOT to question your intuition rather go with the flow of your thoughts. As you read through the cards, look at all the images on the cards, everything has a piece to the story.

HOW TO CHOOSE A TAROT DECK
There are many different decks of Tarot cards to choose from and some decks are difficult to learn. You cannot open a deck of cards in a shop; therefore you cannot view the images or text. There is a way of going with the feeling of the cards. Hold the deck with both holds and see what your feelings are telling you. It’s the same when you give a reading, you go with what feels right. Otherwise you can get some knowledge before going out to buy your deck. It’s best to get to know one deck completely while you are learning.

Tarot was designed with specific symbols, colours and images for a very good reason. The traditional Tarot cards represent the psychological, spiritual and mundane archetypes. Created in such a way they represent every part of a person’s journey. What ever you are experiencing when you do a reading, you will find a card that reflects the situation. The Rider-Waite Tarot deck has been used for this book.
LEARNING TO READ THE TAROT

Tarot is one of the oldest divination oracles still in use today. Divination is a way of finding answers to questions. It comes from the word divine which means ‘Higher Power’ that guides you all the time, make out by inspiration, magic, intuition or guessing, foresees or predicts.

We use these tools to help us see the answers to the questions that we ask. The future is never set in stone. We can examine situations as they are and can see the direction in which the future is going in the cards. The cards illustrate the situation, including the aspects of which we are unaware of. Your own impressions and feelings are what count.

There is magick in the Tarot, but the key to unlocking that magick lies within the reader. You need to stay open to allow information to come to you. Tarot is not ‘instant’ and it is not a determined outcome. It can be very overwhelming and intimidating the first time you start learning the cards.

Make it a magick and fun journey. If you start getting impatience, walk away and come back when you feel refreshed. You need patience, time and positive energy. There are 78 different cards to learn, and if you want to master the Tarot cards, you are going to need plenty of time and effort. What you put in, is what you will get out. The more energy you put into your deck the more accurate your readings will be.

I leant one card at a time. Learn the basic meaning of one card. Pick one randomly or start with the first card, the Fool. You can gather all the information you have on the card, memorise it and write down the symbols, number, star sign and colour meaning, select one or two keywords that will trigger your memory and see your confidence grow. An example is the Fool card. You have already learnt that the first card means new beginnings and fresh starts. It is the first card, that been Zero and also means innocence, letting go of expectations and stupidity.
INTRODUCTION

It is important to learn the meanings of the cards thoroughly so you can tap into the mystery of the cards to give an accurate reading. I know some people that have never learnt the card meaning and still give an accurate reading. I was not one of those lucky ones. Been the Taurus that I am I leant every single card one at a time. Remember it all comes from within.

There are no fast and hard rules. What matters are your own perceptions and insights when you look at the Tarot cards in a reading? Everything here is for you to ensure that your insights are valid, and that you have the confidence to take Tarot further than you could ever have imagined.

REVERSED MEANINGS

This is a personal choice. Some people read only the upright meaning of the cards and do not read the reverse meanings at all. When you first start learning it is best not to read the reversed meaning as there is just so much to learn. Once you are confidence with all the meanings then you can learn the reverse meanings.

Reversed cards have the reversed meaning in most cases. Another way to read a reversed card, if you don't feel the reversed meaning is correct for the reading is by interpreting the cards message as more important than it would normally be.

CLARIFICATION CARDS

A clarification card can be drawn from the deck while you are giving a reading, if you are unsure of a meaning or interpretation of a particular card in a spread. It can be chosen randomly or from the top, bottom or middle of the deck, whatever feels comfortable for you. You or the client can choose the card. Once chosen place the clarification card over the card you are unsure of for more understanding of the cards meaning.
JUMPER OR DROPPER CARDS
If a card ‘jumps’ out of the deck while you are shuffling, it is called the jumper or dropper card. Jumper or dropper cards can be used as a significator card. You can use them as a clue to see where the reading will go. If you don’t feel a connection with the card, just put it back in and carry on shuffling.

SIGNIFICATOR CARDS
Not all spreads have a position for a significator card. This is a personal option. This card is not to be interpreted as part of the reading. There are two ways of choosing a significator card if the spread you are using does not have a position for it.

One option is after shuffling the cards you choose one card from the top, bottom or middle as the significator card. Another option is to let the client go through the deck, not seeing the images, and pick a card at random that will represent them. This card will show how the person sees themselves in the situation.

ASKING THE QUESTION
You need to know what the general issue is about before laying your spread out. Being able to ask the right question is more important than knowing exactly what each card means. Sometimes the cards will not answer what you ask but will instead tell you what you need to know. You will get a better response if you ask "What", rather than "Why". "What is the lesson that I need to learn?" Will be far better than "Why did this happen?"

You can take a few moments before you lay out your spread, and write down all the questions that you might have. An example is if all of the questions are formed around career, a good question to ask might be: "What do I need to know about my work environment, and what actions will allow me to feel more in control of the situation."
THE EQUIVALENTS

The numbers are not always consistent. A common change is the switching of the Justice and Strength cards. Names are changed in the Major and Minor Arcana. Some decks have extra cards. Always make sure you read the booklet that is supplied with the deck to see what their meanings are.

The Major Arcana cards are sometimes renamed with the Death card becoming the Transition card.

The Magician becoming the Juggler.

The Hierophant becoming the Teacher, the High Priest, or the Pope.

The High Priestess becoming the Female Pope or the Papess.

Judgement becoming the Angel.

Court cards have different names such as the Page been called Princess or Daughter.

Knights may be called Prince or Son.

Queens may be called Mother.

Kings may be called Father.

Another difference is

Swords may be called Spades.

Wands may be called Clubs, Batons, Rods, Staffs or Staves.

Cups may be called Cauldrons, Chalice or Hearts.

Pentacles may be Coins, Diamonds, Discs or Stones.
0  Zero  the FOOL  Beginnings.  Planet: Uranus

Key Points
Complete faith. Continuous cycle. Daydreaming.
Distraction. Doing the unexpected. Fresh start.
Innocence. Letting go of expectations.

Symbols

Interpretation: When the Fool appears in your reading he is telling you to
follow your heart and to believe in yourself. This is the start of a new
adventure, with wonder and personal growth. It’s the beginning of a new
journey or the entering of a new phase. No plans are made; he is innocent,
eager and lives for the moment. You may need to let go of the traditional way
of seeing and doing things, be open to new ideas and new ways of looking at
things. If you are having a moment of doubt or facing a decision, you need to
believe in yourself and follow your heart no matter how crazy or foolish your
impulses may seem. This fresh start may have some dangers so be on the
lookout for any obstacles that may be in your way. There may be a new
relationship on the way or an unexpected opportunity may appear.

Reversed: Do not be impulsive, as the reversed Fool is not in the real world
right now. Look where you are walking and do not take any risks. Take the
whole situation into consideration as you may be feeling lost in the head, in
hopes and in your imagination. You are on the edge of a cliff and about to fall
off, so look before you leap.
Planet: Mercury

Key Points
Produces magical results. Skill. Self confidence.  
Ultimate achiever. Unlimited potential.

Symbols
Uroboros/Snake.

Interpretation: The Magician has absolute power over all his circumstances. He is in control of his own thoughts, the ruler of his own reality. When he shows up in your reading he is telling you that you have all the necessary tools to complete your tasks. The trick is to learn how to use your abilities in the best possible way so you can master new situations, create and make anything of your life. This is a good time to start new projects. You have more power and energy than you realise to change your circumstances. You have the ability to manipulate this energy. This card is a signal to act now, as long as you understand exactly what you want and are committed to getting it.

Reversed: You do not have the tools necessary to do the task at hand. You are not using your skills in the correct manner. There may be empty promises. What was possible becomes impossible; you may be made out to be the joker of the party. Everything you had is lost to you.
M A J O R   A R C A N A

2  II  the HIGH PRIESTESS  Female Pope.  Planet: Moon

Key Points


Symbols

Interpretation: The High Priestess is usually present when things are a little uncertain. She tells you to look beyond the obvious, pay attention to your own inner voice and your dreams. Rely on your own gut instincts, your sixth sense rather than logical answers. She can represent a time of waiting and allowing. It is not always necessary to act to achieve your goals. You need patience, wait for the right time, the secrets will be revealed eventually, you may not be ready to understand them yet. The moon in this card is all about intuition and psychic forces. If you find yourself having hunches, ideas or impressions that come from nowhere, know that this is moon power. If it feels right to go ahead with something, do it, if it doesn’t, don’t. Go with your inner gut feelings.

Reversed: You may not be willing to listen to your true answers, your own truth. You need to pay proper attention to yourself and your deeper needs. There is a lot going on beneath the surface when the High Priestess appears upside down. You do not have all the facts and it would be best to withdraw from involvement, rather allow the events to proceed without any involvement. Watch out for hidden enemies lurking around.
3  III  the EMPRESS  Mother. Goddess.  Planet: Venus

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Empress represents the fertile, life-giving mother who reigns over the bounty of nature and the rhythms of the Earth. From her come all the pleasures and joys of the senses and the abundance of new life in all its forms. The Empress expresses love, beauty, art, work, pleasure; this is a pregnant time with lavish abundance of all kinds. This is a time of giving birth. It could signify a pregnancy or actual birth, or a birth of some creative project or the dawning of a new idea. You are brimming over with creativity. This is a time to expand and grow. Financially and materially you will be provided for. If you are an artist of any kind you will be able to draw on practical energy. This is a ripe time to do whatever your creative impulses draw you to: cooking, gardening, exercise, painting or writing.

Reversed: The reversed Empress can signify a period of poverty, an unwanted child may be conceived, possibly an abortion. Your creativity and ability to bring things to fruition is blocked. There is no material reward.
4 IV the EMPEROR Father. Birth sign: Aries

**Key Points**
Commanding. Creating order out of chaos.
Stern judgement. Taking a leadership role.

**Symbols**
Mountains. Throne.

**Interpretation:** The Emperor is not someone who is easily influenced. In his eyes it is his duty to protect all that is his. His saying “doing” is the only method we have for “knowing”. There is no such word as can’t. Aries is the first birth sign, the infant. He is someone who is in control of his instincts, temper and his environment. He is often associated with legal matters, disciplinary actions, and everything official in all its forms. He is filled with energy, enthusiasm and aggression. He initiates projects, leadership and power. When you get him in your reading you may be getting a promotion, or a position where you will be in control, or a position in which you can advance. He can show up in your life as a strong male influence, a protector or a provider or as a successful and wealthy businessman. In partnership he is someone who usually gets what he wants and tends to dominate his partner. His partner may not feel loved or cherished as he does not show his emotions.

**Reversed:** The situation is chaotic. There is no organisation or control, as you may be feeling drained, vulnerable, threatened, incompetent or inferior. The reversed Emperor is a cold, calculating person who may be using you to achieve his own ends. He is not working within the legal system.
5  V the HIEROPHANT  the Pope.  Birth sign: Taurus

**Key Points**
Ancient secrets. Belief systems. Education.
Hidden knowledge. High priest. Sacred mysteries.
Spiritual knowledge. Traditions.

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** The Hierophant has a wealth of experience; you can seek his advice in difficult times. In a reading he often represents learning with experts or knowledgeable teachers. This card also stands for institutions and their values. In personality the Hierophant indicates someone who pays great attention to outer details. He plays by the rules. Marriage is another meaning of this card, the solemn ceremony, with it symbolic meaning, is a profoundly important ritual. It suggests the public joining of togetherness, of two families, two sexes, two destinies. You may feel a deep need for routine when this card is drawn, you may also want your routine clearly defined, whether at work, home or in a relationship. When referring to a situation, you need to be careful and play by the rules.

**Reversed:** You may want to break the rules, as they make you feel claustrophobic; you just do not see the point in them. You may be rebellious against your religious beliefs and seek your own truths. You may be judging a book by its cover. Do not rush into any agreements now as they will prove to be disappointing.
**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** The Lovers card is about finding of the other half of you. The urge for union is powerful for a fulfilling emotional bond. This could be an event, idea, person, religion, career or cause. It can be anything that completes you. It usually involves making a crucial decision or choice to go for that something so you can feel whole: romance, love, something spiritual, a sexual relationship, marriage or physical union. These issues should relate to respect, trust, commitment and devotion. Balance is essential. This is a card of choice especially if it involves a sacrifice. It might be a choice between two lovers’; one offering stability and the other excitement. It may also be when you are developing a partnership in business or regarding matters in friendship or family business. You have come to a crossroad and need to follow your own path even if it means going against those who are urging you in another direction.

**Reversed:** Jealousy could be driving a poisonous wedge between two people. This could be sex without love, or adultery. It may be the end of a love affair. A family could be splitting up, because there is no communication. There is no love so it is not a good time to start a new relationship, or to have an affair.
7 VII the CHARIOT the Crab. Birth sign: Cancer

**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** When the Chariot thunders into your reading, it indicates someone who does not give up. He asserts hard control which is not brutal, but firm and direct. Steer a middle course between your conflicting thoughts and feelings, there is no need to charge, just move forward sideways, so you can control those inner and outer forces. The crab moves slowly and diagonally. You win by coming up alongside that which you wish to defeat. You need to find the right balance, come from a different angle or from the side to get a proper perspective to overcome any obstacles, or to give you a different plan of attack for success. It is your tremendous focus and strong will that controls the direction to your victory. If you do not succeed the first time, try and try again. The Chariot represents a vehicle and is the movement card. There could be travelling in the near future, or moving in an emotional direction. You have put in a lot of effort and hard work and victory is in sight.

**Reversed:** When the Chariot is reversed there is an over inflated ego, negative attitudes, no self control or a lack of self confidence. You have been reckless. This could be some kind of addiction, where drugs drink or eating is used to hide from reality. There could be frustration because things are delayed.
STRENGTH

Key Points
Inner strength. Inner will. Patience. Purity.

Symbols

Interpretation: The Strength card represents patience and compassion. Getting angry is easy when events turn sour, but dealing calmly with frustration takes great strength. So does accepting others and forgiving mistakes. We need strength to mould situations softly. When you draw the Strength card in your reading you have the courage and ability to cope with extreme pressure and win through any situation. You are filled with power and faith. This kind of Strength comes from a loving generous heart, its internal strength, nothing to do with big muscles and fighting. The Lion is your inner beast, the part of you that needs to be fed. The beast always needs more money, food, drugs, alcohol or recognition to feel at ease. You have the inner strength to triumph over all things when this card is pulled. Have faith in yourself so you can channel your animal passions. If you are having difficulty in a relationship, you need to open your heart and forgive. Strength overcomes all dark forces with the power of love.

Reversed: The beast cannot be controlled. This can be the alcoholic or drug addict, which needs rehab. They have lost their nerve, a coward who is weak willed. There is complete lack of backbone and loss of opportunities.
Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: When the Hermit card shows up in your reading it suggests a need for time alone to withdraw from the world. To be still, be in your own space so you can seek a deeper understanding or the truth of a situation. Take walks on your own or find some time to meditate. Peace and quiet are important now. Turn your radio, phones and television off. It’s only when you turn the outside world off, that you hear the small inner voice from within that leads to higher awareness. The Hermit tells you that “Silence is golden” or “Seek and ye shall find.” He may enter your life as someone wise and kind who will guide you in the right direction. His advice will be worth its weight in gold. Don’t make hasty decisions, you do not yet know all the facts about something, be patience and they will be revealed.

Reversed: The reversed Hermit is a fool; he has lost his lantern and is left in the dark. He refuses to see what is available to him because his head is buried in the sand. He is feeling spiritually isolated and needs to lift his head up to see there is a light ahead of him.
10 X  the WHEEL of FORTUNE  Planet: Jupiter

**Key Points**
Personal responsibility and vision. Things just happen.

**Symbols**

*Interpretation:* As the Wheel of Fortune turns, you are reminded that everything changes and so you will experience twists of fate. There will be chance events that appear to be accidents although they are part of the greater plan. This is inner changes as the soul learns to balance all the elements within, intellectual, intuition, emotions and your physical senses. This is a time when fate takes a hand in your affairs and you have no control over these forces. This is not about good or bad, this is about the laws of karma. What goes around comes around. For every action there is a reaction. The Wheel is symbolic of the natural flow of energy; it indicates unexpected encounters coming your way. The Wheel is turning and you are caught in a cyclone that can deposit you anywhere, "Round and round and round she goes, and where she stops, nobody knows." This suggests that things will be going around in circles for a while.

*Reversed:* The Wheel is not turning, it’s stuck. You may have a stroke of bad luck but it will be temporary. You also have bad judgement when you pull the reversed Wheel so do not initiate any new projects, gamble or take any risks. This is a time of misfortune and unpleasant surprises.
**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** This is the legal or justice card and this lady means business, no excuses or half truths here. This message is clear and straight from your conscience, which indicates the time has come when responsibilities must be accepted, and accounts settled. The past will continue to haunt you if you do not recognise your mistakes and make amends for them. You will need to weigh matters carefully and perhaps make important decisions about your future course. This may come as a nagging, irritating voice telling you to do the right thing. You cannot keep drinking or smoking without having health problems. Don’t make unreasonable demands or be greedy or nasty by putting your baggage on other people’s shoulders. Justice often appears when there is something connected to the law, important legal documents to sign, court cases, negotiations or people involved in law: accountants, union leaders, solicitors, judges anything to do with law and order. When this card is pulled it indicates justice will prevail. You can be sure justice will be served.

**Reversed:** Justice reversed tells you the scales are not in balance, there is no justice. There will be delays, unfair or bad judgement and maybe even criminal activities. If there are any legal proceedings they will be slow and painful. Justice will not be served. The truth has not been acknowledged.
12  XII  the HANGED MAN  

Planets: Neptune

**Key Points**
- In between.
- Intuition.
- Letting go.
- Limbo.
- No action.
- Prophecy.
- Release.
- Self sacrifice.
- Spiritual enlightenment.
- Submission.
- Suspension.
- Transition.
- Wisdom.

**Symbols**
- Halo.
- Head.
- Legs.
- Rope.

**Interpretation:** The Hanged Man is the only naturally reversed card in the deck. This means something must be sacrificed to gain a new viewpoint, be it mentally, emotionally or spiritually. When you feel the need to force your will on someone that is when you should release. When you want to have your own way that is when you should sacrifice. When you most want to act, that is when you should wait. The irony is that by making these contradictory moves, you find what you are looking for. Look at what you need to give up in your life that is not serving you any longer. You need to surrender, take time to just be; the Hanged man shows us the strength and power of letting go. If you fight, struggle and insist on control. You will be met with road blocks every step of the way. This is the time to ease off from “doing” and just “be”. You may be caught between the old and the new or be stuck in a stalemate situation. This may be a job or relationship that is going nowhere. There will be new growth and major transformation after your waiting time.

**Reversed:** There are missed opportunities because you may be hanging on to what you got and failing to see opportunities when they arise. The Hangman warns you against material things and selfishness. There is no gain or insight as you are too scared to make sacrifices through lack of willpower.
Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: Death promises major change and transformation. It shows that you have to end one situation before a new one can begin. Some old and worn out part of you is dying, or coming to an end. When Death comes creeping into your reading it must not be taken lightly, there are major changes on your path ahead, there may be sadness and reluctance, but also relief and a sense of completion. You need to concentrate on what’s important and cut out what is unnecessary. This could be the shedding of old attitudes or the ending of circumstances, that’s been dragging on and on for far too long. It may signify a loss of some kind, a relationship fails, friendship ends, a change of job, moving home, marriage coming to a bitter end or divorce proceedings. Things may be difficult and painful to come to terms with, the best approach to take is to remember it’s out with the old and in with the new.

Reversed: Nothing seems to have changed for a very long time; everything seems to have lost its meaning. Life is boring, stalemate. You don’t want to let go for fear of change. You may be clinging to outdated situations and attitudes. There is no closure. You are waiting in an in-between state.
14 XIV  TEMPERANCE  
Half man, half horse.  
Birth sign: Sagittarius

**Key Points**  

**Symbols**  

**Interpretation:** In Latin Temperance means to moderate, mix, blend or otherwise bring into harmony which urges you to bring more balance and moderation into your life. By combining and recombining, we come up with the ideal mixture or solution. The liquid flowing from cup to cup symbolises the flow of life. Male and female, conscious and unconscious each requires it's opposite to form the whole. This is about blending opposites to bring about balance. When we pull the Temperance card it’s an indication that you are able to see both sides of an argument, choices, families, belief systems, you are able to sort out any disagreements or disputes whether personal or work wise. If you see no way to blend or unite, it means you are not taking the time, not measuring out the right amounts. If you want to merge something, it takes time, care and patience. You need to measure equal portions and experiment to turn water into wine. Temperance is the card of good health in all areas; physical, mental and emotional. When illness or dis-ease is a concern, Temperance holds out the promise of vitality and well-being.

**Reversed:** Temperance reversed warns that you may be wasting your energy and you are becoming unbalanced as a result. There is no harmony. You do not have the right measurements to mix lead into gold.
15 XV  the DEVIL  Lucifer. Prince of darkness. Satan.
Birth sign: Capricorn

Key Points
Weakness.

Symbols

Interpretation: When the Devil card sneaks into your reading you need to 
know that you are caught in an unhealthy, unproductive situation. It lets you 
know this is serious enough to require attention. You may be in the dark about 
something, ignorant of the truth and its implications. You have got some serious examining to do. Here are temptations and obsessions that lure and capture you, leaving you feeling overburdened and trapped, and this is all of your own making. You may doubt yourself, feeling unworthy, so you blame others or turn to lust, drinking, addiction and smoking. This is your own devil been excessive, over indulging, your own lack of control. You have the key to your own chains, but you are refusing to escape these devils. This card reflects back the negativity that has made you doubt yourself and your future. It’s when these things are done in excess that the devil takes charge. He tells you to have a good look at your situation and find out what you are unable to break free from. Free yourself, take the key and loosen your chains and start been honest with yourself so you can take charge, take control and face your shadow self.

Reversed: No release has been found. There is a striving for more money or greater power, an abuse of sexual behaviour. You may feel unable to break away from a relationship even if you are unhappy. Watch out for blackmail.
XVI the TOWER

Mars represents energy and activity.
Planet: Mars

Key Points
Foundations crumble. Necessary change.

Symbols

Interpretation: The Tower card comes crashing into your life to wake you up from your rut. The beliefs or structures you have so carefully built begin to crumble as lightning strikes and the bare harsh truth is revealed. The disruption occurred because it was needed. They appear from out of the blue although intuitively you have sensed them coming. You have refused to admit to the problems that have been coming for some time. You are simply living in your ivory tower of illusion, under false pretences. This can indicate a change or move to a new home. You may be made redundant. It may come as big change in your relationship. The Tower card takes the decision out of your hands, gets you out of your stalemate situation. This loss or change will be dramatic but from it comes a tremendous release and leaves you to build onto something more stable and real.

Reversed: You are stuck in a negative situation where you cannot express yourself freely. The lies will not be revealed; worse lies will be told and they will get away with it. You may be falsely accused of something. The Tower reversed is even more disruptive and chaotic.
17  XVII  the STAR  Water-bearer.  Birth sign: Aquarius

Key Points
Inspiration. Symbol of hope. Wish upon a star.

Symbols

Interpretation: This is the wish card showing there is light at the end of the tunnel. Our maiden is nude which shows she has nothing to hide or fear. You need to know there is hope in your future, open your heart and release your fears and doubts. Things may not happen overnight, but the Star is telling you to have faith for a happy outcome, trust your instincts. The Star is inspiring, but it is not a card of practical solutions or final answers. You can accomplish nothing without hope, but hope is only a beginning, you are on the right track. Your goals and your aspirations are blessed, but to realise them, you must take positive action. Use the light of the Star to guide you in your efforts towards renewed faith, fresh insight, new life, good fortune, balanced partnership and joy.

Reversed: When the Star is reversed it's a time of darkness with no shining stars to guide you. You have no bright ideas to offer and you doubt your own abilities. There may be a lack of trust in your relationship. There are no blessings and you have no faith in the future.
The Moon
Birth sign: Pisces

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Moon inspires and enchants. It holds out the promise that all you imagine can be yours. It guides you to the unknown so you can allow the unusual into your life. It is also the world of shadow and darkness. We cannot see clearly by the light of the moon. Things are not always what they seem. Question everything when you see the Moon card in your reading. If you have been hiding something it needs to be brought out into the open. Be careful not to let deceptions and false ideas lead you astray. Look to see if you are seeing the full picture, which means there may be some kind of confusion, dishonesty, deceit or hidden enemies. This can be positive or negative; the Moon is about fantasy, psychic ability, romance, illusions, madness, genius, insanity, power, vision and insight. Trust your intuition. Watch out for horrible mood swings, deep depressions and not been polite. You can be the most charming person but at the same time also be horribly embarrassing, even unbelievable and dangerous.

Reversed: The moon reversed is moody and secretive but the lies and deceit that were hidden will be revealed. The world of illusion can be positive or negative. This is an insincere person showing their darker side. There may be dealings with confusion or depression, abuse of alcohol or drugs; someone may end up in prison or hospital.
Key Points
Good health. Happiness. Increased strength.

Symbols

Interpretation: A ray of sunshine has entered your life when you see the Sun card in your reading. You have total confidence in yourself. If you have been struggling or going through a period of mourning, grief or confusion. It will end now. This is a happy time when you have unlimited energy and are glowing with good health. You are able to achieve your dreams. Life is good. There is nothing to worry about for success is definite. Everything falls into place and goes your way. You will be successful at all you undertake. You could find yourself better off financially, your relationship will blossom and bring joy, or you may celebrate the birth of a child, or a forthcoming marriage. This is a time of tremendous joy and celebration, enjoy a holiday or even start a new career. Now is the time to let your light shine.

Reversed: You may experience difficulties in your relationship. There may be chaos, because arguments are twisted. You have doubts about your future plans. You may still expect success but it will be delayed.
20 XX JUDGEMENT

Planet: Pluto

**Key Points**
Destruction of old habits. Free yourself.
Thinking outside the box. Transformation.

**Symbols**
Nudity. Tomb/Coffin.

**Interpretation:** In order to evolve spiritually, life’s lessons must be learned. Judgement is about renewal of self. The Judgement card blows its trumpet in your reading when it’s time to heed your inner callings. Judgement deals with honesty, Nancy Lopez says “Doubt yourself and you see doubt everywhere. Judge yourself and you see judges everywhere.” Judgement is about letting go of the baggage you carry. Lift the weight off your shoulders, free yourself by forgiving yourself, wipe the slate clean and start new. Judgement is a natural God given gift. You have come to a crossroad, and now is the time to be totally honest with yourself and take whatever action is best to make a new positive difference in your life. If you are concerned with yours or someone else’s health, healing is taking place. You may have been working in the dark and can see clearly now. In career you may celebrate your success or just enjoy your work freely. Whatever the changes are you have reached the end of a cycle and the change will be good and stimulating. This is change for the better.

**Reversed:** You may be sitting on the fence to avoid taking that important decision for fear of change. Your partner and you may have to spend time apart or you may be creating a stagnant pause and preventing things from happening. You have all kinds of fears, fear of illness, change, perhaps even death.
21 XXI the WORLD

**Planet:** Saturn

### Key Points

### Symbols

**Interpretation:** This is a time when the World and everything in it is yours; it’s the arrival of your hearts desires, a time of enjoyment, holidays and travel, winning money on the lotto, quality time spent with loved ones. It means change for the better, success and fulfilment. A cycle has ended and now is the time for celebration. In relationships it may be a time of testing that is over, and you can enjoy contentment and happiness. You will be free to bring out the best in each other. You may marry after a long engagement; there may be a journey, new job or promotion in the cards. The World is a promise of success and victory after a long and sometimes difficult journey.

**Reversed:** Completion has been delayed, don’t even try and speed things up you will only end up frustrated. There could be unfinished business in your relationship. There will be challenges before you succeed.
ACE of SWORDS

Key Points
Excessive power. Focus. Mental force.
New beginnings. New idea’s. Powerful forces.

Symbols

Interpretation: The Ace of Swords deals with thought and awareness, which indicates challenges or conflict in your life. You need fresh ways of thinking for these mental changes. There is no room for excuses it demands full honesty. You need to simplify your situation, take a stand and focus on these issues by listening to your own inner guidance. The erect sword visually mimics the number one, meaning new projects, ideas, thoughts or relationships are on the horizon. Be clear of your intentions before starting these new ventures. The Ace of Swords has excessive power, like an unstoppable hurricane sweeping through your life; everything that’s not rooted will be destroyed. What you have sown so shall you reap. This card also stands for justice in legal or tax matters and also court cases.

Reversed: Things seem very unfair as if someone is pulling your strings, delighting in destroying your plans and your expectations. Is it you or someone else using cutting words that is achieving all this hurt?
**TWO of SWORDS** (Libra)

**Key Points**
Tension. Uneasy peace.

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** Are you hiding from the issues at hand or waiting for something to happen before you take action. You cannot hold out forever. You may be in a crisis and cannot see which path to choose so you resolutely stick to your guns. Maybe you feel the need to keep a tight rein on your emotions to avoid looking at your feelings. Messy and uncontrollable emotions may be lurking beneath the surface of the situation and you are ignoring them. You are unwilling to confront these issues, fearing arguments, separations or other imbalances. You need to take your blindfold off and confront these issues and your feelings. You will remain trapped in this situation until you can confront your fears. The Two of Swords signifies that justice will be done.

**Reversed:** There are lies and deceit going on. Someone maybe trying to take advantage of you, or they are not giving you the best advice. Don’t sign anything until you’ve read the small print. The stalemate situation is over and it is time to move forward. Strong emotions have come to the surface and you can now deal with them. Take other people’s feelings into consideration; it’s not always about you.
THREE of SWORDS

**Key Points**
Painful situation. Pay attention. Self examination.

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** The Three of Swords indicates inner conflict, hurtful tension, sadness and emotional pain; there may be three people in a relationship or you may have something to mourn over. This could be a relationship on rocky ground or it may be coming to an end, its inevitable separation, could be in your career, maybe disruption at work, a period of illness, some kind of surgery may be required. When you see the Three of Swords through the eyes of honesty, it’s a signal for you to wake up, pay attention this is a card of necessary cutting. Your heart has been pierced; take some time for self examination to reveal the truth, so you can clearly see into the heart of the matter.

**Reversed:** It may feel like there is no relief from a bleeding heart, only chaos, disorder and upheaval with your emotions and practical matters but the major heartache is over. There is still a lot to deal with before all is in order, but the healing process has begun. Remember this pain has been huge so it may linger for a while. Allow the poison to drip out so you can get on with your life.
FOUR of SWORDS

Key Points

Symbols
Stained glass. Tomb/Coffin.

Interpretation: In the Four of Swords, the one Sword on its own stands for one issue, one thought dominating your energy. The three down-pointing swords focus on that one thought. You may have gone through difficult times and need to take quiet time to gather your thoughts. Switch off your radio and phone. Withdraw from the world for a time so you can relax, recharge and recuperate, before you burn yourself out. Step back from your daily routine and look at what’s causing you this emotional stress. There has been extreme mental pressure, arguments, misunderstandings or verbal abuse, maybe someone is in hospital or someone has been ill or injured.

Reversed: The time of rest is over, it’s time to take action now, get back to the daily grind and resume your daily routines. There may be a nervous exhaustion or a mild depression which could cause physical problems, find new interests, friends or activities.
FIVE of SWORDS

Key Points
Meeting the challenge. Victory by surrender.
Wounded pride.

Symbols

Interpretation: The Five of Swords indicates there may be gossiping, lies, trickery, cruelty or self sacrifice. The point has been put across and the challenge has been won. The enemy has surrendered and you have come out victorious. You have had some challenges or long standing oppositions that have now been conquered. What are your needs, faith or beliefs that should be cast off, amputated or amended? They no longer serve a purpose or goal. You have come to a crossroad in your life now and need to choose your direction. You have come from a place of deep inner reflection to meet these challenges and you are standing firm; you have the confidence in your position. You or someone around you are so concerned with winning that you may be acting in a destructive manner and not considering the feelings of other people.

Reversed: This is an air card, the fight has been about lies, words and gossip, but the time of attack is over. The way has been cleared with honest communication. The battle has been won, stop putting energy on things that are finished and start accepting things as they are. Let sleeping dogs lie.
SIX of SWORDS

Key Points
Easing of stress. Escaping troubled waters.
Temporary relief. Transition.

Symbols

Interpretation: When the Six of Swords drifts into your reading it signifies a moving away from troubled waters, away from the hard times which have been emotional; you are taking action to smooth the raging waters in your life to calmer waters. Are the Six of Swords in the front of this boat plugging up your leaks, which are your self-deluding stories, the ones you tell yourself and others. Plugging the ineffective solutions into a problem is only a temporary fix. The Six of Swords card can also indicate that you could be running away from past events, or are you moving away from the past into a more hopeful future. There is a small light at the end of the tunnel and remember you are not alone, there are others to consider. There is some kind of travel bringing the end of hard times.

Reversed: Don't abandon hope, you may be feeling stuck and unable to move forward. This is not a defeat card, victory is still possible. There are still obstacles to overcome; it may require some kind of sacrifice by facing these difficulties to find a solution so you can move forward.
SEVEN of SWORDS (Cancer)

Key Points
Fear of been trapped. Ignorance. Impulsive.

Symbols

Interpretation: Someone is sneaking around, stealing something, ideas, time, honour, maybe spreading gossip, someone is trying to deceive you. You may be feeling cheated on or uneasy about something that you have done. This is not the time for self-defeating behaviour; you could become your own worst enemy. The Seven of Swords is the sneak thief card. Is it you who is stealing in order to gain their goal, if not you have to take control? To catch a thief you must be a thief. The Charioteer directs his horse’s sideways like a crab. He doesn’t run charging in, that will give the thief a chance to play innocent. This is not a time for sitting on the fence. Your plans are not working out. This card occasionally indicates an actual theft. You may need professional advice to clarify the situation.

Reversed: Do not believe a word you hear or read there are false promises or compliments when you pull the reversed Seven of Swords, its main message is one of superficiality, especially true of the written or spoken word. You are in danger of been manipulated with false advice or you may be talked into some kind of scheme which you will regret later.
EIGHT of SWORDS (Strength and Justice)

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Eight of Swords is the trapped card. You are afraid to move because you will get hurt, so you are refusing to see. The blindfold that is over your eyes is your own fears. Standing in dirty, unclear waters, signifies emotional waste, you have surrounded yourself with the worst kind of misleading thoughts. When this goes unchecked it breeds horrible fears and insecurities. This is leaving you afraid to move, you are afraid of being hurt or cut. It may not be possible to take control right now, but the situation must be faced square in the face. There is a lot of mental energy going to waste. Eights are about taking action and moving so do not waste this energy. You need to find the strength to move, say something and do something otherwise your situation will only get worse.

Reversed: A restrictive situation or way of thinking is passing out of your life. Renewed confidence and a sense of relaxation will enable you to solve problems, and move forward once again. A great deal of hard thinking has preceded this release; it has not come about through luck or circumstance.
NINE of SWORDS

Key Points
Dark night of the soul. Denial. Extreme stress.
Fear. Self-delusion. The nightmare card. Worry.

Symbols
Bed.

Interpretation: When the Nine of Swords comes yawning at you its showing that you are unwilling to face your fears. This is the “nightmare” card, or the “dark night of the soul” card. Your sleep has been disturbed by nightmares and high anxiety. Things have been blown way out of proportion and turned monstrous, they are out of control. The issues are real, it may be sickness, a painful love relationship, a recent bereavement, leaving you plagued by doubt and worry, but you need to face these unhealthy deeper thoughts that you are trying to avoid. Stop shoving them beneath the surface. You have been harbouring them over a long period of time, so they are often deeply rooted. You owe it to yourself to acknowledge them and then cleanse them out of your system. Things always look clearer in the light of the day.

Reversed: The nightmare is over. There is hope and light at the end of the tunnel. You may still be suffering, but you have the strength and faith to carry on. The process will not be an easy one. It demands honesty and patience. Release yourself from this mental fear and harmony will be restored.
TEN of SWORDS

Key Points

Symbols
Back turned. Mountains. Oceans.

Interpretation: When the Ten of Swords assaults your reading its showing you are fear-driven by your thoughts. This is a mind unchecked, pin cushioned and leading you down the path of destruction. Be careful of whom you confide in, it would be better to say nothing. This card warns of lies. Don’t trust any written word either, think twice before signing any documents. Here is also an ending of something it may be a job, relationship, a set of beliefs, watch out for muggings or even robbery. Your plans are not working out and you have reached rock bottom. Endings are always painful, understanding and courage is needed now. Things are as bad as you fear, but the swords have done the worst, you cannot be any deader, it is over. Things can only get better from here.

Reversed: There is always a rainbow after the storm. Good news is coming at last, the worst is over. You have overcome your negative thought patterns, the enemy within has been beaten.
PAGE of SWORDS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Page of Swords brings news and communication from a bright young person with an excellent mind, quick to learn, good at puzzles, diplomatic, enjoys gossiping and skilled with the ability to work out the true nature of things. He can negotiate expertly on behalf of his peers. He can also be a trickster and a bit sly, or the most aggravating kid on the block because whatever you tell him to do, he will argue about it. If you are about to enter into an agreement or contract, do not commit or sign anything until you weigh the pros and cons, you need to understand all the possible consequences before you commit to anything. It may be best to call on professional help.

Reversed: Here you have spiteful gossip, been hurtful and telling lies, a two-faced, cunning and vindictive person, he’s always on the lookout for people who are weak and you’ll always find him snooping in other people’s affairs. He is devious. Be on the lookout for unforeseen events, illness, or plans been overtaken by underhanded methods.
KNIGHT of SWORDS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Knight of Swords says its action time. Take your reigns and move. This is a time to follow your head rather than your heart. This guy argues just for the sake of arguing. He is out to change the world with his knowledge, cleverness and quick tongue. He could be in or out of your life for either the better or worse. He is clever, skilful, courageous, active and strong. He is always at his best in a difficult situation. The Knight of Swords suggests you are heading into a situation where there is conflict, but this is a fast moving card so the conflict will be short lived. Once it is over you may be left wondering what on earth it was all about. Expect your life to be active and chaotic now. You need to be strong and decisive and approach the situation with a clear and firm goal in mind.

Reversed: When the reversed Knight of Swords appears you must know he is sly and deceitful, you need to watch your words and thoughts. He is secretive and will betray your trust. This is not a good time to initiate new projects. You may be lacking in focus and concentration, your sarcasm or hard words could land you in a situation with conflict. He is a starter of things but not a finisher.
QUEEN of SWORDS

Key Points
Head over heart. Independent. Intelligent.

Symbols
Waterfall.

Interpretation: The Queen of Swords tells you to get your affairs in order, stand up for yourself and be clear about your needs and goals. You need to focus on intellectual matters and put your emotions aside. Justice is this Queen’s aim. She has a gift for seeing all dishonesty and injustice. She will pull it out at the roots, extinguish it and have order restored. She is respected in her authority as Queen. She rewards loyalty with her kindness. She loves the social life, and needs stimulation of other people’s ideas. In her friendships she enjoys variety, but they rarely run deep, she prefers her friendships to skim the surface. If she does form a lasting relationship she is very loyal.

Reversed: Your thoughts are in turmoil. Watch out for half truths and gossip. This is someone who is narrow-minded, cruel, deceitful, sly, and intolerant. They will use information and will not consider other people’s feelings or the damage they may cause.
KING of SWORDS

Key Points
Authority. Clever. Logical. Quick witted.
Sound advice. The judge. Truthful. Wise.

Symbols

Interpretation: The King of Swords is the judge. He is a fair and clever man who has patient and is well-educated. He often stands for an accountant, doctor, lawyer or teacher, someone with special knowledge or skills. This king is the ruler, the law-maker, someone with a rational, alert and inventive mind. He is an advocate of law and order, an achiever in what he does. He also sees the larger picture and will give a non-biased judgement in a situation. If you have been waiting for a decision, it will be coming soon and you can be sure it will be fair and just. In love he can be a little chilly, he feels emotions but he cannot express them.

Reversed: Here is an abuse of power and authority. The reversed King of Swords is a calculating and obstinate man capable of utmost evil to achieve his goals. He will censor or manipulate evidence to keep himself in power even if it destroys others. He is a malicious man, a bully who misuses his power. He is a disloyal and a secretive man.
ACE of WANDS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Ace of Wands is all about creative insight, new beginnings, new ideas, new inspirations and passion, energy and career opportunities. When you pull this card you are in for an incredible adventure in a new direction. This card shows up many times when you may have gone through a time of stagnation, a situation where you feel stuck. This is a fire card, it has fast moving energy and you have all the energy you need now to fulfil your ambitions. Open yourself up to new inspirations. This is a good time for innovation, invention and new business plans. You may get an intuitive idea, a challenging new project, job, interest or hobby. You may even want to travel, study, write, paint, climb a mountain or play a musical instrument.

Reversed: The reversed Ace of Wands warns of creative blocks, something is going to fall though. You are letting your wants and desires control you. You do not have the energy as you did in the beginning of the project and its leaving you feeling powerless and frustrated. There could be over confidence that ends in tears. All your efforts for pulling something off are in vain. In a woman's spread this card may indicate trouble with men.
TWO of WANDS (High Priestess)

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: You may be feeling restless and preparing for change. You have the world in your hands; the Two of Wands is about making intuitive choices. Einstein says, “Nothing happens until something moves.” Follow your instincts. Standing around waiting is not always the best way to deal with things. You need to be energetic and take charge of whatever needs to be done. Wands are about passion, a productive meeting of the mind. This is a time when deals will work out in your favour. You may make more money than you expected. This is the best time for selling properties or signing contracts. Everything related to business is under favourable influences.

Reversed: Be prepared for delays in property transactions. The reversed Two of Wands indicates self doubt and loss of faith in oneself. You may hear bad news about a project. If you are considering taking in a new partner, take it slow and consider the matter carefully. You need to have patience because delays and setbacks are imminent.
THREE of WANDS

Key Points
Opportunities. Planning. Progress.
Success. Time. Waiting.

Symbols
Mountains. Ship.

Interpretation: The Three of Wands is the watcher card. Your plans have been set in motion, now is the time to observe their fruits. It’s waiting for the ships to come in. This is a card of progress, new opportunities, new career, a big move, a promotion, an increase in profits, or the entering of the next phase of a project; an established business could become more successful. Your plans are active and thriving. There is still work to be done. Now would be a good time to promote yourself.

Reversed: Dreams are still born. There is failure of a project or to put plans into action. You may be striving for unattainable goals. Opportunities may be lost. Your stubbornness jeopardises job offers or other career possibilities.
FOUR of WANDS

Key Points
Rest. Security.

Symbols

Interpretation: This is a positive and happy card which is showing the celebration of an achievement. It is a time of well-earned rest, sit back and enjoy the fruits of your effort and hard work. This card also signifies the putting down of roots, firm foundations upon which to build, buying or moving into a new house, or acquiring a second home, entering a committed relationship, it may be a new romance or even marriage. In relation to career, property, theatre, entertainment, music and dance you can lay down firm foundations for the future.

Reversed: The reversed Four of Wands denotes anxiety and nervous energy. In property you need patience, you may have nervous energy and it’s causing difficulties which are unnecessary. Any kind of completion or conclusion is likely to be delayed; you need to be patience for a little while.
FIVE of WANDS

Key Points

Symbols
Backs turned. Green grass.

Interpretation: When the Five of Wands comes hitting itself into the reading ask yourself what ideas and opinions are you defending. Do you always need to be right in a conversation? It is hard to lead with all this heated debate. Strong leadership is required in a group effort for the purpose of ideas, opinions and thoughts. Look where you can find common ground in this conflict. Arguments can arise because views differ so sparks may fly. Take initiative, you may be dealing with rivalry and competition soon. There may be someone who is after the same prize as you. It could be a business deal or a potential relationship. This is a time of testing. Problems simply cannot be avoided, there may be minor irritations, but just know if you fear the competition and run from it, you will never succeed at anything.

Reversed: Here is spiteful conversation and unnecessary competition, causing hurt, ruin and pain. There is no faith in winning a struggle, so don’t even try. You have inner conflict and an inability to reach a decision. Watch out for fraud and trickery.
SIX of WANDS

**Key Points**

**Symbols**
Cloak. Horse. Wreath.

**Interpretation:** You have achieved success and victory. It has not been easily won; it's taken hard work and effort, leaving you feeling satisfied. You have taken the right action and you are about to reap the rewards. The Six of Wands suggests successful negotiations, or some form of recognition or reward for work well done; this could come in the form of a well-deserved promotion, or the arrival of fantastic good news for you or another. Whatever the nature of the question, this card indicates both success and reward.

**Reversed:** There may be fear about the outcome of a situation. Delayed news or rewards, trouble at work, difficulties caused by other people, failed promises and bad news. Do not go ahead, bide your time and do what you can until the situation improves.
SEVEN of WANDS

Key Points
Cautionary action. Challenge. Do not give up.
High ground. Position of advantage. Pressured.
Stand up for your rights. Staying on top.
Sure footed. Take a stand.

Symbols
Mountains. Water.

Interpretation: The Seven of Wands may appear when someone is just about to give up, you feel you cannot carry on; but you need a little more effort. Success is assured in the near future, victory is in sight. This will take honesty and enthusiasm. You are on a high vantage point but notice the water near the feet, do not take action from an over-emotional state. This is a time of great opportunities; it requires much skill, courage and determination in order to succeed. Whatever conflict you are experiencing is coming to a point, you may be feeling pressured, you need to call on your inner strength to help you through to the final round. You do have the advantage even if you don’t realize it. You are dealing with strong and powerful competition. Do not abandon your struggle when you receive the seven of Wands.

Reversed: He who hesitates is lost. Opportunities lost through hesitation or because you are afraid to take a risk. Giving in just as the end is in sight for fear of failing. You may lose the challenge through lack of making a decision.
EIGHT of WANDS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: Things are moving forward fast, opening up, speed and action are important now. This is a time to take charge, you have all the energy to move, change and do. Take the initiative as this is an excellent time for launching new projects or goals, there may even be expansion in business. This may also relate to travel in the working sense, not for pleasure. In your social life you may find new friends or there may be a romantic interest. This energy may come in the form of favourable fresh ideas, news, letters or communication. You can handle them all there is no need to slow down here the time and conditions are all in your favour.

Reversed: Your efforts and driving force are totally wasted because you are running out of steam. You may make mistakes because you are doing things in a hurry; you have hit a speed wobble. There is lack of energy. Don't do anything in a hurry and don't commit to anything right now. There could be cancelled journeys. You may be made redundant or even be fired.
NINE of WANDS

Key Points
The staircase card.

Symbols
Bandage. Mountains.

Interpretation: Climbing step after step, you have come a long way and are wondering if you will ever reach the top. This could signify a recovery from illness or been hurt in some way. You may be seeking leadership or a successful career. The goal is in sight but there is one last push before you can relax completely. You may be feeling threatened, vulnerable or unsure so you are underestimating your own strength. Stand up for yourself. You may be called upon to defend your actions or your beliefs. You stand on firm ground even though you may not realize it. You are in a position to face this challenge. The Nine of Wands signifies reserves of strength, use this energy to overcome this challenge and you will achieve success, just be prepared for the challenge.

Reversed: Expect delays. There is a loss of strength. Energy is depleted, through neglect. There may be poor health stemming from past carelessness.
TEN of WANDS

Key Points
Shielding. Stress.

Symbols

Interpretation: In the Ten of Wands the guy has his head facing down, so he cannot see what is in front of him. His back is turned which suggests he is reflecting on past actions. He is so burdened with his load but he is not willing to give it up, which is crippling his ability to grow. You may have taken on a large burden or have too many commitments and you are finding the load to heavy to carry. Winning is important here not for the money but for the dream. You have complete control, you are the leader, the boss but you have used up all your energy. You need to learn what your limits are, delegate and lighten your load. You do not have to carry these loads alone. You are overworked and your behaviour has become obsessive.

Reversed: The heavy load you have carried will be lifted. You feel less pressure because you have managed your load well by relying on others to help. The reversed Ten of Wands could also indicate you do not carry your own load but toss it away, neglect it or put in on someone else’s shoulders. You are unable to delegate in a job causing yourself unnecessary stress. Watch out for lies and deceit used to upset others.
PAGE of WANDS

Key Points

Symbols
Feather. Mountains.

Interpretation: The Page of Wands loves to lead and be the centre of attention. He is a happy, fun loving and delightful child, a trustworthy and reliable young person, with a desire to bring happiness and excitement to those around him. He is the bringer of witty gossip, new opportunities and good news. He is faithful in service to his superiors. He is so inspired with new enthusiasm, energy and optimism nothing can get him down. This is a good time to start new ventures, new friendships or new romances. There may be some competition but you can easily overcome them.

Reversed: The reversed Page of Wands can be a show-off, demanding that everyone pay attention to him. The new guy who will take credit for someone else’s work in order to get the promotion. This is someone who betrays trust and spreads gossip. Someone who believes they are trustworthy, but all the time being unfaithful. There could also be journeys that are delayed.
**KNIGHT of WANDS**

**Key Points**
Rebellious. Sometimes ruthless. Strong will.

**Symbols**
Armour. Horse. Mountains.

**Interpretation:** The Knight of Wands brings promise of change and forward motion. You are moving into a new more positive space. This may include a change of job or residence or even a holiday. Whatever the change involves, know that it is charged with positively, confidence, enthusiasm and potential. Here is a lover of action, someone who is well-liked, energetic, confident, but at times can be unpredictable, and is easily bored by the daily grind. He starts projects but does not always follow through with them. He is unreliable in business.

**Reversed:** The reversed Knight of Wands can be a person who is hard to resist, but he is a fast talking untrustworthy and charming rogue. He is a jealous and suspicious person. This is someone who seeks out and enjoys arguments, fighting and trouble just for the sake of it. This card could also indicate delayed journeys.
QUEEN of WANDS (Leo)

**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** The Queen of Wands is the lady of the manor, living in the city or out in the country. She indicates strength, independent, competence and success in all ventures. She makes a great friend; she is generous, full of bright ideas, hospitable and makes good company. She is a fair person in her dealings with people. In love, she is passionate and sensual. She loves to have fun, enjoys lively company, she is protective towards those in her circle. Also someone who needs admiration and reassurance in relationships, for deep down she lacks confidence and hates to be taken for granted.

**Reversed:** The reversed Queen of Wands intimates easily. You will do things her way. She wants to dominate or she becomes bitter and envious, she is an overbearing woman. She has a cruel dry sense of humour; she imagines everyone is out to get her, even though malice was never intended or present. She refuses to listen to other opinions, she knows best. Her temper is terrible if you happen to cross or go against her.
**KING of WANDS**

**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** When the King of Wands appears in your reading you will receive good solid and sensible advice. This is a time to take charge and do creative projects and powerful tasks. You will be able to negotiate and communicate effectively and others will see your point of view. The King of Wands is a charming, responsible, loyal, witty, honest, entertaining and generous person. He is a lover of home and family life. He is passionate and gives moral support and encouragement. He fills a room when he walks in, is fun and full of energy. His idea’s set people on fire and motivates them to do the impossible. He loves danger, adventure, he is a challenger. Always ready to take charge. His family or people either love or hate him. Try to avoid mundane and repetitive tasks as he will become bored and irritated.

**Reversed:** This is Hitler. Here is a very selfish person who can become violent and has a terrible temper, he has a ruthless streak and cares little for the feelings of others. He is intolerant, narrow minded and has deep prejudices. He is not to be trusted in business.
ACE of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Ace of Cups has waves of energy composed of love and compassion. They signify joy, new beginnings self expression and creativity, the cups represent our emotions. There will be a new development in your emotional life. The power that love has over all things comes with blessings when you pull this card; it assures you that if you hold yourself, your thoughts, feelings and body in a place of love, there is no end to the beauty that you will allow to flow into your life. Whatever your intent, need, desire or direction may be, start with love in your heart and your result will be blessed. This can be the start of a new relationship, the renewal of energy in an existing one, a new love affair; babies may be conceived or born. You are about to be inspired, this could be a fulfilling project. There will be meaningful achievement. Your cup overflows and you will be blessed with an abundance of joy, love, deep abiding friendships and positive energy.

Reversed: The reversed cup is empty, this is symbolic of changes for the worst; it could be physical and mental in nature. There is emotional upheaval. A love affair may be coming to an end. There may be an unrealistic love affair which may be one sided. You may be feeling despair and possibly have a loss in faith. In terms of self expression, it is blocked energy from emotional stress. You or someone close, may be running away from your feelings. There is a deep need for some tender loving care.
TWO of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Two of Cups speaks of emotional engagements which may be in the form of deep connections made with our soul mates, lovers, friends, family partners or co-workers. This coming together is new beginnings filled with promise, hope and trust. Two halves coming together to form one perfect union. This card promises continued harmony in a relationship. If you have been having trouble in your relationship, this is the “make-up” card and will bring harmony and understanding. If a couple has split up there should be reconciliation soon.

Reversed: You may be having emotional battles. The cup is empty. Instead of magnetic attraction, you repel. There is rejection, separation, divorce, deceit or unfaithfulness in a personal relationship. Relationships are turned upside down.
THREE of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Three of Cups proposes intoxicating heights of celebration, so take out your dancing shoes. Something was conceived out of love. This is celebration time, it could be family celebrations, engagements, weddings, graduations, or renewed health, christening, special anniversaries, a birth possibly physical, or it could be the birth of a project. This is a lucky card; there are vital forces, glowing good health, and the possibility of presents or prizes. This card brings happiness and joy and it seems to act like a magnet and draws more good things at this time. Make the most of it whatever your question is. Your dreams can be turned into reality.

Reversed: There is an over-indulging of something. It could be associated with smoking, drinking or over eating. There may be relationship issues or loveless sex. A gathering may have been planned and will be missed, perhaps cancelled or delayed in some way. Financially, don’t be over extravagant. You may overspend and become compulsive.
FOUR of CUPS

**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** You are feeling so tired and full of gloom that stagnation and boredom have set in. The novelty of a situation has worn off and everything seems stalemate and empty which has brought about your couldn’t care less attitude. You are so emotionally empty you cannot imagine there is anything better out there. Your career, current projects or profession all mean little to you. You may have outgrown them and are seeking new challenges, new interests or a new hobby. You may need some self reflection time, but be aware you may be so self absorbed that you are not seeing the good in a situation or you are unable to accept the help that is been offered. This could be coming from total dissatisfaction and boredom in a relationship. You may be over-indulging in drink, food, drugs, sex or looking for some kind of stimulation. You need to stop looking for ways to escape it, look instead for ways to change it. Be very careful not to cut yourself off from your friends and loved ones. This card is telling you there is a light nearby; you just need to lift your head up, so you can see what’s in front of you.

**Reversed:** When the Four of Cups is reversed, it signals the end of the withdrawal period. The depressive stage is over. You are now aware of the fulfilment available to you and realize you were the only one holding yourself back. You may find yourself been more social, even making new friends. This is a good time to allow yourself to be supported by those around you.
FIVE of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: Here you have been grieving from emotional wounds. The back turned and west facing is symbolic of regret, loss, self blame or self doubt. This could be coming from a vow that has been broken, a letdown or the ending of a relationship, a deeply held belief system, an ideal relationship or faith in another that has been dashed to the ground. You may have done something and are now regretting it. Follow the track of your tears and the path of your emotions to where it has taken you down and then calmly navigate your way to a solution. This is the spilt milk card you are suffering from some kind of betrayal. Grieve your loss, but do not cry too long over spilt milk and then look at what you can retrieve from the remains. Rather celebrate what you still have. It’s your own blindness that is keeping you from getting past this.

Reversed: The black clouds of despair are lifting and bringing hope and new opportunities. Happiness is coming back into your life. The reversed Five of Cups brings a promise that your time of pain and loss will soon be over.
SIX of CUPS

Key Points
Down memory lane. Forgiving and receiving.

Symbols

Interpretation: This card is linked strongly to your emotional past. There is some kind of reunion when you see the Six of Cups. These past connections are about to serve some useful purpose. You may be hearing from a past lover, or renewing a former friendship, see old friends or colleagues or have childhood memories. If you have asked a question the answer may be laying in the past. You may be rewarded for past efforts. This is a time of warmth and forgiveness and to give freely of yourself, without concern. Show your inner light to the world. There is trust and forgiveness in partnerships, family ties, relationships and reunions. Take no notice of what others might say or do.

Reversed: There is no light to show the world, you are hiding because you cannot face reality. Not a time to trust and there is no forgiveness. You are feeling stuck and stagnant. You need to cut the cords that bind you to the past; they are blocking your progress and holding you back.
**SEVEN of CUPS**

**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** The “illusion” card indicates you have too many options, possibilities and choices to consider, and none of them are quite real. There are too many ifs and buts, doubts and illusions. Nothing is seen clearly, but it all looks and sounds wonderful. You need to decide what is more important to you right now and make a focused and thoughtful decision. You cannot have everything. Too many choices and opportunities are been presented so be careful not to dream of unrealistic goals. Weigh up the possible consequences, careful consideration is needed as error in judgement should be avoided. Some choices may show exceptional promise, but great perception is needed for this to be seen.

**Reversed:** After a time of difficult indecision and scattered focus you are now in a position to move forward with a more realistic attitude. The fog has lifted and you can see more clearly, but if you turn the Seven of Cups upside down the contents spill out. Meaning there are no illusions to motivate and you cannot carry on. Even dreaming, imagining, wishing is gone. There is false hope.
EIGHT of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Eight of Cups is the emerging from one phase into another. To fulfil your destiny its time to move on to the next chapter. This indicates you have reached an achievement of sorts; it's simply time to embark on another journey to fulfilment. Leaving what is comfortable and established to follow your dreams. You are prepared for the challenges ahead. You have become dissatisfied and have clearly had a change of heart. This is a time to sever old involvements as they are no longer working out or nourishing you. The movement of progress is the shedding of familiar things, old relationships or old situations. It may be a separation or a divorce. It may imply a literal move or trip, from an established home to a new unknown one. It is never easy to walk away from the past, but if you wish to seek new adventures, you must take the necessary steps towards climbing those hills. Einstein says “Nothing happens until something moves”.

Reversed: This is not the right time to make a transition. There is restlessness, recklessness and emotional confusion. You are unable to see the wood for the trees. It may be a failed relationship, an endless search for perfection in either love or work. Your emotional well has run dry, its best to wait before making any kind of decisions.
NINE of CUPS

Key Points
Success. Well-being. Wish card.

Symbols
Arch. Bench.

Interpretation: You are fully aware of your value. This has been a journey with plenty of challenges, trials and sorrows having crossed your path along the way, leading you now to a place of confidence, assurance and satisfaction. Your dreams and wishes are about to come true. Stronger and positioned with knowledge that only comes from life experience, there is no stopping fulfilment, abundance, luxury and contentment pouring into your life. Creative ideas come easily. Love flows easily between partners, family and friends. There is physical health and success. The hard work is over and it is time to reap the rewards of your labour. Try not to be over-indulgent, smug or too cocky.

Reversed: Here we have vanity and self indulgence. Your wishes are not fulfilled. There is vindictiveness, cruelty, abusiveness, divorce or alcoholism. Family or friendships fall apart. You are finding fault in others.
TEN of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Ten of Cups shows a time of reflection or of counting one’s blessings, being grateful for the supreme joy you’re experiencing right now. Or it could indicate the process of a long journey to get where you are now presently. To build life-long relationships that are rewarding and satisfying for everyone has been a conscious, deliberate effort to obtain the exuberance you feel in this card. Building relationships and strong communities depend on the wisdom of balance, understanding and respecting of others while still honouring you. The Ten of Cups promises exactly what it shows, commitment, happiness, values, sharing, harmony, affection and well-being. A positive card no matter what question was asked. The rainbow unfolding before your eyes is testimony to the concept of balance. Inner balance is vital. It takes the precise mix of elements to cause the rainbow to unfold before your eyes. Only balance, wisdom and insight will inevitably land you that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Reversed: There could be disruptive problems that are eating away at the soul of the family. Family quarrels. Loss of friendship. Manipulation of society for personal gain. A child throwing a temper tantrum or a teenager rebelling. There is disruption of routine.
PAGE of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols
Fish. Flowers. River.

Interpretation: The Page of Cups is the daydream child with a wild imagination; he has his head in the clouds and seldom pays attention. He is a kind, gentle, caring and youthful soul. He can be showy and flamboyant. He is naive about people. He brings messages of an emotional and creative nature which means that you may need to do some heavy emotional thinking. Sometimes people do not want to deal with their emotions, but when the Page of Cups appears he tells you to trust your inner feelings, brace them with childlike wonder. Keep yourself open and vulnerable and let no one else’s judgements against you make you close your heart. You may receive news of an engagement or a marriage or you may be starting a new relationship or experiencing a renewal of an old one. There are new feelings, beliefs or attitudes. The Page of Cups has a wealth of knowledge, giving freely of his advice. He is a gifted artist, a sportsman, enjoys dancing and singing, a poet, can work with clay, a writer and much more.

Reversed: They are sad all the time and bring you down with them. Can cry over nothing, you have to walk on eggshells around them. A scheming, selfish person who keeps his knowledge to himself. A lazy person who is given to telling lies and harmful gossip.
KNIGHT of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Knight of love, the Romeo. He oozes charisma and is full of bright ideas, but he also sends you mixed messages. He is rarely faithful to his partner and leaves trails of heartbroken females behind. He gets bored easily and needs constant stimulation. The Knight of Cups is all about romance. He loves the finer things like satin and luxury also fast cars and drugs. The teen we all know and love, who is dreamy, sensitive, moody and deep. This Knight has a history of trouble with the law. He is artistic and musical, and has high ideals. Knights are all about action as he carries his cup to you it signals the start of something new, so keep your eyes and heart open for new opportunities. This could be a new relationship, proposition or an invitation to a social gathering.

Reversed: There is a lack of motivation and laziness. He is unreliable, reckless, a fraud. There can be trickery, false promises, someone who has trouble discerning the end of truth and the beginning of falsehood, which makes him a liar.
QUEEN of CUPS

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Queen of Cups, keeper of Holy Grail. The Holy Grail been the actual cup from which the Nazarene drank at the last supper. A woman who lacks common sense and is easily influenced but who is highly imaginative and artistically gifted, a creative story teller, loving, affectionate and romantic in outlook. She is psychic and dreamy; she awakens your imagination and intuition. She tells you to follow your imagination and premonitions. She has exactly the right solutions to problems relating to home, friends or love. She knows what is wrong even before you open your mouth. She can be called the emotional fix-it woman. Her temper runs deep. If you have asked for help, this card promises that a loving, caring person will help you through the situation, if perhaps you have asked about someone else, the Queen is telling you to give them the care and motherly love they need.

Reversed: Here is an emotional vampire. Someone who can be manipulative and unreliable, she cannot be depended on. Hormones are imbalanced. An over emotional woman who may be locked in a dead-end career, an unfulfilling relationship. She has gone through painful emotional moods and is very unhappy.
**KING of CUPS**

**Key Points**
Understanding.

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** The Godfather. This is a wise man who commands respect, but not love. He is a business or law man who is considerate and responsible, kind, ambitious and a skilled negotiator. You won’t meet a kinder or loving man. He makes a dangerous enemy, and never forgets who betrayed him. He can be moody and is very jealous. His family comes first. He will work for them, sacrifice and do just about anything for them. He will also do terrible things if you cause any grief to any member of his family. A born manipulator, he is the seeker of power with hidden motives, often distrusted or feared by those around him. He avoids taking people into his confidence; he also works in secret behind the scenes. When the King of Cups shows up in a reading he encourages you to be a leader, be the voice for your own people. Let intellect, compassion and intuition guide you. You need to be caring, gentle and supportive and show empathy.

**Reversed:** He loves and hates to extremes which can lead to heavy drinking and even drug taking, he is very emotional. He can become violent, unscrupulous and dishonest. He may be involved in double dealings. He expects total loyalty and will not forgive those who betray it. His responsibilities are to himself, he has no moral sense.
ACE of PENTACLES

Key Points
Fresh start. Grounded. Improved status.

Symbols

Interpretation: When you draw the Ace of Pentacles there are financial improvements coming your way. New buds of opportunities are awaiting you in areas of money, health, career, material gain, all areas of practical matters. Doors will open that will bring financial success, maybe a new business opportunity, you may receive a bonus, or money as a gift, you may win the lotto, a new or better paid job. The Ace of Pentacles promises that the money you need will come. In matters of love and relationships the Ace of Pentacles indicates new or stronger bonds made in an existing relationship, increased trust and stability. However you need to keep in mind that these gains do not appear from nowhere, this is well-deserved wealth in return for past efforts.

Reversed: There is no imagination. You are depending on physical pleasures for happiness. There is greed, been a miser, money grabbing, could be a corrupt business dealing. New found wealth may not last or it may be lost.
TWO of PENTACLES

Key Points
Double meaning. \( \bigcirc \bigcirc \) = Endless, Eternity, Forever.
Juggling finances.

Symbols

Interpretation: This is the dual card, it has a double meaning and warning. There may be too much work or not enough. You may be living lavishly one week and eating bread the next, working two jobs to make ends meet, or juggling several tasks at the same time. You may find yourself overworking for little reward. Perhaps work and money have become such a great burden that you are unable to see the bigger picture. Do not purchase items on credit. By pulling the Two of Pentacles you have been given a chance to find balance. You need to find a solution that will reduce this stress around your finances.

Reversed: You are aimless and going nowhere. This is a warning that you are living beyond your means. You are losing your balance financially. Nothing seems to go right; life is full of complications and dead-ends. There is uneasy peace and tension. Review your goals; focus on one thing at a time so you can pull yourself out of this rut.
THREE of PENTACLES

Key Points

△ = Balance and creativity. Concentration.

Symbols


Interpretation: By the sweat of his soul, he beats out his vision by good, old-fashioned, physical labour to produce his greatest masterpieces. Success is gained through effort and hard work. You are physically creating your own reality. This is the card of the businessman and craftsman. You have worked to master a profession. The Three of Pentacles advises you to work well to maintain high levels of professionalism and quality. Your hard work will be recognised and rewarded. This card promises good things when it comes to work, career, studies, home and physical health. Rewards may come as a promotion, salary increase, praise or approval from others, any kind of material gain, although do not expect large sums. If a question was asked about a relationship, it warns that you could be so concerned with status and material things; you are not putting enough energy or effort into your emotional involvement.

Reversed: If you were hoping for a salary increase, it is unlikely you will receive it now. Success is blocked. You have not yet mastered your craft, you may need to learn a bit more, or be prepared to put in extra energy. No one shows you any appreciation for all the hard work you have done. There are missed opportunities through fear of loss.
FOUR of PENTACLES

**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** You have achieved success through hardnosed focus on the prize. It’s taken months or years to achieve, now you are holding on tight to what you have got. At last you are in the money, high on the hill and you have yourself to thank for it. Socially you can be a snob, or someone who judges people by what they own, and not for what they are. But our hero is not happy, he’s not smiling. He has isolated himself from the same community who has supported him. He is been mean and stingy with his time, money and his presence in the lives of those around him. He needs to break the wall of isolation around himself and get the flow going again in his life.

**Reversed:** Money or thoughts of money are dominating factors. You may be burdened by money responsibilities or you are trying to balance the household budget. There is a lack of something solid and dependable also the lack of ability to delegate work.
FIVE of PENTACLES

**Key Points**
Rejection.

**Symbols**
Snow. Stained Glass.

*Interpretation:* All fives are difficult times. The Five of Pentacles indicates the darkest hour before your personal dawn, the storm before the calm or been left out in the cold. This is a warning of troubles ahead. This could be loss of faith in oneself, financial loss, money problems where you find yourself unable to make ends meet or you could be the loser in a costly legal battle. This is not a time to spend money unnecessary. If you have no money problems this could be telling you that money cannot buy happiness. It may be material worries, poverty, and bad luck or health problems. These are lean and lonely times. It may seem there is no hope. The people in the Five of Pentacles are downtrodden but not beaten. Things will get better, so you need to resist the temptation to give in.

*Reversed:* You need to work hard, as your financial situation or physical health problem will soon improve. Better circumstances are on the way, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Your bad luck is coming to an end.
SIX of PENTACLES

Key Points
Sound judgement. Wealth.

Symbols

Interpretation: The Six of Pentacles is the giving and receiving card, it’s also about balance. The scales are balanced in this card. You will be receiving money, it may be a long outstanding debt that finally gets paid, a bonus for work well done, a prize, or you could benefit from a trust or charity, or win on the lotto. This is a time of solid business deals and financial abundance. You will find yourself in a position to help others. Loan money to someone; give a donation to a charity, or you can clear your debts. The Six of Pentacles indicates a need for balance, weigh those scales and make good judgements.

Reversed: There is a shortness of cash and financial loss. This could be through stupidity, gambling, been extravagant, absent-minded or even through theft. Debts cannot be paid. There may be unsound business and financial deals. No one is willing to lend a helping hand. Remember in order to receive you have to give.
SEVEN of PENTACLES

Key Points
Gestation. Nurturing the dream. Patience.

Symbols
Hoe. Mountains.

Interpretation: The magick of manifestation has taken root and it’s been because of your back-breaking effort. You have followed through with your intentions. You have planted your seeds, now is the time when patience is needed for the fruit to ripen. Don’t go putting your fruit on the market when it is not ready or ripe, it will be a waste of effort, time and money. The Seven of Pentacles is the gestation or the waiting card. This could be the waiting for a new raise, job offer or to win the lotto. You have already done all there is to do, this is the time of reflection and appreciation. In finance re-examine your investments, retirement and saving plans. Look at your health, are you exercising enough and eating correctly. In business take stock of the situation, decide where you need to put your energy and effort. Things may not be progressing as fast as you would like but do not abandon hope, your hard work will definitely bear fruit and you will be rewarded for all your effort.

Reversed: Have you put your fruits out before they are ready? You need to have patience. You may have put a lot of effort and energy into a project and its bears no fruit. You are been impatient, pushing, rushing and picking the fruit before it ripens. Look after your health otherwise all the stress will have a negative impact on your body. Wasted talents are lost not through laziness but through fear of failing.
EIGHT of PENTACLES

**Key Points**

**Symbols**

**Interpretation:** The Eight of Pentacles signifies full-out production, training, apprenticeship, working with enjoyment, pride and pleasure. It relates to work and practical abilities, knowledge and skills are being expanded. This is a person hard at work creating his own wealth and abundance. The intensity and focus represented here confirms the creative axe is honed. The quality of your craft is at its peak. You will reap the rewards of your labour. This is work well done. You have already received the contract and commissions; there is no shortage of potential growth or gain. You have already proved yourself worthy at work, health and in material things. The Eight of Pentacles asks you to raise the bar and focus now on being remarkable, strive for excellence, be extraordinary in your achievements.

**Reversed:** Are you feeling powerless to craft your own path, taking shortcuts or behaving in an irresponsible manner? You may find yourself becoming dissatisfied, angry and irritated at work. There may be lack of opportunities. Look out for dishonest dealings in business affairs. There can be shady deals of various kinds.
NINE of PENTACLES

Key Points
Abundance. Accomplishment. Achievement.

Symbols

Interpretation: The Nine of Pentacles signifies the lushness of growth and sensuality, of pleasure, enjoyment and appreciation of all the finer things that you have created in your life. It shows you are confident and capable. It pertains to higher vision and rising above the mundane. You are in control, any plans to property finances, outdoor activities or your home will go well. You are able to enjoy your success, you deserve these rewards. This card indicates luck and health; you have no concern over money. This is money in abundance but no happiness if there is no love in your life, and this card shows signs of loneliness or feelings of been incomplete.

Reversed: There could be loss and withdrawal. You cannot find the time for relaxation or enjoyment as you may have to pick up the pieces after not having laid proper groundwork for a project. There is no calm and stability now. Be on the lookout there could be theft or swindling. The success has been earned through corruption. You could be the victim of your own wealth.
TEN of PENTACLES

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Ten of Pentacles is the card of joy and celebrations which shows the importance of family values and ancestral connections. There is emotional and financial stability, success and material comfort. Financially, you can put energy into enjoying what you have created. It’s taken time and preparation to build this kind of harmony. This has come about by having a vision that allows the whole group to win. It’s taken strong foundations, intense focus and unshakeable commitment. There has been empathy for all the members in the group. The Ten of Pentacles speaks of abundance in the form of unearned money, rather than salary increases and promotions. There may be a business that could be passed onto the children. Inheritance, family fortunes, a family home bought and paid for. You may find yourself lucky winning some lotto money or coming into a trust fund. This is a card of success and good health that will be enjoyed by all.

Reversed: The Ten of Pentacles warns of family troubles and financial loss. There could be family arguments about money, the breaking up of an estate after a death. There may be a burglary. This is not the time to take risks as money is tight.
PAGE of PENTACLES

Key Points

Symbols

Interpretation: The Page of Pentacles is a messenger of simple things and devotion. He is a hardworking newcomer, education is important to him. He will do his best to achieve high standards and good grades. He is honest, diligent and organised. He is clever with his hands and is able to fix things. He loves working in the garden or the stables, climbing trees, or taking a hike in the mountains. He thrives on attention. The Page of Pentacles brings a message of new projects, new business opportunities and new wealth. To give yourself the upper hand in anything new you need to learn as much as you can about it.

Reversed: This is someone full of his own importance with no sense of humour. He takes his power to control those below him. Don’t step into his area, and don’t touch anything belonging to him. If he is not asked to do something, he won’t do it.
KNIGHT of PENTACLES

Key Points

Symbols
Armour. Horse. Ploughed fields.

Interpretation: The Knight of Pentacles is someone of great self-control, deadlock in his ways and very indifferent. He does not appreciate the feelings of others. A traditional person who is clever in the dealings of money, he has patient and is hardworking. This is someone of action and purpose. A physical man who does not show emotions but he treats his women well and shows them respect. When he turns up in your reading he tells you to get back to work. So you can protect your assets. He works at a solid and steady pace which brings prosperity and abundance. This is the only Knight (in most decks) that is standing still, indicating progress is happening, but it may be slower than you expected. This card says money may come in from different projects or you may receive aid from friends or family. In business, health or relationships this card shows dependability and that there is a sensible and practical path ahead.

Reversed: This is a greedy and grasping person. He is smug and looks only after himself. You may be feeling stuck; there is no flow or progress relating to your question. Life may seem boring and dull, stagnated, you need to stand up and get things moving forward once again.
QUEEN of PENTACLES

Key Points
Stylish.

Symbols
Ram. Throne.

Interpretation: The Queen of Pentacles holds everything in her lap. She is a down to earth woman, doing things the practical way, tastefully. She is not scared to dirty her hands. This is one very bossy lady. Her loves are luxury, food, good clothes and elegant places. She does not like noisy places or failure. As a lover she is kind, sensual and loving. As a friend she will give practical support in a crisis. She celebrates prosperity, abundance and promises fertility, security and peace. Her thoughts run deep, making her hard to fathom.

Reversed: She is someone who is unpredictable and suspicious. She is narrow-minded towards new things or things she does not understand. Greed and the need to uphold appearances have become more important than the actual issue at hand. Self doubt, fear and insecurity may be holding you back from achieving your goals.
**KING of PENTACLES**

*Key Points*
Broad shoulders. Controlling. Financially secure.

*Symbols*
Grapes/grapevines. Walls.

*Interpretation:* The King of Pentacles reminds us that to achieve success and recognition, matters need to be handled with good honest work ethic and patience. He is in a position of authority and respect and is known for his efficiency and hard work. This is a man who motivates with common sense and a hands-on attitude. He is reliable and will get the job done. He offers no surprises; there is nothing new, strange and chancy about him. People follow and trust him. This card tells you that all matters relating to creation and wealth go well. Property sales, career moves and business deals are all blessed with good fortune. His parenting skills are good and he makes a very loving husband and father.

*Reversed:* This is a corrupt man who can be dishonest and cannot be trusted. You may be focusing too much on material things. Other people may be out to deceive you. There could be underhanded business dealings. Here is a real stick in the mud person.
COLOUR MEANING

BLACK

BLUE

GOLD

GREEN

GREY

ORANGE

PURPLE

RED

SILVER

WHITE

YELLOW
NUMBER MEANING

The number meaning can provide more truth to a spread or give a different point of view. When double digit card numbers are pulled you have two choices to bring them to a single digit for more meaning or clarification. For the example the Death card will be used. You can reduce the double digit numbers by adding them together to bring you to a single digit or the second choice is to select the second digit as the number to use.

Example of the DEATH CARD which is card number 13.

1st example: Reducing number 13 to a single digit. $1 + 3 = 4$.

2nd example: Using the last digit as the number. $13 = 3$.

The double digit numbers do not have to be reduced to a single digit. This is a personal choice. Each card has its own energy so get the feel for your choice, if you are going to choose to reduce, I suggest you select one choice then stick to your chosen choice.

THE NUMBER MEANING OF THE PIP CARDS (Ace to Ten)

0. Nothingness. Alpha and Omega.
Pure potential. Unity.

1. I Am. Opportunity.
Singleness of purpose. Start of a new cycle. The “seed” or “root” of the issue. Will.

2. We Are. Duality.
Opposites. Partnership. The influence of “the other”. The need for balance.

3. We Create. Productivity.
The physical expression of an idea. Time. Versatility.
4. **Establishing Foundations.**  **Stability.**

5. **Challenges and Disrupts.**  **Instability.**

6. **Harmony Restored.**  **Flexibility.**

7. **Spiritual.**  **Psychology.**

8. **Order.**  **Activity.**

9. **Compromise.**  **Totality.**

10. **Transition.**  **Finality.**
Completion. Conclusion. End of cycle. Final transformation. Movement from one point to the next.
CELTIC CROSS

5  This crowns you
   Your potential, ideals, goals, options and intentions

10  What will come
    Summation and final outcome

0  Significator
   Explains the situation.
   (Can be chosen consciously)

9  Your hopes, fears, expectations
   Helps clarify hopes, fears and expectations

4  This is behind you
   Influences recently past

8  Your environment and those around you
   Options and feelings of those around you

1  Covers You
   Reveals the substance of the question

7  Your Self
   Where you stand on the issue, your thoughts and feelings

2  This crosses you
   Crosses you for good or ill. Shows nature of obstacles, challenges, difficulties

3  Beneath you
   Past influences, source of issue

6  This is before you
   Immediate future. Influences coming into being soon
**3 CARD PYRAMID**

1. Beginning of the day
2. Peak or main theme of the day
3. Ending of the day

**3 X 3 SPREAD**

1. Seekers mental, emotional and spiritual state
2. The energies working in the seekers life at present
3. Current situation
4. Past challenges
5. Present challenges
6. Future challenges
7. Options/advice
8. Things the seeker needs to improve or develop in their life at present time
9. Empowerment
THE HIDDEN TRUTH

1. The attitudes you assume
2. Thoughts & feelings that underlie your attitudes
3. What you cannot confront or are hiding from yourself
4. How others perceive your attitude
5. How your attitude is evolving and will evolve in the future

EVENT OF THE DAY

1. The event about to happen
2. How I will feel about it
3. What I can do about it

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE SPREAD

1. How you love yourself
2. How you love others
3. What may be blocking the flow of love?
4. What can help you to invite love into your life?
5. What might help you to keep you on the path of love?
THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1 Represents the circumstances of the relationship

2 What you contribute to the relationship

3 Shows what other person contributes to the relationship

4 Shows what you can or need to do for the relationship

5 Shows what the other person will do for the relationship

6 Reveals how the relationship will continue in the future

5 CARD DAILY SPREAD

1 What I should do today

2 What I shouldn’t do today

3 The unexpected

4 How can I be happy today?

5 Spiritual advice
THE SPELL SPREAD

1. Current situation
2. How to change
3. Outcome
4. Outcome
5. Outcome

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE READING

1. Past
   Influences leading up to present situation
2. Present
   Currents, thoughts, feelings & actions in the matter
3. Hidden influences
   Aspects of question you may have overlooked which are operating out of your awareness
4. Advice
   Offers practical suggestion about how to proceed
5. Future
   Probable outcome
DECISIONS

1. Current situation
2. Why your situation has arisen
3. What could happen if you decide to change something?
4. Advice to you on which path you should follow
5. Warning to you, with respect to your attitude and your actions
6. The real task. What you need to accomplish or the obstacles standing in your way
7. What could happen if you decide to do nothing?

THE HORSESHOE SPREAD

1. Past influence
2. The present
3. Hidden influence
4. Obstacle
5. Outside influence
6. Best course of action
7. The outcome
CAREER SPREAD

1
Creative
What you will bring to this career

2
Action
How this helps you reach your goals

3
Responsibility
Be aware of the responsibility

4
Energy
What motivates or drives you

5
Earnings
What this career gives you

6
Relationships
The co-workers influence

LAST PAST LIFE SPREAD

1
What is holding me in this rut

2
What do I need to change to break out of this rut

3
What can I focus on to learn from my last past life?

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## SUN SIGNS and their basic meaning

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**CARDINAL**
Corresponds in Tarot to the Ace, Two, Three of their particular suit.

**FIXED**
They consolidate matters, and correspond to the Four, Five, Six of their particular suit.

**MUTABLE**
Changeable in nature correspond to the Seven, Eight, Nine of their suit.
**SYMBOLS**

**Angels:** When angels appear it indicates important messages which could come in the form of inspiration, divine messages, clarity, communication, higher thoughts, purpose and opening awareness.

**Ankh:** The ankh symbol means "life" other meanings include: protection, royalty, honour, sacred, hidden wisdom, power and authority. This sign deals with immortality and balance, also with the opening of a new view. From the symbol itself the loop on the top is a symbol of the sun, with the horizontal line beneath it representing the horizon of the earth. The loop itself can be seen as a portal to other dimensions. The Egyptians speak of the ankh being a key that unlocks the realms of the dead.

**Arches:** are symbolic of openings for opportunities, passage-ways, new directions, protection and initiations. Ask yourself if you are ready to cross over from one phase into another in your life when you see arches.

**Armour:** Armour deals with preparation and strength. The armour also deals with protection, mostly of self. In most Tarot decks the knights are in full armour.

**Arms:** Knowledge is power when we take it in with open arms. The figures in the Judgement card are accepting higher knowledge with open arms. We become powerful ourselves when willing to take this declaration and move to a higher level.

**Backs turned:** Backs turned is often a time of turning away from past events.

**Bandage:** The bandage indicates the wounds coming from hard knocks.

**Baton:** The Baton is a symbol of balance and they are sacred scrolls of knowledge.

**Beard:** The Emperor’s beard is a symbol of his experience. We see masculine figures of authority or father figures with long white beards. It reassures us that this man has acquired years of experience and wisdom. He is worth listening to as he offers us the gift of his own life example. When we heed the advice of our elders we can often avoid repeating the same mistakes.
**SymboLs**

**Bed:** A place where we are most vulnerable and where we can let our defences down. Beds symbolise our dreaming life, and the thoughts of fantasy. When the bed unfolds in your reading, pull the covers back and take a good look at what's going on in the surrounding cards for more clarity. You need to define the deeper meanings lurking around.

**Bench:** Here is the need to sit back, relax and take a moment to examine the details in a situation from a calm point of view.

**Bird:** These are creatures of the air, so they symbolise higher thoughts, matters of the spirit and freedom. The bird symbol is a message that you are rising to a higher level and that you need to free yourself from bondage.

**Blindfold:** There is an unwillingness to face the truth, an inability to accept the facts or to see things clearly. It could also be a sign that something is being hidden from you. You need to be honest with yourself, do some research to get a different perspective.

**Boats:** Boats deal with deeper thoughts and the motion these thoughts produce. There could be travel or movement in a different direction.

**Bridge:** Bridges take us from one point to another or from one side to the other. In a reading a bridge tells us that there are ways and means in which to accomplish something but we need to take the steps needed.

**Brick Wall:** The brick wall is a symbol that you have been holding yourself back or positive events have been prevented from flowing forth due to negative or incorrect thinking. It’s an obstacle or some kind of hindrance.

**Bull:** The Bull is a symbol of power, royalty, stability, force and potency. You are dealing with some powerful forces when you see the bull in your reading. It is shown in the World and Wheel card because the bull (Taurus) is one of the fixed signs of the zodiac. The bull also carries symbolic meanings of resistance to change, being stubborn and been inflexible.
**Butterfly:** A universal symbol for transformation. Butterflies go through several changes and transformation before they develop into their final state of beauty. We as humans can do the same thing to reach our end goal and to obtain a better way of thought and living.

**Caduceus:** This symbol's meaning deals with balance, health, duality (union of opposites), proper moral conduct, protection and cosmic energy. It may also indicate you are joining forces with another party in order to heal.

**Castle:** The symbolic meaning deals with goals and obtaining our desires. Castles are physical representations of our need to build (block by block) upon a strong foundation in order to obtain our goals. It could also mean sheltering ourselves or limiting ourselves from reaching our goals.

**Cat:** Cats deal with watchfulness, awareness, psychic ability and perception. There are energies at work that you may not be aware of, but you can certainly tap into. You need to keep your wits about you and be aware of all the sides to the story in a situation.

**Chains:** Chains deals with restriction, bondage, conflict and slavery. Chains are a message that we may be in a situation where we have become a slave to our thoughts, vices or to others.

**Children:** Children represent promise, hope, fresh starts, new beginnings, new ideas, and a fresh way at looking at the world. Children are full of promise for the future. This could mean the beginning of a new venture, the promise of a new beginning, or it could literally mean children are on their way (new births or adoptions).

**City/Village:** Cities and villages represent centres or gatherings of people, thoughts, energy and ideas. They are a symbol of the culmination of a group that meets for a common goal. They also symbolise protection, harmony and team-work.

**Cloak:** The mantel of discretion.
**Symbols**

**Clouds:** The basic meaning of cloud is revelation. Consider out of the mists of your deepest thoughts a bright idea comes from nowhere. Depending on the card, clouds can also symbolise confusion or clouded judgement they also represent higher thoughts and messages from the divine, dreams, illusions, transitions and mystery.

**Cross:** The High Priestess bares this symbol at her heart, meaning that at the heart of her very being she is intimate with the ways of nature, knowledge, and the universe.

**Crown:** The crown, a symbol of authority, command and royalty.

**Cups:** The cups transferring the waters in the Temperance card are a symbol of finding the right mix, keeping in motion and going with the flow. As Christ turned water into wine, so we are able to transform any situation into something different by tempering our thoughts and actions in such a way as to bring about the results we desire.

**Dog:** A man's best friend. Symbol meaning deals with fidelity, honesty, loyalty and truth. You are on the right track as dogs are symbolic of stability and righteousness.

**Dove:** The dove indicates hope, purity and a powerful symbol of love, aspiration and ascension.

**Eagle:** The Eagle in the World card is the symbol of the Seeing Eye.

**Elements:** The Magician has all the elements: air, fire, water and earth. He is the master of these tools.

**Falcon:** The symbol meaning pertains to higher vision, superiority, potency, vibrancy and power. It is a rising above the mundane.

**Falling:** Falling in the cards mean absolute loss of control. There is no railing or net to save you. When you're free-falling there's not one thing that can be done but fall and hope for the best when you land.

**Feather:** Feathers deal with higher thought and expresses intuitive wisdom.
**Feet:** Feet are symbolic of a pilgrimage and make reference to our spiritual walk. In the Temperance card the right foot (consciousness) is dipped into the water which is symbolic of the subconscious. The left foot (unconsciousness) is settled on land which is a signal to ground ourselves. This card is all about balance.

**Fire:** Fire is a symbol of both creative and destructive power. The cultural symbol meanings are: energy, transformation, passion, ambition, inspiration and power.

**Fish:** The fish is featured on all the cups court cards because it’s meaning deals with emotion, intuition and creativity. You need to be aware of the nature of the water. Is the water unpredictable and fast flowing, stagnant or calm.

**Flag:** The flag is an announcement to change, something has shifted and a flag makes the world aware of this shift. It is a bright, bold obvious sign that a new day is dawning. This is not about subtle shifts, the flag is about "in-your-face" transformation; an event to announce to all who will hear.

**Flame:** The flame is a symbol of illumination. It reminds us that there is no darkness, only an absence of light. When we carry the light in our hearts and minds, lower level energy will always be dispelled.

**Flowers:** Flowers are all about opening up and receiving the light of love, joy, beauty, growth, sensitivity and the unfolding of compassion into our lives. They remind us of the good times, the sweet smell of success, and the beauty that surrounds us if we open up to their presence.

**Globe/World:** Achievement is imminent; we have the whole world "at our fingertips." It is also a symbol of comprehension, getting the idea, or grasping the "bigger picture." The globe is also a geometric aspect of the circle which deals with infinity, completion, cycles and totality.

**Grapes/Grapevines:** Symbol meanings of grapes and grapevines deal with fertility, abundance, transformation and blessings. They are considered the fruit of the earth and are symbolic of youthfulness.
Green grass: Green grass indicates the fertile soil of ingenuity and inspiration.

Halo: A symbol of enlightenment and gaining higher awareness and insight.

Hammer: The hammer or the act of hammering is a sign of getting the point across, or getting the job done. It’s also the symbol of force, action, masculinity and creativity. It may also mean we need to hammer out the details relating to work or a project.

Hand: Power, force, domination, protection these are primary symbol meanings relating to the hand. Hands are historically seen as points of transmission, meaning we give and receive from hands (energetically and physically). The hand pointing heavenward in the Hierophant is a sign of benediction, meaning your spiritual needs will be met.

Head: There is no struggle or discomfort on the Hanged Man’s face. He knows the outcome will lead to his benefit of spiritual knowledge.

Heart: Symbol of love, joy, affection, truth, courage and conscience. The symbolic heart is the centre of existence, physically speaking it pumps out life to the rest of the body. Take notice what the centre of your focus is. What do you love most, that which is positive or negative?

Hoe: Symbolically this deals with work, resourcefulness, accomplishment. Are you using the tools that are available to you? Are you doing things the hard way and on your own, maybe you need to recruit some help to make things easier?

Holy Grail: The Queen of Cups is the keeper of the Holy Grail. The Holy Grail been the actual cup from which the Nazarene drank at the last supper. The angels who dwell with her are always guarding its contents of spiritual enlightenment.

Horn: The horn, a symbol of a forceful announcement, a joyous, boisterous, victorious, triumphant announcement. They signal to all within ear-shot that something has happened or is about to happen soon. Horns can be a victory or an oncoming attack.
Horse: Featured on all the Knight cards, the symbol meaning deals with strength, motion, action, vitality and powerful balance. The horse also has a charging nature. In a reading, this gives us pause to consider where we are charging to and why.

House: In houses we live, die, play, cry, grow, hide, dream, the list goes on. As such, they are symbols of our deepest secrets and the tenderest part of our hearts. They also deal with protection. When houses jump up into our vision in a reading it may be a sign that our security is threatened, or it may convey the opposite, and we should not be concerned with safety as we are already protected.

Ice: Ice symbolic meaning deals with isolation, patience, waiting, distance and objection. In Tarot it gives the feeling of separation and is also used to portray a time of deep contemplation or a process of growth that is not perceived until much later.

Inverted five-pointed star: The five-pointed star or Pentagram is a symbol of harmony amongst all the elements. Inverted, this symbol means disharmony, error and maligned thought.

Keys: Keys unlock things, and as such, they represent knowledge, intellect and the uncovering of things that are hidden from us. When keys come into our reading we may need to ask if we are locking up our potential, or if we feel something is being locked away from us. The keys in the Hierophant card symbolise the keys to spiritual knowledge and wisdom.

Knap sack: Is the Fool taking little time to consider the practical matters of his journey with his little knap sack or does it contain something far greater than consumables. He is young and only starting on his journey so he has no worries but he needs to consider the journey ahead and prepare properly.

Lantern: When the lantern of the Hermit comes shining on our awareness it is a symbol of clarity coming through and life revealing precious gifts to us. It also carries with it all the symbol meanings that deal with light; it is the vehicle for intelligence, truth, life and illumination.
**Legs crossed:** The leg positioning seen in the Hanged Man card is used for suspension to uncross. The World card is its opposite. This crossing indicates that you have used your diversity to your advantage. You are at a cross road and are now complete.

**Lemniscate:** The infinity symbol: the endless and eternal nature of energy. Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it simply continues on forever in motion.

**Lightning:** The symbolic meaning of lightning deals with instant and divine intervention. It’s a message for you to wake up and pay attention to your surroundings.

**Lily:** The lily has symbolic meanings of purity, fertility and vulnerability and the freedom to be ourselves, as well as allowing others to be as they are too. In a reading, the lily can signal growth, development and a quality of innocence in our lives.

**Lion:** The symbolic meaning deals with strength, courage, royalty, protection and for the beastly needs of the flesh. These are the physical needs and cravings we all have. When the lion roars at you in a reading consider the level of your courage. Are you doing things in faith or flesh, protecting yourself or others, or are you being stubborn or strong.

**Lizard:** With symbolic meanings of renewal, vision, enlightenment and rebirth. The lizard suns itself on these cards to signify the importance of vision in the midst of action. The lizard is a tiny reminder that big results come from small, conscious efforts.

**Lobster:** Also depicted as a crab or crayfish in other decks, the Lobster deals with cycles, regeneration and protection. These creatures cast off their shells for new ones, when they come crawling into your reading you need to look at what protection you may need for your path ahead.

**Man:** The man in the World card signifies an angel and spiritual power.
**Moon**: The moon is a sign of femininity, the softer, intuitive side of all of us. The moon deals with cycles, time, psychic power, reflection and emerging from one phase into another. The moon is very powerful; it affects the realms of nature and our body fluids in subtle ways. When you pull this card ask yourself if you are allowing the moon to influence your direction in life when you should be listening to your intuition.

**Mountains**: Mountains deal with triumph and challenge. How far away are your mountains and how high are you prepared to climb to reach your goals.

**Nudity**: Nudity is the ultimate form of external expression, trust and vulnerability and the letting go of your guard. There's nothing to hide once your clothes are off. Nudity is a powerful expression it gets the point across that trust and love is being shared.

**Ocean**: The oceans deal with infinite possibilities. It's the essence of vastness, mystery and depth. You need to acknowledge that there are higher powers from the universe at work in your life when you pull a card with the ocean in it. You need to release your control in order to allow these powers to open up new opportunities for you.

**Path**: Paths deal with the directions we choose to travel in any phase of our life; be it in your career, family, love or spirituality. These are our life journeys and they begin with the first small step we choose to take. They indicate beginnings, endings and the steps we take in-between that create the life we are living.

**Pillars**: When you see pillars in your reading it is a sign that going between may be more to your advantage than taking a left or right road. Don't see things as black or white another option with a new and different perspective may be needed.

**Pitcher**: When the pitcher shows up in your reading, hold it by the handle and ask yourself what kind of vessel are you, what are the contents in your pitcher. See the pitcher as your body. The contents in the pitcher hold what you have in your heart and your life. Is it for good or bad?
Ploughed Fields: "As we sew, so shall we reap." Ploughed fields are a symbol of time. Patience is required while we wait for the results we are expecting from our labours. Nothing in nature can be rushed.

Pomegranates: Pomegranates deal with abundance, fertility, lusciousness, generosity and union. It’s a feminine symbol and is associated with female sexuality. When we see pomegranates in our reading it is time to tap into the luxurious side of life, there is richness and abundance everywhere.

Purple ribbon: This is an ancient symbol for balance and unity.

Rabbit: Rabbits deal with good judgement and are impulsive and fast. They are social and grounded creatures. This is a good sign to gather family and friends around you now, but also a time to look before you leap.

Rain: When rain comes pouring into your reading it is time for cleansing. Rain washes away all the dirt leaving everything fresh and clean. Rains symbolic meaning is one of clearing and washing away the old in order to accept the new.

Rainbow: Rainbows are indicators of bright health. If you are looking for the pot of gold at the end of your rainbow you need to have balance of wisdom and insight.

Ram: The ram is a symbol of Aries, the astral ruler of the Emperor. Aries is the first sign of the Zodiac. The head of the ram has symbolic meanings of authority, determination, action, initiative and leadership. When the ram butts into your reading, it is a sign to take responsibility, get up, take action, and get motivated to accomplish your goals.

Rivers, Streams and Waterfalls: Water is a symbol of emotion and the subconscious. Therefore, rivers and waterfalls deal with the constant running and flowing movement of our emotions and the stirring movements of our deeper minds. You must not let your emotions run away from you when you see rivers, streams or waterfalls in your reading.

Robe: The white robe in the Strength card is a sign of strength and purity.
**SYMBOLS**

**Rose:** A symbol of purity and beauty, the promise of new beginnings and hope. You need to take the thorns into consideration, with the promise of new hope there may be a few pricks from the thorns, which can be painful ordeals that need to be dealt with. You have beauty that is ready to unfold in your heart, make time to enjoy it.

**Ropes:** Ropes deal with binding, confinement and restriction. Ropes have knots and you can get all tied up in them. In the Hanged Man case however, the rope has a purpose, it serves as a necessity in order to pull away from your internal knots. When you are all tied up, you are forced into a state of non-action and this is precisely the answer to your problem. The more you struggle with the ties that bind you, the tighter the knots become.

**Scale:** The scale is a symbol of equality and balance. When the scale weighs itself into your reading you know a part of your life is out of balance. When the scale is tipped more to one side some corrective action is needed to bring the scales back in balance.

**Scroll:** The scrolls symbolic meaning deals with knowledge that is carried down from era to era. They are symbols of ancient wisdom and sacred knowledge, usually of a secretive nature. When the scroll flashes at you in a reading it is time to get in touch with the facts that are hidden, get to the source of knowledge and educate yourself about what is going on in the situation pertaining to your reading.

**Shells and Shellfish:** Shells and shellfish deal with cycles, regeneration and protection. These creatures are lunar symbols; they cast off their shells for new ones. When shells surface in the Queen of Cups card, you may need some kind of protection for the path you are on.

**Shield:** Shields deal with defence, protection and covering up. Even in the midst of the most happy and abundant times the shield is a message for you to protect yourself from over-indulgence. It’s also a signal for you to make preparations to shield and protect that which you value the most; family, friends and your future.
**Ship:** Ships deal with travel and journeys. When a ship sails into your reading, take into consideration where your thoughts are travelling. What kind of baggage are you carrying around, and are you taking the best course for your thoughts and emotions?

**Skull:** The skull is a symbol of movement and change. Some cultures see the skull as the seat of the mind, the home of our thoughts. The skull can also mean the death of unwanted thoughts.

**Snail:** Snails deal with steady footing and stability. Snails carry their homes on their backs which is symbolic of carrying your security in your heart. The progress is slow, but it is steady footed. Featured in the Nine of Pentacles, stability and success did not appear overnight it came at a snail's pace.

**Snake:** Snakes deal with renewal, rebirth and development mainly because they shed their skin during each cycle in growth. They are cold-blooded and depend on their environment for their body temperature. This is a symbolic message that you must be adaptive, flexible and adjust as best you can to your circumstances. When the snake slithers into your reading you may need to ask yourself if you need to shed a part of yourself to allow further growth, or possibly you need to be a little more flexible in a situation.

**Snow:** "Out in the cold," isolation and exposure to harsh conditions or it can mean clean, crystal clear and quiet. When the flakes fall into your reading you can either see the snow as isolation or as a fresh clean start.

**Sphinx:** Symbolic meaning deals with guardianship and protection of the secrets of life. The physical structure been part man part beast is a symbol of the senses. In a reading it is asking you to use all of your senses to determine the secrets that may be holding you back.

**Staff:** Staffs deal with support, stability and direction. It is a symbolic representation of the number one, and as such it carries a meaning of new beginnings, first-attempts, single-mindedness of purpose in thought and deed.
**Stained Glass:** Stained glass is symbolic of perception and how your vision (the mental, physical and spiritual) can change according to your views and beliefs. Seeing stained glass in your reading is a sign that you need to be honest about your view of a situation. Are you seeing things clearly, or looking at things through an unclear point of view?

**Star:** The star symbol meaning deals with shedding light on your life, offering you navigation when you need it. You can look to a higher source for direction or illuminate your own way with the starry light from within yourself.

**Sun:** The sun is a symbol of expansion, growth, energy and creativity. The rising sun is a symbol of new beginnings. The mid-day sun indicates going full force in creative activities. The setting sun indicates endings or transition.

**Sunflower:** The Sunflower always faces the sun. It looks to the light for any answers and guidance. When the sunflower faces you in your reading it’s time to look away from the dark negativity side in your life and look to the light and positive side of things.

**Sword:** The sword in the Justice card represents double-edged action of right-thought and right-action. The blade cuts through and questions all cloudy thinking you may have about a situation. By cutting through the fluff you are able to be clear and identify the areas of your life that need closer examination.

**Throne:** The Throne is a chair for someone who is in supreme power of authority.

**Tomb:** Tombs deal with the laying to rest the thoughts and things that no longer serve us. Do not get the wrong impression when you see the tomb in your reading. It has very little to do with physical death. You need to free yourself from tomb-like belief systems which mostly occur after much time of stagnation.

**Towers:** Towers represent stagnation. The Tower tells us that if we build our lives upon false illusions, or settle for something lesser, they will inevitably come crashing down upon us.
Tree: "As above, so too below." The root of a tree grows deep underground yet reaches for the skies with its branches. "A man is judged by his fruits." What kind of fruit are you producing?

Triangle: In ancient Egypt the triangle was seen as a symbol of intelligence and indicated the capacity for love. The Buddhists use this as a tool to invoke the energy of love. The triangle also deals with the love represented in the mother, father, child union, the holy trinity as well balance and creativity.

Uroboros/Snake: The serpent swallowing its own tail is symbolic of cycles; it's also the infinite nature of energy. The meaning in the Magician card is that energy is endless and your ability to manipulate energy is the key.

Wall: Walls deal with the need for privacy. They also deal with separating one area from another. When you see a wall in your reading take notice of the surrounding cards and see what area of your life needs to be kept separate from another.

Water: Water is a symbol of emotions and subconscious it also symbolises purity, cleansing and rebirth. It is associated with the moon too which causes its symbolism to lean towards femininity.

Waterfall: Waterfalls deal with the constant running and flowing movement of your emotions and your deeper mind. They rush down at such speeds that they take everything with them in their path. When they come crashing into your reading you need to ask yourself if you are in control of your thoughts and emotions or are they controlling you.

Wheat: Wheat is a universal sign for nourishment. In the Empress card you see the Empress in all her nurturing glory. Bounty is harvested so that growth can take place. She tells you that the seeds you sow, you shall also reap.

Wheel: The Wheel is a symbol for mobility and cycles. It is symbolic of the natural flow of energy when used in ritual. It enables man to perform more efficiently when working. Our lives move in the same turning and flowing motion as the Wheel.
**Wolf:** The wolf is a symbol of loyalty and intelligence. When the wolf bears its teeth at you in a reading ask yourself where your loyalties are lying. You need to stop being so predictable and be true to yourself.

**Wreath:** Wreaths symbolise completion, victory and infinity (circle). Success is achieved in the Strength card. The battle against primal urges has been won and there is harmony in the heart.
About the author

Three decades ago I started on my spiritual journey, the last couple of years I have experienced the tarot and it has been the highlight of my journey. I am happily married and have been blessed with three beautiful daughters.

Today I know how and why Tarot cards work. When I was young I’m not sure where this came from but I was terrified of Tarot or any card readings, I believed they were the work of the devil. Today I don’t even believe there is a devil.

I was brought up with the Catholic religion when I was young. I had to pray for my sins to be forgiven, not really knowing what they were. I got sore knees from kneeling and repeating ten Our Fathers and five Hail Mary’s weekly. Surely God could hear me the first time… surely He knew I was making up what was said in confession. Here I was asking for my sins to be forgiven and not even knowing what they were. How could I ever be forgiven if I didn’t even know what had to be forgiven?

A young man came knocking on my door after my first daughter was born. He wanted to teach me about his God. He said things I could not grasp but I was mesmerised by what he said. After he left, I prayed for days for him. I was so confused by what he said because it was so different to what I was brought up to believe. I had a child now and needed to know the truth about life and the ways of the world. I went down on my knees and prayed to God to help me. So started the first stirrings on my spiritual journey… the seeds were planted.

I mean no harm with my words to anyone or the Catholic Church; this is my journey which I am sharing. My path has been a long and winding road, filled with up and down hills, roses and thorns, truth and lies, hurts and happiness, I thank all those who came into my life (especially those who kept pressing my buttons) and shared this journey with me, bless you all.
Book Summary

Use tarot to foretell your or someone else's future. The Rider Waite deck is the deck recommended to begin your tarot journey as it is easy to interpret as well as help you develop your own intuitive meanings for the cards. Your cards can help with problem solving, decision making, overcoming obstacles and to gain personal insight.

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