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# THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO TAROT CARD MEANINGS

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## YOU + TAROT CARDS = INNER WISDOM AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

If you could ask about a relationship, decision, or situation anytime you wanted, and receive a clear, life-affirming answer, right on the spot... would that make life better? Because that's what reading Tarot cards—and this Guide—is all about!



Hi, I'm Brigit! Professional Tarot reader & teacher, intuitive business coach and Founder of Bidy Tarot ([www.biddytarot.com](http://www.biddytarot.com)).

I'm here to help you learn the language of Tarot, bring more intuition, inspiration and flow into your days, and ultimately create a life you adore.

And just so we're clear...

Tarot cards alone aren't magic. (In fact, they're just ink on paper!)

There's nothing weird, wicked or woo about it.

But what is magical is how Tarot cards help you connect with a deeper, more expansive part of yourself. The part of you that knows there are no limits, there's always more than enough, and anything you want is possible.

That's why I created **The Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings**—to help you connect deeply and intimately with the Tarot cards and to live a more intuitive life with Tarot as a guide.

In this Guide, I'll walk you through the meanings of each and every Tarot card for all types of Tarot readings and life situations. You'll never go blank in a reading again!

It's my belief that anyone can learn to read Tarot—including YOU—and my work (and this Guide) shows you how.

Warm Wishes

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## A FINAL WORD FROM BRIGIT

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# **HOW TO USE THE ULTIMATE GUIDE**

I've taken my very best Tarot card meanings and brought them together in **The Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings** to help you connect intuitively and confidently with the Tarot cards.

The Tarot card meanings I share in this Guide are as a result of reading Tarot professionally for 20 years for thousands of people worldwide and using Tarot in my personal life to manifest a business and lifestyle I adore.

I hope that by sharing these Tarot card meanings with you, you will be inspired to read Tarot with confidence and create your very own personal and intuitive connection with the Tarot cards.

Here's how you can get the most out of the Guide.

## **1. LEARN TO READ FROM THE HEART, NOT THE BOOK**

What?! I'm telling you to forget about this book before you've even started to use it?! Not exactly.

**The Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings** is designed as a learning resource.

Read the book in between Tarot readings to discover what the cards mean and how you might interpret them in a Tarot reading. Build your knowledge and expand your understanding of the Tarot cards.

But when you do a Tarot reading, put the book down. That's right—you can do it!

Look at the Tarot card and see what comes to you intuitively. You might get a certain feeling or energy from the card. You might notice a certain object or person in the card. Or you might relate to the story that's being told in the card.

That energy or feeling is your intuition talking to you! It's where the magic truly begins to happen, and your Tarot readings begin to offer you deep and personal insight.

(If you want to learn how to read from the heart, not the book, then check out my online Tarot training programs, <https://www.biddytarot.com/courses/>.)

Now, of course, if you get stuck or you draw a blank about what a card might mean (and don't worry—it happens to the best of us!), you have *The Ultimate Guide* to help you. Simply look up the card, read what it could mean, and then connect with your intuition to discover what it means to you.

## **2. THERE ARE NO RIGHT AND WRONG TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Has this ever happened to you? You do a Tarot reading, connect with your intuition and interpret what the cards mean for you. But when you go to look it up the card meanings in a book, you find something completely different!

You start to panic. “Am I totally wrong?!”

Take a deep breath, dear. You are not wrong. In fact, you couldn't be more right!

You see, when you connect with your intuition and interpret the cards, you are right where you need to be—even if it's different to what you read in this *Guide*.

The intention of the Guide is just that—to be a guide. It's not the 'be all and end all' of Tarot card meanings. What's more important is that you're connecting with your intuition and manifesting your dreams and desires, with the Tarot by your side.

### **3. YOU'RE NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE RIDER-WAITE DECK**

While **The Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings** refers to the Radiant Rider-Waite deck, you can use this Guide with other Tarot decks too.

Usually, the core energy of the Tarot card is the same across different decks—it's just the imagery and symbolism that can be different. It's like telling the same story, but just using different words.

So choose a Tarot deck that you most resonate with and then use the Guide to interpret the core energy of those cards.

### **4. CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION IN THE BIDDY TAROT COMMUNITY**

If you LOVE talking Tarot and connecting with like-minded people, then you'll love the Bidy Tarot Community.

The Community is an online learning group for purpose-driven people who want to live an intuitive life with Tarot as a guide.

Inside, you'll find a private discussion forum to ask questions and share idea about the Tarot Cards, live monthly Tarot training webinars with me, the Tarot 101 course, the Free Tarot Readings Platform to practise your skills with real people, and much more!

Learn more at <https://community.biddytarot.com/join/>

# THE MAJOR ARCANA

The Major Arcana (also known as the trump cards) form the foundation of the Tarot deck. They comprise of twenty-one numbered cards and one unnumbered card (the Fool). They represent a path to spiritual self-awareness and depict the various stages we encounter as we search for greater meaning and understanding. Accordingly, they hold deeply meaningful lessons.

The Major Arcana represent the structure of human consciousness and hold the keys to life lessons passed down through the ages. The imagery of the Major Arcana is filled with wisdom relating to multiple cultures and esoteric traditions, including the Egyptian, Buddhist, Hindu, Sufi, Hebrew, and Christian religions.

It is important to study these images and contemplate their messages. Look beyond the simple keywords and traditional meaning and seek out your personal meanings for the Major Arcana cards. The more you understand the symbolism, the deeper you will understand what they represent. You can do so through meditation with the Tarot cards. In my audio program, **Soul Meditations: A Journey Through the Major Arcana**, I'll lead you on a guided tour of your subconscious mind as we meditate with the 22 Major Arcana cards. It's an incredibly profound way to get to know these powerful cards.

The Major Arcana cards can also represent Carl Jung's archetypes—consistent, directing patterns of influence that are an inherent part of the collective unconscious of our human nature. These themes mark, portray and symbolise stages in our psyche whereby we aim to become balanced and integrated individuals. Along this journey we encounter challenges, face adversity, make difficult decisions, and fight opposing forces. Each step of the way brings us closer to enlightenment. This is often referred to as the journey of The Fool<sup>1</sup>.

When a Tarot reading is predominantly made up of Major Arcana cards, you are experiencing life-changing events that will have long-term effects. There are important lessons that you must pay attention to in order to progress further in your spiritual and personal quest.

If many of the Major Arcana cards are reversed, however, it indicates that you are not paying attention to important life lessons and must return to the lesson of the previous card before moving forward.

# **QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: MAJOR ARCANA**



Beginnings, innocence, spontaneity, a free spirit

# FOOL

Naivety, foolishness, recklessness, risk-taking



Love, union, relationships, values alignment, choices

# LOVERS

Disharmony, imbalance, misalignment of values



Power, skill, concentration, action, resourcefulness

# MAGICIAN

Manipulation, poor planning, latent talents



Control, will power, victory, assertion, determination

# CHARIOT

Lack of control and direction, aggression



Intuition, Higher powers, mystery, subconscious mind

# HIGH PRIESTESS

Hidden agendas, need to listen to inner voice



Strength, courage, patience, control, compassion

# STRENGTH

Weakness, self-doubt, lack of self-discipline



Fertility, femininity, beauty, nature, abundance

# EMPRESS

Creative block, dependence on others



Soul-searching, introspection, being alone, inner guidance

# HERMIT

Isolation, loneliness, withdrawal



Authority, father-figure, structure, solid foundation

# EMPEROR

Domination, excessive control, rigidity, inflexibility



Good luck, karma, life cycles, destiny, a turning point

# WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Bad luck, negative external forces, out of control



Religion, group identification, conformity, tradition, beliefs

# HIEROPHANT

Restriction, challenging the status quo



Justice, fairness, truth, cause and effect, law

# JUSTICE

Unfairness, lack of accountability, dishonesty


# **QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: MAJOR ARCANA**






Suspension, restriction, letting go, sacrifice 

## HANGED MAN

Martyrdom, indecision, delay 




Hope, spirituality, renewal, inspiration, serenity 

## STAR

Lack of faith, despair, discouragement 




Endings, beginnings, change, transformation, transition 

## DEATH

Resistance to change, unable to move on 




Illusion, fear, anxiety, insecurity, subconscious 


## MOON

Release of fear, unhappiness, confusion 



Balance, moderation, patience, purpose, meaning 

## TEMPERANCE

Imbalance, excess, lack of long-term vision 



Fun, warmth, success, positivity, vitality 

## SUN

Temporary depression, lack of success 




Bondage, addiction, sexuality, materialism 

## DEVIL

Detachment, breaking free, power reclaimed 



Judgement, rebirth, inner calling, absolution 

## JUDGEMENT

Self-doubt, refusal of self-examination 



Disaster, upheaval, sudden change, revelation 

## TOWER

Avoidance of disaster, fear of change 



Completion, integration, accomplishment, travel 

## WORLD

Lack of completion, lack of closure 

# 0. FOOL

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Beginnings, innocence, spontaneity, a free spirit.

**Reversed:** Naivety, foolishness, recklessness, risk-taking.



## QUOTES

“There are two mistakes one can make along the road to truth...not going all the way, and not starting.” – Buddha

“A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.” – Lao Tzu

“The knack of flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss.” – Douglas Adams (Author of **The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy.**)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Fool is numbered 0, the number of unlimited potential, and does not have a specific place in the sequence of the Tarot cards. The Fool can come either at the beginning of the Major Arcana or at the end. The Major Arcana is often considered as the Fool’s journey through life and as such, he is ever present and therefore needs no number.

The Fool is shown at the beginning of his journey with unlimited potential. The sun rising behind him represents the beginning of his journey. He is facing north-west, the direction of the unknown. He is looking upwards, toward the sky, or Spirit. He is about to step off a cliff into the material world, but is he prepared? He has all the tools and resources he needs in the bag on his staff, but he has not opened the bag yet. The white rose in his left hand represents purity and innocence. He has a guardian in the little white dog who will protect him throughout his journey but who will also push him to learn the lessons the Fool came here to learn. The mountains behind the Fool represent the realms of Spirit that he has just left and will spend his life trying to regain.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Fool is a card of potential, new beginnings, and innocence. This card shows the highest potential for your life, reaching a state of renewal and new

beginnings, where each day is an adventure and each moment is lived to the fullest. It represents the beginning of all creativity and a desire to accomplish new goals (or to at least, start the process of working towards those goals). This card indicates that anything can happen and the opportunities are just waiting to be taken advantage of.

The Fool represents the need to set forth on a new journey, one that is completely unknown and will take you to uncharted territories. This is all about new experiences, personal growth, development, and adventure. The Fool asks you to take a leap of faith and to trust in the Universe in that if you begin a new journey, you will find success. This Fool lives a carefree life, free from worry and anxiety. He does not seem to mind if he does not know what lies ahead.

The Fool may represent a choice to be made—one of vital importance. However, there are always many different options available, and the choice must be made wisely. If you are facing a decision or moment of doubt, the Fool encourages you to believe in yourself and follow your heart no matter how crazy or foolish your impulses may seem. This is a time when you need to truly believe and have faith in where the Universe is taking you.

This is an excellent card to meditate on if you are experiencing a lot of fear in your life. The Fool enhances courage, risk-taking, and the creative expression needed to open up new areas in your life. The Fool is always whole, healthy and without fear. He is the spirit of who we are, the spirit expressed and experienced as wonder, awe, curiosity, and anticipation. We never know what the future holds, but like the Fool, we must blindly go forward. You need to trust that you are a spirit born into flesh to enjoy life and grow in experience. Take a chance and see what happens.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In the spirit of new beginnings, the Fool can often indicate the beginning of a new career path or a new job. This is likely to be an area where you have little experience, and you are very eager to learn more as you go along. Imagine a graduate role or a change in your career direction where you are starting with completely fresh eyes.

The Fool can also represent an entrepreneurial spirit. Filled with new ideas and possibilities, you will be inspired to begin a new enterprise or business. If you have been thinking about leaving your current job or taking a leave of absence, in time, you will. A word of caution, however. You may be particularly susceptible to 'get rich quick' schemes that leave you high and dry, so make sure you do your research before investing heavily.

## **Personality Types**

Someone represented by the Fool promises to be unforgettable, unconventional and challenging. Their social or cultural background is likely to be very different from your own, requiring adjustments on both sides. Often, the Fool symbolises a partner who is much older or younger than you. Whatever the differences, this person can open your eyes, showing you a wider world than you ever dreamed possible. His lust for life is undeniable, accompanied by a hunger for knowledge and a passion for ideas. Together you will discover the playful side of love, for this person loves to have fun and longs to make you laugh. He may not hold down a steady job but will usually find the money to buy amusing gifts for you or spring imaginative surprises.

This card also represents someone who is a risk-taker, who is spontaneous and fun. He may be a little immature at times and still very much a boy at heart, but he is exciting to know and has a carefree energy about him. When you are with him, you feel a great sense of freedom and a sense that you can do anything. He offers you a new lease on life and an entirely new perspective on love and what is possible. He is indeed a free spirit and may not always make the best, most mature decisions. He likes to take life as it comes rather than think out the consequences of his actions.

The Fool can represent someone who is naive, gullible, and even child-like in their way of thinking. This is a dreamer, one who lives in their own little happy world when it comes to the way they perceive things. Similarly, the Fool is often portrayed as a wild youth, dancing in ecstatic abandonment at the edge of a precipice, ready to step off the edge.

## **Relationships and Love**

The Fool often represents a new relationship when you are most definitely in the early stages of getting to know each other and exploring the different facets of the relationship. You may be somewhat afraid to let go and explore the possibilities together, but this nervousness and initial fear urge you forward and entice you to find out more about where the relationship is heading.

Alternatively, you may not be ready for a commitment yet, even though others may be pressing you for one. You may be more attracted to the bachelor lifestyle of being able to come and go as you please and to explore many new and different relationships all at the same time. You are seeking fun and spontaneity, rather than something more serious. This is fine but do not let your desire for fun make you overlook the real thing, or true, deep love, should it come your way now.

If you are currently in a relationship, you may be starting to feel a strong desire to step out on your own and explore new relationships. You may be on the verge of wanting to start your new journey but just do not know how to make it happen.

## **Spirituality**

In living life as the Fool, you have a more direct inner connection with Universal energies and you feel the power of spirituality transformed into your everyday life. There is a sense of renewed youthfulness and awareness of the gifts of life. In his quest for new experiences, the Fool can also reflect a time when it feels as though you are experiencing life for the first time. You may be looking at your environment from a completely new perspective, being intensely present and opening yourself up to the wonders of the world around you.

The Fool reflects that your desire to explore many different approaches to spirituality in order to see how they fit with you. There is nothing wrong with this exploration, however, be careful not to get too carried away with any one thing while you are still exploring different options.

The Fool can also indicate a powerful need to obtain deeper knowledge about

spirituality, although your friends and family may not understand where this is coming from. Regardless, you have to do what is best for you.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Fool can indicate that you are more accident prone than most, so be mindful not to engage in high-risk activities and to be more aware of the risks around you. You may be so caught up in the beauty of nature, for example, that you forget to look where you are going and trip.

The Fool can also suggest that your health is very likely to be on the upswing. If you are having health problems, you are likely to find the people and resources you need to make headway toward a full recovery. It may require you to take a different approach and perhaps even try a treatment that is a little 'out there' or that has not been fully tested. Positive thought is important and should come fairly easily to you now.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Fool + Star – Blind faith (in a positive sense) and a belief in new possibilities, transformation, and change.

Fool + Judgement – Rebirth, the dawning of a new possibility or personal transformation.

Fool + World – One journey is coming to an end, while a new journey is about to begin.

Fool + Two of Swords – Reluctance to take the first step or to take a calculated risk.

Fool + Three of Wands – Expanding horizons and entering new territories. Potential for travel.

# **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the Fool suggests that you may be acting in total disregard of the consequences of your actions and indeed acting ‘the fool.’ You are trying to live in the moment rather than planning ahead. You are acting recklessly, wanting to break free of the usual routine to find yourself, but doing it in a way that completely disregards others.

The Fool reversed cautions you about potentially being taken advantage of or entering into a deal where you do not fully understand the consequences of your decisions. If you are offered an opportunity that seems too good to be true, then it probably is. It is paramount that you do your due diligence on the opportunities presented to you to ensure that you are making the right choice and not simply going with the most enticing offer at the time. Be prepared for the challenges that lie ahead so that you are not taken by surprise. Do your research and make sure you are well prepared for critical events, such as job interviews, applications, presentations, and meetings.

In a career reading, the Fool reversed suggests that you do not want to be placed in a work situation where you are completely out of your depth and have no clue what you are doing. You want to feel at least competent that you know what you need to do and you most certainly do not want to look like the fool or the newbie on the block. Even if you have not been in the workforce for a little while, you want to be respected for your experience to date and do not want to have to start at square one again.

In a relationship reading, the Fool reversed can indicate that the nature of the relationship is highly changeable and uncertain, with spontaneity taken to a whole new level. You may be unsure about where the relationship is heading and whether you can safely depend on your partner. You may both be risk-takers with little consideration for the long-term consequences of your actions. This may bring with it excitement and suspense but also an underlying feeling of uncertainty and insecurity.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Fool reversed + Devil – Short-term thinking for personal gain but longer-term detriment.



Fool reversed + Six of Cups reversed – Naive and immature; reverting to child-like behaviour.

Fool reversed + Page of Cups reversed – Naive yet hopeful that a negative situation may turn positive once again. You might end up disappointed.

# 1. MAGICIAN

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Power, skill, concentration, action, resourcefulness.

**Reversed:** Manipulation, poor planning, latent talents.



## QUOTES

“Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person.” – Albert Einstein

“Spiritual love is a position of standing with one hand extended into the universe and one hand extended into the world, letting ourselves be a conduit for passing energy.” - Christina Baldwin (Author and seminar presenter)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Magician is associated with the planet, Mercury and carries with it, skill, logic, and intellect. The number of the Magician is one, the number of beginnings. The Magician is the bridge between the world of the spirit and the world of humanity. His right hand holds a staff raised toward the sky and his left hand points to the earth. He takes the power of the Universe and channels it through his body and directs it to the physical plane. Above the Magician’s head is the symbol of eternity and around his waist is a snake biting its own tail, another symbol of eternity. His magical table holds all four suits of the Tarot, each of which represents one of the four primordial elements of the alchemists—earth, air, fire, and water. These symbolise the appropriate use of mind, heart, body, and soul in the process of manifestation. The Magician’s robe is white, symbolising the purity and innocence found in the Fool but his cloak is red, representing worldly experience and knowledge. In the bed of flowers at his feet, this duality is repeated in the mix of pure white lilies and thorny red roses.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Magician typically appears at a time in your life when you have the creative power and energy to create a new life cycle for yourself. You have the ability to take the power of the Universe and manifest your desires. A situation has been (or soon will be) presented to you that has all the inherent

components to allow the manifestation of your desires. Those desires may be spiritual (fire), physical (earth), emotional (water), or mental (air), and are each aligned with the four elements of the Tarot. You have the ability to make it happen!

With the Magician, you are inspired to apply skill and initiative to accomplish all your goals. You have a strong desire to begin something new, to do, act, or go forth. A can-do attitude and strong sense of optimism will dominate a new beginning, and thus the decisions that you make will have positive results.

The Magician sees you creating success in everything that you do. This is a card about manifesting your goals by utilising the skills, tools, and resources that are available to you. You will come up with creative ways to solve problems, and you will be able to use your existing knowledge and networks to arrive at solutions.

The Magician is a good omen when you have a specific wish, when you begin a project involving creativity, or when you need to make a transformation of any kind. This is a great card for meditation when you need to call all the elements for help and wisdom.

The Magician indicates that you can benefit from your creative forces if you can claim your power and act with awareness and concentration. This card is a signal to act consciously and act now provided you understand exactly what you want, and are committed to getting it. You need to know what you are doing and why you are doing it. Be clear about your underlying motives and intentions.

This is also a card of deep concentration on a specific task or activity. You need to be focused on a single goal or purpose at this time, and you need to channel all of your energy, tools, and resources towards this one goal. Commitment to the task is essential, and as such, you will need to eliminate any distractions that will take your focus away from what you want to achieve.

The Magician shows that you are doing a great job at pulling together all of the skills, resources, and tools that are available to you in order to bring about

an outcome that suits you. You are keeping a very pragmatic head about you, and you are trying to remain as objective and 'can-do' as possible, even if you are worried on the inside. Keep this up as it will help you to create as much success as possible. Keep thinking about what other skills and resources you can use and keep focused on the task at hand.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career or work reading, the Magician shows that you are in your element and you are accomplishing the key objectives for your role. You are a true master at what you do, and you can successfully draw upon all of your tools, resources, networks, and personal knowledge to get the job done. Expect to receive positive feedback, especially around the way you accomplish your goals at work.

This card also shows that you are successfully utilising and applying your skills in your day-to-day work. Employees often feel under-utilised in what they do, but this is one card that shows you are feeling engaged and energised by the activities you are involved in at work.

In terms of possible career paths, the Magician (as the illusionist) can display great manual dexterity. When the Magician is combined with the Chariot, it may indicate a skilled auto mechanic; with the Ace of Swords, someone who enjoys fencing or a neurosurgeon; with the Three of Swords, a heart surgeon. More broadly, the Magician may reflect a project manager or general manager who must draw upon all of the resources available to get the job done.

Financially, the Magician suggests that something will appear that will allow you to make more money, whether this is an idea, a chance to do some work on the side or even a new position.

## **Personality Types**

When you need to make things happen, turn to the Magician. He knows how to use all the tools at his disposal to come up with clever plans no one else would think of. This strong-willed individual rises to face any challenge

head-on. A healthy mind is far more important to this person than a healthy body.

The Magician represents someone who has the skills and resources to manifest their dreams. He is a successful figure as he draws on whatever is available to him to bring about attainable outcomes. Perhaps if there is one area of development, it would be ensuring that his dreams can be made a reality, through careful goal-setting and action planning. This individual needs to be clear on what it is that will excite, inspire, and bring about a sense of fun in their life.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a relationship reading, the Magician reflects that you are both focused on making the most of the relationship and improving it where necessary. You are both keen to apply your knowledge and skills from previous relationships to your current relationship to make it work. You are also coming from a pragmatic way of thinking and will do whatever it takes to make the relationship a success.

If looking for love, the Magician advises you to consider all of the tools and resources available to you right now that will help you on your journey. For example, you may consider internet dating, drawing upon your network of friends, or starting a new hobby to meet someone. This is about keeping an optimistic and can-do attitude in order to manifest your goals.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Magician sees you taking Universal knowledge and power, applying them to your material world. You are keen to create a link between the spirit, the mind, and the body, without creating an over-emphasis on any of these three elements. You are in a grounded, centered frame of mind and are keen to actually practise your spiritual knowledge and beliefs, rather than to just contemplate or meditate upon spirituality as a concept.

## **Well-being and Health**

If you are experiencing health issues, the Magician sees you considering all of your options and choosing the best path for treatment. You are action-oriented and focused on reaching a solution to any health issue that you may be experiencing. You are willing to try many different treatments or visit many different specialists, so long as you finally resolve your issue.

In terms of your wellbeing, you remain optimistic, and you feel as if you can deal with any obstacle or challenge that stands in your way.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Magician + Temperance – A strong desire to use your skills to help others and achieve a higher purpose.

Magician + Six of Pentacles – Skilled volunteering or setting up a new charity organisation.

Magician + Eight of Pentacles – Incredible focus and concentration, especially at work or in your studies.

Magician + Eight of Wands – Swift action leading to successful results.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the Magician can indicate greed, deceit, manipulation, and using one's skill and ability for negative ends. It can reflect trickery and cunning, untrustworthiness and mental confusion.

The reversed Magician may represent your typical used-car salesman. He uses his charm and his power in a manipulative manner to convince you of his point of view. Always be careful of this type. Make sure you know what you are buying into rather than being swept away by the excitement he generates.

The Magician reversed often suggests that you may be out of touch with reality and struggling to bring yourself back down to earth. There may be

confusion, impatience, and lack of a clear plan. You need to return to the lesson of the Fool and free yourself from the current situation in order to give yourself some perspective and reassess the situation. Ask yourself, where am I focusing my energy? Are my objectives clear? What skills and abilities are needed in this situation? How am I communicating with others? What do I want others to believe or see about me?

The Magician reversed shows that you have a lot of skills, talents, and abilities that are not being utilised at the moment and you feel as if your true potential is not being maximised. You may be feeling that you have so much more to give, that there are skills or talents that you have gained over the years that you are not using right now. There is something that you know you are very good at, but you have not allowed yourself the opportunity to nurture and explore this skill. You will already know what these talents are, so ask yourself, “Why am I not putting these talents to good use? What is getting in the way of drawing upon my skills and abilities and reaching my full potential? What needs to change in order to be the best person I can be?” You will need to find opportunities where you can tap into this unused skill and bring it into the conscious mind.

Similarly, the Magician reversed in a spiritual reading suggests that you have a particular skill or talent that could help your spiritual journey, but you are not yet using this skill. For example, you may be studying the Tarot and reading for friends and family but what you do not realise is that you have a real talent for reading Tarot and could be reading professionally for a much wider audience. If you were to expand your Tarot reading, you may find that it also has benefits for your spiritual journey. You may also be keen to pursue new spiritual interests, particularly if your current path is not fully meeting your needs. Be open to change and know that it is ok to build up a portfolio of different spiritual beliefs and skills.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Magician reversed + High Priestess reversed – Misuse of higher knowledge and power.

Magician reversed + Devil – Using your personal power to manipulate



others.

Magician reversed + Seven of Swords – Untrustworthy person who is only out for personal gain.

Magician reversed + Eight of Swords – Trapped in a negative way of thinking and unable to progress forward.

## 2. HIGH PRIESTESS

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Intuition, higher powers, mystery, subconscious mind.

**Reversed:** Hidden agendas, need to listen to inner voice.



### QUOTES

“All perceiving is also thinking, all reasoning is also intuition, all observation is also invention.” – Rudolf Arnheim (Psychologist)

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.” – Albert Einstein

## **DESCRIPTION**

The High Priestess is also known as Persephone, Isis, the Corn Maiden, and Artemis. She sits at the gate before the great Mystery, as indicated by the Tree of Life in the background. She sits between the darkness and the light, represented by the pillars of Solomon’s temple, which suggests it is she who is the mediator of the passage into the depth of reality. The tapestry hung between the pillars keeps the casual onlookers out and allows only those initiated to enter. The pomegranates on the tapestry are sacred to Persephone. They are a symbol of duty (because Persephone ate a pomegranate seed in the underworld which forced her to return every year).

The blue robe the Priestess is wearing is a symbol of knowledge. She is wearing the crown of Isis symbolising the Triple Goddess. The solar cross on her breast is a symbol of balance between male and female.

In her lap, she holds the half-revealed and half-concealed Torah, representative of the exoteric and the esoteric teachings and higher knowledge. The moon under her left foot shows her dominion over pure intuition. The palm indicates fertility of the mind and the cube on which she sits is the earth. The planet associated with the High Priestess is the Moon.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The High Priestess represents wisdom, serenity, knowledge, and understanding. She is often described as the guardian of the unconscious. She

sits in front of the thin veil of awareness, which is all that separates us from our inner selves. She knows the secret of how to access these realms. She represents spiritual enlightenment and inner illumination, divine knowledge and wisdom. She has a deep, intuitive understanding of the Universe and uses this knowledge to teach rather than to try to control others. She appears when you need to listen to and trust your inner voice.

The High Priestess represents a link to the subconscious mind, which cannot be accessed through the everyday world but only through dreams and symbols. When this card appears in a reading, pay attention to your dreams and intuition. Look for areas in your life that may be out of balance or that require greater foresight and wisdom. Knowledge of how to fix it will not come through logic or intellect but through your intuition so put aside a time when you can meditate and listen to your inner voice. Your intuitive sense right now is providing you with useful and helpful information and is assisting you to become more in touch with your subconscious mind.

For a male especially, he must learn of his ‘anima’ or female side, or he will fail to grow. For a woman, she must learn to trust herself and to be truly feminine, rather than succumbing to the pressures of having to act more like her male counterparts.

The High Priestess can also point to the unknown and can indicate that your life is changing. Things that once seemed certain can no longer be taken for granted. Some puzzling mysteries become clearer, but all is not yet revealed at this point. On the plus side, you will find that your intuitive powers are increasing and you may be inspired to be creative. The High Priestess is, therefore, a particularly good card for poets and writers.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the High Priestess advises you to follow your gut instinct and your intuition. Sometimes we do not realise how much we know on an intuitive level and while the work environment often requires us to have factual evidence, we can also draw upon our intuitive base to make the right decisions. You may have a gut feeling about what needs to be done or how a work issue can be resolved. If considering a career move, go with the path

that feels most right to you.

As a highly intuitive and receptive individual, possible career paths include working as a counsellor, psychic, spiritual advisor, teacher, or coach. You may be well suited to a career as a consultant, diagnostician, or practitioner in any area where you can use your highly developed perceptions and insights. Combined with the Eight of Cups, you may be suited to be a psychotherapist, perhaps specialising in lifestyle changes or 12-step programs; and combined with the Lovers, you may be suited to be a confidante and/or mediator.

Financially, you will need to learn to trust your intuition on how you manage your money. You will also need to keep your financial matters confidential and only share your information with those you trust. You may also have access to secret information about where to best invest your money. Keep these secrets to yourself to maximise your returns.

## **Personality Types**

The High Priestess is a very calm, passive, and patient person. She remains non-active (that is, consciously inactive) and often withdraws from involvement with her outer world so that events can proceed without her intervention or her need to control them. She trusts in the Universe to take care of unfolding events.

She is independent and self-sufficient in her life. Solitude is important to her so that she can connect with her spiritual source. She likes to be near water, as it heals and rejuvenates the spirit and body. She is easy to talk to because she is receptive and gentle. She is highly intuitive, may be a psychic, or someone who is deeply connected to their inner spirit and subconscious mind.

## **Relationships and Love**

As the High Priestess reflects intuition and deeper knowledge, the appearance of this card in a relationship reading heralds a very special connection between two people. This card represents a relationship guided by intuition, where you both feel a deeply intuitive connection. Your reactions are coming

directly from your unconscious. You may even feel that you are both soul mates as a result of this incredibly deep connection with each other.

Similarly, this card asks you to trust your intuition, so if a relationship no longer feels right, then it probably is not. You will need to listen to your inner voice to know what the best path forward is.

If the High Priestess appears in a relationship reading for a man, it represents finding the perfect woman that all men want—mysterious, secretive but incredibly enticing! If in a woman's reading, she may find those values in herself or in a female friend, rather than necessarily in a male/female romance.

Emotionally, the High Priestess shows that you are attuned to your heart, emotions, and dreams and that your feelings have an unconscious motivation, dealing from a non-logical place.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the High Priestess suggests that you are about to attain a new level of enlightenment. You may have realised the power of your intuition and have begun to study psychic matters. This card can indicate a particular attraction to the occult, a thirst for secret knowledge. However, knowledge will not come at this time through action or intellectual endeavour but by listening to the inner voice of the spirit, which may be missed in the hurly-burly of chatter and business. Put aside times of silence when you can become aware and listen.

This card also reflects that your spiritual path is guided by intuition, knowing the way through your own heart and your connection to the divine rather than logic or formal teaching. Your higher self is communicating via dreams.

## **Well-being and Health**

With the High Priestess, it is very likely that you are already very in tune with your body and mind, sensing where your health stands. Again, trust your intuition and follow your inner voice to guide you to where you need to focus

your attention. If you feel that something is not right with your body, believe in your concerns and advocate for yourself. You may need to see a different health care practitioner, particularly if your current provider is not trusting your instincts around your health. You may find you also connect better with a female practitioner or specialist. Similarly, if a procedure or test that is suggested to you does not feel right, do not think that you have to go through with it. Support yourself as best you can with a nutritious diet, regular exercise, and any necessary vitamins and minerals.

Possible health issues may be infertility, menstrual issues, and other female health issues.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

High Priestess + Hierophant – Balance between intuitive knowledge and written knowledge, or the sacred and secular.

High Priestess + Hermit – Stepping back from the outer world to go deeper into the subconscious and to explore inner meaning and understanding.

High Priestess + Star – Making personal changes based on an intuitive sense of what needs to be done.

High Priestess + Two of Cups – A soul mate connection built on a deep understanding.

High Priestess + Eight of Wands – Taking swift action based on your gut instinct.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The High Priestess reversed can signify that you are not listening to your inner voice and may need to take time for reflection and meditation. It is as though your intuition is calling out to you, but for some reason you have switched off and are no longer listening to what your subconscious is trying to tell you. Think of the High Priestess as the calm centre inside of you that is

untouched by your external world and know that she is always there when you need her. She is a part of you that you have not had much time to connect with, but she is an important part of you. Whenever you feel that things are just getting too crazy and you are faced with impossible choices, find a quiet space and listen to your inner voice. If you stop thinking about your issues or just give yourself some space and time of nothingness, the answer will come to you without having to even think about it. So, try listening to the nothingness and see what comes to you. Some very important answers lie within that you can access right now.

The reversed High Priestess also suggests that you are usually an intuitive person who is connected with your inner self but in recent times you have lost this connection. You may be rushing around and worrying excessively about external issues and other people's problems that you have lost focus on your own needs.

You are not listening to your inner guidance anymore, and this is leading you further astray. The strong message here is that you need to take some time out for YOU and you only, so that you can tune into your inner voice and connect once again with your subconscious mind. Meditation or spiritual study may help.

This card can also represent repressed feelings, an over-reliance on the opinions of others and an excessive need for approval and validation. What is needed is greater confidence in yourself and a deeper knowing that you have the answers already within you and do not need the validation of others.

If the High Priestess appears reversed in your reading, it can indicate that you have been gaining occult knowledge on a superficial level without any comprehension of its true significance, perhaps merely to impress others. It can also indicate that you have not been listening to your intuition or have been trying to ignore something that you know deep down is true. In either case, this will cause problems for you. On a deeper level, the High Priestess reversed can mean that you have failed to come to terms with yourself as a woman. If you are a man, it can indicate a damaging refusal to accept the feminine, emotional, intuitive side of yourself.

Finally, the secretive nature of the High Priestess can be turned into the



negative with the reversal of this card, indicating that there may be gossip, hidden agendas, and issues going on under the surface. Demand to know the truth and prevent others from beating around the bush and keeping secrets and other information from you.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

High Priestess reversed + Three of Cups reversed – Being excluded by a circle of friends who are engaging in gossip and secrecy.

High Priestess reversed + Ten of Cups reversed – Acting in ways that go against your personal values and your gut feeling.

High Priestess reversed + Nine of Wands – Feeling as though people are gossiping behind your back or not telling the truth.

## 3. EMPRESS

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Fertility, femininity, beauty, nature, abundance.

**Reversed:** Creative block, dependence on others.



### QUOTES

“Spiritual and religious traditions, when shaped by the feminine principle, affirm the cyclical phrases of our lives and the wisdom each phase brings, the sacredness of our bodies and the body of the Earth.” – Patrick Wynne

“The deepest experience of the creator is feminine, for it is experience of receiving and bearing.” – Rainer Maria Rilke

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Empress is the archetypal Earth Mother, the Anima, the Feminine Principle, Demeter, Freyja and the Goddess of Fertility. Ruled by Venus, the planet of love, creativity, fertility, art, harmony, luxury, beauty, and grace.

The main feature of this card is the Empress herself, a full-figured woman with blond hair and a peaceful and calm aura about her. On her head she wears a crown of stars, showing her connection with the mystical realm of angels and fairies. She is dressed in a patterned robe of pomegranates, symbolic of fertility and is seated upon a luxurious array of cushions and flowing red velvet with the symbol of Venus emblazoned upon it.

The Empress is surrounded by a beautiful, lush forest with a stream running through it, demonstrating the Empress’s deep emotional connection with Mother Earth and life. She draws her sense of peace from the trees and the water and is rejuvenated by the energy of nature. In the foreground, golden wheat springs from the ground, reflecting abundance from a recent harvest.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Empress shows a deep connection with our femininity. Femininity translates in many ways—beauty, sensuality, fertility, creative expression, nurturing—and is necessary for creating balance in both men and women. The Empress calls on you to connect with your feminine energy. Create

beauty in your life. Get in touch with your sensuality through taste, touch, sound, smell, and sight. Draw on these senses to experience pleasure and deep fulfilment. Treat yourself to a day spa, learn massage, enjoy a fine dining experience, or simply spend more time with your partner. Discover new ways to creatively express yourself, be it through painting, music, drama, or other art forms. This may be the perfect time to take up a new hobby that enables you to access this part of yourself.

The Empress may also indicate pregnancy or birth. Look to other cards in the reading to confirm if this is an actual pregnancy or birth (for example, the Ace or Page of Cups or the Four of Wands) or if it is metaphorical (for example, the Ace of Wands). On a metaphorical level, the Empress may represent the birth of a new idea, product, or a new way of being. New ideas and projects will be implemented resulting in the success of all your projects and interests. Bring forth those ideas that have been growing and developing inside of you.

The Empress encourages you to spend time in nature. Use your holiday time not to stay in fancy hotels in busy cities but to explore nature by pitching a tent or hiking through its beautiful terrain. Allow yourself the time and the space to enter into a different frame of mind in which you can truly connect with Mother Earth and receive her into your heart and mind. Take a trip to your favourite natural setting, be it a forest, beach, mountain, or lake and simply sit for a couple of minutes, hours or even days to breathe in the energy that surrounds you while marvelling in the beauty of the earth. The Empress highlights that you are grounded in the material plane (a stabilising influence), yet you can reach into higher planes of consciousness through your connection with nature. You have the potential to connect between the Earth and the Universe.

The Empress is a deeply nurturing and caring card. If you are a mother yourself, you may be exploring your mother role even more deeply than you have before and truly appreciating the gift that has been bestowed upon you. You are blessed by maternal, protective forces or influences. For fathers, the Empress encourages you to nurture your children and open the lines of communication between you and your child. Encourage growth and development of your children, and be there to support and guide when

needed.

More broadly, the Empress encourages you to connect with others by nurturing, caring, and supporting those around you. Find ways to support dialogue and open communication, creating a space to openly express your feelings.

When we allow ourselves to truly experience the connections with Mother Earth, our femininity, and those around us, we create abundance and radiance in our lives. Take a moment to reflect on the love that surrounds you and build on this energy to create even more abundant love in your life. Know that love is limitless. A wonderful affirmation associated with the Empress is, “I bring forth my creations with joy. I love and nurture them to fruition.”

Similarly, the Empress indicates that the Universal energy is about to intervene in your life. It may be just enough to give you a glimpse of a miracle, or it may be even more. You may or may not know whom or what brings such good fortune, but the care and nurturing that will result come as no accident. What appears to be coincidental good luck may actually be the result of a series of good choices you have made. It is your turn to have things work out in your favour, to be blessed and to feel nurtured. Know that you are worthy of receiving this loving embrace.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Empress indicates that you are seeking a creative outlet in your work. You may be drawn to work activities that draw on your creative talents or your ability to design or develop new ideas. Routine or administrative tasks will tire you at this time and will only sap your energy.

The Empress may also reflect a very caring and nurturing manager at work who is more like a ‘Mother Hen’ than a boss. She takes the time to get to know you and to understand how you are feeling at work. She cares for your well-being and focuses her energy on building relationships at work, rather than simply getting the task done. She may also reflect a mentor in the organisation who can offer you not only career support but emotional

support, particularly if the relationship is female to female.

If considering a career move, the Empress is your encouragement to find a career that is more aligned to your inner being and one that truly engages you. Possible career paths associated with the Empress include gardener or landscape designer, interior decorator, artist, park ranger, beautician, nurse or health care provider, counsellor or therapist, and teacher.

Financially, the Empress brings abundance. Your financial situation is likely to be positive and may well be a result of you giving to those around you and then receiving in return.

## **Personality Types**

The Empress is a highly sensory person who appreciates the beauty in the simple things in life. She is comfortable with nature. She is patient, following only the cycles of the Universe, leaving the rules up to the Emperor. She watches the seasons change, the tides come and go, the moon change through Maiden, Mother and Crone, and she feels for each moment. She can reach out and understand each changing cycle and knows that one day, she will face this cycle again. Her wisdom is profound.

The Empress is often representative of a mother or a mothering type of person. That is, someone who cares for and nurtures others. She is also a wonderful listener and will always make you feel comfortable in revealing your innermost feelings.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are searching for love, then the Empress is a positive sign that you have already developed that deep sense of self-love and self-respect and this will radiate from you to others. Others will see you as a very feminine, loving and nurturing person and will naturally be drawn to you to share in your energy. In this sense, you will have many opportunities to connect with others and start something truly special.

As a potential partner, the Empress is a very sensual person who is deeply

connected with her sexuality, femininity, and inner beauty. She may be a little on the voluptuous side, but this makes her incredibly sexy! She likes to give and receive pleasure, indulging in the senses and exploring the various elements of an intimate relationship.

In a relationship reading, the Empress is a positive sign that your connection together will indeed mature and will enter a new space where you are incredibly comfortable with each other. The Empress is such a beautiful card, particularly within the context of a new relationship, as it shows genuine care, nurturing, and expression of feelings. It moves beyond the impulsiveness of the Fool and takes the relationship to a new level that is more tempered and balanced. She also represents abundance, new ideas, and blessings, suggesting that you and your partner may begin to dream of how you can continue to create your future together.

If your relationship is experiencing some trouble, then the Empress acts as a reminder to communicate more openly and honestly with each other. You need to come from a place of love and compassion when you share with each other and discuss your feelings. This is a time to let go of all the defensive barriers and to truly open up to each other. Try to look at the situation with deep love for your partner, even if he or she is continually doing things to upset or annoy you.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Empress suggests that your intuition and inner voice is trying to send you a message. You need to pay attention to what you feel and sense around you and listen carefully to your inner voice. Even if others need you, you still need to take some time to honour yourself and listen quietly to that voice inside. You may also find that you connect with Paganism or Wiccan practises at this time. The Empress is very connected with Mother Earth and, as such, you may be drawn towards exploring the connection between humans and the Earth through Pagan studies.

## **Well-being and Health**

Overall, the Empress heralds very positive health and well-being,

demonstrating that you are deeply connected to your inner self, which translates to outer health. On a physical level, pay attention to any feminine health issues, particularly around fertility and the menstrual cycle. If you are trying to get pregnant, then the Empress is an excellent sign that this may be forthcoming. If you are not ready to be a parent and pregnancy is a possibility for you, this is a time when you will need to be very careful and use contraception ALL the time!

If you are having health issues of any kind, consider them from a different perspective. What is your body trying to tell you? Consider adding some sort of naturopathic or homeopathic approach to your health regimen.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Empress + Emperor – Mother and father figures.

Empress + Lovers – Sexual fulfillment, intimacy, and pleasure in your relationship.

Empress + Star – Generosity and free-flowing love to all those around you.

Empress + Nine of Pentacles – A high level of sophistication and an appreciation for the finer things in life, especially expensive art or fancy restaurants.

Empress + Ten of Pentacles – Affluence, luxury, and physical comfort.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the Empress suggests a loss of personal power through placing too much emphasis on another person's emotional or material needs, thus neglecting your own. The reversed position of this card deals with indecisiveness concerning others and confusion about the direction a relationship may be taking. You may also be finding it difficult to work cooperatively with others. The reason for this lack of harmony is likely to be within you, and therefore introspection is required.



In a relationship reading, the Empress reversed suggests that you are feeling very challenged because you do not have an avenue to express your true thoughts and feelings and you are obliged to bottle a lot of it up inside. Have you got a close friend in whom you can confide? You need to share your feelings with someone so that you can understand them and get in touch with your inner self. This card can also suggest a dependence on other people's feelings, indicating that you may be playing a waiting game now to see how your partner reacts and what emotion he/she displays. It is best not to do this but instead work through your emotions independently of him or her.

If you are struggling in a relationship, the first step for you is to take some time to yourself in order to restore your energy levels and your belief in yourself.

Unfortunately, your past relationships have impacted how you see yourself and your ability to truly love and trust another person. As a result, you may be doubting your inner beauty and losing your inspiration for creating beautiful, loving relationships.

You may also be overprotective of someone you love and this is straining your relationship. Be mindful that you are not becoming a smothering, demanding mother. Are you mothering your partner, friends, or family too much? Be careful not to overdraw on the characteristics of the upright Empress. You may need to follow the example of the High Priestess who listens to her inner psyche for the answers.

More generally, the Empress reversed indicates that you are feeling discontented because something is missing or lacking in your life, or because you want to find something creative, meaningful or fulfilling to do but you do not know what. This card can indicate a creative block. You may find your mood is depressed or negative. Work can feel laborious and mundane. This is not a time to think, act, or do. You are already overloaded, and mental pursuits will not give you what you need. Further attempts to follow your intellect or reasoning mind will only cause frustration or lead you astray.

The Empress reversed may also indicate issues with pregnancy, whether it is infertility or an unwanted pregnancy.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Empress reversed + High Priestess reversed – Not listening to your intuition or not connecting with your inner being.

Empress reversed + Page of Cups reversed – Disappointments around pregnancy, possibly an expectation that has not turned out as well as you had hoped.

## 4. EMPEROR

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Authority, father-figure, structure, solid foundation.

**Reversed:** Domination, excessive control, rigidity, inflexibility.



### QUOTES

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” – John C. Maxwell (Motivational speaker)

“He that cannot obey, cannot command.” – Benjamin Franklin

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Emperor is the complement to the Empress. He is the Masculine Principle, the Animus, and the Patriarch. He represents power and authority, and his stern attitude is quite a departure from the sensual beauty of the Empress. The Emperor has a long, white beard, a symbol of his experience. As an archetype, it is common to see masculine figures of authority or father figures with long white beards. It suggests that this man has acquired years of wisdom and experience and he is worthy of listening to because he has seen first-hand the consequences of his actions.

Behind his throne are barren mountains and the throne itself is decorated with four rams' heads, representing intellectual heights, determination, action, initiative, and leadership. The ram is also a symbol of Aries, the astral ruler of the Emperor. In his right hand, the Emperor holds an Ankh, the Egyptian symbol of Life, and in his left is an orb representing the world over which he rules. The orange background and the Emperor's red clothing symbolise his passion and energy for life and the challenges it offers.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Emperor is the father figure of the Tarot deck. He is the provider and protects and defends his loved ones. He has established a solid family line and is often seen as the patriarch of a wide network of family members. He offers guidance, advice, and wisdom to others and in doing so, demonstrates authority and grounding. His wisdom is obtained through worldly, life experience. He has 'been there, done that,' and has the battle armour to prove

it. He takes what he has learned, and passes it on to the next generation, so someday they can be as wise and powerful as he is. He brings security and comfort to those around him.

The Emperor is also representative of structure and stability. He is able to create order out of chaos by carefully categorising his thoughts and mapping out what needs to be done to solve the problem. He is a systematic and strategic thinker and is highly organised and coordinated in his approach. He sticks to a plan and ensures he sees it out until the end. Thus, this card indicates that you have a strong desire to see your ideas manifested on the physical plane in the form of material gain or accomplishment. An opportunity will arrive that could be the foundation for a very successful future.

The Emperor reflects rules and regulations. He establishes law and order by applying principles or guidelines to a specific situation. He likes to operate within a defined structure with set boundaries. He respects routine and follows a specific regimen or discipline.

Domination of the mind over the heart is sometimes unwanted or best avoided, but with the Emperor, it is necessary and even welcomed. If you are facing difficult choices, you must maintain your concentration and focus. Enjoy the assertiveness and confidence that this self-control and focus brings. Push ahead and do what you know is best. Know that if you can master yourself, then you should have little problem mastering the world and everything in it.

The Emperor is a powerful leader who demands authority and dominance. He is most comfortable in a leadership role where he can command and direct others. He likes to be in a position of strength, where he can exert control and bring a sense of organisation to his activities. He often represents a solid establishment that is built on strong foundations. As a leader, he rules with a firm but fair hand. He will listen to the advice of others, but he will always have the final say. He is not afraid of war and/or conflict and he will not hesitate to use his force and power to protect those he cares about. The privileged few whom he favours always repay him with the loyalty and respect he deserves.

The Emperor heralds status, success, and recognition. You will have an earnest desire to be recognised as a strong figure of unquestioned achievement and authority. You will want to be known as the dominant force, the leader, and the expert. Focus your attention completely on your goal and be very careful not to reveal any weaknesses or personal doubt.

If you come across the Emperor in your life, then you will need to be ready to impress! The Emperor administers and governs the area you wish to enter. You cannot achieve your dreams and goals without this person's blessing. With the Emperor's support, you will have a much better chance of actualising your dream, and you can begin to benefit from the established structure he has formed.

Sometimes, the Emperor can represent the power of the government or a decision-making body. Within yourself, there is also a force that governs your actions.

These forces are willpower and self-control. You may have discussions concerning contractual agreements, profit sharing, subsidies, or management.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Emperor can represent a leader, boss, or mentor who is incredibly powerful and well-established. If you can get on his good side, then he will be your advocate. You can do this by demonstrating discipline and focus and doing everything that he asks you to do.

The Emperor can also represent significant success at work and may even signify a promotion to a leadership position. If you have presented yourself as successful, strong, and powerful, you will go far. You need to show others that you are indeed talented and you are an expert in your field. You can come out on top if you set your mind to something, if you are disciplined, and if you believe in yourself. You can now speak with authority on your area of expertise, and you know that others will listen to what you have to say. You are now more likely to speak up and be heard, rather than shrinking into the background and escaping the public eye.

It will also serve you well to be extremely organised at work, to plan ahead and to set up structures and formal mechanisms to manage your work. What is needed most is a rational and logical approach.

If you are already in a leadership position, people will now look to you to offer direction and guidance and to steer the business in the right direction. Even if you are going through a lull in inspiration, you need to find something to give you the edge you need. Sometimes we need to fake it a little and hope that by changing our actions we can eventually change our attitudes.

You may be drawn to a work environment that offers a solid and dependable source of income, where you feel safe and secure and where you can be part of an already established institution of sorts. This card lends itself to a government organisation, a large hierarchy, or even a financial or legal institution.

Possible career paths for the Emperor include a general manager or business leader, university lecturer, executive coach or mentor, accountant, program manager, builder, engineer, or business owner.

Financially, you may be wise to invest in conservative or well-established initiatives. This is also a time when you need to exercise self-discipline and control over how you manage your finances.

## **Personality Types**

The Emperor is a very authoritative, dominating, and sturdy figure. He loves to be the boss, so expect a bit of bossiness to go along with this character. He is like the head of the household, someone who stands his ground, who can be stubborn but at the same time reliable and dependable. He is representative of the very traditional male type—someone who always has his guard up to ensure that everyone around him knows he is in control. He will never give away anything about what he is experiencing emotionally. Beware, as sometimes this energy can become over-bearing and frustrating, especially when others try to crack through that tough exterior, only to be met by further walls.

## **Relationships and Love**

The Emperor typically represents an established, committed relationship that already has quite a bit of history behind it. He can often be husband material given his self-discipline, personal control, and focus. However, do not expect him to buy you roses or show any romantic inkling at all! He is highly practical and will focus on making sure the relationship is working at a very pragmatic level.

The Emperor often seeks to assume a traditional, masculine role in a relationship, where he can be the provider and the 'rock' for both of you. Most of the time, this gives you strength and comfort. However, he may also teeter on the border of becoming overbearing and authoritative, in which case you will have to win back some of the power in the relationship. Nonetheless, the Emperor as a partner looks out for you and takes the lead—qualities that many look for in a long-term relationship.

If you are looking for love, then the Emperor may symbolise that a more stable figure is coming into your life and you can expect a significant and committed relationship to develop.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Emperor is a positive sign that you have spent a good portion of your life focused on your spirituality. You may be a regular church-goer or someone who has practised some form of religion or spirituality for most of your life, and you will see this payoff. You have a well-established foundation, and you have this wonderful inner strength and confidence that you are on the right path. Continue doing what you are doing. You may also find that there is a male mentor who can help you spiritually and will provide well-needed advice as required.

## **Well-being and Health**

Healthwise, look out for any male health issues, particularly around fertility, stress, and anxiety. Given the fact that the Emperor likes to be in control and



taking the lead, there are times when he may just take on too much and burn himself out.

Be logical about your health. Order and discipline may be helpful in addressing any current health issues. For example, write down your symptoms, track them, and then see if anything in your life corresponds with those symptoms.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Emperor + Magician – A highly action-oriented and capable person.

Emperor + Hierophant – Conforming to rules, conventions, and religious structures.

Emperor + Chariot – Taking charge and taking control.

Emperor + Knight of Cups – Definite husband material! A nice balance between masculinity and romance.

Emperor + Three of Wands – Assuming a leadership role and developing business strategy.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the Emperor can suggest that there is an over-use and abuse of authoritative power surrounding you at this time. He can be incredibly domineering and rigid in his thinking. It could be originating from you, or from another person, often a boss, partner, or a father-figure. There may be an insecure man throwing his weight around who has a need for control.

You may feel powerless when the Emperor reversed appears in a reading. Dealing with authority is fraught with difficulties at this time and whether this manifests as a dominant partner, problems with your father, or battles with officials, you do not seem to be making any headway. Paradoxically, freedom lies within such structures now. This is not the time to rebel, instead,

try to get in touch with your own need to control events and deal with any problems logically.

Sometimes, the reversed Emperor asks you to stand up to authority and to know that you do not always have to go about matters in the most traditional way. You may be fed up with an overbearing boss or a hierarchical organisation, and you will be compelled to enter a more flexible and adaptive environment. You may also be inspired to work independently, perhaps even starting up your own business to be free of corporate life and oppressive bosses.

If the reversed Emperor comes up in a career reading, you may be at a point now where you want to avoid having to deal with this type of person, and you are now ready to embrace something new. You may also be seeking a career where you can have greater flexibility and creativity in how you complete your work. You are sick of having to always work within the confines of a particular structure or way of doing things, and you want to break free of this.

As a career aspiration, the Emperor reversed indicates that you are trying to avoid the energies of the Emperor in your future career direction. You may find that having to take an authoritarian role every day does not sit well with you anymore. You want to free yourself from the routine and the structures that have permeated your life and held you back. You want to provide yourself with greater freedom to explore your creativity, rather than getting bogged down in the detail and the routine.

On a personal level, the reversed Emperor can indicate that you lack self-control, ambition, and the ability to deal with any kind of authority. In fact, you probably show contempt for any kind of order. However, you may need to bring more structure into your life at this time. Things may have gotten quite chaotic recently, and now it is time to bring about order once again.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Emperor suggests that you may be in an unequal relationship and this is making you unhappy in the long-term. Your partner has become overbearing, possessive, dominating, and authoritative. While you may have been looking for a partner to take care of you and provide a stable foundation for the future, it has gone too far now, and you feel as though much of your independence and freedom have been

taken away. Your partner has become stubborn, rules-based, argumentative, and highly structured. This is putting strain on the relationship and preventing a creative flow of energies to flow between you. He/she feels benevolently toward you but has inflexible expectations of you.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Emperor reversed + Justice – Run-in with the law or problems with authorities.

Emperor reversed + Seven of Cups – Scattered thought and lack of self-discipline.

Emperor reversed + King of Cups reversed – Complete misuse of personal power; manipulative and nasty.

Emperor reversed + Five of Swords – Bending the rules or even breaking the law.

## 5. HIEROPHANT

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Religion, group identification, conformity, tradition, beliefs.

**Reversed:** Restriction, challenging the status quo.



### QUOTES

“Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding.” – William Arthur Ward (Author and pastor)

“The Supreme Lord said: I shall reveal to you, who do not disbelieve, the most profound secret of self-knowledge and self-realisation. Having known this you will be freed from the miseries of worldly existence.” – Bhagavad Gita

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Hierophant is known as the High Priest in some decks. He is the masculine counterpart to the High Priestess. He is also known as Chiron, the Pope, and the Shaman. The Hierophant is ruled by Taurus.

The Hierophant is represented by a religious figure, sitting within a formal church environment. He is wearing three elaborate vestments of his office that represent the three worlds. The crown he is wearing has three tiers. His right hand is raised in benediction, the same hand the Magician has raised. While the Magician was taking raw power from the Universe and manifesting it on the material plane, the Hierophant channels that power through society (as in the religions of the world). The triple sceptre is another symbol of his dominion over the three worlds. The crossed keys represent a balance between the conscious and subconscious minds and unlock the mysteries. Before him kneel two initiates. The Hierophant’s task is to bring the two initiates into the church so that they can take up their appointed roles. This symbolises entry into all types of institutions where there is a shared group identity. These could include schools, clubs, teams, companies, and societies.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Hierophant is very conventional and suggests that you have a desire to

follow due process and to stay within the conventional bounds of what is typically an orthodox approach. Instead of being innovative, you will need to adapt to the existing set of beliefs and systems that are already in place. You will need to do what is expected of you. This is certainly not a time to challenge the status quo!

The Hierophant suggests that you may be wise to follow established social structures and traditions. You may be involved in some sort of ritual, ceremony, or the trappings of religion. There is also a need to honour some tradition in your life, or maybe start some traditions of your own if you have none. Consider also exploring your spiritual or religious heritage.

In readings, the Hierophant often stands for institutions and their values. The Hierophant is a symbol of the need to conform to rules or fixed situations. His appearance can show that you are dealing with a force that is not innovative, free-spirited, or individual but is instead fixated on the 'way we have always done things around here.' Groups can be enriching or stifling depending on circumstances.

Sometimes we need to follow a program or embrace tradition, while other times we need to trust ourselves.

You may feel compelled to join a group or institution. It may be as significant as joining a new church or religious group, or as simple as joining a gym. This card is about identifying with a group and a way of thinking that will have benefit for you and will prompt further learning.

In his focus on sharing knowledge through an institution, the Hierophant represents education and the pursuit of knowledge. This card can indicate a period of increased studying and learning through formal mechanisms. You seek to understand a field of study that has been widely explored and documented, and so you may go to a well-known or established teacher to find out more.

The Hierophant may also appear in your life as a psychotherapist, a wise counsellor, a priest, or a spiritual mentor to whom you will turn for wisdom and knowledge.

He may be an authority or a kind and generous mentor who nurtures a spiritual awareness. You will learn new skills from this helpful teacher as he has the wisdom to provide good counsel and advice.

The Hierophant represents an institutionalised means for accessing the sacred and is the carrier and transmitter of ancient wisdom and religious teaching. He represents a link between the Divine and us and, for this reason, he is often referred to as the Pope. The role of the Pope is traditionally that of the mediator between God and mankind. As such, the Hierophant represents the spiritual teacher who helps us come into contact with the Divine. Unlike the Magician, who simply points the way, the Hierophant is a trusted guide, one who will take us by the hand and lead us to our spiritual goal. He represents a gateway to a higher consciousness reached in a ritualised manner. He teaches that which can be learned by word and example.

All things that are righteous and sacred come with the Hierophant—marriage, alliance, captivity, servitude, mercy and goodness, inner conscience and outer conscience.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the appearance of the Hierophant shows a need to conform to the current organisational culture, rules, and boundaries. You need to fit in with others, rather than innovate or transform. You need to accept that your superiors are right (whether they really are right is another question!) and do what they ask of you. This is not a time to challenge the way things are done but rather to accept the unspoken rules and the traditional ways of the organisation and its people.

You may need to align yourself with those in the highest positions of power to get where you want to go in your career. Your profession is centred in tradition within the system. It may depend on who you know and how you get along with them. A good strategy would be to begin developing personal relationships and alliances. Associate with various professional networks and associations, and become a member of your organisation's social group. This will help you to fit in and find your place with other like-minded people. It will also help you to form the strategic alliances that will provide you with

ongoing support throughout your career.

Possible career paths include becoming a spiritual teacher, religious figure, committee or board member, or the head of an established institution or society.

Financially, the Hierophant suggests that you seek the advice of bankers and professional money managers and/or people with more experience dealing with money than you have. This is a good time for investments, provided they are conservative and stable. This is not a good time for taking chances with money or entering high-risk stocks or bonds.

## **Personality Types**

The Hierophant is revered for his compassion, blessings, and understanding. He has a positive impact on the spiritual outlook of many people. He may be a facilitator who is interested in helping people connect with their spiritual side instead of trying to force narrow-minded beliefs on his/her followers. He opens the pathway to wisdom and insight for others.

The Hierophant also represents someone who is conventional. He has a need to conform and to be approved of by others in his social circles and networks. He is dependent on society's thoughts, but at the same time, he has the ability to follow his own path if he believes it is the right way.

## **Relationships and Love**

Given the focus on tradition and established structures, the Hierophant can often reflect a marriage or conventional relationship. For example, you may be reluctant to become intimate with each other before you are married, or you may want to get married before you move in together. There may also be religious rulings or boundaries that impact the relationship. For example, pressure may be placed upon you to pursue a relationship only with someone from the same religious background as yourself.

If you are looking for love, the Hierophant can reflect a strong desire to be in a committed and structured relationship. You may be more drawn to



conventional ways of finding a partner, rather than taking an alternative path. For example, meeting a potential partner through a friend or family member may appeal, instead of trying to pick someone up in a nightclub.

In a relationship that is struggling, the Hierophant suggests that you are staying in the relationship because it seems like the right thing to do. For example, there may be children involved, and you feel that you need to stay with your partner for the sake of your children's well-being.

## **Spirituality**

The Hierophant represents tradition, the orthodox and organised methods of nurturing spirituality. Regardless of your religious background, the Hierophant represents the spirituality you were taught from childhood and the religious traditions that are your heritage. The darker side of this card can represent authoritarian control and domination of religious expression.

The Hierophant encourages you to explore the framework of a religion, doctrine, or belief system. You are entering the spiritual world, and you are actively seeking answers to philosophical questions, such as the meaning of life. You have a strong desire for spiritual knowledge and accessing the spiritual teacher within. To do this, build expertise in ritual activity, ceremony, and life-cycle rites. Seek out a spiritual guide or mentor who can help you on this journey.

## **Well-being and Health**

A Ritual of any kind is helpful to your health right now. If you have health issues then discipline, order, and commitment (in whatever way that makes sense to you) is the way to go about addressing these issues. You may want to explore more traditional or conventional treatments to address your health concerns.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Hierophant + Emperor – Conforming to rules and religious structures.

Hierophant + Lovers – Marriage.

Hierophant + Three of Cups – Joining a social group or network.

Hierophant + Three of Pentacles – Working collaboratively with a team of professionals.

Hierophant + Six of Pentacles – Engaging in charity through a religious group or institution.

Hierophant + Eight of Pentacles – Engaging in further education and learning.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Hierophant reversed indicates that you are feeling restricted or constrained by structure and rules, and as a result, you have lost flexibility and control in your life. You have a strong desire to go against the grain and break free from convention. You may be tempted to go about your business in an unorthodox manner, to do something that is out of character or against social norms. The Hierophant reversed is about breaking the rules and challenging the status quo. You no longer accept the rigid structures, tradition, and dogma surrounding you, and now seek out opportunities to rebel and retaliate. You want to challenge ideas and concepts that you once thought of as written in stone.

The reversed Hierophant is about questioning tradition and asking yourself whether what you are doing is really the right thing by you. You may have been running on automatic so far and following the crowd, but now you realise that perhaps things are not the way they seem and changes need to be made.

In this way, the Hierophant reversed is like a rebellious teenager or young adult who begins to question society and participate in political activities. There may be a run-in with authorities or conflict with a parent or authoritative figure.

The reversed Hierophant can sometimes reflect societal or group pressure. You are being forced to conform, but you do not agree with the fundamental belief systems.

The Hierophant can also represent a person who is in a leadership role or position of authority. He may indicate a religious leader, a father figure, or even a boss at work. When the Hierophant is reversed, you may find that this person is ruling with an iron fist, forcing others to conform and abide by the rules, afraid to step out and do something different or challenge the status quo. If this person is in charge then you may have little choice but to follow.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Hierophant reversed + Fool – A rebellious teenager.

Hierophant reversed + Seven of Swords – Being a lone wolf and a ‘cowboy.’

Hierophant reversed + Two of Wands – Diverging from the crowd and becoming a pioneer.

## 6. LOVERS

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Love, union, relationships, values alignment, choices.

**Reversed:** Disharmony, imbalance, misalignment of values.



### QUOTES

“I love you not only for what you are but for what I am when I am with you. I love you not only for what you have made of yourself but for what you are making of me. I love you for the part of me that you bring out.” – Roy Croft (Poet)

“Love is a union with somebody, or something, outside oneself, under the condition of retaining the separateness and integrity of one’s own self. It is an experience of sharing, or communing, which permits the full unfolding of one’s own inner activity.” – Erich Fromm (Psychologist)

“It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.” – Joanne Kathleen Rowling (Author of Harry Potter)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The sign associated with the Lovers is Gemini. The two figures in the Lovers card are blessed and protected by the angel in the clouds above them. Angels, in general, represent the refinement of earthly desires. This angel, in particular, is Raphael, the Angel of Air. One of the associations of Air is communication, necessary for a healthy relationship. The purple cloak on the angel represents royalty, a symbol of how important communication is. The sun shines brightly over the couple, bringing warmth and security. The earth at their feet is green and fertile and suggests life and happiness. The five apples on the tree behind the woman represent the five senses, indicating how important sensual romance is to the woman. The snake in the fruit-laden tree behind the woman suggests the story of Adam and Eve, the fall of humanity from grace, and the temptations of the world. The snake is also a symbol of the senses. The flames behind the man represent the flames of passion, indicating the primary concern of the man. There are twelve flames, representing the twelve zodiac signs, the symbol of time and eternity. The man looks to the woman, who looks to the angel, indicating the path of the conscious to the subconscious to the superconscious, or from physical desire to emotional needs to spiritual concerns.

The mountain is a phallic symbol, while the water is a feminine symbol, indicating balance between the two.

# UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

## General

The Lovers represent perfection, harmony, and mutual attractiveness. Their trust in one another gives them strength and confidence to overcome the obstacles in life. The bond that the two lovers have created is incredibly strong and is often reflective of a marriage, soul mate connection, or very intimate and close relationship.

The Lovers can also indicate a very strong sexual connection that goes beyond instant gratification and lust, to suggest a very deep desire and passion that exists between two beings. The physical attraction is strong and so too is the desire to be intimate with one another.

On a more personal level, the Lovers card represents the establishment of a personal belief system and becoming clearer about your values. This is a time when you are figuring out what you stand for and what your personal philosophy on life is. Having gone through the indoctrination of the Hierophant, you are now ready to establish your belief system and make up your mind about what is and what is not important in life. This is also a time when you need to stay true to yourself and be as authentic and genuine as possible.

The Lovers also represents choices on a grand scale. A dilemma will be presented demanding an action or decision, and you will want to decipher the best way to proceed or make the right choice. Something is going to change your plans or the course of your experience, something that may look negative on the surface but will later prove to be a blessing in disguise.

When the Lovers card appears in a reading, it is important to think about what decisions and choices you are facing. The fact that the Lovers is a Major Arcana card indicates that these decisions or choices are incredibly important and significant, so it is essential that you choose the right path. There may be an easy option available, but you will need to ask yourself whether this is the right path for you in the long run. Often, it is the most difficult path that will bring you the greatest benefit, particularly on a deeper level.

If you find yourself at a moral crossroads where you must choose between taking the moral high ground or the low ground, then you need to consider all consequences before acting. The Lovers card highlights that your value system is being challenged, and you must make a definite choice based on that system. The choices are never really easy or obvious, either. Unlike the Fool's choice which has no wrong answer, the choice of the Lovers is very much right or wrong because one of those options will almost certainly take you down a negative path. Thus, it is wise to seek higher guidance before making your final decision. You must be completely honest with yourself in the situation. Do not take things strictly on face value but deeply examine your motives, your feelings, your options, and your personal values.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If the Lovers card appears in a career reading, it is indicative that you are faced with an important decision about the future of your career, and you may even be considering making a significant change to your career path. You may have the option of continuing with the status quo and doing what you have been doing up until this point, or you could branch out into a completely new area that is much more closely aligned with your personal values and belief system. There will probably always be a catch, though, for example, lesser pay for greater fulfilment, or the need to move cities to be able to access the career you want. In making your decision, you will need to apply your personal values and assess what will be the best option for you in the long-term.

Given the romantic nature of the Lovers, this card in a work-related reading may also indicate a work relationship or a very close professional relationship. There may be a colleague with whom you get along very well. You work very closely together and share many common values and ways of doing things.

If you encounter work issues, then try to resolve the issue from a place of love, compassion, and harmony. There is no point getting into arguments or becoming negative about the situation. Instead, give people the benefit of the doubt and do your best to bring harmony to the issue.

Financially, the Lovers card encourages you to consider a partnership or shared investment of some sort. It may be as a business, or as a couple (such as moving towards shared money and combined bank accounts).

## **Personality Types**

The Lovers card represents someone who is incredibly authentic and genuine. This person is very clear about his/her values and personal belief systems and can clearly articulate what he/she believes in and stands for. The Lovers also indicates that this person is very much in touch with themselves and in harmony with their inner feelings and emotions. They have an open heart and can share themselves openly with others. There are no reservations, no barriers, and no defence mechanisms. What you see is what you get. As a result, this person is highly ethical and comes from a very moral background. You can trust this person to treat you with respect and to be truthful and honest with you.

## **Relationships and Love**

The Lovers card is THE Tarot card for love! The Lovers represent relationships in our lives, particularly intimate and/or sexual relationships. It indicates situations in our lives where love is primarily important and may reflect the state of our relationships at the time.

In a current relationship, the Lovers card suggests that the relationship is very positive and the connection you have built together is very strong and based on true love and shared values. You both share similar goals in life, and you are moving through your life journey together. You are in harmony with one another and have a strong mutual attraction to one another. The Lovers is a confirmation and symbolic affirmation of physical and emotional unity.

If you are looking for love, the Lovers card can indicate the possible beginning of a romance. Look out for other cards that may confirm this, such as the Ace of Cups, Two of Cups, or Knight of Cups. It is also very important to you that you create a relationship that is built on mutual respect, rather than lust or pure physical attraction. This card counsels you not to be too hasty and not to rush into a relationship or marriage before you have thought



it through. The immediate gratification of desire is tempting but what will the long-term consequences be?

If you are having problems opening up and relating to people, the Lovers is the card you want to meditate on, for it allows the heart to open up in a way that gives and receives love. The Lovers may also indicate that you are facing a difficult choice in your relationships. The most familiar instance of such a choice, sadly, is the choice between your spouse and someone else you have fallen in love with.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, this is a time to listen to your heart and go with the belief system and faith that feels right to you. Do not blindly follow someone else's beliefs. Question everything and listen to your heart and your gut reactions. Read about many different spiritual approaches and take what is offered that is helpful to you and disregard the rest.

The Lovers also suggests that a spiritual mentor may be coming into your life. Remember the saying, "When the student is ready, the teacher appears."

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health and well-being reading, the Lovers card asks you to look for greater harmony and alignment in your life. You may be drawn towards treatments that focus on achieving harmony and balance, such as acupuncture, massage, reiki, or kinesiology.

With the Lovers card, your general health is likely to be good, particularly if you are leading a harmonious and loving lifestyle.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Lovers + Empress – Sexual fulfilment and pleasure, and a possible lesbian relationship.

Lovers + Star – A personal transformation towards building self-love and

respect.

Lovers + Two of Cups – A new relationship that is based on true love; a marriage or deep connection between two people.

Lovers + Three of Cups – A three-way or open relationship.

Lovers + Five of Cups – Loss of a loved one or loss of a committed relationship.

Lovers + Ten of Cups – Harmonious family relationships.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Lovers reversed indicates that you are avoiding responsibility for the consequences of your actions. You have made a rushed decision based purely on your desire for instant gratification, and now you are trying to lay the blame on others or fate. You must do what you can to make amends but if this is not possible, let the past go and resolve to make better choices in the future.

The Lovers reversed can also indicate inner conflicts and being at war with yourself rather than with external forces. It suggests disharmony and difficulty in being able to balance your inner union. Perhaps you are punishing yourself for something you have done or feel responsible for? To help you out of this situation, you will need to focus on clearly articulating your personal belief systems and values. This will help to guide you in making better decisions next time. In addition, you may need to return to the energy of the Hierophant and seek the counsel and advice of an institution or spiritual mentor.

In a relationship reading, the Lovers reversed indicates that there may be some imbalance. You may feel that a once close union is starting to fragment and break down. Your vibrations with each other may be out of tune, and you may feel as though you are both out of harmony. Despite an immense amount of potential when you first met, this potential is now being brought into

question. You are starting to realise that your values are different and your visions of the future are different. These fundamental differences may be a showstopper for the relationship if they cannot be resolved.

The Lovers reversed may also reflect that the feelings within a relationship are not mutual. One person in the partnership may have stronger feelings than the other and may be more emotionally involved. This could lead to disappointments later down the track and feelings of insecurity about the relationship. You may be reluctant to open your heart up to the relationship for fear of getting hurt.

You need to be aware that an imbalance in your relationships exists. With this in mind, you can alter your behaviour to accommodate being out of sync with your partner or someone else who is important in your life. Work hard to bring things back to the level point and do not allow things to get out of control. You may be experiencing a slight downturn at this stage, but it certainly does not mean it is all over! Simply try to maintain the balance and harmonise your union together.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Lovers reversed + Devil – Engaging in unhealthy, loveless and potentially abusive relationships.

Lovers reversed + Judgement – Exercising poor judgement that is misaligned with your personal values.

Lovers reversed + Three of Pentacles reversed – Lack of harmony in professional relationships.

Lovers reversed + Nine of Cups – Instant gratification but with long-term consequences.

## 7. CHARIOT

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Control, will power, victory, assertion, determination.

**Reversed:** Lack of control and direction, aggression.



### QUOTES

“If you have willpower, then you can change anything. It is usually said that you are your own master.” – Dalai Lama

“Success is not measured by what you accomplish but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.” – Orison Swett Marden (founder of Success Magazine)

“Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be.” – George Sheehan (Physician)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Chariot is associated with the astrological sign of Cancer. He sits within a canopy of six- pointed stars, representing the celestial influences at work in this Tarot card. The crescent moons on the man’s shoulders are outward facing to refer to the formative world. The symbols on his tunic are alchemical symbols, representing the spiritual transformation of man. The square signifies earth, a sign of strength of will. The laurel and star crown indicate the highest attainment of man in spiritual evolution.

The wings on the Chariot represent inspiration and the Hindu sign of the union of positive and negative. The black and white sphinxes have the same meaning. The Charioteer holds no reins, just the wand from the Magician card. He controls through strength of will in the same way the Magician does. The city is behind him, indicating he has turned his back on civilisation and materialism in order to seek spiritual matters.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Chariot represents conquest, victory, and overcoming opposition through

your confidence and control. Any success will be a result of applying these factors to the situation. You will need to use the strength of your willpower to overcome any obstacles or challenges in your way. You may even find that by leveraging any opposing forces surrounding you at this time, you can use them to your advantage. You must be determined, self-disciplined, and hard working. If you are, you will triumph over any difficulties or anyone who is trying to limit you. This struggle will ultimately make you stronger.

You will be successful in pursuing your goals, so long as you maintain focus, determination, and confidence in your abilities. You need to focus completely on the task at hand, get in the race and win it. You have to dominate and beat the competition. You must cultivate the ability to withstand the rigours of what is required. In fact, striving towards your goal can be as satisfying as attaining it. This is a time to be strong and in control. You must also draw upon your willpower and self-discipline.

You may be wondering if you should pursue a plan or continue a project but you will be driven to do so, and your perplexing dilemma will be resolved for the time being.

The Chariot requires you to assert yourself and be bold. You may need to look after yourself at this time and be confident in expressing your needs and wants; otherwise, you will not get your way. You need to have faith in yourself and know fundamentally who you are and what you stand for (thus building off the personal belief systems and values established through the Lovers card).

Sometimes, the Chariot asks you to come to terms with your aggressive impulses. Aggression is part of human nature, part of your innate survival mechanism. Aggression cannot be simply suppressed; to do so will only turn it inward on yourself, leaving it to manifest itself in the form of physical illness. Aggression can be very destructive, but it is also a powerful energy that can be channelled creatively. This is a time when you need to be the master of your emotions and curb any impulses or anger. You need to show who is the boss and achieve control of the situation, but this will also require you to be in control of yourself.

The Chariot can also represent a lot of driving and even a road trip. You may

even be considering buying an RV and heading off across the country!

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Chariot charges forward with fierce determination. This card sees you asserting yourself, taking the reins at work, gaining more control and responsibility, and most probably stepping into a management role. Do not let others push you around. Instead, be firm in what you believe in and stand for.

You will also need to show incredible self-discipline and determination in order to receive the respect you deserve. This is a time when hard work will pay off, and you will successfully achieve your career goals.

If you are searching for work or considering a career change, the Chariot advises you to keep focused on your goal and never to give up. You will need to be clear about what it is you want in your career and then ensure that any new opportunities will provide you with this. In interviews, take the lead and interview the organisation to ensure that they are a company you want to work for.

Possible career paths include a general manager, driver, project manager, and sports coach.

You will need to exercise financial discipline right now and be very clear on your financial goals and associated budgets. Stick to these goals and budgets, and you will do well financially. You could be considering a purchase associated with transportation—a car, a motor home, plane tickets to somewhere you have always wanted to go, etc.

## **Personality Types**

The Chariot represents someone who is very determined, focused, and persistent. This person does not let anything get in their way and will do everything within their power to ensure their goals are attained. In the positive sense, the Chariot personality is highly action-oriented and motivated, and you may be inspired to apply the same level of focus and self-

discipline. On the flipside, the Chariot personality is very headstrong and is a force to be reckoned with. Sometimes, you may see this determination turn into aggressive behaviour, in which case just move aside and let him work it out in his own time.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a relationship reading, the Chariot indicates that now is the time to pursue your goals and to do the things that YOU want to do. You have made many sacrifices along the way to meet the needs of others and to allow your relationships to develop but now I think you have had enough. This card is about navigating the opposing forces that are in your life in order to get to where you want, so it is not an easy journey, but it is a necessary journey and it will only make you stronger.

If you are in a challenging relationship, the Chariot can indicate that you are finding it difficult to steer it in the direction you want. You know that you both share a strong connection and you make each other stronger but the Chariot suggests that you are struggling with taking this relationship to the next level where you can be 100% available to each other and can create the relationship you truly want. You know the current situation is not sustainable but you are finding it hard to influence the relationship to steer in the direction you want.

If you are looking for love, the Chariot advises you not to lower your standards but to persist with your search. You may have some set criteria on what you are looking for in a relationship. Do not compromise on your criteria! Even if you are not finding the right relationship now, your determination will eventually lead you to success.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, you need to exercise self-discipline and willpower to stay on track with your spiritual goals. You may be studying a specific practise and even if others question what you are doing, you need to maintain your focus and keep striving towards your goal.



## **Well-being and Health**

On the whole, your health and well-being are very strong now, and you should have quite a lot of energy and motivation. This is an excellent time to begin or increase a fitness plan. You may be able to make more progress than you ever thought possible. If you are experiencing ill health, then you will have the inner strength and willpower to overcome any health issues.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Chariot + Magician – Using your willpower to manifest your goals.

Chariot + Star – Victory on a much deeper, more profound level, through personal transformation.

Chariot + Four of Pentacles – A need for increased control and discipline.

Chariot + King of Pentacles – Positive use of discipline and determination for financial gain.

Chariot + King of Swords – Motivational speaker who uses the spoken word to influence others.

Chariot + Seven of Wands – An ongoing battle in which you will soon be victorious.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the Chariot suggests that you feel as if you have very little control over your life. You may have lost steering power over the opposing forces, and you are now at their mercy. You may feel dragged through time, in whatever direction fate takes you. If you are someone who likes to have some control over your destiny and to know where you are heading, this is the time to tighten the reins and become more disciplined and focused on what you are doing. While the feeling of loss of power can be quite demoralising, the key is to look at what you can control and what you cannot control. Do not allow

yourself to be worried about what is out of your control as there is nothing you can do about it. Instead, focus your energies on what IS in your control. Examine what you can do to change the situation. At this stage, you need to be able to feel as if you have at least some direction, because currently, you feel pushed and pulled around in the sea of fate.

The Chariot reversed also suggests that you are collapsing under pressure and losing your self-control. Your aggression is being channelled in the wrong direction, wildly at other people, at fate, at external circumstances. This is a complete waste of your energy and resources. Redefine your aggression as determination and willpower, stop clinging weakly to unrewarding ideas, habits, people, and objects and move forward.

You may be feeling that up until this point, you have been at the beck and call of others and have been forced to deal with other people's issues. You may have felt a loss of personal control as if life was just being 'done' to you. As a result, you have lost some of your confidence and personal power, and you may be feeling directionless. You seek greater control over your life, and you are determined not to let others influence you as significantly as they have in the past. You want a mind of your own, and you want to steer your life in the direction YOU wish to, not what someone else wants.

The Chariot reversed may also suggest that you need to be more comfortable with not always being in control. There are going to be moments in the future where you feel as though aspects of your life are out of your hands. Be open to spontaneity and new experiences, even if it is not aligned to your original plan. Do not be afraid to let someone else steer for a period of time and take you on new adventures. You do not always have to be in the driver's seat!

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Chariot reversed + Tower – Major defeat resulting in a life-changing and humbling experience.

Chariot reversed + Wheel of Fortune – Giving in to fate and destiny rather than taking control of your life.

Chariot reversed + Five of Swords – A lost battle, often as a result of lack of willpower or determination.

Chariot reversed + Eight of Swords – Confusion and self-doubt.

## 8. STRENGTH

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Strength, courage, patience, control, compassion.

**Reversed:** Weakness, self-doubt, lack of self-discipline.



### QUOTES

“Promise me you’ll always remember: you are braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” – A.A. Milne (Author of Winnie the Pooh)

“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.” – Mahatma Gandhi

“Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power.” – Lao Tzu

## **DESCRIPTION**

Under a golden sky, a woman gently pats a lion on its forehead and lower jaw. The woman gazes down at the lion with a peaceful smile on her face and appears to be successfully taming this wild beast. The fact that Strength is represented by a woman indicates that this card is not focused on pure physical strength. She has the infinity symbol above her head, the same symbol seen in the Magician. Her white robe is that of the innocent Fool, indicating a purity of spirit. The blue mountain in the background is the same phallic symbol seen in the Lovers. The lion is a symbol of our animal passions and desires. The lion itself is sticking out his tongue. Animals that are preparing to bite do not stick their tongues out. This lion is happy to submit and surrender to the woman. The woman overcomes the lion with a quiet strength that can only come from within. Her left arm represents mental effort, while the right arm represents physical effort. Her right arm is merely holding, while the left arm is exerting all the pressure. She wears a belt and crown of flowers and stands unprotected in an open green field. The crown on her head represents the fullest, most beautiful expression of nature and transient life. The sign associated with the Strength card is Leo.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

This card represents strength, determination, and power in a manner similar to the Chariot. However, the differences between the two cards are obvious. Where the Chariot represents outer strength and will; the Strength card represents inner strength and the power of the human spirit to overcome any obstacle. Strength is about knowing that you can endure life's obstacles by drawing upon your inner strength and confidence. You have great stamina and persistence, tempered by an underlying patience and inner calm. You are focused on what you need to do, and you go about it in a way that demonstrates great composure and maturity.

Strength also reflects a compassionate approach. You are like the woman in this card who offers love and patience to the ferocious lion to be able to tame him. You give others space, and you are tolerant of their needs. You are accepting and can easily forgive any imperfections. In doing this, you create a safe and trusting environment where you can then gently influence others. This demonstrates a level of gentle control, persuading and coaxing others to your way of thinking.

The qualities of Strength are already in you, waiting to appear once you have mastered all your raw, foundational emotions and when you are ready to move on to the spiritual tasks that lie ahead. Its main lesson is that emotions must be transcended if spiritual wisdom and intuition are to be awakened. Your inner voice is often drowned out by the constant noise of emotion and preoccupation with fear. Only once you have eliminated these raw emotions can you begin to create the silence you need. So conquer your fears, control your impulses, and never lose patience with yourself or what you are doing. Eventually, you will see the wisdom of letting go of your lower self. The Strength archetype teaches you that you have the strength to tame the beasts within yourself. Meditating on this card can assist your process of honouring and experiencing the inherent strength that is within your nature.

Strength shows a balance of the aspects of you that are human, animal, and divine. It may seem impossible, but love, kindness, and a brave heart can bring them into balance. This is a time when you need to be very conscious of your instinctual urges and reactions and bring them into balance with the greater good and meaning in life. This is not a time to act out in rage or in hatred but instead to look at the situation from a place of love and

compassion.

The Strength card represents a higher level of consciousness that allows you to take responsibility for yourself so that you can master yourself and your world. The Strength card reminds us that inside each of us is a passionate and instinctual side that, depending on the person, will either burst out frequently or infrequently. If you are one of those people who acts impulsively or irrationally, and who blurts out angry comments or negative things to others, the Strength card calls on you to try to tame yourself. The woman in this card is calmly subduing the lion by offering peace, love, and warmth. You may need to do the same to prevent yourself from leaping out at others and saying some things you might later regret.

Strength offers you the hope of connecting with both your inner and outer strength. It asks you to find the confidence within yourself to present yourself to the world as strong, assertive, and persevering. If you have been self-doubting, Strength gives you the confidence to fight those doubts. Additionally, if you are feeling worn out or stressed, Strength says to you, “Things are going to get better! You are going to find the strength within yourself and within others to keep going!” When Strength appears in a reading, you can be assured that you have enough endurance to see this task through to its eventual end. If you are pushing too hard, Strength shows the need to withdraw for the moment, and to be patient. Enlightenment will come only when the time is right—it cannot be rushed.

With the Strength card, it is clear that strength and courage will be applied to all your endeavours. Results may be slow in coming, but you will hold your own, get a lot accomplished and summon up enough energy to do what it takes to get the job done. One way or another, you will be recognised or rewarded for your efforts.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

The Strength card in a career or work-related reading is a positive sign that you are on the right path. If you are looking for work, know that you are doing everything you need to find the right job. If you are already employed, then the Strength card is a sign that you will be excelling in your work and

may even be considered for a promotion or a stretch project.

Financially, Strength shows that you are experiencing a positive cycle as a result of having managed your finances well over the years. You may also be considering buying a home or some other big-ticket item, having saved a significant deposit.

## **Personality Types**

Strength represents someone who has immense inner strength and courage. She is cool, calm and collected, even in the face of adversity and opposition, and is able to remain focused on the task at hand. She is like a swan – gracious and elegant on the surface, with little feet paddling madly underneath. She approaches any obstacle or setback with a calm but strong demeanour and can gently persuade even the most difficult of people to come around to her way of thinking.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are in a relationship, the Strength card reflects that your relationship is strong and has perhaps even improved over time. You are feeling more confident and at peace with where things currently stand. You are less doubtful about what your partner is thinking and feeling, and instead, you are just focusing on making the relationship the best it can be. You have also learned to manage your insecurities, and you are building a certain inner strength and wisdom that can be applied to the relationship moving forward.

If you are looking for love, the Strength card encourages you to keep persevering as you are definitely on the right track. You are keeping in high spirits, and you are presenting yourself well to others as a confident individual. With this positive attitude, you are likely to find the right partner soon.

## **Spirituality**

The Strength card suggests that you are experiencing a very spiritual time,



even if you are not religious, as such. To be truly strong within yourself, you must pay attention to and develop the body, the mind, and the spirit. Ensure that you are spending time and energy on all three and that you are increasing your personal strength across all areas.

## **Well-being and Health**

Healthwise, the Strength card indicates that your health and vitality are strong and robust now. You are committed to taking preventative measures to protect your health, so this is a great time to correct bad habits. Start with small goals such as a daily ten-minute walk. This will lead you to where you want to be, which is even healthier and stronger than you are feeling right now.

If ill-health is an issue, then Strength suggests a rapid recovery. You have the inner strength to get through this. Once you connect your spirit and your body, you will be in a much better position to address your health issues, both on the outside and the inside. It really does come down to the need for you to build a sense of confidence and strength from within, and having a strong belief in yourself that you can overcome any obstacles in your path.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Strength + Emperor reversed – Opposition with the authorities or a dominant figure.

Strength + Hanged Man – Taking your time and exercising patience in order to reach the best outcome.

Strength + Tower – Despite a major setback, you will come out a lot stronger than you realise.

Strength + Nine of Wands – Stamina, strength and endurance particularly in the face of great opposition.

# REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Strength reversed indicates weakness. You may have recently experienced a setback, or you are questioning your journey and whether you are on the right track. Your inner strength and courage are lacking right now, and you are feeling inadequate and vulnerable as a result. While these feelings may seem very real when you are in the moment, you will soon come to realise that they exist only to remind you that you are only temporarily out of touch with your inner strength. You need to remember that your core strength will always be with you and now is as good a time as any to reconnect with this core strength. Look towards the positive aspects in your life to reinvigorate self-confidence and self-esteem. Return to the lesson of the Chariot, where you need to draw upon your willpower, focus, and determination in order to overcome your obstacles and be victorious.

Similarly, the reversed Strength card suggests that you may be starting to doubt yourself and lose some self-esteem and self-confidence. Instead of taking the lead and manifesting your goals, you may be engaging in self-doubt and becoming dependent on others' feelings and actions that then dictate your own.

Strength is also related to inner control and, in its reversed position, suggests that you may be giving in to your instinctual reactions and lacking the self-discipline you need. Aggression may be an issue and, as such an anger management course may be a good path forward for you. You need to exercise more control over your raw emotions to ensure that you do not lash out at others and later regret your actions and words.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Strength card may indicate that you doubt yourself and feel as if you are not good enough for the relationship. You may not feel completely secure in the relationship and often question whether your partner really has strong feelings for you. This may lead you to be someone other than your true self, someone who is worried, anxious or overly protective about the relationship.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Strength reversed + Star – A lack of faith and hope in your abilities to surmount life's obstacles.

Strength reversed + Eight of Cups – A lack of strength to deal with your emotional issues.

Strength reversed + Five of Pentacles – Ill-health and weakness of the mind, body, and spirit.

Strength reversed + Four of Swords – Lacking energy and feeling listless and lethargic.

## 9. HERMIT

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Soul-searching, introspection, being alone, inner guidance.

**Reversed:** Isolation, loneliness, withdrawal.



### QUOTES

“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life and see if I could not learn what they had to teach; and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.” – Henry David Thoreau (Author of Walden)

“A man who realises the potential of his mind by means of introspection and contemplation does not lack self-confidence. He has control over his mind and he is able to realise its full potential.” – Sama Veda

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Hermit stands alone on the top of a mountain with a lantern in his hand. Mountains typically symbolise achievement, growth, and accomplishment. The Hermit has attained his spiritual pinnacle and is ready to share his knowledge with others. He is also continuing the path he has chosen, committed to his goal of ultimate awareness. The star in the lantern is a six-pointed star (the Seal of Solomon, a symbol of wisdom). The staff carried by the Hermit is the patriarch’s staff, a symbol of the narrow path of initiation and an emblem of power and authority. It represents the Hermit’s ability to use his isolation and the knowledge he has gained as a tool upon his path to reach even higher levels of awareness. The staff is in the Hermit’s left hand, the hand associated with the subconscious mind. The snow at his feet represents the heights of spiritual attainment. He wears the grey cloak of invisibility. His secrets are not for everyone, only for those earnestly seeking them and those willing to climb the heights to wisdom. The astrological correspondence for this card is Virgo, and the number 9 signifies accomplishment, wisdom, the attainment of goals, as well as the search for truth.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Hermit suggests that you are in a phase of introspection where you are

drawing your attention and focus inward and looking for answers within. You have a strong need to understand, not just at the surface level but to really know why life is the way it is. The Hermit reflects that your consciousness has moved inward and you now realise that the truth and understanding you seek is within yourself and not in the distractions of the outside world. This is a perfect time to take a step back from your day-to-day life and deeply contemplate your motivations, personal principles, and values.

The Hermit reflects that you are engaging in a period of soul searching. You want to seek the truth at all costs. You desire a new direction in life and, as a result, have recently begun a journey of self-discovery and contemplation. There comes the point in life when we begin to question the status quo, knowing that there is a deeper meaning to life, and thus, we begin to search for it. This search is mainly a solitary quest because the answers do not lie in the external world but within us. Thus, the Hermit indicates a time when you seek solitude and isolation from others. You need to be alone, and you want to withdraw from the world around you. This is so that you can retreat further into your private world and experience a deep sense of seclusion.

Through meditation, contemplation, and self-examination, you may begin to re-evaluate your personal goals and change your overall direction. You will look at your life with a deeper, more spiritual understanding and will begin to change some of your priorities as a result. There is a certain level of spiritual attainment that is associated with the Hermit. This suggests that you need to develop the true power of a spiritual master through deep introspection. Be content with being alone or associate only with those on your level. Do not waste time and energy on those not ready or not worthy.

The Hermit represents the desire to turn away from a consumerist or materialistic society to focus on the inner world. Have you ever seen the movie or read the book, **Into the Wild**? After graduating from University, top student and athlete Christopher McCandless abandons his possessions, gives his entire \$24,000 savings account to charity and hitchhikes to Alaska to live in the wilderness alone. Whilst his story has a sad and tragic ending, his journey into the wild reminds me a lot of the Hermit, who seeks answers within and knows that they will come only with quiet and solitude.

The Hermit has learned to help others with love and compassionate

detachment. This card indicates that you have gone beyond the point of being critical and you can now understand and appreciate that the varied paths people choose for themselves all lead to the same higher purpose. You have reached a high enough level of spiritual attainment yourself that you no longer need to convince others of what they should do. You can honour silence and allow your inner light to shine out towards others as a means of communication.

Meditating on the Hermit teaches you to honour the wisdom within yourself. You must find your light, shine it on your soul and create your special path. Through meditation and visualisation, the Hermit allows you to get in touch with the wise person inherent within you.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

When the Hermit appears in a work-related reading, it is a good time to pursue an individual project or assignment. You have a strong preference at this time to work on your own, perhaps conducting research or analysis into an area of interest. You may prefer to separate yourself from others, tending to steer away from teamwork where possible.

In terms of possible career paths, the Hermit is associated with a scientist, research associate, academic, spiritual leader or meditation guru.

In a reading related to finances, the Hermit suggests that you shy away from a consumerist philosophy and may be going through a period of letting go of some of your material possessions so that you can have more time and space for spiritual pursuits. You may be more attracted to a minimalist lifestyle, not wanting to purchase new items or to hoard possessions. Money and material possessions are not a high priority for you now.

## **Personality Types**

The Hermit represents a wise and patient spiritual guide or mentor. He offers wise counsel and is somewhat of a guru in his field. He is a trusted teacher and can offer you spiritual help where you need it most. He has already been on a major spiritual journey and can now share with you what he has learned

along the way.

The Hermit is likely to be very introverted, detail-oriented, highly analytical, and a perfectionist at times. He is rarely found in social settings and if he is, look towards the darkest corner of the room where he will most likely be found observing and watching others. He does not like to go out much, instead, invests his time in deep contemplation and study. He is quiet and unassuming and tends to keep to himself rather than attract your notice. He is calm and sure of his place in the world and is more interested in intellectual pursuits than material things.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are in a relationship, the Hermit suggests that you have a strong desire to be alone for the time being. The Hermit is a very solitary figure and suggests that you need some time on your own to figure things out about the future of your relationship. You are searching for some deeper meaning in your life, but you feel you need to go at it alone to do this. The Hermit may even indicate a temporary separation while you go through this period of introspection. If you notice your partner withdrawing from the relationship or becoming disconnected, the Hermit asks you to give your partner some space. While this may be very painful and worrying for you, you need to allow your partner this space as it is incredibly important for him/her.

If you are searching for love, the Hermit suggests that now may not be the best time to start a new relationship. Instead, it is better to draw your attention inward and understand yourself on a deeper level. To increase your chances of finding love, do not be afraid to have some alone time to tune into your inner self and to connect on a deeper level with your soul. Alternatively, romantic relationships may simply not be a current priority for you right now.

## **Spirituality**

The Hermit is a highly spiritual card and contains significant spiritual relevance. If you are seeking a deeper spiritual connection with yourself, you may find the greatest benefit by taking some time out for yourself, possibly in a spiritual retreat or through regular meditation. The Hermit is a very solitary



figure who removes himself from his external environment so that he can focus solely on his inner environment. An extreme version is taking a vow of silence for a period of time (I remember hearing about a spiritual retreat where you do this for three months!), but perhaps a more achievable state is setting aside 30 minutes a day for meditation and reflection. Even when you are feeling busy, this time will help you to refresh and restore your energy levels.

This is a time of reflection, of looking within, of searching, reaching closure with the past, and renewing your spiritual faith for the future. The Hermit card suggests that the energies surrounding you and within you are in harmony, and that the question of what will be your personal path and the personal light you shine in the world is of primary importance right now. The Hermit has the ability to focus on philosophy and spirituality while staying grounded. Thus, you are reaching a new level of maturity that will allow you to explore these matters of faith in greater depth. You may also find a guide or mentor who will help you on this journey.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health or well-being reading, the Hermit suggests that you need to turn your attention inward to reflect on what is important to you and what will enrich your soul. This is about doing some soul searching to understand what is at the root of your physical health issues and to understand the deeper spiritual meaning of this situation. I firmly believe that physical health is often aligned with emotional or spiritual health, and this card is most definitely calling your attention to your spiritual health working in combination with your physical health. Louise Hay's book **You Can Heal Your Life** shares an interesting perspective on how you can manage your physical health by looking at your emotional self. Certainly a worthwhile read!

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Hermit + Hanged Man – Delaying or suspending activities in order to search for deeper meaning or spiritual awakening first.

Hermit + Judgement – After a period of self-reflection, there is a significant spiritual awakening.

Hermit + Four of Cups – Withdrawing and becoming introverted and meditative. Hermit + Eight of Cups – Escaping day-to-day life to search for deeper meaning. Hermit + Four of Swords – Contemplation and stillness of mind.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The reversed Hermit can go one of two ways. You are either not taking enough time for personal reflection, or you are taking too much. If you are struggling to connect more deeply with your spiritual self, the Hermit reversed encourages you to create more time and space so that you can meditate and reflect on your spiritual self. It is time to go more deeply into your inner being and rediscover your greater meaning and purpose on this earth. You may have been so busy dealing with the day-to-day issues that you have forgotten to reflect inwardly and listen to your inner voice. The Hermit asks you to search deep within your soul to help you find your way again and to focus on rebuilding yourself on a spiritual level.

If you have already been spending a lot of time reflecting on your inner self, then the appearance of the reversed Hermit may suggest that you are spending too much time alone in excessive isolation. You are becoming a hermit and cutting yourself off from others. While this period is helping you on a spiritual level, you may be feeling temporarily isolated and alone. Do not underestimate the value of staying connected with others, even while you are going through your spiritual journey. Be mindful, too, of other people's needs. You do not want to become so absorbed in yourself and your personal dilemmas that you shut out your family and friends.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Hermit can indicate unwelcome isolation. For example, one person may want to be alone or may be withdrawing from the relationship, while the other person wants to deepen the connection. You will need to respect each other's request for space but also be there to support as appropriate. Alternatively, the idea of being alone

and on your own is so daunting and unappealing at this time that you do everything in your power to stay together. Even if there are challenges in the relationship, you both do not want to be apart from each other as separation will only bring a feeling of emptiness. It is almost too soon to be apart and you still both want to work things out together. If you have separated already, then the Hermit reversed may indicate that you are ready to explore a reconnection as you have found that you have had long enough on your own.

If you are currently single, you may be growing tired of being alone, and instead strongly desire a relationship or close connection at this time.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Hermit reversed + Moon – Inner fears and anxieties are driving you as you refuse to draw your attention inwardly.

Hermit reversed + Four of Pentacles – Your quest for material possession is at the expense of your spiritual connectedness.

Hermit reversed + Five of Pentacles – Isolation but at the expense of losing your connection with others.

# 10. WHEEL OF FORTUNE

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Good luck, karma, life cycles, destiny, a turning point.

**Reversed:** Bad luck, negative external forces, out of control.



## QUOTES

“Tempt not the stars, young man, thou canst not play with the severity of fate.” – John Ford (Dramatist)

“Luck is taking a chance when you have a choice ...destiny is making a choice when you are given the chance.” – Unknown

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Wheel of Fortune is highly symbolic. The angel in the top left corner is Aquarius, the eagle is Scorpio, the lion is Leo, and the bull is Taurus. These are the four fixed signs of the Zodiac, but all have wings signifying stability amidst movement and change. The book they each have in their hands is the Torah, representing wisdom. On the wheel itself are the Hebrew letters IHVH (Yod Heh Vau Heh), the unpronounceable name of God. Interspersed with these letters are TORA (read anti-clockwise) or TARO (read clockwise) which also translates to TAROT when you return to the spot where you started. The snake descending on the left side of the Wheel is the Egyptian god Typhon, the god of evil. The snake also represents the life force descending into the material world. The Anubis rising on the right side of the Wheel is Hermes, a symbol of intelligence, wisdom ascending or our shadow selves. The Sphinx on the top of the wheel represents life's riddles. The middle wheel contains the alchemical symbols for mercury, sulphur, water and salt—the building blocks of life and the four elements—and represents formative power. The outer circle represents the material world. The eight spokes of the wheel represent the Universal radiant energy, as well as the eight Sabbats of the year. The blue background represents wisdom.

The planet of this card is Jupiter, the planet of opportunity, growth, success, and expansion. The number 10 is a higher octave of the number 1, empowering the qualities of the 1.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Wheel of Fortune refers to the fact that things tend to go in cycles. There are good times, and there are bad times. Even if your external environment is difficult and challenging, there will come a time when this will ease off, and you will be able to focus more on creating fun and frivolity. The lesson of the Wheel of Fortune is that you must accept that there are always ups and downs in life. If you were to have only good times, you would become less appreciative of what you have. Sometimes the bad times provide the contrast and perspective you need to be able to recognise how blessed you are when the good times come. So, when times are good, enjoy the benefits but do not become complacent because things can change. When times are bad, do not be discouraged because even when things seem their worst it simply suggests that things can only get better!

The Wheel of Fortune suggests that you should not simply stand still and accept what life hands you. You can take an active hand to try and remain on the upside of the Wheel. When things are down, instead of waiting and hoping for things to get better, you can work actively towards improving your situation, thereby speeding up the recovery process. Finally, the Wheel asks you not to become discouraged when faced with adversity. Adversity is a natural part of life and should be expected from time to time. The fact that bad times happen should not worry you. Accept them as natural and not necessarily indicative of problems. Instead, look for ways in which you can face and conquer the adversity. If it cannot be addressed, then that might be taken as a suggestion of a problem.

The Wheel of Fortune suggests that there are external factors that are influencing your situation that may be unknown to you or outside of your control. It is as though the Universe is just dishing up whatever it pleases at this time, and it can feel quite unpredictable and unnerving as a result (especially if you like being in control most of the time!). This is one of the challenging aspects of the Wheel of Fortune since no matter which way the Wheel of Fortune turns, it is impossible to try and change it. So, you might as well try to accept what is happening and adapt accordingly. If a crisis seems inevitable, recall that in every crisis lies opportunity. When you have been pushed in a new direction, know that every path leads somewhere, even if you do not know where it is. Such events are simply out of your control, and if you can accept that, then the ride gets a lot easier. If you struggle against

the Wheel, it will crush you. So just go with the flow!

The Wheel of Fortune is about keeping optimistic and having faith in the Universe that it will take care of the situation in the best way possible. You need to remain optimistic yourself, thinking positively and keeping as upbeat as possible. Through meditation and visualisation, the Wheel of Fortune can assist and reinforce your intention to bring increased abundance, good fortune, and prosperity into your life. This archetype allows your life to turn in more positive directions if you are willing to grow and expand. This is also a lucky time in life when you are sensing the action of fate and destiny working in your favour. You may even be witnessing miracles or a very fortunate series of events.

The Wheel represents karma and reminds you that ‘what goes around comes around.’ In the upright position, you are likely to be at the positive end but again, do not become complacent. You still need to act in ways that are fundamentally good to ensure that luck or positivity stays on your side.

The Wheel of Fortune speaks of a pivotal point in your life, where new options become possible. The appearance of the Wheel of Fortune shows that change is not only likely to happen, it is certain to happen, and soon. Generally, the change shown in the Wheel of Fortune is a dramatic change from the established order. These changes are distinctly personal and may require making the first step on a new and unfamiliar path. You may also need to alter your present course, move things in a different direction or turn things around to ensure that you are creating the right outcomes in your life.

A great affirmation for the Wheel of Fortune is, “Through all the changes that the Universe brings, I feel the centre of stability which is within me.”

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Wheel of Fortune suggests that you will experience ups and downs in the quality of your work and that this is a good time to learn from your mistakes. If you have been having a good run with exceptional feedback, be prepared for a possible mistake on your behalf or a change of events. This is a time to protect your brand but also be open to

feedback and learning from your mistakes. Take some time to do a post-implementation review or at least have a few moments of reflection to identify what you have learned from both the good and the bad times at work. If others are giving you a hard time, then remind them about all the great things you do. Change the story to focus on the successes.

If you are searching for work or seeking a career change, the Wheel of Fortune heralds a major change is on its way, and you can expect a significant turn of events. Luck may finally be on your side, and you will have the perfect opportunity to make the career move you have been dreaming of. Events seem to coincide, opening the door to a new beginning or a new cycle. It is possible that you will decide to leave your job if you are currently working, even if it is a good job because your heart is no longer in it. You are being called to follow your dream, no matter what that is.

As a possible career path, the Wheel may reflect a professional gambler, stock trader, investment banker, or motivational speaker.

In a financial reading, the Wheel of Fortune is generally a good omen, particularly if you have been experiencing financial difficulties. Your financial circumstances are very likely to change, markedly for the better. If you have had a long prosperous period, however, consider the opposite possibility—that your income may decrease. Thus, it becomes even more important to save for a rainy day to compensate for the financial ups and downs. If you have invested in shares, then also be prepared for the different cycles of ups and downs in share prices.

## **Personality Types**

The Wheel of Fortune personality is one that is very lucky, flexible, open to change, and adaptable. This person is likely to believe in fate and destiny and may be more inclined than others to throw their life over to the Universe to see what is dished out to them. Expect them to be lining up for lotto or raffles, often coming out a winner! This person is also likely to be a bit of a gambler and ready to take some risks. This is a generous person who always looks on the bright side of life, is open to opportunity, and not afraid to take on challenges.



## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, then the Wheel of Fortune reflects that you are likely to be entering a positive phase where your luck has turned, and you are meeting more suitable or potential partners. Be open to new experiences and let fate take you in a new direction.

In an established relationship, the Wheel of Fortune indicates that your relationship is very cyclical in nature and that you have a lot of ups and downs. You are kept on your toes, uncertain about what to expect next, not knowing if you are going to have a good or a bad patch. This may become a little exhausting unless of course, you love spontaneity and a lack of certainty about the future!

If your relationship is struggling, the Wheel may indicate that you are at an important turning point and the relationship might need to be re-negotiated as it possibly no longer meets your needs. Have an open discussion with your partner to talk about options and what needs to change.

If you have been through a recent break-up, the Wheel of Fortune suggests that it was a turn of events that led to the end of the relationship. It seems that one thing led to another, and somehow the relationship suddenly came to an end. At the time, it may have felt like a series of unrelated events but in hindsight, you can see that each event occurred because of the previous event. Additionally, there may have been external circumstances and influences beyond your control that got in the way of you being together.

## **Spirituality**

On a spiritual level, the Wheel of Fortune teaches you about the law of cycles and karma. This is an important law because it reminds you that there will always be ups and downs in life. You can reach higher levels of spiritual attainment by appreciating each part of the cycle, whether good or bad, and learning from these experiences. The Wheel is also about karma, so ensure that you act in ways that are fundamentally good and fair to those around you. In this sense, it is important to balance fate and destiny with accepting some responsibility for your actions. It is important to be aware that, in nearly

all instances, you do make a contribution in some way to what is happening in your life. Accept whatever your fair share of responsibility is for the situation you are currently facing and be accountable to yourself, if to no one else.

## **Well-being and Health**

In terms of your health and well-being, the Wheel of Fortune is a good omen that your health is on an upward cycle. If you have been experiencing health issues, then expect to feel better very soon. Remember, too, that this card is about cycles and karma, so ensure that you are taking the right actions now to create good health for the future. Go back to the basics of proper nutrition, rest, and exercise.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Wheel of Fortune + Fool – A change in events requires you to step out into an unknown but exciting world.

Wheel of Fortune + Chariot reversed – Feeling that life is completely out of your control.

Wheel of Fortune + Temperance – The peaceful outcome of change in your life will be beneficial over the long-term.

Wheel of Fortune + Eight of Wands – Rapid pace of change and a positive turn in events.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

When the Wheel of Fortune is reversed, luck is not on your side. There has been a turn of events that are not in your favour sending you into a tail spin and changing your world significantly, seemingly for the worst. Often, the reversed Wheel of Fortune indicates that there are negative forces at play that are outside of your control, leaving you feeling helpless and powerless.

However, while there have been some unfortunate circumstances that are outside of your control, the run of bad luck that you are experiencing may also be as a result of poor decisions you have made in the past. Think about what actions you have taken recently and whether these may have contributed to your present circumstances. What can you do to improve your luck and regain control of your destiny? Despite the setbacks, learn from the cycle of life and be prepared for such ups and downs in the future. Accept responsibility for your current and future situation, and look for ways that you can create more positive outcomes.

The reversed Wheel of Fortune can also reflect resistance to change, particularly if change is being forced upon you. The appearance of this card suggests that change has become a source of significant stress for you, and you may be trying to consciously or subconsciously stop events from running their course.

This is also not a time to be taking risks as you may not come out a winner. You may need to be more cautious than before, taking more time to assess your options and to select the safest bet.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Wheel of Fortune reversed + Tower reversed – Major change is sweeping through, but you are not allowing yourself to experience this fully and to learn from it.

Wheel of Fortune reversed + Four of Swords – Events are unfolding at a very slow pace

Wheel of Fortune reversed + Five of Wands – Resistance to change is creating tension and conflict with others.

# 11. JUSTICE

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Justice, fairness, truth, cause and effect, law.

**Reversed:** Unfairness, lack of accountability, dishonesty.



## QUOTES

“Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts.” – Aristotle

“Laws control the lesser man... Right conduct controls the greater one.” – Mark Twain

“The time is always right to do what is right.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Justice is ruled by Libra, and the card number is 11. The figure of Justice sits in her chair, cloaked in red and holding a sword in her right hand and scales in her left. She wears a crown with a small square on it representing well-ordered thoughts. Notice the clasp holding the cloak together. The square is the law protecting the circle and the eternal state of oneness within us all. The sword is double-edged, cutting both ways, signifying impartiality. It is point-up, signifying victory. The sword in her right hand demonstrates the logical, well-ordered mindset necessary to dispense fair justice. The scales are in her left, intuitive hand, showing that logic must be balanced by the intuition. A little white shoe pops out from beneath her cloak, reminding us of the spiritual consequences of our actions. The purple cloth draped behind her signifies compassion and the grey pillars represent the constraints of the physical world.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

Put simply, the Justice card represents justice, fairness, truth, and the law. As an outcome, the Justice card indicates that the fairest decision will be made. You are being called to account for your actions and be judged accordingly. Notice that Justice’s scales are balanced; thus its appearance indicates that events have worked out as they were meant to work out and that what is

happening to you comes from the decisions you have made and the actions you have taken in the past. You have what you deserve.

Justice represents a conscious awareness that your decisions and actions have long-term consequences and your present and future circumstances are most likely a result of these decisions and actions. At the same time, Justice shows that your actions in the future can be changed by a lesson learned in the present situation.

You cannot become honest without extending that honesty to yourself and others. Justice reflects the search for truth. You need to know and speak the truth and perceive it in the words and deeds of others. Be fair and just with all, and you will soon be able to detect dishonesty in yourself and others. Learn the rules that govern what you are involved with. This is a time to remain objective and to base your judgement on fact and not on hearsay.

There is a need to be fair and just when you see the Justice card in a reading. When everyone is playing fair and adhering to the rules, a positive outcome will be achieved. However, you need everyone to be on the same page for this to occur. It is no good if there is someone who is going against the grain or trying to stir things up,

The Justice card also indicates a time when decision-making is required. Something in your life needs attention, mediation, or a solution. Look to the two cards lying on either side of the Justice card to understand what it is that you are weighing up

in your decision-making. As you contemplate your decision, are you the person to pass judgment, or is your role to accept the decision that is made? How can you remain as objective as possible, whilst searching for the truth of the matter? It is an important time for your conscience to make the right decision. Balanced judgement exists.

Justice often refers to legal matters of all kinds. The courts are where judgments are made and decisions rendered. The legal system is the official arena in which the principles of Justice (fairness, impartiality, and the quest for truth) are explored. If you see the Justice card in a reading where there are legal matters at hand, expect the outcome to be just and fair. You are also

likely to be dealing with legal contracts, such as a marriage license, divorce decree, business contract, financial arrangement, or litigation. Where you are the person demanding justice, know that justice will be served and lawsuits won. Of course, if you have acted in a deceptive way or have not spoken the truth, be aware that justice will still prevail and you will need to take responsibility for your actions.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Justice card shows that you are trying to do the right thing at work by following policy and procedure and always maintaining the higher moral ground. This card is also very black and white and shows that you value sticking to the rules and doing what you feel is morally right. You are unlikely to bend the rules for anyone.

Given the Justice card is also about balance, you need to ensure that you are creating the right work/life balance for you. For most people, one or the other comes more easily, however, you need to ensure that, regardless of what field (personal life or work) you feel most comfortable in, you are giving the other part of your life as much attention and energy.

You may also be weighing up the pros and cons associated with your present career and other potential careers. Possible career paths associated with the Justice card include solicitor, lawyer, judge, policeman, law enforcement officer, investigator, mediator, parent, immigration officer, politician, contract negotiator, or strategic sourcing manager.

In a financial reading, the Justice card suggests that you need to balance and manage your finances carefully through budgets and forward planning. You will get what you deserve, so if you have been investing and saving, it is likely you will be rewarded for this but if you have been spending and getting yourself in debt, be careful that you do not let it get out of control!

## **Personality Types**

The Justice personality is very straightforward, fair, just, and honest. On the positive side, this personality type speaks the truth and assesses situations

from a very balanced, objective and impartial perspective. You know you can trust them to provide you with a view of your position that is balanced and grounded in truth. On the negative side, this personality type may be a little inflexible at times, particularly if they are entirely focused on sticking to the rules. Nonetheless, what you see is what you get with this person!

## **Relationships and Love**

With the Justice card, it is possible that you are looking at formalising your relationship in some way. On the positive side, it may be a marriage, a de facto agreement, prenuptial agreement, or even signing a lease or home purchase together. On the negative side, it may be a divorce or legal separation. It is likely that you have sought legal advice or are abiding by the legal system in some way.

On a more esoteric level, the Justice card reflects that your relationships are just and fair, but you also need to be willing to accept accountability for your actions. If you have not treated your partner well, do not expect to be treated well yourself. On the flipside, if you have invested a lot of time and energy into the relationship, you will see this coming back to you in a positive way.

If you are struggling in a relationship, the Justice card suggests that you are weighing up your options and may be assessing whether you stay or leave at this time. You need to look at the situation objectively, with an open and honest mind. Accept that you may have contributed to some of the relationship issues.

If you are single, the Justice card suggests that this is a time when commitment may be coming your way very shortly. Be very clear in your own mind about what you most want from a committed relationship and seek to find these elements in the next potential partnership.

## **Spirituality**

On a spiritual level, Justice represents harmony and balance. You must be able to choose between right and wrong in order to create a healthy and sustainable lifestyle for yourself and others. If you are feeling out of balance,



you need to look at areas of excess in your life and determine where more harmony and equilibrium can be generated to replace the turmoil. This is a time to work on being grounded and connected to the earth and to your fellow man.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Justice card indicates that you must be very conscious of what you are doing to your body now and how this may impact your health later. Smoking, excessive drinking or drug-taking may bring immediate satisfaction, but we all know the damage that it will do to our health in the long run. You need to weigh the pros and cons of giving in to your immediate desires and maintaining a healthy lifestyle in the long-term.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Justice + Two of Cups – A legal marriage.

Justice + Three of Pentacles – Working with a team of legal professionals to resolve an issue.

Justice + Nine of Swords – Guilt over the past and acknowledgement of your mistakes.

Justice + Three of Wands – Entering into a business agreement or enterprise and signing the legal documentation to formalise it.

Justice + Ten of Wands – Accepting responsibility and being accountable, even if it means additional burden.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, Justice indicates dishonesty to yourself and others. It shows an unwillingness to understand the deeper meaning of why an event has occurred and shows that you are missing some opportunity for a greater

understanding of yourself in life. You are not actively accepting responsibility for your actions and may be trying to ‘dodge the bullet’ and blame others for your mistakes. The key here is to take responsibility for your situation and realise that you are here through your past choices, and therefore, whatever it takes to get out of the situation is fair and just according to universal principles of karma and justice.

If, after a very hard look at yourself, you feel that you have done the best job possible, know that the Universe has a path laid out for you, and while your situation may be frustrating right now, it is the right path for you. Over time you will begin to see that it does indeed have a reason for being this way.

Given that the Justice card can reflect a very judgemental, black-and-white view of the world, you may need to release all of your thoughts about what is right and wrong, and just accept what is. Stop judging yourself constantly about whether you are doing the right thing or whether it is working. You are where you are, and you just need to accept your current situation. Just allow yourself to be in the moment and withhold any immediate judgement. The reversed Justice card also suggests that you may be better off by bending the rules a little and being a bit more flexible with your current circumstances. Of course, you also need to act in a way that is fair and just, and not underhanded; otherwise, karma will come back to you!

If you are engaged in a legal matter, you may be concerned about an unfair outcome. You may dispute the final judgement, calling into question the legal process. There may be legal complications or something that gets in the way of justice being served.

You may be biased or unfairly judging others, failing to seek out the truth or a balanced perspective. Your opinions are biased and have been swayed by others. Be mindful of how you judge or criticise others and ensure that you have a balanced view before you go swinging the sword of justice.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Justice reversed + Two of Swords – Avoiding the truth or failing to make a final decision on the matter.

Justice reversed + Five of Swords – A lack of integrity and not doing what is right by others.

Justice reversed + Knight of Swords – Fighting against injustice by speaking out publicly.

Justice reversed + Seven of Swords – Shirking responsibility and trying to get away with something that you know you should not.

## 12. HANGED MAN

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Suspension, restriction, letting go, sacrifice.

**Reversed:** Martyrdom, indecision, delay.



### QUOTES

“Sometimes when you sacrifice something precious, you are not really losing it. You are just passing it on to someone else.” – Mitch Albom (Author)

“Surrender means, by definition, giving up attachment to results. When we surrender to God, we let go of our attachment to how things happen on the outside and we become more concerned with what happens on the inside.” – Marianne Williamson (Spiritual lecturer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Hanged Man shows a man suspended, upside-down, from the living World Tree, rooted in the underworld and supporting the heavens. Given the serene expression on his face, it is believed he is hanging on the tree of his own will. His right foot is bound to the tree, but his left foot remains free, bent at the knee and tucked in behind his right leg. His arms are bent, with hands held behind his back, forming an inverted triangle. The man is wearing red pants representing human passion and the physical body, a blue coat for knowledge, and yellow shoes representing his high ideals. Around the Hanged Man’s head is a bright yellow halo showing spiritual attainment, with the grey background suggesting invisibility (a good reminder to not flaunt your spirituality). This is the card of ultimate surrender, of being suspended in time and of martyrdom and sacrifice to the greater good. This is the archetype to meditate on to help break old patterns of behaviour and bad habits that restrict you.

The Hanged Man’s number is 12—a higher octave of the number 3, representing careful planning and orderly growth leading to spiritual development.  $1$  (beginning) +  $2$  (the reasoning force) =  $3$  (the product of rebirth). The ruling planet is Neptune, the planet of self-sacrifice and idealism.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Hanged Man reflects a need to suspend action, and as a result, a period of indecision may be indicated. Decisions or actions that need to be implemented will be postponed, even if, at the time, there is a sense of urgency to act. In fact, you may be much better off if you can stall on any decision-making and action-taking at this time to provide yourself with more time to reflect on the situation at hand and to consider the greater good. If you can buy yourself some more time or hold off on any further activities for a short period, then you may create a different, and better outcome. This is a card that is all about suspension and waiting, and suggests that this may be just what you need to do in order to allow new possibilities to arise. Sometimes not acting will help to shed more light on what other options are available to you and will allow more attractive opportunities to emerge.

The Hanged Man can sometimes reflect that you are feeling stuck or restricted in your life. You need to get in touch with why you are feeling this way and work to release yourself from these restrictions. In this way, the Hanged Man is also about letting go. You need an emotional release from whatever it is that is leaving you feeling stuck. Accept and surrender to your present circumstances. You may need to become more vulnerable and open to different experiences, but this will help you end the struggle and give up your need for control. It is when you can really let go of all the worries and concerns that you have, that you find these concerns suddenly disappear and a new reality is possible.

The reversed position of the man in the Hanged Man indicates the need to look at yourself from an entirely different perspective, while the hanging indicates that your life is simply suspended for a time in order for you to recognise what needs to be changed in your personality. The tree is also abundant with leaves and vines, which suggests the possibility that the situation will bear fruit. Thus, the Hanged Man represents a reversal of your usual way of life and seeing the world from a completely different angle. Try hanging upside-down yourself and look around you. Does it not all look so different?! Your perspective has changed completely, yet the physical surroundings are exactly the same as when you were looking at it from an upright position. The Hanged Man asks you to turn your world around and view your situation differently. When you do this, you will find something new that will prove to be of greater value to you on a much deeper level. It

may be that you have to sacrifice your previous beliefs or even way of life, but it is a time of renewal and your life will go forward.

The Hanged Man is a willing victim, someone who has chosen the path of sacrifice to accomplish a higher goal. The Hanged Man represents the willingness to forsake the temptations of instant gratification for a higher cause, and because of this willing sacrifice, he accomplishes the goals he has in his heart. He is like the ultimate martyr, putting his self-interest aside and giving up his personal needs for the greater good. Consider areas in your own life where you need to act in a more selfless manner, either for the benefit of others or for the fulfilment of your deeper needs. On the flipside, you may need to assess your life for areas in which you are giving up too much to others at the expense of your own mental and spiritual well-being. Sometimes martyrdom can go too far!

Similarly, the Hanged Man tells you that you should be willing to lose something lesser to fulfil a greater goal. This goal is likely to be spiritual and personal. An investment of time, energy, and/or money may have to be made in order to reach this higher level of attainment. You are devoted to the cause and are open and ready to take on the task in front of you, but first, you need time to pause and consider.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Hanged Man suggests that you will have repeat clients and some financial increase or profit but you will be waiting for something else to happen and will fear the work you are doing has little value, or that you will not be able to sustain yourself in the future. You may also feel as though your work situation has been placed on hold and you are just waiting for changes to come through. Alternatively, you may be taking a step back from your work to assess how you can contribute to the greater good of the community, perhaps through volunteerism.

If you are looking for work, you may find that your application is placed on hold or there are delays in hearing the outcome of your application. You may also need to sacrifice some of your personal goals (e.g. higher pay or better career opportunities) to get the job you know will deliver you long-term

fulfilment.

In terms of possible career paths, the Hanged Man may indicate volunteering, working for a not-for-profit or religious organisation, or working in a bureaucratic environment such as government.

Financially, the Hanged Man is asking you to put what you can on hold so that you can contemplate what is happening to your finances. You may need to stop all spending for a set period so that you can dig deep within and find a way to manage your finances better. If it feels as though money is slipping through your hands, you may need to stop all discretionary spending until you can get to the source of your financial issues. Try to look at your financial situation from a different angle and apply a different logic to your spending and saving habits.

If you are fortunate enough to have a sound financial foundation, then consider how you can share your wealth with others through charitable donations or offering a helping hand to the community. Even if you are not wealthy yourself, you may find that this act of kindness restores your faith in your prosperity.

The Hanged Man may also indicate that your finances have been put on hold by a financial institution. For example, you may not be able to access your finances for a period of time, such as in the case of a term deposit or long-term investment. Bureaucracy could also be obstructing access to your funds.

## **Personality Types**

The Hanged Man personality is someone who recognises the importance of sacrifice and patience. Patience is a virtue, allowing the time necessary to see all sides.

Sacrifice is a prerequisite to enlightenment. This person is able to see the higher purpose outside of themselves and is able to discover their true path by looking at a situation from a different perspective. You might find this person working in a volunteer organisation or spending a lot of time on community projects and with people in need.



## Relationships and Love

If you are searching for love, the Hanged Man suggests that you may need to be prepared to sacrifice your personal needs for the purpose of finding the right relationship. It is possible to go into a potential relationship expecting that things will be a certain way or that your potential partner will act in a certain way but this may not be helping to create a positive relationship for the long-term. Instead, you may need to give up some of your demands to help the relationship progress. You may also need to let go of your vision of a particular kind of relationship as being the only way that you can be happy. This may be an unattainable vision that is no longer serving you.

The Hanged Man represents a need to let go and give oneself over to something for spiritual enlightenment. In a new relationship, this may translate into a relationship where you are willing to give up almost anything to be with each other. You allow your egos to stay behind while you approach each other with a certain 'nakedness' of your souls.

On the other hand, in a longer-term relationship, the Hanged Man suggests that either you or your partner is in a period of suspension. It is as if everything is on hold while you figure out what it is you really want. The Hanged Man reflects that this relationship has been rocky for some time and you have been 'on-again, off-again' or in some sort of holding pattern together. Perhaps it has never really been clear about where the relationship is going or whether you both want the same things. This is also a card of sacrifice and compromise, suggesting that either one of you has had to make a large sacrifice to be in this relationship. This has been a big ask, and you may now be in a holding pattern as you assess whether you can continue this sacrifice.

If you are experiencing challenges in your relationship, the Hanged Man asks you to suspend some of your opinions and points of view, and instead just listen. Listen not only to your partner but also to your inner voice which will guide you down the right path. You may have become somewhat disconnected with your spiritual side and may be acting in ways that you know are not healthy for your relationship with your partner. Now is the time to take the higher ground and to pause before you act to ensure that you are

indeed doing the right thing by both parties.

## **Spirituality**

The Hanged Man represents a need to let go and to give yourself over to something for spiritual enlightenment. Consider areas in your life where you may need to act in a more selfless manner, either for the benefit of others or the fulfilment of your own deeper needs. How do you want to become more spiritually aware? What aspects of your inner self are you looking to change? What needs to be sacrificed for this change to occur? Be prepared to give something of yourself to others, so that you can also reach a level of spiritual enlightenment. Conquer material temptation in favour of something much deeper.

The Hanged Man shows that you are taking a moment in your life to stop and reflect whether you are on the right journey or not. You acknowledge that your path in the past was not getting you where you needed to be and that you were not spiritually and energetically connected with what you were doing. You have recognised this and put a stop to your activities, with the view to seriously considering where you are headed. The Hanged Man shows that you are now at a point where you have put some areas of your life on hold so that you can have the headspace you need to work out where you are headed. This is a critical time and you are thinking about some of the bigger questions in life—what is my purpose, why am I here, what have I been brought here to do? You sense that you have a higher purpose during this lifetime, but you are still working through what that is.

## **Well-being and Health**

You may change your perspective radically about a particular health issue, particularly if you feel you have not been getting anywhere with your current treatment or routine. It is possible that something you thought you understood could best be treated in another way.

If you are unwell, you may also find that your health stalls for a period of time, and you are forced to take some time out. There is suspension and waiting, during which time there is also profound exploration on a much

deeper level. At its worst, this may reflect a coma, or at its best, it may be a time when you need bed rest with some time to focus purely on getting better. It is now a waiting game and no one knows the prognosis or what to expect. There is also a definite spiritual element to the Hanged Man, so through your illness, you may actually be getting very close to your inner self and spirit during this time. You may come out of this with a profound spiritual experience.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Hanged Man + Strength – Building your inner strength by holding off action or taking your time.

Hanged Man + Devil – Eliminating bad habits will be possible via a ‘cold turkey’ approach.

Hanged Man + Four of Cups – Taking a step back from the outer world to understand deeper needs.

Hanged Man + Two of Swords – Negotiations have stalled, and there is now a period of stagnation.

Hanged Man + Eight of Swords – Feeling the ‘victim’ and being trapped by inhibiting beliefs.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Hanged Man reversed represents a period when you feel you are sacrificing a great deal and getting nothing in return. You may have felt things were at an absolute standstill, with no movement or resolution. It is as though you are suspended in time and unable to make a move forward, backward or even sideways to get out of your current situation. Your goals and dreams are put on hold because of external realities or internal issues. This is an energy that is passing out of your life, and you can now expect things to start happening once again and major changes to occur. This period of suspension is like a catalyst for what is to come.

You may be putting off making a decision, in the hope that it will all sort itself out eventually. However, this is often just wishful thinking. What is happening is that you are simply stalling the inevitable and you will at some point be pushed to make a final decision and to make a sacrifice in the process.

In a reading where a relationship has been put on hold, the Hanged Man reversed suggests that you are happy to wait around, to a point. You realise that this relationship will evolve over time and that, due to its complexities, it cannot be rushed. However, you also do not want to be on hold forever, and you acknowledge that there will come a time when you must make a decision about your current relationship.

The Hanged Man reversed suggests a loss of faith in your ability to surmount life's obstacles. You may be refusing to go within for spiritual nourishment. It is very important at this time to look within through meditation and restore your faith in your ability to get over life's challenges. Know that this difficult time will soon pass. Accept your circumstances and be at peace with yourself.

Alternatively, you may be preoccupied with yourself and unwilling to make a necessary sacrifice or compromise for the greater good. You may be acting in a selfish or even arrogant manner, and significantly disengaging others who are trying to work cooperatively with you.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Hanged Man reversed + Magician – You are compelled to take action, even if there are obstacles in your way.

Hanged Man reversed + Justice – You may feel that you are the victim of injustice and unable to influence the situation.

Hanged Man reversed + Seven of Wands – Acting defiantly and standing up to your opposition.

Hanged Man reversed + Eight of Wands – Any delays will soon give way to swift action and quick response times. Be prepared for the change of events!

# 13. DEATH

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Endings, beginnings, change, transformation, transition.

**Reversed:** Resistance to change, unable to move on.



## QUOTES

“A sun sets, a day is born.” – Maori proverb

“In the midst of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.”- Albert Camus (Philosopher)

“The call of death is a call of love. Death can be sweet if we answer it in the affirmative, if we accept it as one of the great eternal forms of life and transformation.” – Hermann Hesse (Author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Death card shows Death himself riding on a white horse, holding a black and white flag. Death is portrayed as a skeleton as the skeletal bones are the part of the body that survives death. The armour he is wearing indicates that he is invincible and unconquerable. Indeed, no one has yet triumphed over death. The horse that Death rides is white, the colour of purity. Death is, therefore, the ultimate purifier. All things are reborn fresh, new, and pure. Notice even the bishop paying homage to him. All sectors of the human race are represented here – men, women, and children—showing that Death does not discern between age, race, or gender.

The banner that Death carries has a black background indicating an absence of light. The white rose, on the other hand, indicates beauty, purification, and immortality. In the background of the card, there is a rising sun, a sign of immortality. The sun appears to die each night but is reborn fresh and new every morning. The two pillars are guarding the gateway to the sun, symbolising the knowledge needed to gain immortality. The boat on the water in the background is the ferry that transports the souls across the River Styx. The background is a neutral grey, again showing Death’s impartiality.

Death is ruled by Scorpio (the sign of sex, death and taxes) and the number is 13, sacred to the Goddess as there are thirteen moons in a year.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

## General

The Death card is probably the most feared and misunderstood of all the cards in the Tarot deck. Just the mention of the card's name has people shaking in their boots! In general, people tend to take the meaning of this card far too literally and fear that the indication is for the death of either themselves or others. Relax! The card of Death can be one of the most fruitful and positive cards in the deck.

Death is symbolic of the ending of a major phase or aspect of your life that may bring about the beginning of something far more valuable and important. You must close one door in order to open another. You need to put the past behind you and part ways, ready to embrace new opportunities and possibilities. It may be difficult to let go of the past at times, but you will soon see how important it is so that you can bring renewal and transformation into your life. If you resist these necessary endings, you may experience pain, both emotionally and physically but if you exercise your creative imagination and visualise a new possibility, you allow more constructive patterns to emerge.

Similarly, Death indicates a time of significant transformation, change, and transition. You need to profoundly transform yourself and clear away any of the old to bring in the new. Any change at this time should be welcomed as a positive, cleansing, transformative force in your life. The death and clearing away of limiting factors can open the door to a wider, more satisfying experience of life.

The Death card contains elements of a sudden and unexpected change. You may feel as though you are caught in the path of sweeping change and cannot escape its effects. Though the immediate thought is toward the negative, an end need not mean failure. The loss could be a series of unexpected surprises that bring an end to a period of turmoil or problems. You feel you can no longer go along with the status quo and want things to change radically. Many changes are going to take place to enable a new direction to emerge.

Finally, Death is an indication that you need to learn to let go of unhealthy attachments in your life to pave the way to a fuller, more fulfilled life of

deeper meaning and significance. Death teaches you to let go of outworn and outgrown ways of life and move forward. This is a perfect card to use to break a bad habit or pattern of behaviour. This is a time of eliminating excess and cutting out what is not necessary in your life. This may be a good time to purge old belongings, memories and baggage that is getting in your way.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Death card indicates that there will be major changes to your work environment. You may be affected by a significant organisational change, such as restructuring or strategic refocusing, which will force you to move in a new direction. Or, you may need to say goodbye to a close colleague or bring a significant project to an end. While you may initially be upset by these changes, it will ultimately bring you into a new phase of life and will eventually benefit you in ways you could never have foreseen.

The Death card also suggests that you are considering implementing a significant change in your career, perhaps by changing careers or moving jobs. You are ready for a change, and you are ready to bring this phase of your working life to completion, in preparation for something new. There may also be a need to change your approach and perhaps take a new direction in how you find work, or perhaps even look in a different area to what you have looked at recently.

Financially, expect some considerable changes to impact your financial situation. You may be dealing with an involuntary loss of income as your job may be cut back, your stocks may lose money, etc. Do not avoid reality. Figure out exactly what you are dealing with, face the situation, then do what you must do to get through it. Ultimately, you will profit greatly from what you have learned, and you will be ok in the long run.

## **Personality Types**

Death represents someone who is very open to change and who is ready to bring about endings to facilitate new beginnings. This person may be minimalistic in approach, carrying minimal baggage from the past. They talk



about life in terms of new beginnings and new opportunities and appear to be personally transformed by some major change that has occurred in their life. They may be more willing to take a risk to pursue a new goal or to let go of a past situation that was no longer working for them.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Death card indicates major change is on its way. You may be going through a purging process, particularly if you are still affected by a past relationship, and you are at the point in life where you know you must let go of the past to find the right relationship in the future.

If you are just starting a new relationship, the Death card suggests that both of you have come into this relationship having experienced a significant change in your lives. In one way or another, you have both had a significant period, phase or cycle recently come to an end, opening up the door to new opportunities. It just happened to be that you both met each other at a perfect time when you were both closing one chapter and were ready to start a new chapter of your lives. This means that you are both very open to exploring new territories and you are now more available to each other than you might have been a few months ago. It indicates that you are ready to embrace change and transformation in your lives, whatever direction it takes you.

In a more established relationship, the Death card also reflects change, however, in this case, it may play out in one of two ways. First, if you have been struggling in the relationship, Death heralds a new perspective and a willingness to let go of the negativities of the past and embrace a new way of relating to each other. Look to other cards in the reading to understand if this is a possibility. If all avenues have already been explored and it feels as if the relationship will never change, then it may be time to go your separate ways and let go. You may have reached a point where you realise that the relationship has reached its end and it is time to move on. The most important aspect of the Death card is that it heralds positive change and new beginnings, so while it can be frightening to step into the unknown by ending a long-term relationship, this may be a necessary journey for your personal transformation.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, Death reflects a need for personal change and transformation by purging yourself of those aspects of yourself that are no longer healthy or beneficial to your soul. If you are experiencing challenges, focus on instilling a positive attitude and know that this difficult time shall pass. Embrace the new and allow a new way of thinking to enter your life.

## **Well-being and Health**

Seeing the Death card in a health reading can be particularly worrying but do not be afraid! It does not have to indicate actual death but is more often than not a sign of a necessary transformation that is in progress. You are going through major changes in your life where you have had to lay to rest one chapter of your life to pursue a new one. If you have been battling with a life change, you may still be coming to terms with this and it may be impacting your physical health. Try to deal with the emotional side of change, and this will help the physical side. Keep your stress levels manageable and deal with issues as they arise.

If you are subject to bad habits, such as smoking or excessive drinking, now is the time to kick that habit by going 'cold turkey' and putting in place ~~some~~ long-term measures to prevent any setbacks.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Death + Fool – A new beginning and a new journey.

Death + Devil – Being able to bring an end to a bad habit or pattern of behaviour.

Death + Tower – Major change as a result of powerful and intense forces, creating significant impact.

Death + Judgement – Self-evaluation, rebirth, and making a fresh start.

Death + Five of Cups – Saying goodbye and feeling a sense of loss and

regret.

Death + Eight of Cups – Walking away from an emotional situation that cannot be resolved.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Death is a card of transformation and new life and typically shows a need to start completely over by letting go of the past. Death reversed generally reflects that you are on the verge of major change but for some reason, you are resisting making that change. You may be reluctant to let go of the past, or you may not know how to make the change you need. You are still carrying harmful aspects from the past that may interfere with the opportunity you have for a new beginning. You are refusing to accept change, and you are resisting any element of change that may arise in your life. As a result, life has stagnated, and you are feeling stuck in limbo.

Assess the way in which you are approaching change. You may find that you are, in fact, halting the very change that will be to your benefit. You may fear the new but rest assured the time is right to accept the new. What is important, too, is that you address and resolve whatever issues are blocking your acceptance of change as soon as you can so that you are then free to start your new journey. Pursuing your new journey now, without having resolved the past, may lead to unintended outcomes, so best you deal with what is preventing you from changing first.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Death reversed + Hanged Man – Life is on hold as you resist change and transformation.

Death reversed + Four of Cups – A new opportunity is being offered, but you are still too caught up in the past to see this as an opportunity.

Death reversed + Six of Cups – You have become overly nostalgic and focused on the past, and therefore unable to accept necessary change in your

life.

Death reversed + Four of Swords – You are resisting change by withdrawing from your outer world and going within to meditate.

# 14. TEMPERANCE

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Balance, moderation, patience, purpose, meaning.

**Reversed:** Imbalance, excess, lack of long-term vision.



## QUOTES

“Everything in moderation.” – Aristotle

“In intuitive balance, love is balanced and detached. In the state of intuitive balance, peace and tranquillity are produced. Without intuitive balance, life is useless.” – Sri Guru Granth Sahib

“If the person you are talking to does not appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear.” – Winnie the Pooh

## **DESCRIPTION**

On the Temperance card stands a winged angel. The angel is a hermaphrodite (the child of Hermes and Aphrodite), showing a balance between the genders. The angel has one foot on dry land, representative of the material world, and one foot in the water, representative of the subconscious. In this position, she also represents the need to test the waters before jumping headfirst into unknown circumstances. Here she tempers the whimsical flight of the Fool who jumps without giving a second thought. The triangle inside the square on her robe represents the female being protected by natural law. In her hands, she holds two cups which she uses to mix water. The cups represent the sub and superconscious minds. One cup can be thought of as holding hot water and the other cold water. The water flowing between them is going from the lower cup to the higher one, signifying rising from a lower plane to a higher one. The temperate individual mixes the opposites and finds a balance in life by avoiding extremes. The astrological sign is Sagittarius, the teacher of truth, enthusiasm, tolerance, and beauty.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

Temperance indicates that you are learning to bring about balance, patience, and moderation in your life. You have been able to take the middle road,

avoiding extremes and maintaining a great sense of calm in your life. You have learned to keep calm in situations of great stress or anxiety, and you give the impression of being a swan, paddling madly underneath the water but appearing so graceful and elegant on the surface. You do not let things get to you, and you have found a place of peace where you can put things into perspective when things get hectic. Your respect for balance and tranquillity is what will help you to achieve and experience fulfilment in your life. Your temperament will be well balanced, and you demonstrate good management and balance in your outlook on life.

The Temperance card reflects that you have a clear, long-term vision of what you want to achieve. You are not rushing things along; rather you are taking your time to ensure that you do the best job you can. This card also reflects a higher learning in what you are doing and demonstrates that you are learning a great deal on your journey. You are at peace with what you are doing, and it is all coming together very well. Your inner voice is guiding you gently to the right outcome, and you are patiently listening and following. You have a very balanced perspective on the situation at this time, and you are in an excellent position to make the right choices.

In relation to others, Temperance represents adaptation, coordination, and tempering external influences. You are able to work in harmony with others, and there is a heightened level of cooperation in your activities with others. You can combine forces and join with others in order to bring it all together. There is a beautiful synergy at work that leverages the right mix of talents, experiences, abilities, and skills.

Temperance asks you to be patient so that you can act with timing and precision. Patience and moderation will result in good management of all things. Do not feel that you need to rush, just let the situation evolve at its natural pace.

Temperance can also reflect a period of self-evaluation in order to reexamine your life priorities. You are now seeking a much greater balance between your inner and outer selves, searching for a higher meaning and purpose in life. Throughout this transition, you may also experience a clash between the old and the new you, sometimes feeling confused about which direction you ought to take and what is really important to you. You will evaluate

seclusion, detachment, and retreats as methods for accomplishing great things. You will avoid pain, conflict, and distractions and lessen your stress and anxiety. Looking inward will recharge you. There is nothing to fear; it is part of the process, and without it, change could not occur.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

Temperance asks you to bring balance, patience, and moderation to your work situation. Show others that you have everything under control, and bring a sense of peace and calm to your work. You may also need to be patient and moderate with others, particularly if you become easily frustrated when they do not live up to your high expectations. Again, provide them with a little leeway, and try to see the situation in the broader scheme of things. It is important to aim high, but do not have expectations of yourself or others that you or they cannot possibly meet.

If you are considering a career change, Temperance suggests that you may be coming to a point where you are reexamining your priorities and considering what you need to change to bring about greater balance and moderation in your career. You may have worked incredibly hard over the past few years, and you may be starting to feel burned-out and exhausted. You have often placed work ahead of your personal goals to get ahead, but you are starting to feel that the pendulum needs to swing the other way. You may be seeking work that integrates more of your spiritual or emotional side, and that has a higher purpose. Community work or volunteering may be on the cards!

Possible career paths associated with Temperance include a chemist, pharmacist, mediator, school teacher, aromatherapist, herbalist, bartender, healer, or psychologist.

In a financial reading, Temperance suggests that there is likely to be a good balance between what is going out and what is coming in. Maintain a balanced budget and do not get caught up in excessive purchases that you know you cannot afford.

## **Personality Types**



The Temperance personality represents someone who is very grounded, balanced, patient, and moderate in their approach. You will rarely see this person become angry, stressed, or out of control. Instead, they approach life with a very calm demeanour and even when things are getting a little crazy, they remain completely calm and focused on what needs to be done. This has a very positive effect on others who will often moderate their own behaviour in response.

The Temperance personality also creates balance and harmony in their life, rarely ever drinking or eating to excess, and ensuring that everything is done in moderation. They are likely to be very focused on living a healthy lifestyle.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are searching for love, the Temperance card indicates that you are focused on the long-term vision of finding a relationship that has the potential for marriage. You have assessed your options, and you are aware of your strengths and weaknesses. You are now ready to bring the right type of relationship into your life.

Additionally, Temperance shows that you are going about your search for love in a very moderated, patient manner, and you are not rushing into things without thinking carefully. This card is a good sign that you are on the right path and it will eventually reward you well. Do not lose faith for even if you do not meet someone in the short-term, you are serving your higher needs well and not settling for anything less.

In a relationship, Temperance is typically a positive sign that the relationship is working well and that you are in harmony with one another. You are appreciative of each other, and you acknowledge the value you both bring to the relationship. While you may have your differences, you recognise that this creates a beautiful synergy between you and propels the relationship even further. You are able to bring two minds into one, to form a new and harmonious energy between you.

If you are experiencing some challenges in your relationship, Temperance asks you to focus on creating balance and moderation in the relationship

moving forward. Conflict can only be resolved through compromise and cooperation. If you are both able to acknowledge this, you cannot be in conflict for too long because you always balance things out before it becomes problematic. If a relationship seems out of balance in any way, Temperance is a sign to start fixing things before it gets too far out of balance and is irrevocably destroyed. So, even in those moments when you feel like shouting at your partner, Temperance asks you to maintain a calm and patient approach. Be more accepting of what is, and give your partner some leeway. Focus more on building a long-term future together rather than worrying whether your partner has hung out the washing in the right way! This is a good time for you to reflect on the relationship and learn from the past so that you can create a more positive future for yourself.

Additionally, Temperance indicates a desire for the relationship to return to the happy place in which it once was. You seek balance and moderation, and you firmly believe that you are universally connected and have the potential to be soul mates. You just want the energy to flow naturally between you both and to allow this relationship to blossom in the way it should.

## **Spirituality**

Temperance indicates that you are looking for a greater sense of purpose, fulfilment, and balance in your life. You have experienced the extremes in the past, and you have learned from these experiences. Now, you want to ensure that you only bring about good in your life and that you create balance, patience, and moderation in all that you do. You may have purged yourself of behaviours, thoughts or habits that have not served you well, and you now move forward with a desire to create a healthier lifestyle on many levels (relationships, physical health, spirituality and so on). There may be times when you experience a clash between the old and new you. Accept that you are in a period of transition as the changes you are making to your life now are incredibly positive and will be highly beneficial in the long run.

This is also an important time to meditate and to listen to your inner voice for guidance. Your inner voice is guiding you gently to the right outcome, and you are patiently listening and following. You have a very balanced perspective on your spirituality at this time, and you are in a very good

position to make the right choice. You have weighed up the different issues from a holistic point of view, and know now what you need to do.

## **Well-being and Health**

Balance and moderation are the key to good health at this time. Are you eating well, sleeping well, and getting enough exercise? Look at where you might be out of balance and then aim to fix this. This is also an important time to bring harmony between body, mind, and spirit, perhaps through yoga, meditation or some other form of exercise. You may also benefit from a holistic health practitioner who can assess your overall health and make recommendations for your ongoing well-being.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Temperance + Tower – Your self-control is challenged by unexpected and significant events in your external environment.

Temperance + Star – Artistic inspiration and creative expression that leads to greater self-awareness.

Temperance + Two of Cups – A harmonious and balanced relationship.

Temperance + Three of Pentacles – Cooperation with peers and colleagues and an increased level of teamwork.

Temperance + Nine of Pentacles – Having the wisdom to leave behind excessive and materialistic behaviour whilst maintaining a sense of security.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Temperance reversed reflects a time when something is out of balance, in conflict or excessive, and is, therefore, creating stress and tension in your life. Look to the other cards in the reading to understand what is out of balance or contributing to this feeling. Temperance reversed can also be a lead indicator

that, were you to follow a certain path, you would create imbalance in the situation. You may be acting impatiently or refusing to take the moderate, gentle approach. Be wary of hasty action as this will only lead to further imbalance.

Temperance reversed can suggest that you lack a long-term vision and/or purpose and, as a result, you are feeling out of balance. This is a time when you need to reflect on what changes are necessary in your life to create greater purpose and fulfilment. Return to the energy of the Death card to understand what you need to leave behind you in the past and what changes you need to embrace in the future.

People you are dealing with are proving to be uncooperative, or you may feel as though your interests are in conflict or competition with each other. Getting the 'flow' right between you seems an impossible feat. You are both striving to express your individuality in very different ways. There is a lot of energy around now, but none of it is being used positively. Unresolved conflicts in both of you have yet to be expressed clearly; indeed you may not be conscious of them, although you are aware that something is wrong. These conflicts may manifest themselves as role reversal. In the beginning one of you was dominant, now the other seeks to take control of the union. An old-fashioned argument may be necessary to clear the air and establish new ground rules.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Temperance reversed + Nine of Cups – Excess and over-indulgence in life's little pleasures.

Temperance reversed + Five of Pentacles – Ill-health as a result of excessive behaviours.

Temperance reversed + Five of Swords – Discord and a lack of harmony with others, leading to a lose-lose situation.

Temperance reversed + Two of Wands reversed – A lack of a long-term vision or plan.

Temperance reversed + Five of Wands – Disagreement and conflict with others, and increased competition.

## 15. DEVIL

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Bondage, addiction, sexuality, materialism.

**Reversed:** Detachment, breaking free, power reclaimed.



### QUOTES

“Confront the dark parts of yourself, and work to banish them with illumination and forgiveness. Your willingness to wrestle with your demons will cause your angels to sing. Use the pain as fuel, as a reminder of your strength.” – August Wilson (Author)

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” – Eleanor Roosevelt (US diplomat)

“Pleasure can be supported by an illusion; but happiness rests upon truth.” – Nicolas Chamfort (Author)

## DESCRIPTION

The card of the Devil portrays a Satyr, a creature that is half man and half goat. In many myths, the goat was considered an unclean and lustful animal. However, the goat also symbolises the scapegoat, the person or thing upon which people project the inferior side of themselves to feel better about themselves. Thus the Devil is the scapegoat we blame for our troubles in life.

The Devil has the wings of a vampire bat, an animal that sucks the life blood out of its prey. This is symbolic of what happens when we give full reign to the realm of our raw desires. We lose our vitality and life energy. The Devil has an almost hypnotic stare, bringing those who come near him within his power. Above him is an inverted pentagram, signifying the darker side of magic and occultism.

At the foot of the Devil stands a man and a woman, both naked and chained to the podium on which the Devil sits. They appear to be held here, against their will, but only closer observation, the chains around their necks are loose and could be easily removed. This symbolises that bondage to the Devil is ultimately a voluntary matter which consciousness can release. The man and woman wear tiny horns like those of the Satyr—they are becoming more and more like the devil the longer they stay here. Both have tails—a further symbol of their animalistic or lower tendencies.

The dark and doorless cave implies that the Devil dwells in the most

inaccessible realm of the unconscious and only crisis can break through the walls.

The number 15 in numerology equals 6, the number that corresponds to the Lovers, and here the lovers are shown chained, in bondage to the material, sensual side of their nature. This card is ruled by Capricorn, the goat.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The card of the Devil represents the hidden forces of negativity that constrain you and that trick you into thinking you are imprisoned by external forces ultimately out of your control. The Devil is an inner force within each of us. He represents our fears, addictions, and other harmful impulses. He is a master of deception and creates the illusion that you are involuntarily bound to him. However, the figures in this card are free to remove the chains from around their necks, indicating that they have freely given the Devil any power he has over them.

When you see the Devil in a reading, ask yourself where you are feeling stuck or restricted in your life. You may be tricked into believing that you are being controlled by external forces when in fact you have created your own chains of imprisonment and powerlessness. A sense of hopelessness can accompany the Devil. You feel despair and have a pessimistic view of life because you feel that so much is outside of your control. You fear the worst, and this means that your fears have a hold over you and prevent you from leading a more fulfilling and optimistic life. What are the addictions or attachments restraining you from experiencing the freedom of the Fool? Are you giving yourself over to the illusion of helplessness and despair? Know that you have the power within to free yourself from the bondage of the Devil.

The Devil often reflects actual addictions and dependencies in your life, such as alcoholism, drug-taking, unhealthy relationships, over-spending and the like. You think you need something and you are willing to go against what



you know to be right and true in order to obtain it. You need to break free of these negative patterns of behaviour by acknowledging the hold that they have over you and the negative impact they are having on your life. Often they are behaviours that are immediately gratifying but which cause longer-term damage to your inner fulfilment.

More generally, the Devil indicates that you are becoming obsessed and hell-bent on a particular idea, situation, or endeavour. You are over-investing yourself in one area at the expense of other areas of your life. Often, the Devil card represents an over-dependence on material wealth. You may have become so fixated on becoming a millionaire or owning a fancy car that you have forgotten the importance of investing in your relationships or yourself. You have generated a belief that value lies in how much you earn or how much you own. You have created an unhealthy bond with these materialistic desires and this bondage is now controlling you.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Devil suggests that you feel trapped in a job you hate but cannot see a way out of either because of the job security or financial rewards you generate by working in this environment. In some cases, the Devil represents the golden handcuffs—financial incentives that discourage you from leaving the company. Consider whether or not the trade-offs are worth it. Often, you can negotiate better pay and conditions elsewhere when you move jobs. Furthermore, you may find that the financial incentives cannot compensate you for the emotional disincentives.

The Devil can also indicate great ambition and desire to succeed. This can be a positive sign for the career-minded individual or the entrepreneur setting up a new business. However, this card can easily turn into an obsession with power and material wealth. Be careful that your ambitions do not rule your life or get in the way of your being able to create a fulfilling and sustainable lifestyle.

Possible career paths associated with the Devil include business executive, entrepreneur, prison officer, debt collector, and dominatrix.

Financially, you may find that you are bound by certain contracts or agreements that restrict you from accessing your funds when in need. Make sure you read the fine print before signing any contract to ensure that you do not get caught out! Be wary, too, of overspending or getting yourself into too much debt that you know you cannot repay. The consequences of this type of excess are likely to be unpleasant, and you will be receiving minimal support to get you out of trouble.

## **Personality Types**

The Devil personality is highly sexual, driven by instinctual urges and often prone to highly addictive behaviour. This person does not know the meaning of balance or moderation, instead, indulging in excesses and intense experiences. This individual may be a bit of a daredevil (excuse the pun), ready to take a risk in order to experience an extreme, if not short-lived, high. This is a very intense individual who is obsessive and constantly on the lookout for the next ultimate experience. The Devil personality can be power-hungry and overly ambitious, becoming egotistical, superficial, and shallow.

On the flipside, the Devil personality may be more associated with the two seemingly trapped figures in this card and therefore aligned to a powerless victim mentality. This individual may feel that he/she is always at the brunt of someone else's negativity, and may feel helpless and despairing in the face of adversity. They have lost their ability to identify when they are being taken advantage of and end up in all sorts of negative situations, including abusive or co-dependent relationships, bad habits, addictions, and ill-health.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are single, you no doubt are enjoying an active sex life but with multiple partners and for short bursts at a time. This is when you are acting upon feelings of lust and raw attraction, rather than love or mutual connection. Expect one-night stands, hot and passionate affairs, and lots of flirtatious behaviour. You may be revelling in this energy, or you may be growing tired of the meaningless relationships and/or sexual encounters that you are finding along the way. Be careful that you are not putting yourself out there on a physical or sexual level in an attempt to be loved or accepted,

because, in reality, this is all about the sex and not about the love.

If you are in a long-term romantic relationship, one or both parties may have gotten to the point where you feel as though you are trapped in the relationship. There may be signs that the relationship has soured or is no longer serving either of you well.

There could be issues of abuse, possession, addiction or co-dependency. Often, this card will appear in a relationship reading where there is little that can be done but to end an unhappy relationship. Remember that you always have choices.

In some cases, the Devil can represent a very close bond between two individuals. Look for other positive cards, such as the Lovers or Two of Cups, to confirm this. More often than not, however, the Devil points to an unhealthy connection rather than a healthy one.

## **Spirituality**

If you are feeling trapped or restricted, particularly on a deeper, more spiritual level, know that you have options and that you can indeed free yourself from these perceived barriers. Positive affirmations are important and will benefit you. Surround yourself with upbeat, positive people who have a good moral standing and who have created a healthy lifestyle for themselves. Avoid overly critical or judgemental people who nitpick you to the point where you become depressed and powerless.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Devil is most commonly associated with addiction, including substance abuse, sexual addiction, chain-smoking, and eating disorders. This addiction is having a negative impact on your health and represents a pattern of behaviour that needs to be broken. You can overcome these addictions by acknowledging the hold they have on you and recognising that you have the power to change your behavioural pattern.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Devil + Chariot – A high level of ambition and drive will lead you to success but at the expense of others.

Devil + Strength – Channel and control your energy rather than allowing it to run wild in your life.

Devil + Nine of Cups – Over-indulgence in life's pleasures.

Devil + Nine of Pentacles – Obsession in material wealth and gain but at the expense of other aspects of your life.

Devil + Eight of Swords – Confusion, restriction, and a victim mentality.

Devil + Knight of Wands – A passionate love affair, possibly with someone younger than you.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Devil appears when you are feeling trapped by things such as unhealthy or co-dependent relationships, financial debt, unproductive careers, unhealthy lifestyles or addictions, or consumerism and materialism. When the Devil is reversed, it indicates a growing awareness that you are currently in this state and you desire freedom from these harmful bonds. You may now be more willing and able to accept changes in your life, and you may be more open to taking on new perspectives. However, it is not going to be an easy journey. You will need to battle your inner fears and anxieties to free yourself from the chains that bind you to your unhealthy habits. You need to conduct an audit of your life and eliminate those things that you know are harmful to you and your inner psyche. It may be about creating a healthier diet, watching less television, quitting smoking, spending more time with your loved ones, or focusing more clearly on your goals. Take this opportunity to bring about positive change in your life by providing yourself with ongoing encouragement and motivation. You must remain faithful to your goal of freedom.

If you have not yet succumbed to bad habits or addictions, be cautious about opening yourself up to these temptations in the future. Look out for anything that might put you in debt or under the control of another person who may not have the best of intentions. Avoid anything that might harm your body physically, such as alcohol, drugs, or any other addictions because these will prove to be very difficult to shake off later. You may believe they are only a temporary and harmless release from your personal issues, but they may turn into a significant problem that could cause you a lot of grief in the long-term.

The Devil reversed may also refer to the Buddhist principle of detachment. Detachment, also expressed as non-attachment, is a state in which you overcome your attachment to the desire for things, people, or concepts of the world, thus attaining a heightened perspective. The detached person is the happiest, for to live without attachment is to live in true freedom. It is important to note, however, that the Buddhist principle of detachment does not mean that you no longer care for things or people but rather that you separate your own existence from them in such a way that means you can still care about them but that you are not dictated or defined by their existence.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Devil reversed + Hermit – Avoid forming any long-term bonds with others, particularly if there is any doubt in your mind about their intentions.

Devil reversed + Star – Renewed faith, hope, and optimism that you can break free of negative habits and achieve a much better state of being.

Devil reversed + Four of Wands – Freedom and release, resulting in greater happiness and fulfillment.

## 16. TOWER

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Disaster, upheaval, sudden change, revelation.

**Reversed:** Avoidance of disaster, fear of change.



### QUOTES

“So go ahead. Fall down. The world looks different from the ground.” – Oprah Winfrey

“It is a good thing to have all the props pulled out from under us occasionally. It gives us some sense of what is rock under our feet, and what is sand.” – Madeleine L’Engle (Author)

“Crises refine life. In them you discover what you are.” – Allan K. Chalmers

“Sometimes a breakdown can be the beginning of a kind of breakthrough, a way of living in advance through a trauma that prepares you for a future of radical transformation.” – Cherrie Moraga (Writer and poet)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Tower shows a tall tower pitched atop a craggy mountain. Lightning strikes and flames burst from the building’s windows. People are seen to be leaping from the tower in desperation, wanting to flee such destruction and turmoil. The Tower signifies darkness and destruction on a physical scale, as opposed to a spiritual scale. The Tower itself represents ambitions built on false premises. The lightning bolt breaks down existing forms in order to make room for new ones. It represents a sudden, momentary glimpse of truth, a flash of inspiration that breaks down structures of ignorance and false reasoning. Notice the lightning bolt is oriented left to right (from the perspective of the card), from heaven to earth, and from Spirit to material. The falling figures correspond to the chained prisoners in the Devil card.

They fall head first because the sudden influx of spiritual consciousness represented by the lightning flash completely upsets all our old notions about the relations between subconsciousness and self-consciousness. The flames are actually the Hebrew Yod. There are 22 flames, representing the 22 Major Arcana. The grey clouds are the clouds of misfortune that rain on everyone indiscriminately. The ruling planet of this card is Mars.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

## General

How many times have you sat safely within the narrow confines of your life, comfortable in your current thoughts, beliefs, and expectations? Then, out of the blue, something shocking happens that completely destroys your picture of peace and harmony. It blows your mind or throws you for a loop. There is a sudden realisation that your comfort was based on an inadequate foundation of false thought, belief, and action. This is a humbling, frightening but necessary experience.

When you see the Tower in a reading, you may feel afraid, shaken, and insecure. It is a time of great turmoil and destruction as you seek to understand how you could have been so wrong, so naive, or so blind about a particularly situation. And now, what will you do and how will you manage in the face of this shocking truth? You may be experiencing sleepless nights, depression, grief, anger, and confrontation. These are normal reactions to major changes in your outer and inner worlds.

A Tower experience is any experience that shakes the foundation of your current sense of security and/or forces you to question your strongly-held beliefs, perceptions, attitudes, and behaviours. It may be a divorce, death of a loved one, financial failure, health problems, or job loss, or any event that penetrates to the core of your inner being, affecting you spiritually, mentally, and physically. It is often descriptive of a major upheaval, disruption, emergency or crisis, and is likely to bring chaos in the aftermath of such an event.

If the Tower appears in your reading, ask yourself, “What structures in my life are breaking up?” No doubt you will already be very aware of where there is turmoil and destruction but sometimes it can be on a more subtle or subconscious level.

The most important aspect of the Tower is that with destruction there comes creation. Thus, the Tower card represents an awakening and is about inspiration, freedom, reality, and the release from bondage. It is a truth and honesty card that comes as a bolt of lightning to you through a shocking and impactful life event.



It represents a necessary experience that forces you to get out of your comfort zone and to grow beyond your present level. The sudden destruction of the Tower represents the immediacy of change and the often disorienting effects of that change. Once you hit rock bottom, the choice is yours. You can revert to the self-defeating, restrictive Devil, or reach for the transformational and inspirational Star.

When you begin to reach for the Star, you will come to realise that your true security and strength lies within yourself and your relationship with the Universe, and not in some false belief system or artificially created world. Following a Tower experience, you can rest assured that you will grow stronger, wiser and more serene as you begin to develop a completely new perspective on life that you did not even know existed. These moments in time are necessary for spiritual growth and enlightenment. Truth and honesty will bring about a positive change, even if you must experience pain and anxiety throughout the process.

The Tower also represents the inner and outer structures that you have built. These structures represent your personal defences, which create a more socially acceptable 'you' by hiding your true, inner thoughts and feelings. It is like laughing politely when your boss tells a joke, or, on a deeper level, disguising your sexual feelings, particularly if you feel that they are socially inappropriate. In times of great pressure and stress, these structures will be tested and are at risk of shattering, finally revealing your true inner self to those around you. So, you need to be very careful how much of yourself you attempt to hide, knowing that one day, all will be revealed.

The Tower, therefore, asks you to break down the structures that you have surrounded yourself with. This can be a painful and difficult process if you resist against the external forces that are pushing you to reveal more of yourself. Breaking through this pretence can cause a great deal of anguish but remember that the Tower will fall, whether you like it or not, because you have reached your limits in this area and can no longer live with it.

Similarly, the Tower can signify your ego and the illusion of considering yourself to be superior to others. When the Tower of ego, deception, and illusion is destroyed, you are free to face truth and reality without the trappings of false attachments. Are you undergoing a major shift in

consciousness? Are you beginning to see things in a new way? Embrace the opportunity to accept change and move forward into a more positive psychological state, where personal freedom is the rule.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Tower can often signify a major organisational change or event that has a significant impact on you personally. Your company may be going through a major crisis or significantly downsizing its operations and cutting costs, resulting in your job being under threat. This is not an indicator that you need to panic. It is, however, an indicator that “forewarned is forearmed.” Even if you think that you have the most stable job or source of income in the world, what would you do if it dried up tomorrow? Where might you go immediately for work if you needed to? Planning ahead now, when you are not in a crisis, may pay big dividends for you later on.

The Tower may also be a calling for you to shake things up in your career and make a major change to what you invest your time in. It may be a shock or surprise to those you work with, but you may have wanted a change in your career for some time now and feel that this time is as good as any to make that move.

If you are searching for work but have yet to be successful, be aware that the job market may be volatile and the organisations you are applying to may be undergoing significant change themselves. This can make it a difficult time to successfully find the job you want.

In terms of possible career paths, the Tower is associated with a change champion or manager, management consultant, merger and acquisition consultant, therapist, demolitions specialist, professional organiser/declutterer, life coach, pyrotechnician, explosives expert, rescuer, outplacement advisor, and renovator.

In a financial reading, the appearance of the Tower card suggests that this is not the time for risky investments, gambling, or counting on the lottery to make things work out for you. In fact, expect major change to impact your

finances and be prepared for such an event. This might be like the share market crashing, an unexpected job loss, injury resulting in loss of income, or an unexpected expense.

## **Personality Types**

The Tower personality is here to shake things up! This individual is willing to put contentious ideas and propositions out there to create shock value and sensationalism. They have a 'no holds barred' attitude and do not seem to care what others will think. They just want to stir things up and ruffle people's feathers. They thrive on chaos and are only consistent in creating and manifesting it. They can be unpredictable, volatile, and unstable, and there is always some drama occurring in their lives.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are searching for love, you may have a defining moment that forces you to change your approach to finding the right relationship for you. An unexpected change of events may push you to question your current approach and compel you in a new direction. You may realise you have been chasing after the wrong type of person, or that what you thought was important to you is no longer a priority. There may be an event that occurs outside of your search for a relationship and that diverts your attention and focus for the time being.

If you are in a relationship, the Tower indicates an unexpected and significant change that is about to occur that will have a major impact on your relationship. Often, it suggests that relationship issues will eventually burst through the surface, resulting in an abrupt and shocking ending to the relationship that you did not expect. An ugly truth may be revealed about you or your partner that you must deal with. At other times, the Tower may reflect an external event that will significantly change the nature of your relationship, for example, loss of a job, death of a family member, etc. This event will force you to look at your relationship very differently.

You will choose to either stand by your partner and support him/her through this challenging time, or you will choose to end the relationship, realising that

it is not what you want or what you can deal with at this time. It is a 'make or break' moment.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, your faith is going to be put to the test. The Tower indicates that a significant change is about to occur in your life that will challenge your fundamental belief system and will force you to change your approach. This is also a 'make or break' moment for you on a spiritual level, that will test how committed you are to your spiritual development. It may also reflect a spiritual awakening as you rise from your challenges and seek a more fulfilling path.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Tower reflects a sudden change of events. You may be more accident-prone, or a sudden illness may bear down on you. You may be suffering from anxiety attacks or high levels of stress and tension, particularly if you are undergoing change in other areas of your life. Be careful with drugs and alcohol, too, as there is a high risk of overdosing or going overboard.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Tower + High Priestess – You already have an inner sense of what major change may be on its way.

Tower + Death – Sweeping change and powerful forces at play.

Tower + Star – A positive combination that indicates you can harness major change to bring about personal transformation and renewed faith.

Tower + Two of Cups reversed – The end of a relationship or partnership.

Tower + Three of Pentacles reversed – A falling out with your colleagues, business partners or peers will lead to a business failure.

Tower + Five of Pentacles – Financial failure and misfortune.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Upright, the Tower indicates a time of great turmoil and destruction, which will eventually bring with it change and regeneration. Reversed, however, the Tower card indicates that you are simply delaying the necessary destruction. You need to go through this difficult time in order to learn an important lesson. Do not resist it. Even though it is shocking and hard to deal with, it is an important part of your life journey.

Similarly, the Tower reversed suggests that, while you consciously want change and transformation, you seem to be afraid of these two things. You may feel that change and transformation may bring with it destruction and pain, and thus you are resisting this. You may be aware that to create the BIG change you are seeking, you need to go through a period of significant discomfort but you seem to be afraid of this discomfort. Now is the time to think BIG and to not be afraid of taking BIG leaps ahead of you. Sure, the stakes are high, and it is risky territory but if you want to achieve the scale of change you aspire to, then you need to take some risk.

The reversal of the Tower can also lessen the degree or impact of change that is about to enter your life. You may be forewarned or you may have an intuitive sense that something major is about to happen, and you can, therefore, plan in advance and avoid the destruction that lies ahead. You may be lucky enough to narrowly avert disaster.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Tower reversed + Wheel of Fortune – Luck is on your side and you will be able to avert disaster by being in the right place at the right time.

Tower reversed + Death reversed – Resistance to change is preventing you from moving forward.

Tower reversed + Sun – Major change will be much less impactful than

expected and you may see the positive consequences of change much more quickly.

Tower reversed + Four of Cups – You are losing out on new opportunities because you are resisting the amount of change that is required to take up these opportunities.

## 17. STAR

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Hope, spirituality, renewal, inspiration, serenity.

**Reversed:** Lack of faith, despair, discouragement.



### QUOTES

“If you follow your star, you cannot fail of glorious heaven.” – Dante Alighieri (Poet)

“You cannot connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life.” – Steve Jobs ( Co-founder of Apple)

“For my part I know nothing with any certainty but the sight of the stars makes me dream.” – Vincent van Gogh

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Star card shows a naked woman kneeling at the edge of a small pool. The woman holds two containers of water. She pours the water out to nourish the earth and to continue the cycle of fertility, represented by the lush greenery around her. The other container pours the water onto dry land in five rivulets, representing the five senses. The woman has one foot on the ground, representing her practical abilities and good common sense, and the other foot in the water, representing her intuition and inner resources and listening to her inner voice. Behind her, shines one large star and seven smaller stars, representing your chakras. This represents a need to open your chakras and cleanse your aura. Notice all the stars have eight points. The Star is associated with the number 17, which equals 8 (1+7=8). Eight is Strength, the quality needed to accept your faults and love yourself in spite of them. The bird in the tree in the background is the sacred ibis of thought, roosting in the tree of the mind. The astrological sign of the Star is Aquarius.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Star brings renewed hope and faith and a sense that you are truly blessed



by the Universe at this time. Courage, fulfilment, and inspiration are in your life. You are entering a loving phase in your life, filled with calm energy, mental stability, and deeper understanding of both yourself and others around you. This card is saying to you that, over the long-term, you should have faith and trust in the Universe. A better future is waiting for you but in order to reach it you must trust that it is indeed possible.

As it follows the Tower, the Star indicates that you have endured life's challenges and have been through a difficult time, but you are now open to healing and transformation. Your ability to let go of damaging memories has been strengthened by contact with your true self through these difficult times. Hatred, envy, bitterness, and revenge have burned themselves out and no longer shadow your life or get in the way of your potential for future happiness. You are now also able to forgive and forget so that you can embrace new opportunities.

The Star is, therefore, an important card for personal transformation. When the Star appears, be open to new ideas and growth. Listen to the still small voice within.

You have a strong desire now to find or rediscover a sense of meaning, inspiration, or purpose in your life. You are making some significant changes in your life, transforming yourself from the old you to the new you, and in doing this, you are bringing about a fresh perspective on life. You may also be feeling that you are finally honouring the person who you truly are or want to be, rather than simply following a routine that has little meaning to you. There is a deeper spiritual journey that you are going through which is all about bringing greater meaning and purpose into your life and renewing your inner energy. You hope your future will be better than your past. This card is the call of destiny that motivates you or compels you to go on. Your desire is not in vain as you will ultimately find what you are yearning for.

The Star brings renewed self-esteem and increased trust in yourself. You will become aware of how successful and respected you are. You may attain a goal that brings lasting happiness, and your reputation may be enhanced. The Star is particularly encouraging when you have come through a period of opposition, negative feedback or setbacks that have previously damaged your self-esteem. The Star encourages you to have faith and believe in yourself.

The Star also indicates a generous spirit. You want to give or share your wealth with others to help transform their lives. You have an open heart, and you now want to give back the blessings you have already received so that others may benefit.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the appearance of the Star suggests that you are experiencing a lot of success in your work and you are receiving accolades for your accomplishments. Your self-confidence is immense, and you should be proud of all that you have achieved. The Star also reflects that you now wish to share this success with others, perhaps through mentoring, public speaking, or coaching a colleague. You may be considering how you can give back to the community, using your professional skills.

If you are considering a change in career, the Star suggests that you are seeking greater meaning and purpose in what you do. You can no longer work in an environment where it is just about making a profit for the senior executives of the corporation. Instead, you want to know that you are having a real and meaningful impact on the people and things that matter most. You may be considering a work environment that is more nurturing of your individual value, and that appreciates what you have to offer. Or you may be drawn to a smaller organisation or community-based organisation so that you can connect more closely with your colleagues, customers, and community.

Possible career paths associated with the Star card include actress, writer, artist, celebrity, yoga instructor, counsellor, motivational speaker, life coach, fundraiser, or skilled volunteer.

Financially, the Star is a very positive omen. You will do better financially than you imagined. You will have everything that you need, and then some. Enjoy it!

## **Personality Types**

The Star personality is hopeful, uninhibited, calm and optimistic. Others are drawn to the Star personality, as they find these individuals to be very

inspiring and uplifting. Just being near someone with this personality makes you feel at ease and welcome. For this reason, Star personalities are talented counsellors and motivational speakers. There is also a certain star quality about the Star personality (excuse the pun) and you may see these people thriving in the limelight.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a relationship reading, the Star card brings a wonderful, positive energy. Whether you are looking for love or are in a stable relationship, the Star card offers a gift of love and inspiration that can only bring happiness, renewal, hope, and faith.

If you are looking for love, this is an excellent time to meet someone new. You have been through a personal transformation and have worked out the type of person you want to be and the type of person you want to attract. You are also in a positive and optimistic frame of mind, which will naturally attract others. As such, a new relationship could happen at any time.

If you are in a committed relationship, this may move to a new, higher and more fulfilling level. The Star shows that you have learnt a lot from previous relationships, and as a result, you have a much deeper insight into what works and what does not work. You can now apply this new wisdom to your current relationship. Now that you have a better insight into positive relationships, you want to make sure that you are doing it the right way.

You may also need to be a source of inspiration for your partner, particularly if he/she is struggling or needs some positive energy.

## **Spirituality**

The Star brings with it wisdom, spiritual enlightenment, progress toward goals and knowing what these goals are. You are in touch with your spirituality and are ready and willing to reach out to others to share your wisdom and joy. Your efforts in doing so will be repaid many times over. The world needs your light and your happiness so allow it to shine through.

The Star suggests that you need to prioritise your spiritual development as it is incredibly important for your personal transformation. You are in need of bringing a new way of thinking into your life, and purifying your soul in the process. This is a journey of renewal for you and your spiritual development is important as you move into the next stage. There is also a need to keep an open mind and an open heart.

## **Well-being and Health**

In terms of health and well-being, the Star reflects good health and that you are on the road to recovery. You will feel calm and relaxed, and will be inspired and motivated about your ability to heal from within.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Star + Fool – You have a great deal of faith and trust that life will play out just as you want.

Star + Magician – You are in a good position to deliver the vision you have.

Star + Hermit – Your inspiration may not be understood by others and is instead something you want to keep to yourself at this time.

Star + Ten of Cups – Lots of joy, positive feelings, and blessings are in your life.

Star + Ace of Pentacles – A personal transformation or seed of inspiration could become a profitable business venture.

Star + Six of Pentacles – You are feeling very generous and open to sharing your source of inspiration with others.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

When the Star is reversed, it suggests that your spiritual mission is distorted. Instead of hope, you are feeling despair or discouragement. Instead of being

filled with positive possibilities, you find yourself dwelling on negative issues. Negative thoughts will wear away at you to the point where you may give up control of the situation and concede defeat. To remedy this, the reversed Star suggests you identify what is making you feel discouraged or overwhelmed and work on moving past these issues. They can take on an importance far greater than they deserve and can hold you back.

The reversed Star also indicates that you are beginning to feel disengaged and uninspired with life or components of your life (for example, work, hobbies, relationships, personal projects, etc.). Perhaps you started out with great vision and enthusiasm, but you are now finding yourself overwhelmed by day-to-day routines that are boring and dreary. You may now find life a when it used to be a pleasant experience. This card is particularly relevant for career readings when you are feeling that you are no longer connected to the work you do and you feel that you need to move on or make a significant change to your career.

The Star reversed may reflect a loss of faith in a particular situation, resulting in you waiting for a sign or a 'calling' to proceed further. You may need reassurance that you are still on the right path, particularly if you have been experiencing setbacks or challenges along the journey. Remember the advice of the Tower, which is to see these setbacks as opportunities to change and grow. Know that even if you are feeling uncertain or fatalistic about whether you will ever achieve your goal, this is just a momentary setback, and you will soon see that it was an important part of your journey forward. Often, the reversed Star is more about a test of faith than it is an indication of a negative outcome. Sometimes you need to go through an incredibly trying time in order to come to a point of personal transformation and awakening. You need to keep believing in the Universe and know that it will do what is best for all. This is a test of your faith, and you will no doubt come out of this a stronger person.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Star reversed + Tower – Upheaval and chaos resulting in a loss of faith.

Star reversed + Moon – Feeling troubled, disturbed or anxious about a

situation.

Star reversed + Knight of Pentacles – Boredom as a result of routine or administrative work.

Star reversed + Two of Swords – A lack of inspiration is leading you to become indecisive and blocked.

Star reversed + Six of Wands reversed – A personal failure or setback has become public and has damaged your personal reputation and brand.

## 18. MOON

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Illusion, fear, anxiety, insecurity, subconscious.

**Reversed:** Release of fear, unhappiness, confusion.



### QUOTES

“Everyone is a moon and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.”  
– Mark Twain

“Fear is only an illusion. It is the illusion that creates the feeling of separateness—the false sense of isolation that exists only in your imagination.” – Jeraldine Saunders (Writer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Moon is the card of intuition, dreams, and the unconscious. The Moon provides light as a reflection of the Sun, yet this light is dim, uncertain, and only vaguely illuminates our path as we journey toward higher consciousness. The pool at the base of the card represents the subconscious mind, and the crayfish that crawls out of the pool symbolises the early stages of consciousness unfolding. This creature also represents the often disturbing images that appear from our inner depths, just as the dog and wolf at the beginning of the path represent the tamed and the wild aspects of our minds. The path leads between two towers into the mountains in the distance, showing the way to the unconsciousness. The astrological sign associated with this card is Pisces—psychic, receptive and mysterious.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Moon often represents your ‘shadow’ self. The shadow is a psychological term introduced by the late Swiss psychiatrist Dr. Carl G. Jung, and is a part of the unconscious mind consisting of repressed weaknesses, shortcomings, and instincts. “Everyone carries a shadow,” Jung wrote, “and the less it is embodied in the individual’s conscious life, the blacker and denser it is” (cited in Wikipedia). According to Jung, the shadow, in being instinctive and irrational, is prone to projection, turning a personal inferiority into a perceived moral deficiency in someone else. Thus, the Moon calls your attention to your shadow, becoming consciously aware of any tendencies to



project fear and anxiety onto your external surroundings, and turning it around into more positive and constructive energy.

The Moon is a psychological card of projecting fear into your present and your future, based on past experiences. The images, thoughts, and feelings that you have repressed over time cause inner disturbances that are becoming overwhelming. As a result, you are now experiencing negative blocks within your personality, causing fear and anxiety. To remedy this, you need to go through a purging process whereby buried memories are released. This is a time when you need to go deep into your soul and dredge up your anxieties, fears, psychic blocks, and personality disturbances.

Many invisible things are coming to the surface including secret motives, clandestine information, and ancient hidden truths. These newly discovered resources may confuse you, but once they are brought to your awareness, they will no longer haunt you.

The Moon is a card of illusion and deception, and therefore often suggests a time when something is not as it appears to be. Vigilance and clear perception will be necessary to find that which is hidden before it is too late. If other cards in the reading are negative, then the Moon shows that not all is as wonderful as you would think and there are still hidden forces at play that may unravel your success. You may be idealising the situation, and ignoring the fact that potential for failure exists among success. If the other cards are generally positive, then the Moon suggests that you are letting your imagination run away with you and that things are not nearly as bad as they seem. In both cases, you must open your eyes and see what is really going on. Guard against accepting illusions as they may cause an error in your judgement.

Often, the Moon appears in a reading when you are not sure of your destination, or even of the path you are travelling, but you travel nonetheless. You may have lost your way and are now left to walk in the dark, guided only by your inner light and intuition. You need to go on without a clear picture of where you are, where you are going or where you have been. The Moon is a card of intuition and psychic forces, so let go of your conscious mental blocks or negative self-talk, and allow your intuition to guide you. Your dreams, intuitions and inner promptings lead you forward toward higher

levels of understanding if you listen carefully and use your judgement to help interpret the veiled messages of the unconscious. Not only will the way forward be revealed but in many cases, you will learn lessons about yourself that will be valuable in later journeys.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work or business-related reading, the appearance of the Moon suggests that all is not what it seems. There may be some shady or underhanded business dealings going on that you are not aware of, or are choosing to ignore. There may be fraudulent activities or hidden agendas that are unravelling your work or business success. Do not take things at face value. Trust your intuition and gut instinct, particularly if something does not feel right.

On a more personal level, you may be feeling uncertain about the direction of your career, and are lacking guidance as to which direction to take. You know that you need to keep making decisions and progressing your career, but you are doing it with little certainty of where you are headed in the long-term.

Financially, the Moon advises against making any major decisions at this time because you do not have all the information you need, or it may not be as straight-forward as you think. Again, be careful of other people's hidden agendas that may affect your finances.

## **Personality Types**

The Moon personality is very creative, intuitive, psychic and often quite mysterious. This is someone who is deeply connected with their subconscious mind and who is often relating to their dreams and inner voice. They are excellent at reading other people and are keen judges of character. They may have some skeletons in their closet, emotional upheavals, or difficult experiences from the past that have led them to hide part of themselves from others. This creates a certain air of mystery or darkness about them.

## **Relationships and Love**

As a card of illusion, the Moon in a relationship reading can sometimes indicate that things are not exactly as they appear. When people first fall in love, they act as if they are under some sort of spell, caught up in the romance of meeting someone special. You may be feeling these swirling emotions leading you to gloss over some of the less appealing realities which surround the relationship. You may not be thinking or seeing things clearly, nor making the best judgements about the future of the relationship. Sooner or later, you will begin to see your partner as a real person, warts and all, and not simply as an ideal. However, if you manage to hold on to the romance, the union will be forever enchanted even if others are thinking, "What does he see in her?" (or vice versa).

If you are in an established but troubled relationship, the Moon suggests that your emotional path is not an easy one right now and your feelings are fluctuating and changing like the phases of the moon. You are experiencing confusion and uncertainty, and you are seeking information or solutions to whatever it is that is troubling you in the circumstances of your love life. This card points to a highly emotional time where things can quickly become heated and/or uncomfortable. Take a break if you need to and be careful not to make assumptions. Pick your battles and be sure to treat your lover like a friend. Do not be in a hurry to end or to begin a relationship. This is probably not the best time for either course of action.

Trust your instincts and to be open to solutions that you may receive from your dreams.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Moon indicates that you are in a very spiritual phase of your life and that this is a great time to get a psychic reading, healing work, or other helpful input from spiritual types. You are more psychically open than usual right now, so pay attention to your thoughts and feelings and to flashes of information that seemingly come out of nowhere. This is also a great time to access the great spiritual books of the world as you will get more out of them than usual.

## **Well-being and Health**

When it comes to health, the Moon encourages you to follow your intuition and your gut feeling about what needs your attention. If a diagnosis (whether it is positive or negative) does not feel right, or you do not feel comfortable with your caregiver, then get a second opinion.

If you use drugs or alcohol, this is a time when you are prone to overdoing it just to get that feeling of an altered state of mind.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Moon + High Priestess – You are highly attuned to your subconscious mind, and your psychic abilities are very strong.

Moon + Devil – Be careful of manipulative or destructive people in your life (including yourself) who might be taking advantage of you.

Moon + Seven of Cups – You are surrounded by illusions, unrealistic ideas, and fantasy.

Moon + Two of Swords – You are engaging in self-deception, and you are refusing to see the truth of a situation.

Moon + Nine of Swords – Your dreams and nightmares are troubling you. Go deeper to understand the hidden meaning and associated fears.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Moon reversed indicates that you have recently experienced a time of self-deception, illusion, fears, and anxiety, but these negative energies are beginning to subside. You may have also been dealing with some deeper emotional issues that have previously been sitting beneath the surface. While this has created some discomfort and turmoil as you deal with these deeper issues, you are starting to feel as if a weight has been lifted and that you can be less fearful and anxious about your life situation. You are beginning to

work through your fears and anxieties, understanding the impact that these have on your life and how you can eventually free yourself from these limiting beliefs. This can be a wonderfully liberating and transformational experience.

A reversed Moon may indicate a fundamental unhappiness with your present situation but also confusion over what else you could do and what you really want to do. It may be that you believe that what you want to do with your life is impractical or unrealistic, or your past experiences in life have convinced you that you are stuck with what you have and it is too late to change now. These emotional issues are preventing you from moving forward. To overcome this, it is essential to confront your innermost fears and assumptions to gain self-confidence and direction. You need to believe in yourself and know that it is possible to create balance in your life. You may also find that your dreams provide you with important clues as to what direction you need to take. Pay attention to the subtle, subconscious messages that come to you in this way.

The Moon reversed can highlight that you are in a more psychic and intuitive phase than usual, however, the feelings that you are experiencing may be confusing and easily misinterpreted. It may be that when you draw Tarot cards for yourself and come up with one interpretation, you then draw them again, only to see something completely different! Nonetheless, do not ignore the messages you are getting. Take note of them and perhaps come back to them later when you are feeling clearer about your situation.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Moon Reversed + Star – Feeling serene, untroubled and at a peace, as a result of having purged your inner fears and anxieties.

Moon reversed + Four of Cups – Meditation and inner reflection will help you to understand what is a confusing situation.

Moon reversed + Eight of Swords – You are still trapped and limited by your negative self-talk and inner fears and anxieties.

## 19. SUN

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Fun, warmth, success, positivity, vitality.

**Reversed:** Temporary depression, lack of success.



### QUOTES

“Once we recognize what it is we are feeling, once we recognize we can feel deeply, love deeply, can feel joy, then we will demand that all parts of our lives produce that kind of joy.” – Audre Lorde (Writer, poet and activist)

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity.... It turns problems into gifts, failures into success, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.” – Melodie Beattie (Author)

“Success, happiness, peace of mind and fulfilment – the most priceless of human treasures – are available to all among us, without exception, who make things happen – who make ‘good’ things happen – in the world around them.” – Joe Klock (Educator and writer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Sun is an image of optimism and fulfilment, the dawn that follows the darkest night. As the source of all life on Earth, the Sun represents the source of life itself. The child playing joyfully in the foreground represents the happiness of our inner spirit when we are in tune with our truest Self. He is naked, having nothing to hide. He has all the innocence and purity of childhood. The white horse upon which the child rides represents strength and purity of spirit. The horse is without a saddle and is controlled without the use of the hands. This is a symbol of perfect control between the conscious and subconscious. The child holds an orange banner in his left hand, showing that control has passed from the conscious to the subconscious. The orange banner represents action and vibration, and the rays of the sun represent the same thing. The straight rays are action while the wavy rays represent vibration. The sunflowers in the background represent life and the fruitfulness of the spirit under the nourishment of the Sun. There are four sunflowers, representing the four suits of the Minor Arcana, as well as the four elements. The astrological correspondence to this card is the Sun, of course.

# UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

## General

The Sun represents success, radiance, and abundance. The Sun gives you strength and tells you that no matter where you go or what you do, your positive and radiant energy will follow you and will bring you happiness and joy. People are drawn to you because you can always see the bright side and you bring such warmth into other people's lives. This beautiful, warm energy is what will get you through the tough times and will help you succeed. You are also in a position where you can share your highest qualities and achievements with others. Radiate who you are and what you stand for. Shine love on those you care about.

You have an innate sense of confidence right now. Life is good; the sun is shining, and you are on your way to achieving your goals. The Sun represents that feeling of getting up on Saturday morning, with the whole weekend ahead of you, and you open the curtains with the sun shining on your face. Having struggled through the shadow sides you now know yourself and know where you are heading, and the sun illuminates your path.

The Sun is a yes to life! It brings with it luck, wellness, positive consciousness, enthusiasm, attainment, and success. It is about embracing your destiny and giving it everything you have got. If you have been having a difficult time, the Sun brings you the message you have been waiting for—that things are going to get better, a lot better! You know that the rain clouds will soon give way to the rays of the sun and you will feel warmed to the soul once again. The Sun is also an energetic card. It reflects a time when you can expect to experience an increase in physical energy, vitality, and general positivity. You are bursting with enthusiasm, feeling invigorated and enjoying a wonderful sense of good health.

The Sun reflects the value of simplicity. No elaborate scheming is required but instead, plain and simple is the best option. Experience the freedom and liberation associated with living the simple life and doing what you enjoy most. Get back to the simple pleasures such as spending time with loved



ones, getting back to nature, or simply reading a book in your garden. Expect a boost in the right direction and trust that work can and will be done, with relative little effort.

This is a time when you will feel enlightened. You can finally see the path ahead of you, and through the hardship, you have endured, you have attained a new level of insight and understanding. You may have even had a personal or intellectual breakthrough where you have finally unlocked the key to your fundamental being.

On a literal level, the Sun can indicate travel to a warm or tropical climate where you can finally bask in the sun and enjoy the warm rays!

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are searching for a new job or a career change, the Sun brings with it great success. Expect a job offer or an attractive new opportunity on the horizon. Career paths associated with Sun include farmer, motivational speaker, life coach, wedding planner, celebrant, teacher, or child care worker.

In a work-related reading, the Sun indicates success and achievement at work and an increasing sense of confidence in everything that you do. You will be recognised and rewarded for your work, and everything will come easily to you because you are finally ‘in flow’ with what you are doing. Do not be afraid to share your success with others, by acknowledging the efforts of your team to achieve a shared goal and by communicating your success story with others as a source of motivation and inspiration.

In a financial reading, the Sun heralds positive outcomes. Investments may do very well, or your savings are on the rise. You will look at your finances from a perspective of abundance, and even if you are struggling, you will feel positive about the progress you have made so far.

## **Personality Types**

The Sun personality is incredibly positive, enthusiastic, warm, and vibrant. This person always has a huge amount of energy and enthusiasm for

whatever they are engaged in, and can always find the fun or humorous side of life. People are instantly drawn to the Sun personality because he/she always gives off such a positive energy. The Sun personality is optimistic and fun-loving, smiling and enjoying life, no matter what it throws at them. They are likely to be the centre of attention and quite the social butterfly, living life to the fullest.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Sun indicates a positive time for dating and meeting new people. You are likely to meet someone who makes you laugh and who you enjoy spending time with. There is a lot of positive energy around this relationship, and you will start to feel much better about yourself as a result of meeting this person.

If you are in a relationship, the Sun also indicates a positive time when you are both enjoying each other's company and energy. You may be spending more quality time together, without distraction, perhaps on a holiday together or enjoying life's simple pleasures. Remember, too, that the Sun is about freedom and liberation, so give each other some space when you need it.

The Sun may also reflect a relationship with a young person, such as a relationship with a child, grandchild, niece or nephew. This relationship will help you to rediscover your inner child and find your sense of fun once again. Relish every moment you have with young people and harness their positive and optimistic energy.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Sun heralds great abundance, joy, and happiness in all spiritual pursuits. The Sun also reflects the Law of Attraction—if you send positive energy outwards into the Universe, you will receive positive energy back and will create a life full of abundance and spiritual wealth. Enjoy these good times and remember to give thanks for being so blessed at this time.

## **Well-being and Health**

With the Sun card, your health and well-being will be at their best. Your optimistic and positive attitude is creating good health and energy. This is also a great time to take some time off, if you can, and just enjoy life. This can directly affect how well your body works for you. Figure out what you have been doing right and build upon it!

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Sun + Chariot – Your positive energy and personal drive will result in victory and success.

Sun + Lovers – There is a lot of warm, positive energy in your relationships, creating long-lasting bonds and good feelings.

Sun + Tower – You are using a life-changing event to bring new, positive energy into your life and to create enlightenment.

Sun + World – Accomplishment and achievement.

Sun + Ace of Swords – You have a lot of energy to put towards a new venture or new idea.

Sun + Six of Wands – Public acclaim and recognition for your great efforts.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Sun reversed indicates that finding the positive aspects to a particular situation may prove to be difficult. The clouds may be blocking out the warmth, and preventing you from feeling as though everything is on track. You may have experienced setbacks that have damaged your enthusiasm and optimism and have perhaps led you to question whether you can achieve what you have set out to achieve. You may be feeling depressed, sad, or left out. You may be reluctant to proceed, and you are no longer enjoying what you are doing. Your direction and path ahead may have become clouded or distorted in some way. Nonetheless, the Sun is never a negative card, so this is only temporary. The obstacles you see can be easily removed if you put

your mind to it. It may just take a little more effort than usual.

On the other hand, you may be being too positive. That is, your perception of a particular situation is overly optimistic and unrealistic. You do not have a good sense of yourself and what you are and are not capable of. You may have become egotistical and out of touch with whom you really are. You may not be being truthful to yourself and to others, instead, trying to talk yourself up when you know you cannot deliver. If this feels like you, then ask others for feedback and to give you a reality check. Are you being unrealistic? Is what you have set out to achieve, achievable? Are you really as good as you think you are?

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Sun reversed + Moon – Confusion and disorientation about your future direction and illusions about what is possible.

Sun reversed + Eight of Cups – Growing weary and losing the energy to continue working through the emotional issues.

## 20. JUDGEMENT

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Judgement, rebirth, inner calling, absolution.

**Reversed:** Self-doubt, refusal of self-examination.



### QUOTES

“People move forward into the future out of the way they comprehend the past. When we do not understand something in our past, we are therefore crippled.” – Norman Mailer (Novelist, journalist and poet)

“What you need to know about the past is that no matter what has happened, it has all worked together to bring you to this very moment. And this is the moment you can choose to make everything new. Right now.” – Author Unknown

“Wisdom is your perspective on life, your sense of balance, your understanding of how the various parts and principles apply and relate to each other. It embraces judgment, discernment, comprehension. It is a gestalt or oneness, and integrated wholeness.” – Stephen R. Covey (Author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Judgement card shows a number of naked men, women, and children rising up from their graves, arms outspread and responding to the trumpet call of the archangel, Gabriel, who hovers high above them. The people are appealing to the angel, ready to be judged by the power of the Universe. In the background, there are huge mountains, or even tidal waves, which signify insurmountable obstacles and the impossibility of avoiding judgment. The ocean represents the end of the river that flows through the Major Arcana, starting with the Empress. Gabriel’s banner is red on white, the same as the Magician’s clothing. As with everything in life, the beginning is woven irrevocably into the end, and the end eventually leads to a new beginning. The planetary ruler of this card is Pluto, the ruler of the underworld.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Judgement card calls for a period of reflection and self-evaluation. Through meditation or quiet reflection, you may come to a point of deep

understanding about the common themes throughout your life and what you can do or change to avoid these situations in the future. Judgement tells you that you are close to reaching a significant stage in your journey.

The Judgement card suggests that you have had a recent epiphany or an awakening where you have come to a realisation that you need to live your life in a different way and you need to be true to yourself and your needs. You have opened yourself up to a new possibility—to lead a fulfilling life that serves your higher needs and that offers inspiration and hope to others. You feel as though you have had a calling in life, and you are getting much closer to the point where you need to take action. Something that was lying dormant within you, some unconscious knowledge or truth is finally being awakened and brought into the light.

With its theme of awakening to new life, the Judgement card suggests that you have reviewed and evaluated your past experiences and have learned from them. All the pieces of the puzzle of your life are finally coming together to form one, integrated picture of your life story. This integration has healed any deep wounds, and you are now in a position to put the past behind you. Your memories no longer haunt you, and you are now able to understand and value what has happened to you and what it has taught you about life. Now, you are ready to confront any unfinished business in your life, clear up any misunderstandings and view the future with peace and deep knowingness in your heart.

Judgement is about finding absolution. Through a period of self-evaluation, you will feel cleansed of your sins, wrongdoings, and mistakes, and you will finally be released from your guilt and sorrow about the past. This represents a wonderful purging process and will leave you feeling refreshed and ready to take on any new challenges.

The Judgement card often indicates that life-changing decisions are required, but unlike those associated with the logical Justice card, these decisions require a delicate blend of intuition and intellect. You may be at a crossroads, aware that any decision that you make will bring about significant change. The choice can be an obvious one, or perhaps the only viable one. You know that this choice must be made and you are facing it with maturity and level-headedness. Your judgement is impeccable at this time; you can trust it

completely and know that you are on the right path. If you still require clarity on the situation, look to your past experiences and life lessons which will guide you on the right path.

If you have endured challenges in recent times, then the Judgement card suggests that you may have some respite from these challenges. In fact, you may find comfort in sharing your experiences with others and healing within a group environment. The key here is that there will be others who have experienced something similar to you and who can show you the way to freedom from your troubles. Let them guide you and help you.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are looking for a job, the Judgement card suggests that you may be in the final stages of the interview process and you are currently being evaluated or considered as the next role incumbent. Make sure that all your referees are 'worded up' and ready to give you a glowing review! If you are yet to be interviewed, know what criteria your prospective employer is looking for and how you will be assessed, and then craft your answers according to these criteria.

In a work-related reading, the Judgement card suggests that you desire a work environment where you are amongst like-minded people who are inspired and enthused by similar things. You may be particularly drawn to community service or working for the greater good of society. You want to make a difference, create a positive impact and bring about change. You may find that by connecting with a group of people, who have community or spiritual interests at heart, you finally find your place. This is no longer about just making an income but about making a difference and having a positive impact on your community. If you do good, then abundance will follow. So, you may even consider starting with a volunteer role, work with a not-for-profit, or follow a spiritual pursuit.

Judgement also suggests that you have had enough time in your current role to understand whether it is indeed the right place for you or not, and that it is now time to make a judgement call about what is next. You have enough information and enough gut feeling to know what the right thing to do is. You



may have to be quite courageous in your decision-making, but the important thing here is that you should follow your heart and good judgement.

Possible career paths associated with the Judgement card include healer, legal counsel, preacher, motivational speaker, paramedic, and psychologist.

In a financial reading, the Judgement suggests that your debts may be wiped free or you may finally pay off your last credit card, revelling in the freedom of having no debt!

## **Personality Types**

The Judgement personality reflects someone who feels a strong sense of calling in their life and who is, therefore, incredibly authentic and true to themselves.

This person is likely to be very involved in the community or some sort of spiritual undertaking. The Judgement personality will often find themselves in a state of constant transformation, feeling a sense of the fiery element of this card pushing them to continue, even if they do not understand what it is that is motivating them to continue.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, Judgement indicates a period of deep self-reflection when it comes to your relationships. You may have recently come to a realisation in which you have identified something that you want to change in the way you approach love. Something has dawned on you as you reflect on past relationships and what it is you want from love. The key now is how you go about manifesting that change and making it a reality for you. The intent is certainly there, but you need to transform that intent into action.

If you are in an established relationship, Judgement can reflect a ‘make-or-break’ period. You need to be very clear in your mind about what you want out of life and out of your relationships, and then take steps to make it come about. It is also time to have an honest conversation with your partner, to understand if you are both willing to take the relationship to the next level or

not. This card is about being honest with yourself, and about where the relationship is right now. You need to make some tough decisions about what needs to happen next. You may be trying to gloss over some of the issues that are troubling this relationship and the broader situation, but in doing this, you may be blind to the situation at hand. You may be waiting for a divine sign that your relationship is meant to be and that it really is as you hope it is. The Judgement card asks you to look objectively at this situation and ask yourself honestly whether it is right for you, or whether you need to make changes.

## **Spirituality**

Judgement is a wonderful card to see in a spiritual reading. It reflects a moment of spiritual awakening, where your connection with your soul and the Universe becomes crystal clear, and you know what you need to do to reach enlightenment.

You are very open to spiritual messages at this time and may find solace in sharing your experiences with others in a group context. This could be a good time to join a church or spiritual community where you can rejoice in harmony with others.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Judgement card in a health reading may signify that you are waiting for a medical diagnosis. Knowing what is causing your illness or discomfort will go a long way to aiding recovery and establishing the correct treatment. You may also have to make an important decision regarding your health or even the health of another person or animal. This decision may rest on moral or ethical aspects.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Judgement + Fool – A time of release, rebirth, and new beginnings, having evaluated your past.

Judgement + Temperance – A conscious decision to live a much healthier

lifestyle and to eliminate bad habits such as drinking or over-eating.

Judgement + Six of Cups – Preoccupation with the past which is preventing you from being able to move on with your life.

Judgement + Six of Pentacles – You will have a calling to help others and to give your time or money generously.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the Judgement card suggests that you may be indulging yourself in doubt and self-judgement. Your deliberation is causing you to miss the new opportunities that await. A certain amount of momentum has accumulated behind what you have achieved, which could propel you further. If actions are taken now, such momentum will not be lost. Therefore now is not the time for being cautious or introverted, rather it is time to move onwards with confidence and pride.

On the other hand, the Judgement card asks you to take a moment out of your usual routine and busy lifestyle to stop and think about your life so far and what you can learn from your life. In its reversed position, it may indicate that you are not allowing yourself sufficient time and space to get to the heart of the matter and draw from your lessons of the past. Additionally, this card suggests that you may be overly hard or critical of yourself and not allowing yourself to truly learn from your mistakes. You may have made some mistakes in the past but see these as learning experiences rather than failures or faults.

Judgment reversed serves as a reminder that in every decision that you face, you have some element of control. While you may not be able to control the initial events that happen to you, it is important to remember that what is within your control is how you react to these events, and what you create and build out of them. So, while you may be feeling as though you are at the mercy of other people's judgement, remember that you, too, can choose your own destiny and respond in a way that serves your higher needs. This is an important time for you to make your own decisions, based on your own

judgement of the situation. Do not let others push you around or dictate what should happen to you!

You may be experiencing unhappiness, isolation, and difficulties in overcoming obstacles. You may be forced to deal with the consequences of your past decisions in order to learn valuable lessons from them. You may also find that you are fearful about making important decisions. Change is inevitable. If you are unwilling to accept changes, stagnation will replace growth. Unwanted changes could make you feel out of control and helpless. Perhaps you are reluctant to let go of a relationship, job, or circumstance that is no longer working for you.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Judgement reversed + Four of Cups – You need to pause and reflect inwardly to understand the lessons from the past.

Judgement reversed + Five of Cups – Difficulty in dealing with regrets and mistakes from the past.

Judgement reversed + Nine of Swords – Guilt, blame, and feelings of sinfulness.

## 21. WORLD

### KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Completion, integration, accomplishment, travel.

**Reversed:** Lack of completion, lack of closure.



### QUOTES

“Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.”  
– John Wooden (Basketball player and coach)

“Man is always more than he can know of himself; consequently, his accomplishments, time and again, will come as a surprise to him.” - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (Poet and educator)

“Success, happiness, peace of mind and fulfilment – the most priceless of human treasures – are available to all among us, without exception, who make things happen – who make ‘good’ things happen – in the world around them.” – Joe Klock (Educator and writer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

In the centre of the World is a dancing figure, rejoicing in the completion of the journey and celebrating not only this completion but also the new beginnings it promises. The dancer has one leg crossed over the other, just like the Hanged Man. She is, in a sense, his opposite (i.e. the Hanged Man upright). As the Hanged Man looks infinitely inward, the dancer in the World card looks infinitely outward. In each of her hands, she holds a wand or baton, representative of evolution and balance.

She is surrounded by a thick, green wreath, symbolic of success, victory, achievement, and accomplishment, and tied with the red ribbons of eternity. The red ribbons form the infinity symbol, representing the infinite rewards of positive effort in improving both ourselves and those around us. Within the laurel wreath are stars of light indicating attainment of enlightenment or cosmic consciousness.

The figures in each of the four corners of the World card are the same figures that appear on the Wheel of Fortune. Interestingly, the World card is very much associated with the Wheel of Fortune, reflecting the cyclical progression of time and the human experience. The four figures (a lion, bull, cherub, and eagle) represent the four fixed signs of the Zodiac—Leo, Taurus, Aquarius, and Scorpio. These are symbolic of the four elements, four suits of

the Tarot, four compass points, four seasons, and the four corners of the universe. And all are within the dancer's sight and power. The planetary ruler is Saturn, the symbol of time.

## UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

### General

The World signifies completion, achievement, and fulfilment. All of your efforts are finally paying off, and you have reached the end of a journey or have completed a major life cycle. You have endured hardships and challenges along the way, but these have only made you stronger, wiser, and more experienced than when you first started on your journey.

A long-term project, period of study, relationship, or career has come full circle, and you are now feeling a sense of closure as well as achievement and accomplishment. It could represent a graduation, marriage, the birth of a child (representing the end of a pregnancy), or the attainment of a long-held dream or aspiration. You have finally accomplished your goal or purpose. Everything has come together, and you are in the right place, doing the right thing, achieving what you have envisioned, and feeling fulfilled and complete. In this sense, the World card also heralds new beginnings that naturally emerge out of the completion cycle.

There will also be well-earned praise, celebration and success for your achievements, and if there is not, then you had better organise something because you have worked incredibly hard to get here! All of your hard work, devotion, and planning has finally paid off, and it is well worth celebrating!

If you have not quite reached this point of completion, you are very close! You need to attain a degree of understanding that enables you to graduate to a higher level and enjoy real success. This rare time of culmination must be identified and honoured. Look at the past month, six months, and year and think about how far you have come and what you have achieved. You may be quite surprised at your progress and how much you have worked towards completing the cycle of success. You may also see the projects you are

currently working on have even better results than expected.

The World also represents a period where you can see the entire process or system for what it is, and you understand your place within that system. This card is about a deeper understanding of your role and your impact within a certain environment and where you truly fit. This card can also point to a strong feeling of unity and wholeness with the world or in a particular situation. Everything is starting to fall into place, and you can be 'one' with the situation.

You will be more involved in your community or interests. You have a strong desire to contribute, to give back, or to use a special gift or talent to help make the world a better place. You are coming from a good place now of love, knowledge, and experience and you are ready to share this with others.

From a more literal perspective, the World can indicate world travel, particularly on a large scale. You may be lucky enough to be embarking on a six-month overseas trip, or are working, studying, or living overseas for an extended period of time. Similarly, this card reinforces universal understanding and global awareness. Wherever you will go, you will encounter new experiences and welcoming hosts who will embrace you and invite you into their worlds.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the presence of the World card may indicate that a major project or a major cycle of your career is coming to an end. It may also represent retirement or leaving a workplace where you have spent many years. Celebrate your accomplishments and acknowledge that this major work cycle is now coming to an end. You have learned so much and are now ready to embark on your next career challenge.

Based on the experience and knowledge you have gained throughout your career, you may be considering an opportunity to become a teacher, master, scholar or expert in your field. This is a wonderful opportunity that will provide you with a deep source of fulfilment and recognition for your achievements so far.



Given the literal meaning of the World card, you may also have the opportunity to work on a global scale or work overseas. You may be involved in global business operations or community work in developing nations. You may be exploring the option of living and working overseas for an extended period.

If you are not satisfied in your current career, make a resolution to release yourself from your mundane work and pursue what you really want to do. You may have hidden or potential talents that you have not yet drawn upon. You have lived the first part of your life using certain talents, and you are preparing to strengthen others, so far latent qualities, in order to progress in life and take on new challenges.

Possible career paths associated with the World include international journalist, someone world-famous for their knowledge and expertise, nomad or traveller, consultant, scholar, mentor, or master.

Financially, you may be considering investing in global opportunities or finally cashing in on a long-term investment. You may also be entitled to a retirement fund, redundancy payout, or some other form of payment for a life-long commitment.

## **Personality Types**

The World personality reflects someone who enjoys looking back on a job well-done, and who deeply appreciates the satisfaction of knowing that the completion of a cycle is well-earned. They like to have a sense of achievement and will always focus on seeing a task through until the end. The World personality may also be very globally aware and open to different experiences of various cultures. This is certainly a well-travelled person!

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the World suggests that you may finally see your single life come to an end and you will find the right match for you. Travelling at this time could also be a good way to meet people.

If you are in a long-term and committed relationship, you are likely to find it rising to new and better heights. You may have reached a significant milestone in the relationship and be ready to embark on the next phase (such as marriage, moving in together, starting a family, etc.).

If your current relationship is struggling, the World suggests that you may both agree to end the relationship, acknowledging that you have had a wonderful journey together, but it is now time to move on.

## **Spirituality**

On a spiritual level, the World sees you accepting and loving yourself for who you are and letting go of your negative illusions about yourself and what you can or cannot accomplish. The World also indicates a sense of wholeness and knowing your place within the world around you. You will have an integrated view of where you fit and how you can make a positive impact on the community. You understand other people better; you see how everything around you is interconnected and you feel energised about the opportunity to work in collaboration with others on meaningful tasks and projects.

## **Well-being and Health**

The World signifies a positive state of well-being and a content frame of mind. This is a time when you feel whole, integrated, and satisfied with yourself and your life.

In terms of your health, it should be on the upswing. You may find that holistic medicine is incredibly beneficial right now as it looks at the body as an entire, integrated system.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

World + Magician – You are able to get others to buy into your vision of the way the world should be.

World + Devil – The end of weakness, feelings of helplessness, medication,

alcoholism, drugs or some other kind of abuse.

World + Sun – Great accomplishment, achievement, and success.

World + Eight of Pentacles – A detailed task that you have been working on will finally reach a point of completion.

World + Ten of Pentacles – Possible retirement, affluence, and material fulfilment.

World + Eight of Wands – Global / overseas travel.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Upright, the World represents completion. When reversed, however, the World suggests that you are trying to achieve completion in your life, but you may not be taking all the steps necessary to achieve your goals. There is a tendency to take the easiest or quickest path to attain your goal, but often this does not lead to the outcome you had originally intended. Instead, through facing up to the challenges along the way, you will learn and grow exponentially and will feel such an amazing sense of achievement when you finally make it to your goal. So, do not be afraid to set stretch goals for yourself, even if it means enduring hardships or challenges along the way. This will make the victory even sweeter.

The reversed World can also indicate a time when you are close to reaching completion, but for whatever reason, you lose focus and slack off right at the end. You only have a short way to go, so why lose focus now? Re-energise and remind yourself how wonderful life will be when you have finally reached your goal.

You may also be experiencing a lack of closure in your life, preventing you from embarking on the next journey or challenge. I often see this reversed card when a relationship suddenly comes to an end without explanation. The partner cannot make sense of what has happened and is struggling to come to terms with the end of the relationship. Things are left unsaid, and people are

left hanging, not knowing what to expect or where they stand. If you see the reversed World in a reading, look to the other cards in the reading to identify what needs closure and how you can finally reach your point of completion.

Sometimes, the reversed World can indicate that desired change will be delayed and that more time and energy must be devoted to your project or life transition before you can experience the promised completion. This may feel very frustrating, but patience and perseverance will pay off in the end. You may feel stifled, even trapped but do not give up. Keep on a steady course for now.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

World reversed + Four of Cups – Instead of completing an important cycle, you have withdrawn and become apathetic of the world around you.

World reversed + Five of Cups – You are struggling to come to terms with a disappointment from the past. Closure is needed.

World reversed + Ten of Swords – A painful and abrupt ending has left you feeling incomplete and uncertain about your future path.

World reversed + Two of Wands – With more careful planning and foresight, you will be able to finally reach your goal.

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1 If you are interested in reading more about the journey of the Fool, I highly recommend Karen Hamaker-Zondag's book [\*\*The Way of the Tarot: Jungian Approach for Deeper Insight into the Tarot\*\*](#) (1998).

# THE MINOR ARCANA

The Minor Arcana consists of four suits—Cups, Pentacles, Swords, and Wands. Each suit corresponds with a different element and is representative of different aspects of day-to-day life (see the table below).

Suit	Element	Keywords
Suit of Cups	Water	Emotions, feelings, creativity
Suit of Pentacles	Earth	Finance, material possessions, career
Suit of Swords	Air	Power, intellect, thoughts
Suit of Wands	Fire	Inspiration, spirituality, ideas.

Each suit consists of fourteen Tarot cards, including ten numbered cards (Ace through to Ten) and four Court Cards (the Page, Knight, Queen, and King). The numbered cards reflect everyday life situations while the Court Cards reflect personality types or actual people.

While the Major Arcana reveal events that will naturally occur due to laws of the Universe, the Minor Arcana reveal events that naturally occur due to laws of human nature. Therefore, the Minor Arcana highlight the practical aspects of life and can refer to current issues that have a temporary or minor influence.

Do not mistake the term ‘Minor’ to mean that the Minor Arcana is unimportant. The fourteen cards of each suit are of great significance. As Karen Hamaker-Zondag discusses in her book, **The Way of the Tarot: Jungian Approach for Deeper Insight into the Tarot**, the number fourteen often occurs symbolically in the context of religion. The number seven is a

sacred number in many different cultures. In its twofold manifestation, seven makes fourteen. Additionally, there are fourteen rungs of the ladder of Osiris (the ladder which joins Heaven and Earth) for it brings together spirituality and everyday life. This suggests that there is something more meaningful in those aspects of our lives we deem ordinary.

If a reading is predominantly made up of the Minor Arcana Tarot cards, you are dealing with day-to-day issues which will not necessarily have a lasting influence on your life. These issues are passing through, presenting you with an opportunity to learn from these experiences (look to any Major Arcana cards to identify and understand these lessons and how they may impact your life in the long-term).

# THE SUIT OF CUPS

The Suit of Cups is representative of the element of water. Cups deal with the emotional level of consciousness and are associated with love, feelings, relationships, and connections. Cups are about displays of emotion, expression of feelings, and the role of emotions in relation to others. The Cups Tarot cards indicate that you are thinking with your heart rather than your head, and thus reflect your spontaneous responses and your habitual reactions to situations. Cups are also linked to creativity, romanticism, fantasy, and imagination.

The negative aspects of the Suit of Cups (i.e. when the Cups cards appear reversed) include being overly emotional or completely disengaged and dispassionate, having unrealistic expectations and fantasising about what could be. There may be repressed emotions, an inability to express oneself, and a lack of creativity.

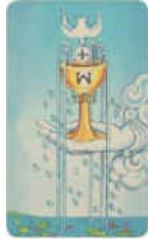
The people represented by the Suit of Cups (i.e. typically the Court Cards) are emotional, artistic, humane, and creative. They are connected with their emotional selves and will draw energy from what they feel within. They are said to correspond to the water signs in the zodiac (Pisces, Cancer, and Scorpio) and to water as a symbol of the subconscious mind and reason.

The Suit of Cups traditionally represents summer. If using an ordinary deck of playing cards, Cups correspond to the Suit of Hearts.

Should a Tarot reading be predominantly Cups cards, you are seeking solutions to what are primarily emotional conflicts, matters of love and emotions.

# **QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: SUIT OF CUPS**





Love, compassion, creativity, overwhelming emotion

# ACE

Blocked or repressed emotions



Unified love, partnership, attraction, relationships

# TWO

Break-up, imbalance in a relationship, lack of harmony



Celebration, friendship, creativity, community

# THREE

An affair, 'three's a crowd', stifled creativity



Meditation, contemplation, apathy, re-evaluation

# FOUR

Boredom, missed opportunity, being aloof



Loss, regret, disappointment, despair, bereavement

# FIVE

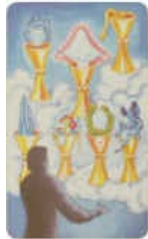
Moving on, acceptance, forgiveness



Reunion, nostalgia, childhood memories, innocence

# SIX

Stuck in the past, naivety, unrealistic



Fantasy, illusion, wishful thinking, choices, imagination

# SEVEN

Temptation, illusion, diversionary tactics



Escapism, disappointment, abandonment, withdrawal

# EIGHT

Hopelessness, aimless drifting, walking away



Wishes fulfilled, comfort, happiness, satisfaction

# NINE

Greed, dissatisfaction, materialism



Harmony, marriage, happiness, alignment

# TEN

Misalignment of values, broken home or marriage



A messenger, creative beginnings, synchronicity

# PAGE

Emotional immaturity, creative block



Romance, charm, 'Knight in shining armour', imagination

# KNIGHT

Unrealistic, jealousy, moodiness



Emotional security, calm, intuitive, compassionate

# QUEEN

Emotional insecurity, co-dependency



Emotional balance and control, generosity

# KING

Emotional manipulation, moodiness, volatility

# ACE OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Love, compassion, creativity, overwhelming emotion.

**Reversed:** Blocked or repressed emotions.



## QUOTES

“Let your love be like the misty rains, coming softly but flooding the river.” – Malagasy Proverb

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.” – Helen Keller (Author, and political activist)

“My bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love as deep; the more I give to thee, The more I have, for both are infinite.” – William Shakespeare

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Ace of Cups shows a hand holding a cup or chalice that is overflowing with five streams of water. The hand that appears from the clouds represents our consciousness of spiritual energy and influence. Radiating from the hand are rays which symbolise that you must always trust your inner feelings and your heart to lead the way. This is your intuition and inner power talking to you. The five streams represent the abundance and power of the spirit and the effect of spiritual energy upon our five senses. A dove holding a wafer or small disc in its mouth descends from above, signifying the incarnation and appearance of the spirit in the material world. Below the hand is a great sea covered with lotus blossoms, symbolising the awakening of the human spirit. The cup has an upside down M or a W inscribed on it.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

In the Ace of Cups, a large cup is being offered to you, and you are being invited to reach out and drink from it. This is a symbol of fulfilment, not just emotionally but also spiritually. The opportunity for fulfilment is there. Will you take it? Whether you are going to reach out now and take up this opportunity will depend on how much you need emotional and spiritual fulfilment in your life right now.

The Ace of Cups represents the beginning of love, happiness, and compassion. It can indicate the start of a new relationship, be it a friendship or romance. This is one of those relationships where you feel butterflies in your stomach, and you are so pleased to have met someone with whom you can share a special connection. The water in the card reflects the flow of emotion, and thus, the Ace of Cups suggests that positive emotion and energy will be created between two people in a way that leaves you feeling good about yourself and life in general. You need to experience the feeling of new love or of giving and receiving unconditional love. Give and accept love on a new level and open your heart to what is around you. Your loving ways will magnetise love to you.

This card often means that love is the essence of the situation. It may or may not be romantic love. Look for ways in which you can begin to connect with others. Do you have someone to forgive, or do you want to ask for forgiveness? Can you set aside your anger and find peace? Would you like to drop your reserve and let your feelings show? This is a peaceful time in your life so use it and make peace with friends or yourself.

The Ace of Cups is also about creative expression, particularly where there is an opportunity to allow your emotions to shine through. You are very open to experiencing your inner feelings and sharing them with others. You may be inspired to start a new creative project, take up an art class or two, or even engage in interpretative dance. You are at that point in your life where you feel comfortable with who you are and what you feel, and you are not afraid to express that part of yourself to others. You see new potential in allowing your creative juices to flow and as such, you are open to new possibilities and stimulating your imagination to allow your talent to unfold.

There is certainly a generous, compassionate component to the Ace of Cups. This is a time of giving, not taking, and offering yourself to a new opportunity to help others. You have the power to bring great happiness to others and to share your contentment and positive energy. You will also find that the more you give, the more you receive on multiple levels.

The Ace of Cups often points to fertility. From a very literal point of view, this means that the Ace of Cups can indicate conception, pregnancy, or birth. Look to other cards in the reading to confirm that there is indeed a chance of

new life (typically the Empress and Page of Cups). On a more metaphorical level, there may be the birth of a new idea or a spark of new inspiration. It can represent the beginning of a project in which a great deal of loving and creative energy is invested.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career-related reading, the Ace of Cups can indicate that you are seeking to start in a new direction with the view to bring about greater peace, happiness, and harmony with what you do. You are growing tired of your current role, and you have become emotionally exhausted or even uncaring about your work. You do not like to have to turn up to work every day feeling unmotivated and dispassionate about what lies ahead. Instead, you want to start on a new path that is much more likely to bring greater enthusiasm and personal creativity to what you do. You want to bring your ‘whole self’ to work and feel genuine, authentic emotion about what you are engaged to do.

Thus, the Ace of Cups may see you starting a new creative venture. You are on the precipice of starting something new, and all you need is confirmation that what you want to do is the right path for you. Have faith and follow your heart and your intuition as they will guide you towards success.

Possible career paths associated with the Ace of Cups include anything with a creative element, such as advertising, art, design, drama, acting, dancing, etc.

In terms of finances, the Ace of Cups augurs good possibility for money, in the context of creating ‘something new.’ It may suggest that you will eventually find a new job, just in time to save your finances from falling through, or you may be able to source some extra work on the side. There is also the possibility that you will be given a gift of some money to help you out. Whatever the case, this is an indication that your finances will be ok, even if you are living on the knife’s edge at the moment.

## **Personality Types**

The Ace of Cups personality is representative of someone who is comfortable expressing and communicating their feelings. This is someone who is not

afraid to cry in a sad movie, to tell you that he/she loves you even if you have not said it to him/her yet, and to express great happiness and joy when things are going well. They are often seen laughing, smiling and even crying; doing whatever it takes to share their feelings and emotional energy with the world around them.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are single, then the Ace of Cups is a wonderful card to see in a reading! It often suggests the start of a new relationship where you have butterflies in your stomach, and you feel completely over the moon with having found someone special to spend your time with.

If you are just starting out in a new relationship, then the Ace of Cups is also a positive sign for the future potential of this relationship. This is a card of wonderful emotion, happiness, love, and contentment. It suggests that you are both incredibly into each other and excited about the prospects of starting something.

Keep in mind that this is a card of new beginnings (particularly from an emotional/relationship perspective). It does not guarantee that this will be a long-term relationship, but it does suggest that you will come together romantically very soon.

In a more established, committed relationship, the Ace of Cups suggests that the initial spark of romance that brought you together will be found again. You and your partner will have an opportunity to start afresh, and the door will be open to exploring your emotional connection from a new perspective. It is almost as if you are dating for the first time. You are both drawn to each other because of the emotional connection you share and the joy and happiness you create together. You both acknowledge the importance of truly feeling your emotions and listening to your heart.

In a struggling relationship, the Ace of Cups suggests that you hope for a relationship where you can more constructively express and convey your emotions with each other. You both need to create an open and safe space in the relationship to express yourselves and experience the raw emotion that

may be felt beneath the surface.

## **Spirituality**

The Ace of Cups depicts the emergence of spirituality and the awakening of a new awareness of spiritual life. It is a highly spiritual card that signifies a connection with the subconscious and the inner voice in order to manifest new beginnings. This is a time when you will feel a deep connection with your spirit and soul, as well as the Universe, and you are open to enlightenment and spiritual transformation.

## **Well-being and Health**

With the Ace of Cups, your health is likely to improve, particularly if you are acknowledging your emotional state alongside your physical state. This card is also a sign of renewal or starting over, suggesting that you will have a new lease on life with renewed energy and health.

More literally, pay attention to water within your body. Make sure you are drinking enough water daily. A lack of water can bring about a dried up feeling (stiffness both emotional and physical), lack of moisture in the body, a lack of 'flow,' and difficulty with dealing with emotions and with others who are emotional.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ace of Cups + High Priestess – You are drawing upon your intuition and psychic ability to start a new project or venture.

Ace of Cups + Empress – A possibility of conception, pregnancy or birth.

Ace of Cups + Lovers – A new relationship is likely to lead into a more committed and deeply connected relationship in the future.

Ace of Cups + Judgement – A period of self-reflection and evaluation will lend itself to a new spiritual awakening and beginning.

Ace of Cups + Ace of Pentacles – A creative idea may turn into a new business venture with great initial success.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The reversed Ace of Cups may call on you to curb your emotions somewhat for your greater benefit. For example, ending a relationship may spur you on to wanting to cry and cry for days on end but what the Ace of Cups reversed tells us is that in order to heal, you need to push back the tears and fight on in order to retain balance. Try not to let your emotions get the better of you or take an unhealthy hold of your life. Sometimes it is possible to express ourselves TOO much, and in doing so, share our vulnerabilities or worse, attack the vulnerabilities of others. Find ways to constructively express what you feel so that you can continue through life with a more balanced perspective.

Alternatively, the reversed Ace of Cups could suggest that you have repressed your feelings too long and it is now the time to release them. You may have bottled up so many emotions that you have become almost void of feeling true emotions and instead feel a general numbness inside.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Ace of Cups can indicate that you are withholding your emotions, for fear of getting hurt. You know that for the relationship to move forward and flow freely, you must eventually trust in your partner but for the time being, you are holding back.

You may also be experiencing a roller coaster ride when it comes to your emotional well-being. There are so many ups and downs in your life that sometimes you do not know if you are coming or going. Life has become emotionally exhausting and now your energy is running out. You need to look after your emotional health. Be conscious about how you are feeling and how this may be impacting your responses and reactions.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ace of Cups reversed + Four of Cups – You are withdrawing from those



around you and refusing to share how you truly feel.

Ace of Cups reversed + Nine of Swords – You are internalising your feelings which is causing you to become increasingly anxious and stressed about your situation.

# TWO OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Unified love, partnership, attraction, relationships.

**Reversed:** Break-up, imbalance in a relationship, lack of harmony.



## QUOTES

“Love one another but make not a bond of love: Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.” – Kahlil Gibran (Philosophical novelist and poet)

“We seek the comfort of another. Someone to share and share the life we choose. Someone to help us through the never-ending attempt to understand ourselves. And in the end, someone to comfort us along the way.” – Marlin Finch Lupus (Fictional character played by Martin Mull in the New Adventures of Superman)

“The more connections you and your lover make, not just between your bodies but between your minds, your hearts, and your souls, the more you will strengthen the fabric of your relationship, and the more real moments you will experience together.” – Barbara De Angelis (Relationship consultant and author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Two of Cups depicts a man and a woman exchanging cups in what appears to be a wedding ceremony with the caduceus of Hermes between them. The two-snake caduceus design has ancient and consistent associations with trade, negotiation, balance, duality (union of opposites), proper moral conduct, protection, and cosmic energy. On the Two of Cups, the caduceus sends a positive message for new partnerships and suggests that with honour, respect, and balance, new relationships shall be rewarding. At the top of the caduceus is a lion's head, a symbol of passion and fire energy suggesting that there may be a lot of sexual attraction between the people, although that may or may not be allowed to express itself.

The two snakes that wind up the caduceus represent dark and light and their coexistence within us.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

## General

The Two of Cups shows the beauty and power that is created when two become one. The card reflects balance, mutual respect, and harmony in relations with one another. There is no 'I,' just 'we,' and both parties are focused on a mutually beneficial outcome or win-win situation.

The Two of Cups typically points towards a relationship that is based on mutual attraction and romantic inclinations. It reflects the clear, nurturing, supportive, and heartfelt exchange of emotions that is the gift of a romantic relationship. The Two of Cups represents a love that is nurturing, creative, clearly focused, inspirational and equally fulfilling. In a reading, this is often a beautiful start to a new romance in which you will experience understanding, harmony, and deep love between two souls. The seed has blossomed into a tree of appreciation. Kindness and thoughtfulness will bind your two hearts together with the feeling of being simultaneously very special to one another.

In some cases, the Two of Cups can refer to marriage, proposals, and engagements, especially since this card portrays what looks like a wedding or handfasting. It is a reflection of commitment between two individuals, to say that they will go through life together, always considerate of each other's needs and wishes.

Outside of love, the Two of Cups reflects a partnership of sorts, be it a business partnership, friendship or even a relationship between a person and their pet.

On first glance, the Two of Cups shares a similar message to the Lovers. However, the energy of the Two of Cups is slightly weaker than the Lovers card. Whereas the Lovers is the reunion of two whole beings, the Two of Cups is a less mature union that, stable as it may seem, does have the potential to come undone over a longer period of time. So, while the union is strong now, it is not clear whether the relationship shown by the Two of Cups can stand the test of time. Only the two people involved can decide that.

Despite the focus on the two beings shown on this card, the Two of Cups also points to what is happening within the individual. To be truly loved, deeply

treasured and valued highly by others, you must first and foremost strive to create those feelings for yourself. That is, when you work toward loving yourself, you hold your inner spirit in high regard, treating it with deference and profound respect. When you see yourself in this positive light, other people cannot help but respond to your personal sense of value in an equally positive manner.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work or business-related reading, the Two of Cups represents a new business partnership or employment relationship that is filled with positive energy and inspiration for the future. It can sometimes reflect that this business partnership is about two friends or even a husband and wife coming together under a new business banner.

If you are looking for work, then see the Two of Cups as a positive sign that you will finally find your ideal fit in a new company. A job offer is likely to be made, and you will form an instant connection with your employer and/or colleagues.

Financially, you may be looking to invest in a partnership with another person. Your finances are also likely to be well balanced at this time, enabling you to save while also enjoying life.

## **Personality Types**

The Two of Cups personality is compassionate, cooperative, respectful, and caring. This person understands the healing powers of love and the importance of relating with others. They are likely to treat you with deep respect and ensure that you feel involved and heard. This is someone who is deeply connected with their inner self-love and who is not afraid to share their loving, compassionate energy with others.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are single, then this is one card you will be jumping up and down

about! It suggests that the partner you have been waiting for will finally make an appearance and a new relationship will blossom. This is someone with whom you deeply connect, particularly on an emotional level, and there is a definite mutual attraction. You may feel as if you have finally met your perfect match or even your soul mate, and the relationship will develop quickly. This relationship will appear to be effortless and uncomplicated. Your feelings for them will be met with an equal amount of enthusiasm. There will be true love, a balanced partnership, commitment, and all of the things that most of people hope for regarding to love and relationships. However, remember that this card is only a reflection of the potential for true love and affection – it will be up to you and your partner to ensure that this lasts the test of time.

If you are in a relationship, then the relationship will become closer, and you will remember all the wonderful things that brought you together in the first place. You will be drawn back to the wonderful energy of the Two of Cups, where your separate qualities and abilities are united by love to produce something in your lives beyond what either of you could have achieved alone. There is a resurgence of romance and intimacy.

If you have been struggling in your relationship, then the Two of Cups heralds a truce where you finally see eye-to-eye again. Finally, there will be resolution and harmony, and you will be able to forgive and forget the past. Treat each other with love and compassion, and seek first to understand before being understood. It may also point to a forthcoming reconciliation in a relationship where there has been pain and disappointment

Sometimes, when the Two of Cups appears in relation to an established relationship, it may indicate that a new relationship is on the horizon. That is, with someone other than your current partner. Look to the other cards in the reading to either confirm or deny this.

## **Spirituality**

The Two of Cups indicates that you feel at one with the energies of the Universe and with yourself. This is one of the cards that represents the heart chakra and suggests that this chakra is open and ready to give and receive

love. Share that good energy; the world needs more of it.

In some cases, the Two of Cups can indicate the need to connect with yourself. You may need to explore your ability to love yourself. If you have been struggling with feelings of low self-esteem, the Two of Cups urges you to find compassion and acceptance for yourself. This card is also symbolic of bringing together the dualistic nature of self into a harmonized whole.

## **Well-being and Health**

If you are facing health problems, the Two of Cups can indicate that a partnership with a healer who you trust and can work well with is just what you need. Also focus on creating balance, peace, and harmony in your life to combat any health concerns. This card is urging you to achieve greater balance in your life. Reduce prescription medications and try more natural remedies. Better health will come from a more balanced diet, and a more balanced lifestyle, meaning, less indulgence and more exercise.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Two of Cups + High Priestess – A soul mate connection.

Two of Cups + Lovers – A new relationship is likely to turn into a committed and long-lasting connection or even marriage.

Two of Cups + Temperance – A very harmonious, balanced and cooperative relationship that is not necessarily a romantic connection.

Two of Cups + Ten of Cups – A loving home and family environment where all family members are connected with one another.

Two of Cups + Ace of Pentacles – The start of a prosperous business partnership based on mutual respect and aligned goals.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

With the Two of Cups reversed, you may be struggling to form new partnerships and relationships due to a lack of trust or unfinished business from the past. You may also be reluctant to open yourself and expose your true feelings, resulting in disconnectedness from those around you or awkwardness. Your behaviour has become guarded and constrained.

The Two of Cups reversed may indicate a break-up or a lack of harmony within a relationship or partnership. You may not be seeing eye-to-eye, and there is tension in your relations with each other. Each partner is finding it quite hard to be truly honest with each other, and therefore the flow of communication is broken. There is a lack of mutual respect and understanding. Upright, the Two of Cups is a beautiful card to have because it shows balance and emotional connection, but reversed, it suggests that you are not on an even playing field and this is a fundamental issue. It is as if your partner thinks he or she is better than you or that his or her opinion matters more than yours.

Even if a relationship is going great, the reversed Two of Cups may be a sign that the relationship is more physical than heartfelt. It may be a fleeting affair rather than something more meaningful.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Two of Cups reversed + Hermit – You need to be alone right now, and as such may seek a break or break-up from your relationship.

Two of Cups reversed + Three of Pentacles reversed – Not working collaboratively with your colleagues or bosses which is leading to a lack of productivity.

Two of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – The end of a relationship which causes heartbreak and pain. Perhaps it was not a mutual break-up.

Two of Cups reversed + Five of Wands – A high-level of conflict and tension in a relationship which is getting in the way of a harmonious connection.



# THREE OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Celebration, friendship, creativity, community.

**Reversed:** An affair, “three’s a crowd”, stifled creativity.



## QUOTES

“Maybe our girlfriends are our soul mates and guys are just people to have fun with.” – Candace Bushnell (author of Sex and the City)

“The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with a friendship.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson (Philosopher and poet)

“Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.” – Anais Nin (Author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Three of Cups is a card of celebration and accomplishment. Three young maidens dance in a circle with their golden goblets upraised in a toast of joy. Their arms reach out to each other, and they connect through their emotions and their friendship with one another. The ground is covered with fruit, and there is a general sense of abundance and happiness. Each woman in the Three of Cups has a wreath of laurel on her head. Wreaths of this type have long been a symbol of victory and success. A sweet-smelling laurel wreath is also a symbol of protection, peace, and purification and is a message that the favour of the Universe is upon us, and that we shall be the victor in this stage of our lives. At the women’s feet lie various flowers, symbolising joy, beauty, compassion, and growth. The flowers remind us of the good times in life, the sweet smell of success, and the beauty that surrounds us if only we open up to its presence.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Three of Cups is representative of friendships and collegiate, harmonious relationships. It is a time when you are open to helping others, which in turn

means that others are open to helping you. It is about spending quality time with your loved ones and your friends.

This card reminds me of the wonderful connection and friendship that exists between the four female characters in **Sex in the City**—Carrie, Charlotte, Samantha, and Miranda. They stand by each other, through thick and thin, and they are always there for one another as they make their way through various relationships, careers, and other life journeys. Nearly every episode, they can be found enjoying each other's company, often over a Cosmopolitan or another fancy New York cocktail. You get the feeling that these girls will be friends forever and will know that they can always count on each other for support and compassion.

You may find that by turning to your female friends, you receive the love, support, and compassion you need right now. Your close circle of friends may be a mothers' group, old school friends, a women's networking group, or a collection of friendships that you have built up over the years. There is a oneness shared among your close friends and you, and there is a general feeling of sensitivity and sympathy with one another.

The Three of Cups heralds a very sociable period. You will find a harmonious balance between meeting your commitments and spending quality time with friends and family. This is a great time to let your hair down and indulge yourself a little! You may be particularly drawn to the bar or restaurant scene, indulging in great food, wine, and cocktails! You may also be celebrating something special, such as a birth, engagement, wedding, reunion, or birthday.

For the moment, even though life's problems go on, you can take time out to forget about the hassles of the everyday world and enjoy the company of your friends and loved ones. Such respites are often needed before and after periods of high stress, to stop you from getting burned out emotionally or physically. When this card appears, and you are experiencing a high level of stress, take some time off to recuperate, and gain the support of friends before returning to reality.

More broadly, the Three of Cups indicates the end or conclusion of any problems you have been experiencing, particularly those that relate to your

interactions with others. A compromise will be found which will serve all the interests of those involved and will allow for a more harmonious environment. You can facilitate this process by bringing about positive change within yourself and changing your attitude and the way you react or deal with what is happening. Treat the situation with compassion and give the benefit of the doubt where possible.

The Three of Cups represents community and groups of people coming together to focus on a common goal for the greater good of others. You may find that by reaching out to others and banding together, you can achieve a great deal in terms of sharing your positive energy and passion with others, benefiting the wider community. It is a sign that you should seek out other people to celebrate your successes along with you.

The Three of Cups is also a very creative card, suggesting that you may pursue a creative outlet within a group environment, such as an art class or a dance class. This is a great way to connect with others and to access your creative abilities.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Three of Cups heralds a harmonious and collegiate work environment. You and your colleagues are engaged in your work and are having a lot of fun along the way. You may find that your workload is not too high at the moment and you can enjoy some down time. Even if work is busy, you are enjoying it so much that you do not notice the long work hours or demanding schedules.

If you are looking for work, you may benefit by connecting with your social networks and maintaining your relationships with others. So often, a new job is found not by what is advertised on the job boards, but by whom you know, so stay connected with your various networks to maximise the potential.

Financially, this is an important time not to be too attached to money. Remember that life is abundant and that your needs will always be met. Focus on spending quality time with your friends and family and do not be too concerned about how much money is coming in and out for now.

## **Personality Types**

The Three of Cups personality is very positive, joyous, and compassionate. This is a very sociable person who has established many close friendships throughout his or her life. They look at life with a 'glass is half full' attitude and can always be found having fun, smiling, and engaging with others. This person has a high level of sensitivity to other people's needs and will often ensure that their actions do not negatively impact others. The Three of Cups personality may also be quite a party-goer, enjoying the social scene and indulging in lots of fun, party activities.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Three of Cups suggests that this may be a better time just to focus on meeting lots of new people and spending quality time with your close friends. You do not need to make a firm commitment right now. Instead enjoy your freedom and have some fun along the way! You may find that spending more time with your friends and family will open your heart to new possibilities. And perhaps the focus needs to be less on finding that perfect relationship but more on just enjoying yourself and learning to live life fully again.

If you have recently started a new relationship, you will no doubt be enjoying a lot of fun dates together and spending time not only with each other but also your friends. This is a great time when you can simply enjoy each other's company and not be too worried about long-term commitments. Your relationship is still in quite a flirtatious, honeymoon stage and you are both enjoying a casual and fun relationship together. It is possible that you are also keeping your options open and exploring other relationships at the same time.

In a more established relationship, the Three of Cups suggests that you will rediscover the fun element to your relationship and you will be able to leave behind your usual routines and commitments. If you have been experiencing any difficulties in the relationship, you are able to put this behind you for now and just enjoy the good times that you have together.

Sometimes, the Three of Cups can indicate that there are actually three

people involved in a relationship. Affairs are usually indicated by a reversed Three of Cups, so the upright Three is more representative of a harmonious threesome. You may have agreed with your partner to keep an open relationship, or the third person may be a mutual friend who is very close to you both or even a child of one of the partners.

If you have recently broken up with your partner, the Three of Cups indicates that you may agree to remain friends, or that you may still be in touch through mutual friends. This card is also a positive sign that you will find that your close friends are a wonderful source of happiness and provide great company. Enjoy being single and try to have a few girls' nights out to let your hair down and have fun!

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Three of Cups suggests that you may be best placed to pursue your spiritual goals in the company of friends or those who share a similar interest to you. This is indicative of a desire to join a church or a spiritual group. A spiritual retreat may even be on the cards where you can connect with other like-minded individuals. This is a wonderful time to explore your spirituality and discover aspects about yourself whilst in the company of others.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Three of Cups suggests that your personal well-being and health will benefit by reducing stress wherever possible and engaging in more fun and sociable activities. However, be sure not to overdo it. Watch your eating and drinking in particular and make sure you are not over-indulging whilst enjoying the company of others.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Three of Cups + Empress – You will have a highly positive impact on your friends and loved ones by sharing your inner sense of fulfilment and abundance with them.

Three of Cups + Three of Pentacles – Very harmonious and collegiate relationships at work that lead to higher productivity and engagement.

Three of Cups + Three of Swords – A challenging or traumatic event will unite you with others who have been through a similar experience and who can act as a source of support.

Three of Cups + Three of Wands – You may be looking to go into business or start a new venture with a close friend or group of friends.

Three of Cups + Five of Wands – You may have a temporary disagreement with a close friend but you will eventually work things out together when you begin to listen to each other with compassion and love.

Three of Cups + Eight of Wands – Time for a girls' weekend away or travel with a close friend.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Out of all the different readings that I do, more often than not I see the Three of Cups reversed come up in relationship readings when there is a third person involved. Often it is a reflection that you, the querent, are that third person and may be involved in an affair or dealing with an unfaithful partner. When this card appears in a reading, look to the other cards for more detail on the nature of the relationship. If you see the Seven of Swords, there is a likely betrayal of trust and possible cheating. If you see the Five of Swords, it is likely that you already know about the other relationship, but you are trying to ignore that it exists. If you see the Devil, think carefully about the nature of the relationships as they are likely to be hedonistic and generally unhealthy to those involved. It is unlikely that this situation is sustainable as 'three's a crowd,' thus something has got to give.

On a broader scale, the reversed Three of Cups can indicate that your creativity is being stifled and instead you are being forced to conform to the group in which you are operating. You may be part of a very tight-knit group that does things a certain way and is not open to innovation or alternative

approaches. You need to consider whether you are willing to sacrifice your creative abilities in favour of the group's desires.

The Three of Cups reversed may reflect isolation from others. If this is the case, it is time to take charge of the situation and to reconnect with your community. Consider joining a group or organisation, and if the need for support is present, seek out the necessary resources. Similarly, the Three of Cups reversed can indicate that you have lost touch with your close friends, perhaps due to a falling out or other, more demanding priorities such as work or family commitments. See this card as a reminder to reconnect with your friends, let your hair down and have a good time, without worrying too much about the consequences.

On the other hand, the Three of Cups reversed may indicate over-indulgence in the party scene. You may be spending most nights out at bars and nightclubs, indulging in drugs and alcohol and throwing caution to the wind. You may also be in the 'work hard, play hard' mindset, when what you need is greater balance in your life. Be mindful about the longer-term consequences of your actions and ask yourself whether this is indeed a sustainable lifestyle. Take a break from the social scene to regroup and get some much needed sleep.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Three of Cups reversed + Hierophant – Stifled creativity due to the need to conform to the group mindset.

Three of Cups reversed + Devil – Over-indulgence in drugs and alcohol and the party scene.

Three of Cups reversed + Seven of Swords – An affair or unfaithful partner may become apparent but to the shock of the partner.



# FOUR OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Meditation, contemplation, apathy, re-evaluation.

**Reversed:** Boredom, missed opportunity, being aloof.



## QUOTES

“A man, who realizes the potential of his mind by means of introspection and contemplation, he does not lack self-confidence. He has control over his mind and he is able to realize its full potential.” – Sama Veda (Ancient Hindu scriptures)

“The more man meditates upon good thoughts, the better will be his world and the world at large.” – Confucius

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Four of Cups depicts a young man sitting under a tree far away from others in what looks like deep contemplation and meditation. In fact, he is so engrossed in deep contemplation that he does not appear to notice the cup being presented to him by an outstretched arm. An additional three cups stand at his feet, symbolising the world and its attractions but again, he pays little attention to these. In this sense, he indicates the need to look deep into our Self to discover the answers we seek.

External influences can be distracting and may not lead us to the goal we seek even if those influences purport to be of a spiritual nature.

This young man and his predicament suggest the story of the Buddha under the Bodhi Tree, contemplating the state of the Universe and unwilling to rise until he has reached the Truth. He is not taking the cup and indeed appears to be paying no attention to it whatsoever. He misses this gift of love and opportunity because he's completely tuned within.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Four of Cups often appears when you are bored or dissatisfied with the status quo. You may be feeling disengaged, apathetic, or unmotivated. Life has become stale or flat, and there is little that excites you anymore. To

overcome this, the Four of Cups suggests a need to re-evaluate your situation and to look deep within your psyche to find understanding and meaning. Turn your attention inward to find the Truth for which you are searching. Avoid distractions and examine your heart and mind to gain clarity.

Similarly, the Four of Cups signifies disappointment in someone or a situation. You may be growing tired of the same old struggle that has been carried on too long in the past. As a result, you have started to withdraw and go within yourself to seek greater peace and tranquillity. If you are becoming particularly 'pouty' or sulky about your predicament, the Four of Cups is then a call to action; it is time to wake up, be alert and to be open to new experiences that offer a more positive outcome.

The Four of Cups can sometimes point to defensiveness. This can be noticed in the body language displayed in the crossed arms and legs of the man on the card. He chooses to ignore the possibility of what the cup has to offer. Possibly he has been hurt emotionally before, as this is the Suit of Cups, and he is fearful to expose himself to that again; hence he is closing himself off to this opportunity. Consider what opportunities you are ignoring or declining, and ask yourself whether this is because you truly believe you would not benefit from it, or whether this is because you are fearful of what may follow. Be mindful of any defensiveness in your responses and reactions.

At its worst, the Four of Cups is a stubborn, ungrateful, and self-absorbed card. Whether you are off in your own little world, depressed, selfish, afraid to reach out or are nursing wounds from a bad relationship, the isolation in your world is self-imposed. You may be only concerned with your troubles and problems, neglecting the needs of others. Be mindful that your detachment from being part of the world is becoming an issue. Remember, there is always an opportunity for you to reconnect with the world around you. Look at that cup being offered to you!

Often, the Four of Cups indicates that an offer has been presented to you, but you are holding off making a decision or evaluation of that opportunity until you have had more time for reflection and consideration. Notice that while the man in this card has not accepted the offer being presented to him, he has not completely rejected it either. The cup will continue to be there, and the decision to accept or reject it can be made at any point. For now, though, it is

the time for contemplation, research, and meditation. When all of the answers are in, and it feels right emotionally, then you can take action, but in the short-term, you do not need to make an immediate choice.

The Four of Cups serves as a reminder not to take life for granted. Numerologically, four signifies that you have created a solid foundation for yourself and a strong sense of stability and security. However, sometimes this can play to your disadvantage, where you feel so content, safe and secure that you begin to take your relationships and other aspects of life for granted; thus, when the Four of Cups appears it must be taken as a cautionary note. It bears the message that there is a lot of love in your life but it can and will slip away if you do not continue to nurture it and demonstrate your appreciation for everything that you have gained so far. Most of the time, people do not realise the abundance they live in every day. They are too concerned with what they want, and they have no time to look at their lives and see how much they already have. A lot of the disappointment in life comes from people who want more but who already have all that they need. The key to overcoming this disappointment is simply to see all the good that is in your life already and be thankful for it every day. So open up your eyes and look for yourself!

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Four of Cups suggests that you may be disengaging from your work or your colleagues. Work has become boring, and there is a lack of stimulation and personal development. Instead, you are retreating into your own world and pursuing your interests, rather than necessarily trying to solve the issue of your engagement. At this point, it may be best to find a new job, or work with your manager to find more engaging work.

If you are looking for a new job, an offer may have been made to you, but you are not making a decision just yet, in hope that something better may come along. You may also be trying to find out more about the organisation or job opportunity before either accepting or rejecting the offer.

Financially, you are avoiding any new opportunities for investment and may

be focusing on your personal goals instead before making any sort of financial commitment.

## **Personality Types**

The Four of Cups personality is typically quite self-absorbed, internally focused, introspective, selfish, apathetic and, at times, withdrawn. They prefer to think before they act, taking as much time as they need to process their thoughts and feelings before making a commitment. You will often hear, “I need to go away and have a think about that first.” Do not be too concerned, either, when you offer what you think is an exciting proposition, and the Four of Cups personality simply nods with little sign of emotion or gratefulness. They simply need more time to think about it and whether it aligns with their needs.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Four of Cups suggests that you are not making any commitments just yet, and you may actually be rejecting romantic opportunities left, right, and centre. If it is just a case of not having found the right person, then fine! However, if you find that you are constantly turning potential suitors down, you may need to ask yourself whether you are being too specific in your selection criteria or whether you really are open to finding true love right now. Be aware of any defensiveness that may be present.

If you are currently in a relationship, the Four of Cups suggests that you want more time on your own to reflect on your relationship and other pressing issues. Be careful, though, that you are not completely isolating yourself from your partner and shutting them out. Keep them aware of what is happening in your inner world to ensure that they do not feel neglected.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Four of Cups suggests that you may be indulging in a ‘poor me’ attitude and forgetting about all of the positive aspects that exist in your

life. You may be taking what you already have for granted, and concerning yourself with everything you wished you had. Stay grounded in the present moment and be grateful for everything that you have in your life right now. Each night, before bed, remind yourself of the things that you are truly grateful for. Thinking along these lines can elevate your spiritual mindset immensely and quickly.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Four of Cups suggests that you may need to take more time to reflect and meditate, restoring your energy levels before taking on the next challenge.

From a mental health perspective, you may be feeling depressed or lacking motivation. Be careful that you do not isolate yourself from others, especially if you are being offered help and assistance.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Four of Cups + Hermit – Withdrawal and isolation from others in order to reflect and meditate on your spiritual and inner needs.

Four of Cups + Temperance – Giving up the excesses of life to find peace, balance, and inner tranquillity.

Four of Cups + Five of Cups – Possible depression as a result of past regrets or disappointments. Try to focus on the positive aspects of life.

Four of Cups + Four of Swords – Spending more time on your own, resting and relaxing whilst restoring your energy levels.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Four of Cups reversed suggests that there is a good possibility that an offer will come your way, but you must work hard to go out and get it. It is

sitting right under your nose, so make sure you snap it up before you miss out! You may also be too focused on your issues that you completely miss this opportunity or are unaware that it even exists. Keep your eyes and heart open to new possibilities, and release some of the focus on yourself to allow new opportunities to appear.

The Four of Cups reversed also reflects a time when you may be reluctant to open your heart to someone or to express your true feelings, instead, withdrawing and isolating yourself from the other person. Be mindful of how this may be impacting those who are close to you and be considerate of their needs as well as your own.

On a more positive note, if you have been going through a period of stagnation, boredom, or apathy, you will begin to feel restless with this state of being and will want to break free from this rut. Put aside any negative thoughts or sulky behaviour. Embrace the opportunities that are already being offered to you. Reconnect with others and let them know how much you appreciate them.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Four of Cups reversed + Death – After a period of introspection and contemplation, you are ready to embrace change and transformation.

Four of Cups reversed + World – Taking part in a community initiative and reconnecting with the people around you.

Four of Cups reversed + Eight of Pentacles – Making an effort to reintegrate with others and to prove your abilities.

# FIVE OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Loss, regret, disappointment, despair, bereavement.

**Reversed:** Moving on, acceptance, forgiveness.



## QUOTES



“The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly.” – Buddha

“There is no better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance the next time.” – Malcolm X (Minister and activist)

“When you make a mistake, do not look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind, and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.” – Phyllis Bottome (Novelist)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Five of Cups is a card that signifies difficulty, loss, and the challenges of dealing with that loss. The figure in the card wears a black cloak in which he hides his face in apparent despair. At his feet are five cups, three of which have fallen and spilled onto the ground and the other two behind his back remain standing. He does not seem to notice these upstanding cups because he is so focused on the fallen cups instead. Ahead of him, a powerful river flows between himself and a castle or home in the distance. To his right is a bridge that can lead him to the security of the house across the river. Despite the fact that this card has a strong indication of loss and tribulation, there is a positive aspect that must be considered. Is your cup half full or half empty?

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Five of Cups represents a lack of fulfilment or non-attainment of expected results. You are feeling disappointed that a situation has not turned out as you had hoped, and instead of moving on to greener pastures, you are wallowing in self-pity and regret about what has been lost. The water spilled

from the cups shows that the cause for regret is more emotional than financial. You are quickly becoming disillusioned with life and increasingly pessimistic about your future.

The Five of Cups suggests that you are having trouble letting go of the past and learning from your mistakes. This card can often reflect a person who is caught up in the past and unable to move on, missing out on new opportunities. Bitter memories from the past continue to bother you, and often a great deal of the blame for past actions is placed on yourself and your inadequacies. To some, it would seem that there is no way out of this situation but the Tarot always shows problems on one hand and solutions on the other.

Forgiveness and the ability to recover after emotional loss are necessary. If you are feeling disappointed by another person's actions, and then find it within your heart to forgive that person, releasing yourself from the disappointment. You may also need to re-assess your expectations that have led you to this disappointment. Were you expecting too much?

Remember, too, that hindsight is much clearer than foresight and present-day wisdom is gained from the mistakes of the past. Reflect on what led you to this point and understand what important lessons you can take from the experience. Even when things go pear-shaped, there is always something positive that can be gained by reflecting on the lessons learned.

While it is true that much has been lost, there is still a ray of hope because some of the cups in this card remain full and upright. You must not pity yourself when you find yourself in his situation. Instead of looking at the situation from a 'glass is half empty' perspective, look at it from a 'glass is half full' perspective. If you can stop your sulking or even crying for a moment, you can open your eyes and see the way out of this disappointing situation. You will have to work on it, but it is there.

The Five of Cups also tells you to be thankful for what is left. Do not worry about what cannot be changed. Instead, focus on turning a setback into a step forward. Never let your tears stop you from seeing what is left over.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Five of Cups indicates a setback or an error on your part that you come to regret. Instead of sulking or worrying about it, own up to your mistake, learn from it and then move on. Do not let a failure remain a failure.

Instead, review what went wrong, and then put in place actions to ensure it does not happen again. Find new opportunities where you can prove yourself and rebuild your reputation.

If you are looking for work, do not be too concerned if there are delays or a number of rejections. The process may be moving slowly, or you may be applying for the wrong jobs. Ensure that you are applying for the jobs where you have the greatest chances of success, and know that eventually your time will come when the right job will just pop up.

Financially, you may suffer a minor or temporary setback. Perhaps you lose out in the share market, or money is lost. Nothing can be done about this, so focus on the future and ensuring the loss does not happen again.

## **Personality Types**

The Five of Cups personality is a typical pessimist, always reflecting on what went wrong rather than what went right. A conversation with a Five of Cups personality is usually about their problems and concerns, with little focus on finding a solution. Often, this card also relates to a person who habitually dwells on the past, harbouring old grievances.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, you may find yourself in a temporary phase of disappointment as you meet someone with a lot of promise and potential, only to find the person is not quite who you thought they were or that they are not as interested in the relationship as you. If this is a recurring pattern, you may need to reassess your expectations and make sure that you are not expecting too much too soon from your new relationships. If you are not

having any luck in finding love at all, perhaps try a different approach or invest some time in reading about creating positive energy in your life.

If you are currently in a relationship, the Five of Cups suggests that you may soon reach a point where you decide to go your separate ways, or at least take a break from each other. There is a lot of hurt and emotional disappointment associated with the Five of Cups, so it is best to give yourself time to heal before moving on to either broaching a reconciliation or starting a new relationship. Give yourself some time and space then get back out there. There will come a day when you realise that the reason this relationship ended was to get you to the place you want to be, which is in a relationship that works for you, and works well.

## **Spirituality**

On a spiritual level, the Five of Cups asks you to give some thought to forgiveness. Know that you need to forgive others not necessarily for their sake but for yours.; to release you from the negativity, anger, and toxicity that it has been creating within you. It is time to let go of any painful or hurtful situations from the past, and focus on more optimistic or positive goals.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Five of Cups suggests that you may be disappointed about your current health or something that has recently occurred. However, in order for your physical health to improve, it is also critical that your spiritual and emotional health is also positive. Louise Hay has written a wonderful book about aligning body, mind, and spirit to achieve optimal health in **You Can Heal Your Life**.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Five of Cups + Lovers – A significant relationship break-up that is particularly challenging to get through.

Five of Cups + Judgement – Use this period of disappointment and loss to

learn something about yourself and to bring about spiritual enlightenment.

Five of Cups + Five of Pentacles – A financial loss has led to you feeling disillusioned and disappointed on an emotional level. Remember money is only one part of life, and many other opportunities are awaiting.

Five of Cups + Nine of Wands – Remind yourself of the inner reserve of strength and capability that you can release to overcome temporary setbacks.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The reversed Five of Cups shows recovery from regret and an acceptance of the past. Now, you are beginning to realise the full implications of the past, and you have come to appreciate the lessons learned from the experience. You may even recognise the value of the painful experience in the broader scheme of things in preparing you for later experiences. You are ready to pick up the remaining two cups that are full of the water of emotional growth and go on.

This card is also about learning to be open and to take risks again. It is a card of a lingering sense of regret, nostalgia, and bittersweet memories but the card itself speaks of being hopeful for the future, getting over whatever you need to get over, and of seeing the sun peek through the clouds once again! If you have suffered a broken romance, the reversed Five of Cups signifies an end to the suffering, and a beginning to new loves and relationships, new interests, and new emotional outlets. You are starting to engage with the inspiring, creative and feeling side of life again.

The reversed Five of Cups is about values and knowing what you truly want and what will really make you happiest. It is about the hidden blessings that lie behind obvious disappointments. Sometimes disappointments are required to see through illusions and free you to find what is truly of value in life. Once you have made this transition, you will be free to embrace new opportunities.

Sometimes, the reversed Five of Cups indicates a feeling of being trapped in

the past, holding on too tightly to the might-have-been, and not being able to focus on the positive. The reversal could also indicate buried feelings of regret, which you are not allowing to surface and therefore they never get dealt with and brought to closure. Five is also the number of change and indicates an emotional destabilisation that is intended to create change in how you approach your life.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Five of Cups reversed + Fool – A new beginning following a temporary setback.

Five of Cups reversed + Six of Cups – Spending too much time in the past and not focusing on the future.

# SIX OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Reunion, nostalgia, childhood memories, innocence.

**Reversed:** Stuck in the past, naivety, unrealistic.



## QUOTES

“Keeping in touch with childhood memories keeps us believing in life’s simplest pleasures like a rainy afternoon, a swing set, and a giant puddle to play in.” – Chrissy Ogden(Photographer)

“Happy memories become treasures in the heart to pull out on the tough days of adulthood.” – Charlotte Davis Kasl(Author)

“There is a garden in every childhood, an enchanted place where colours are brighter, the air softer, and the morning more fragrant than ever again.”- Elizabeth Lawrence (Author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

On the Six of Cups, there are six cups filled with white, five-pointed flowers. A young boy seems to smell one flower, offering this filled cup to another young child. The small child symbolises the past and the taller child symbolises the future, and together they symbolise happy reunions with past friends or lovers. They share old pleasures with lots of nostalgia. In the background, there is an older figure walking away, symbolising our worries leaving us to be locked in the turret. The house symbolises comfort and security but the barren garden symbolises the lost happier times of the past. Everything is bright yellow which indicates great happiness in this overall scene.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Six of Cups is a card of childhood, nostalgia, naive happiness, and generosity. You want to return to the happy memories of your past, whether as a child, teenager or adult. Often, though, these memories are indeed a thing of the past and reflect aspects of your life that have since vanished. You may feel that the only way to connect to this happiness is to escape into the past where you can reflect on your happy and beautiful memories, instead of



dealing with current challenges. This is fine if you are simply taking a walk down memory lane, but it is important that you live in the present and accept your current circumstances rather than always living in the past.

Often, there is nothing wrong with looking back at the good times for inspiration when things are not going so well. In the midst of change and crisis, the Six of Cups suggests that looking back at what you have endured is a good way to assure yourself that, whatever trials lay ahead, you will meet them and you will overcome them as you overcame others. After losses, such as those on the Fives, the Six of Cups suggests that you need to take time out to heal, look back on the past and all the good that lies there. During this period of reflection, there is no need to focus on the negative. Instead, bring all of the positive energy from the past into your present and your future. The fallen cups are now full and upright again but with blooming flowers that cannot be spilled or washed away. Now that you have looked back, the way forward will be clear and enlightening.

The Six of Cups can represent a return to a familiar environment or a childhood place. You may return to your hometown, to your parents' house, to your high school or even kindergarten. You could be going to a high school reunion or reconnecting with a childhood acquaintance. A teenage sweetheart or past lover may turn up again. Allow yourself positive, nostalgic memories of childhood, friends and family. If you can, spend time with younger people.

The Six of Cups can also point to your inner child and suggests a need to experience child-like joy. The child you were still lives within you and must be cared for. This is often referred to as working with your inner child. People with persistent problems such as addiction, depression, troubled relationships and chronic dissatisfaction can transform their lives with inner child work and find a new joy and energy in living. The source of your problems may be in past events that are triggered in the present. We are made up of many parts and inside we still have the little child and adolescent we were with all of its experiences and feelings. This can lead to the inner child reacting strongly to certain experiences, situations, and feelings in the present, based on experiences of the past. Working with your inner child and getting to know where these feelings come from can change that and enhance

your choices in miraculous ways. When we are being playful, spontaneous, creative, intuitive, and surrendering to the spiritual self, our genuine, authentic Self, who we know deep within us, our real Self is being welcomed and encouraged to be present.

The Six of Cups can also refer to children in your life. It can denote a pregnancy, birth, or adoption, depending on the other cards in the reading. Or, it may indicate that you are about to spend more time with young children, playing, laughing and learning together. Children play a significant role in your present life and can serve as great advisors. Children are good role models to follow when this card is present. They see the world as an entirely perfect place, and their hearts are open to experience the myriad pleasures of the world around them.

The Six of Cups almost radiates an aura of joy, because it represents the past with all its memories, the present with all its gifts, and the future with all its wondrous opportunities. The Six of Cups can thus signal a gift given or received, or some other similar gesture. You may be inspired to act kindly or charitably or to do a good turn for another person. You are more open to sharing what you have and being well-intentioned.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the appearance of the Six of Cups may indicate that you will return to a familiar work setting or even a place from your childhood. This is also an excellent time for work that involves some level of creativity. If this is lacking, make a point to spend some of your personal time drawing, painting, or writing, scrapbooking—whatever you fancy that allows a little creativity. Your day job will go better for you as a result. You may also be working with children.

Financially, the Six of Cups suggests that money may come to you from someone from your past or through an inheritance or trust fund.

## **Personality Types**

The Six of Cups personality is someone who is very childlike, youthful,

generous, innocent and, at times, naive. They are often seen with a playful spark in their eye and can connect well with children because they are so in touch with their inner child themselves. This person may also prefer to live in the past, particularly if their past is filled with happy memories and job. This is an open, loving and genuine person who likes to share his/her gifts and blessings with others for little in return.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Six of Cups suggests that you may be reunited with a past love or someone from your childhood but the relationship this time will be different.

If you are in a relationship and experiencing some challenges, there may have recently been a reappearance of an ex, or you may have been thinking a lot about an ex. Whatever the case, there are some happy memories stored here, and you may be considering whether this is an option at the moment. This may be taking away some of your attention from your current relationship.

If you have recently broken up with your partner, then the Six of Cups shows that you are often reflecting on the past relationship. Sometimes it is easy to get so caught up with how a relationship used to be that we forget what the relationship is like now and that these two are different. Even if you had a wonderful past together, you need to evaluate the relationship for what it is now. The Six of Cups may also indicate that you have children together and this is no doubt making it very difficult to separate.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, you may benefit by connecting in with your inner child and rediscovering the playful spirit that lies within. You may also benefit by returning to a familiar setting or revisiting spiritual rituals from your childhood. Or maybe you could explore the ancient traditions of your ancestors.

## **Well-being and Health**

If you are experiencing health problems, the appearance of the Six of Cups can mean that you need to go back to your childhood and past memories to examine where the roots of your physical problems might lie. Hypnotherapy may also be very useful. You may want to make a point to talk to family members about the physical problems that they have faced and make sure that you have a clear idea of your family's medical history.

When the Six of Cups appears with cards such as the Empress, Ace of Cups, or Page of Cups, it can indicate a birth, growth, or inception.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Six of Cups + Fool – Reconnecting with your inner child to release you from the past and assist you in starting a new journey.

Six of Cups + Empress – A possible pregnancy, birth, or adoption of young children.

Six of Cups + Lovers – Reconnecting with a past romantic partner or high school sweetheart.

Six of Cups + Three of Cups – Reconnecting with good friends from your past. A possible high school reunion or celebration.

Six of Cups + Ten of Cups – Feeling blessed and joyful about the relationships you have accumulated and developed over the years.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Six of Cups reversed may indicate that you are clinging on to your past. There may be issues from your past that you have not yet fully processed. It is important to explore the memories of your past but do not get stuck there. Your ideas and beliefs that were established in the past may be prohibiting your progress. Use your past as a guide for your future, and focus on living in the present.

The Six of Cups is a card of nostalgia, childlike love and generosity, and a carefree, naive outlook on life. Reversed, it suggests that you may have had unrealistically rosy ideas about a particular stage of life, based on your dreams and ideals from when you were younger. For example, you may have always pictured yourself as married with children by 25, only to realise that once you hit 25, you had other goals in mind. Or you may be disappointed that you have reached a particular age but have not fulfilled your childhood dreams just yet.

The Six of Cups reversed can indicate fertility issues and problems with bearing children. If you already have children, there may be disciplinary issues that you are trying to get under control.

Sometimes, the reversed Six of Cups can indicate child abuse or sexual abuse sustained as a young person. You may still be working through these issues and trying to release yourself from the harmful memories. Alternatively, you may be working with others who have repressed memories from their childhood and who need your support.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Six of Cups reversed + Four of Cups – Living in the past is preventing you from seeing future opportunities.

Six of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – You are still harbouring a lot of pain, grief, and sorrow from a past loss and are struggling to move on.

Six of Cups reversed + Nine of Swords – You are holding onto a lot of guilt and worry related to a past situation. You need to forgive yourself and others to release yourself from this guilt.

# SEVEN OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Fantasy, illusion, wishful thinking, choices, imagination.

**Reversed:** Temptation, illusion, diversionary tactics.



## QUOTES

“If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.” – Henry David Thoreau (author of Walden)

“The way to activate the seeds of your creation is by making choices about the results you want to create. When you make a choice, you activate vast human energies and resources, which otherwise go untapped. All too often people fail to focus their choices upon results and therefore their choices are ineffective. If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is compromise.” – Robert Fritz (Author, composer and film maker)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Seven of Cups depicts an individual faced with the mysterious appearance of strange images from cups in a floating cloud. Clouds conjure ideas, dreams, thoughts, illusions, transitions, and mystery. Though the character's back is toward us, we can see from the half-raised arm gesture, that the apparitions before him are something of a surprise. The various prizes appearing from the cups are a mixture of positive and negative visions. These cups each have a single item rising from them—a snake, representing wisdom and knowledge; a shrouded figure, representing the need for illumination; a human head, representing a companion for the conjurer; a tower, representing stability and power; treasure, representing abundance and wealth; a laurel wreath, representing victory or honour, and status; and a dragon, representing supernatural forces. The character faced with these spectres is taken aback by their confusing nature. Although the seven cups appear as gifts or prizes, there is always danger hidden within one or two of them to sting anyone who ventures near. What this suggests is that sometimes you have to choose between many options, all of which may be tempting but only one of which is the best choice. At others times, not all of those choices are real options at all; they are delusions of the imagination.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

## General

The Seven of Cups indicates that the images in your mind must be dealt with not only in your dreams but in the world of reality. Be careful of wishful thinking or illusions in the choices you currently face. The character in the Seven of Cups is a dreamer who can see beauty and excitement as well as fearful trials and difficulties in the future. If you are constantly caught up in your dreams, fantasies, and/or fears, we will never be able to move forward and make those dreams a reality or overcome those fears.

Therefore, the Seven of Cups indicates that although dreaming is beautiful and provides inspiration for action, you must at some point abandon your 'castles in the sky' and begin to build those castles in your real life. A choice must be made even though the apparent multiplicity of options seems to paralyse you with either fear or excessive anticipation. If you are unable to make a decision because of too many options, it is time to carefully evaluate the pros and cons of each option and make a thoughtful choice. You also need to be very clear about what it is you are working towards so that you can make the best choice. Make your decision with caution as all is not what it seems to be. Great opportunities may turn out to be major problems later on, while less enticing options may turn out to be golden opportunities.

With the Seven of Cups, there is a risk of illusion. You need to separate what is real from what is an illusion. Protect yourself against unclear or wishful thinking and habitual daydreaming. Avoid intoxication and escapism.

Often, this card shows choices and plans that have little or no basis in reality. Such things are typical of the developed imagination, and fine if they stay in the imagination. However, when you try to implement those ideas in the real world, you are leaving yourself open to inevitable disappointment when you realise that your vision simply does not work.

The Seven of Cups is also a wish card. Each of the cups is filled with wishes such as wealth, beauty, success, and a nice home (the castle or tower). However, not every cup is filled with a positive result. Some cups hold a snake or a demon and thus the Seven of Cups can be a mixed blessing. Be careful what you wish as you may just get it and at a price.



Temptation is associated with the Seven of Cups. With so many choices presented to you, it is easy to be swayed to that cup containing the snake of jealousy and cunning. Since this card is from the Suit of Cups, the temptation is likely to be sexual or emotional in nature—the one-night stand, the extramarital affair, and all those other things that seem innocent and pleasurable at the time they are undertaken.

But in the vast majority of cases, the pleasure gained temporarily is far outweighed by the consequences that last, in most cases, for an entire lifetime.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the appearance of the Seven of Cups can indicate that you have a number of different choices available to you as to where you will invest your time and energy. You may have a number of job offers or projects you can work on.

Before making your final decision, make sure you do your research and know what you are getting in for. If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably IS too good to be true.

If you work in a creative field of some kind, this is an excellent omen for making good progress. However, if your job or field is more precise, mathematical, and business-like, the Seven of Cups carries the warning that you may be spending too much time with your head in the clouds and need to refocus.

Financially, this is not the time to make investments, particularly in those get rich quick schemes. If you must, consult a professional or do your homework first. Watch where you put your money and in whom you put your trust.

## **Personality Types**

The Seven of Cups personality type is a dreamer and is often highly optimistic about the choices and opportunities in life. This person likes to remain in a daydream state, thinking about grand ideas and possibilities that

may or may not be possible in real life. When you need inspiration, go to this person but if you need a reality check or you just want to get on with things, then steer clear for now.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Seven of Cups indicates that you have a number of potential suitors who are trying to win you over. Not all will be the people that they say they are, so make sure you are clear and specific about what you want in a relationship, evaluate your choices thoughtfully, and be honest with all people involved, including yourself, before moving ahead.

In an established relationship, the Seven of Cups suggests that you may be confronted with a number of different options that may or may not involve your current relationship. You will need to work out what is most important to you, not only in the present but in the future. Do not be tempted by opportunities that offer short-term pleasure but long-term pain, such as extra-marital affairs or one night stands. Think about what your long-term goals are and commit to a realistic outcome.

## **Spirituality**

The Seven of Cups advises you to follow your bliss. Bliss arises when you are in harmony with the higher calling from your soul. When you are following your bliss, you know the direction you need to take towards your calling by listening closely to your feelings and intuition. When you feel a deep sense of joy, peace, and fulfilment, you know that you are headed in the right direction. It is as though you are in the zone with your life and the more you follow your bliss, the more you live your authentic life in accord with your spiritual path. You may also find it helpful to visualise your most important goals and desires being met. Use positive affirmations to help make your dreams come true.

## **Well-being and Health**

When the Seven of Cups appears in a health reading, be mindful of over-

indulging, eating and drinking to excess, and neglecting your health. You may even be in a delusional state, believing that nothing is wrong, when there clearly is a problem. Seek the advice of an objective third party for a more realistic assessment of your health.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Seven of Cups + Chariot – You are driven to manifest something in your life that has been long desired.

Seven of Cups + Star – You are inspired to pursue a particular course or calling in your life.

Seven of Cups + Moon – Your life is dominated by illusions, unrealistic ideas, and fantasy.

Seven of Cups + Nine of Cups – Beware of over-indulging in short-term pleasures, particularly those of a sexual or sensual nature.

Seven of Cups + Two of Swords – You are faced with too many decisions and are finding it difficult to choose.

Seven of Cups + Three of Swords – Your pursuit of illusion is in response to a broken heart, no matter how firm your denials.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Seven of Cups reversed is a card of illusions, temptations, and diversionary tactics. Your views of life at this time are a bit illusory and may tend toward fantasies that cannot be realised in the real world. There is an unwillingness to deal with the day-to-day reality of life, and a need to get your head out of the clouds. You may be feeling unclear about what you are searching for in order to become fulfilled. You may also be hiding something from yourself that probably has to do with your subconscious emotions. These illusions and diversions need to be stripped away and seen for what they really are. You may find that returning to the energy of the Six of Cups

and finding yourself in more familiar territory, such as the family home or the area in which you grew up, may have a calming effect.

The Seven of Cups reversed can suggest that you are refusing to examine yourself and to ask yourself what will truly fulfil you. Instead of taking a few quiet moments to reflect, you are using every waking hour to consume yourself with the active pursuits of things which may or may not satisfy you. You need to stop and give yourself some time and space to think carefully about where your best intentions lie.

On a more positive note, the reversed Seven of Cups can indicate a time when you are finally breaking through a fog of confusion and illusion to focus on your chosen goal. With resolution and purpose, you are now setting your intentions and finding solutions.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Seven of Cups reversed + Devil – You may succumb to temptation and dependency as a result of not knowing what you want.

Seven of Cups reversed + Ace of Swords – A mental breakthrough that will help you see your future direction much more clearly.

Seven of Cups reversed + Seven of Swords – You are trying to get away with something but the only person you are fooling is yourself.

# EIGHT OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Escapism, disappointment, abandonment, withdrawal.

**Reversed:** Hopelessness, aimless drifting, walking away.



## QUOTES

“This is not a problem that we can turn away from, ... We must be prepared to face it. We must not let the sensible reluctance to fight drive us into wishful thinking.” – Richard Armitage (Actor)

“Focus more on your desire than on your doubt, and the dream will take care of itself. You may be surprised at how easily this happens. Your doubts are not as powerful as your desires, unless you make them so.” – Marcia Wieder (Founder of Dream University)

“Whatever you are trying to avoid will not go away until you confront it.” – Anonymous

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Eight of Cups is a card of change and transition. The card evokes an immediate reaction of sadness and a sense of solitude. The young man in this card has turned his back on all he has accumulated or accomplished before. He disappears by night into a barren and difficult terrain with only a cloak on his back and a staff in hand.

The character in the Eight of Cups has lived and experienced life’s joys and sorrows. His journey is undertaken because of a sense of restlessness and unhappiness experienced as the result of achieving all he has desired, yet finding those things to be less fulfilling than expected. This individual has chosen to forsake the familiar and the comfortable in the pursuit of higher goals. He is embarking upon the spiritual journey because he has not found deep satisfaction in the things of the world, the things with which he is familiar.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Eight of Cups indicates that it is time to ask yourself what you can do to

bring a deeper satisfaction and joy to your life beyond the obvious pursuit of material satisfaction and/or physical enjoyment. You are seeking deeper meaning to life and focusing in on your personal truth. You want to escape from the rat race and pursue deeper, more spiritual goals at this time. You are willing to let go of your material possessions in favour of something more meaningful. Thus, the Eight of Cups is often reflective of the start of a journey of discovery, particularly on a spiritual level.

The Eight of Cups also indicates that you are disappointed enough to walk away from everything you have built up so far. It could indicate a disappointment in love or dissatisfaction with material success. It could also indicate that you have overextended yourself to the point of emotional exhaustion. Even though you have already come so far, you feel that you can no longer go on and your only choice is to walk away from the situation. You feel disappointed with yourself, but you know that this is the right thing to do before you completely burn out. You may also be feeling that you are giving too much and not getting nearly enough in exchange.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Eight of Cups may indicate that your current job is no longer appropriate for you. You may be feeling bored, burnt-out or underappreciated. If you are dissatisfied, be specific with your employer about what changes would need to happen for you to be more engaged. If it is unlikely or impossible to change those things, then start to look for a new job elsewhere or even an entirely different lifestyle.

Financially, you may choose to sell your investments, particularly if they are not going well and are not showing any signs of improvement.

## **Personality Types**

The Eight of Cups personality can come across as very withdrawn, isolated, apathetic and generally disappointed with life in its present state. They are ready to pack it in and walk away from everything they have accomplished so far. They may not be particularly inspiring to spend time with at this stage but give them some time and space, and they will be on a more positive path.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Eight of Cups suggests that you may prefer to have some 'time out' and avoid starting any new relationships at this stage. It is more important to you that you find yourself and heal from any past disappointments. You know that you are probably not ready to give yourself to a new relationship and would not be at your best.

In a relationship, the Eight of Cups highlights that you would ideally like to escape all the emotional issues that surround the relationship, and carry on as if you were in a perfect partnership. You would like to be able to turn your back on any of your past issues, and re-establish a new relationship together. However, deep down, you know that these issues will continue to plague the relationship if they go unaddressed.

The Eight of Cups can sometimes refer to a one-sided relationship, one which will cause you nothing but pain for as long as it lasts. When the Eight of Cups appears in a reading relating to such a relationship, it is a powerful wake-up call that cannot be ignored. Take a look at your situation and see what can be done to balance things out a little.

## **Spirituality**

The Eight of Cups is closely associated with spiritual pursuits and quests for enlightenment. Such quests involve leaving behind your emotional and physical attachments and getting to the core of your inner being. We have emotional attachments to both the good and the bad things in life, the failures as well as the successes, the aggravations as well as the pleasures, the sadness as well as the joy, the hate as well as the love. The problem is that attachments can create irrational behaviour, and words and deeds that arise from a place that is unworthy of who you are instead of from a place that is in accord with your higher self. Thus, it is time to leave these unhealthy attachments behind and go within to find depth and wisdom in solitude.

## **Well-being and Health**



In a health reading, the Eight of Cups brings your attention to possible areas of stress and tension, where you are becoming burnt out and emotionally exhausted. It may be time to have some rest or take a break from your busy life.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Eight of Cups + Hermit – A strong desire to be on your own, to allow for a spiritual journey to occur and to search for deeper meaning.

Eight of Cups + Death – You are ready to move on and leave your past behind you.

Eight of Cups + Four of Swords – Taking a well-earned break and enjoying some rest and relaxation.

Eight of Cups + Six of Swords – You are prepared to leave behind your past and embrace new opportunities in the future.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The reversed Eight of Cups suggests that you may be feeling confused about where your best options lie. Part of you wants to explore new horizons and possibilities but another part of you fears that in doing so, you will miss out on what your current circumstances have to offer.

The Eight of Cups reversed also represents knowing when to walk away from a situation that is ultimately not working for you. Even though some fundamental issues have not been resolved, you know that no matter how hard you try these will probably never be resolved. It hurts you to have to walk away with this lack of closure but you know this is what is needed right now. Sometimes, however, there may be a lack of commitment to walking away, whereby one day you are ready to leave, and by the next day you are having doubts and wanting to stay.

The reversed Eight of Cups can reflect hopeless, aimless drifting from one

place to the next by someone who cannot stand to be confined to just one setting or someone who never quite fits in. You may fear intimacy and have difficulty making and keeping your commitments. When things become too difficult, you quickly escape and leave behind your troubles, rather than dealing with them head on.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Eight of Cups reversed + Chariot – You are drawing upon your determination and courage to bring an end to a difficult situation. It will require ongoing willpower and strength to commit to your decision.

Eight of Cups reversed + Two of Swords – You are struggling to make the final decision to stay or go.

Eight of Cups reversed + Two of Wands reversed – A lack of direction and goal-setting may result in you drifting aimlessly through life.

# NINE OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Wishes fulfilled, comfort, happiness, satisfaction.

**Reversed:** Greed, dissatisfaction, materialism.



## QUOTES

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s need but not every man’s greed.” – Mahatma Gandhi

“Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best.” – Theodore I. Rubin (Psychiatrist and author)

“Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.” – Epicurus

## **DESCRIPTION**

In Nine of Cups, a portly, middle-aged man sits on a wooden bench with his arms crossed in contentment. He is dressed smartly and wears an expression of true satisfaction on his face, and his red head-dress symbolises an active mind. Behind him is a wall with nine golden cups arranged in a structured, well-organised arch.

The man enjoys success both materially and spiritually and represents the fulfilment realised after the accomplishment of our deepest desires.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

Nines represent personal integrity and completion, or the final stage of development. This final stage may bring certain problems with it, and past experiences and methods of coping become important here and are an intrinsic part of the meaning attached to the nines. Thus, the Nine of Cups shows a tendency to daydream and enjoy the pleasures of life. You are likely to spend more time thinking about big ideas and grand schemes for an ideal lifestyle than doing the work you need to do right now to execute those ideas. While it is good to think big, you also need to balance this with action to

ensure that you can fulfil your dreams.

More generally, the Nine of Cups reflects happiness in all areas such as health, finances, work, luck, love or relationships. After the difficult choices of the Seven and the stagnation of the Eight, the Cups suit starts to balance out with the Nine. One of the most positive and uplifting cards of the entire deck, the Nine of Cups shows satisfaction on all levels—emotional, physical, and sensual. It is no wonder that many Tarot readers refer to this card as the Wish Card as its appearance is often taken as a sign that, whatever your heart's desire, it shall be granted in the coming days or weeks. Know that you have paved your own way on the path to success.

As a Cups card, the Nine usually refers to an emotionally fulfilling situation, such as the strengthening of a romantic bond, the solidification of a friendship or the consummation of a sexual relationship. It shows that joy and happiness are within your grasp. In fact, you probably already have them. It is a sign to enjoy the abundance of life and to feel each of your emotions as if you had never felt any of them before. See the perfection all around you.

The Nine of Cups is also about counting your blessings, living in the moment, and enjoying the good things that life has to offer. Start or end every day by creating a mental list of the three things you are most grateful for. You will find that over time, you indeed have a lot to be happy about and it may increase your feeling of deep contentment and fulfilment.

The Nine of Cups represents stability and advancement. This card signals delight and pleasure, contentment with what you have accomplished so far and forms a steady foundation for the future. Your worries are all in the past, and you can look forward to a bright future.

The man in the Nine of Cups also appears to have a certain smug look on his face. This suggests that you can relish in the fact that you are about to finally achieve what you set out to achieve. Do not be too shy or modest about it either! Indulge yourself in knowing that you have worked hard to get here and you have achieved the results you had hoped for.

The Nine of Cups can also indicate splurging and indulging in life's luxuries. This includes enjoying good food and wine, appreciating the arts, making

love, relaxing in a beautiful resort, or experiencing beauty. Of course, balance is needed to ensure that you do not become lazy or greedy, but generally, the upright version of this card suggests that this is more a time of enjoyment than of suffering the negative consequences of such enjoyment.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Nine of Cups brings good news. Your aspirations, dreams of success, and completion of projects will be realised, as planned and as desired. Wishes of success and achievement are coming true now. If you have a business idea or are working on a project that has been stalled, this could be the moment that it finally moves forward. If you have been interviewing for a job, this could be the time that the job you were hoping for finally comes through.

The Nine of Cups also brings positivity to your finances. If you believe in abundance and wealth, you will indeed create it. This card is very much about the Law of Attraction which suggests that you get things according to the energy you put out into the world. The universe will respond to it and send it back. For example, one person might go to the mailbox and say, “I hope I do not get too many bills today.”

Another person might say, “I wonder who’s sending me money today.” The Law of Attraction says that the person who sends out the negative energy will receive negative outcomes, while the person who sends out positive energy will receive joyful and positive outcomes. Apply the Law of Attraction to your finances, and you will see success.

## **Personality Types**

The Nine of Cups personality shows confidence, happiness, forgiveness and a willingness to share bounty and abundance with others. This person tends to put a lot of positive energy out into the Universe and effectively sees it returned to them through success, fulfilment, and achievement. You might also consider this person quite lucky as they seem to be able to fulfil all their wishes and desires easily and effortlessly.

## **Relationships and Love**

Overall, the Nine of Cups is a very good omen for your love life and relationships as it indicates emotional fulfilment, contentment, and satisfaction.

If you are looking for love, the Nine of Cups suggests that you will meet some great people at this time. Get out, mingle, have conversations with the people that you meet without being wedded to any potential outcome. The idea is to have fun and enjoy yourself.

If you are already in a relationship, the relationship is likely to deepen and become more fulfilling for both of you. You will feel truly satisfied with where the relationship is heading, and you will be very much in love with each other. Others are likely to comment on what a great couple you make!

If you are encountering challenges in your relationship, then the Nine of Cups serves as a reminder to focus on the positive aspects of the relationship and to appreciate all of the wonderful things that your partner has to offer you. Instead of focusing on what is not working, focus on what is working and be grateful for everything that you have together. Work hard to provide positive reinforcement and to make your partner feel good about who they are.

## **Spirituality**

The Nine of Cups suggests that this is an important time to use positive affirmations and visualisation to manifest your dreams, desires, and wishes. Take time to list some of your smaller and less obvious blessings and then acknowledge and give thanks for them. Appreciate the value of everything in your life that brings deep and lasting joy.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Nine of Cups generally indicates good health, and suggests that this is likely to be a very serene and harmonious period. Use the good energy of this time to reinforce or enhance your good habits, adding or increasing exercise or adding to your knowledge of nutrition. Enjoy life and enjoy living but do

not take it too far, because pleasure without regard to the consequences is rapidly lost.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Nine of Cups + Empress – Sensual pleasure, particularly in food, wine, beauty, art and physical pleasure.

Nine of Cups + Lovers – A deep, fulfilling relationship filled with sexual pleasure and contentment.

Nine of Cups + Hermit – Sometimes getting what you want means alienating a lot of people along the way.

Nine of Cups + Five of Cups – The attainment of your dreams and desires may actually lead to a feeling of regret about what you had originally wished for.

Nine of Cups + Six of Wands – Pride in your achievements and sharing this with others.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Nine of Cups is a card of satisfaction and wishes. When reversed, it suggests that you may be disappointed that your wishes are not materialising as expected. Your expectations may be unrealistic, or you may not be actively pursuing your dreams, instead hoping that they will manifest with little input or action from you.

On a more emotional level, the Nine of Cups upright typically indicates a wonderful feeling of satisfaction you get from knowing that everything has fallen into place and you have everything you could imagine. Reversed, however, there is a sense that there is still something missing deep down, and the inner fulfilment you have been seeking is still not present. There may be disappointments due to imperfections and mistakes, smugness, overindulgence, greed, superficial or materialistic values, shallowness,



gluttony, and excessive preoccupation with gratifying your own desires, often times at the expense of the needs of others.

Physically, the reversed Nine of Cups can indicate ill-fortune due to over-indulgence in food, alcohol or drugs and the consequences that come with them. Be careful not to overdo the sensual pleasures and instead, demonstrate some moderation in your indulgences.

The reversed Nine of Cups can suggest greed and a lack of concern for other people's needs in favour of your own. You may have an inadequate regard of how your behaviour is impacting others, and are often found gloating or boasting about your successes while others are suffering. Be considerate, and even if you have something to rave about, think about the impact that may have on others.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Nine of Cups reversed + Devil – Over-indulgence in short-term pleasures and desires.

Nine of Cups reversed + Seven of Cups – Unrealistic expectations about what is possible. Excessive daydreaming and not enough action.

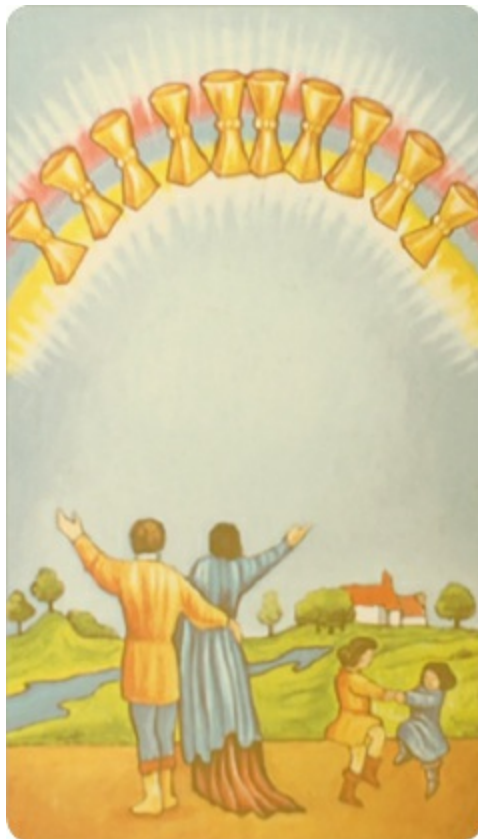
Nine of Cups reversed + Two of Wands reversed – Lack of planning and foresight is likely to result in you not achieving your dreams.

# TEN OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Harmony, marriage, happiness, alignment.

**Reversed:** Misalignment of values, broken home or marriage.



## QUOTES

“Our family is a circle of love and strength. With every birth and every union, the circle grows. Every joy shared adds more love. Every obstacle faced together makes the circle stronger.” – Anonymous

“Pick a man for his human qualities, his values, his compatibility with you, rather than what he represents in status, power or good looks.” – Carol Botwin (Author)

“No matter what you have done for yourself or for humanity, if you cannot look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished?” – Lee Iacocca (Businessman)

“Families are the compass that guide us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter.” – Brad Henry (Politician)

## **DESCRIPTION**

On the Ten of Cups, we see a loving couple united by the bonds of true, everlasting love. They not only have each other but all that they wish for in life as well, represented by the two children frolicking at their side and the small but comfortable home in the distance, surrounded by trees and water. The family home symbolises stability and homely comforts, while the green garden symbolises fertility and the river symbolises a free flow of feelings. A rainbow of cups is overhead, blessing the scene. The cups symbolise an abundance of heavenly gifts and the rainbow signifies the end of hard times and is also considered to be a highly spiritual omen in many of the world’s religions. It is a sign that the idyllic scene we see represented has been blessed from above and reinforces the idea that the achievement of perfect love is one sure way of experiencing the glory of the heavens here on earth.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Ten of Cups embodies happiness, joy, contentment and emotional fulfilment, particularly in the area of your relationships and family. It represents almost an idyllic state of peace, harmony and love where all your dreams and wishes have come true, and you are delighting in your good fortune. Given it is a Ten, this card indicates attainment of this idyllic state so stop for a moment to appreciate everything that you have accomplished and be incredibly grateful for the blessings that fill your life right now.

With the image of a happy family and a comforting home in the background, the Ten of Cups is indicative of a harmonious and loving family life. All family members are getting along with each other, and there is a lot of happiness and love shared. No one is fighting or causing any tension. Instead, it is an environment of peace and happiness that lends itself to warm and loving relations. The presence of the Ten of Cups may even reflect an upcoming family holiday where you can rest and relax together, creating fun and happy family memories. There may be a family reunion or a family celebration where members of your extended family come together. This is a wonderful time to bond with your family and lay the foundation for a happy and harmonious future together.

The Ten of Cups is also a very positive card in terms of romantic relationships and may indicate either the beginning of a new, very happy relationship or the ultimate satisfaction of a long-term relationship. Commitment and love are the requirements of such satisfaction, yet this card promises that, with the required effort, a lasting love can be built. The time will also be made for the enjoyment of pleasures, which may be shared with another person whom you love.

Outside of relationships and the family, the Ten of Cups is also reflective of your personal values system and what you believe will bring you the ultimate fulfilment and happiness in your life. This card represents a time when you are very clear on where your personal beliefs and values lie, and you have successfully created a life that is aligned with those values. It may reflect a spiritual or religious person who lives in peace and harmony. It may also reflect strong family values that were instilled in you early in life which are now helping you to create a fulfilling lifestyle.

The Ten of Cups encourages you to follow your heart and go with your

intuition about where the best opportunities lie. As an intuitive person, you know that you can trust your gut feeling to guide you. When you feel truly happy and inspired about something, you know that that is the way to go! Aim to seek out opportunities that make you feel fulfilled and that are aligned with your personal values, rather than simply following the path that others expect you to take. You have to do what feels right to you and you only.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

The Ten of Cups shows that you are searching for a career or job opportunity that will create a lot of happiness and fulfilment in your life and that will align with your lifestyle aspirations. Some people are motivated by money or status, but with the Ten of Cups, it is important to you to feel a strong emotional connection to your work and to be able to live out other aspects of your life along the way. You seek balance and harmony between your work and your life in general and hope that you can find a job or career that will allow you to do this.

In a work-related reading, the Ten of Cups brings the very positive message that you are very engaged in what you do, and you feel very aligned, on a deeper, personal level with your work. This is almost like the dream state where you feel energised and emotionally connected to your daily work. This Ten is also about family, so it is possible that you find a solution where you can balance your work, financial and family commitments all at the one time. Everything seems to be coming together perfectly, and you feel very blessed and grateful for this.

Financially, the Ten of Cups suggests a prosperous period that will allow you to spend more time with your family and to focus on building your relationships with loved ones.

## **Personality Types**

The Ten of Cups personality is highly optimistic, positive, happy and content. This is someone who has very strong family values and will do whatever they can to ensure that they create and maintain harmonious relationships in their life. They value relationships more than they value material possessions or

success at work, for example. This person is true to their word, genuine and authentic, and displays a high level of integrity.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Ten of Cups is a positive sign that you will create some very happy, loving and long-lasting relationships in the coming months. Now, this could be in your romantic relationships, but it can also extend to your friends and family. The important thing is that you can expect a lot of happiness and joy in the way you connect with others and share the love. What more could you want?

If you are thinking about what type of relationship you want, then the Ten of Cups is a very clear sign that you desire almost the ideal family, home or marriage. If we look at the imagery of this card, we see a man and wife, arm in arm, with two children dancing nearby. They stand before an amazing rainbow, with the ten cups spread out in that rainbow. In the distance is a beautiful home on a hill. They have made it! They have a beautiful family, a loving relationship and a wonderful, happy home. This is what you truly desire. You can tell yourself that it might be a pipedream but it is important to acknowledge that you really do want this picture of complete love and happiness, and more importantly, that **YOU DESERVE IT** and can make it happen if you let yourself.

If you are in a relationship, the Ten of Cups is a positive sign that you and your partner will share a very harmonious period together, building on the strong emotional connection that already exists. You may even start talking about having a family together or getting married if you have not yet had this discussion. The next few months are likely to leave you feeling highly positive about your future together and very fulfilled on a deep, emotional level.

If you are experiencing challenges in a relationship, aim to give each other the benefit of the doubt and bring love and peace to the situation. There is no point trying to ruffle the feathers or create tension. Instead, aim for harmony in your relations and interactions, especially if you have children involved in the relationship.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Ten of Cups is a positive sign that you are very in touch with your inner being, that you are clear about what your personal values are, and that you are content and happy with who you are on the inside. You exude an aura of abundance, happiness, and radiance. People love to be around you because you are fundamentally good, you are self-aware, you are content and generally a wonderful friend to have. You may be religious and involved with your church group, or you may simply be a very spiritual being. You have really nailed this part of your life, and you should treat this as an incredible strength to have.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Ten of Cups indicates that your health is likely to be very strong at this time and you can enjoy quality time with your family as a result.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ten of Cups + Lovers – Strong family relationships built on solid values.

Ten of Cups + Star – You have experienced a turning point in your life that leaves you feeling joyful, blessed, and incredibly grateful for everything that you have.

Ten of Cups + Six of Cups – Strong relationships with your children (or children who you are very close to).

Ten of Cups + Seven of Cups – Your dreams will come true, even if they were ‘castles in the sky.’

Ten of Cups + Ten of Pentacles – A feeling of accomplishment and attainment not just emotionally but also financially or materially.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Upright, the Ten of Cups is a card of happy families and deep love and respect for all involved. Reversed, however, something is getting in the way of this perfect picture, and the emotional connection is being blocked. You may have been hoping for some special time with a loved one, but it feels as if everything is falling apart at the seams. You may be quarrelling, not spending enough quality time together or not respecting or caring for each other. Your hopes of a harmonious relationship are being thwarted, for now. Aim to treat each other with respect and love to restore harmony and peace to your relationship. Focus on how you can treat others with compassion and respect, in order for them to eventually follow suit and give you the same treatment.

The Ten of Cups reversed can also highlight when there is a misalignment of personal values. You are not living by your personal values, and you are not being true to yourself. You are allowing others to determine what will and will not make you happy rather than looking within for that source of fulfilment. As a result, you are questioning whether you believe in what you are doing. While you are madly rushing around trying to get things done, it is also important that you address any lingering issues of values alignment with what you are doing; otherwise, this may become a showstopper later down the track.

The reversed Ten of Cups may also suggest that you are neglecting your family while you pursue more material goals such as progressing your career or making more money. Your work/life balance is out of whack, and you are spending less and less quality time with your family. You need to be clear about where your personal values lie and what is truly achievable. If you continue to neglect your family, you will find that relationships will suffer and you may not be able to achieve an overall sense of contentment and happiness as planned.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ten of Cups reversed + Hermit – You are becoming isolated from your family and relationships as you turn your attention inward.

Ten of Cups reversed + Tower – There is upheaval and chaos in your family



and relationships that will force a major change of perspective to occur.

Ten of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – The end of a marriage or ongoing heartbreak and loneliness.

Ten of Cups reversed + Two of Pentacles – You are struggling with an effective work/life balance.

Ten of Cups reversed + Ten of Wands – You have taken on too many commitments which are taking you away from your family and relationships.

# PAGE OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** A messenger, creative beginnings, synchronicity.

**Reversed:** Emotional immaturity, creative block.



## QUOTES

“If one advances confidently in the directions of his dreams, and endeavours to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.” – Henry David Thoreau (Author)

“Our life is composed greatly from dreams, from the unconscious, and they must be brought into connection with action. They must be woven together.” – Anais Nin (Author)

“A heart in love with beauty never grows old.” – Turkish Proverb

“All that is sweet, delightful, and amiable in this world, in the serenity of the air, the fineness of seasons, the joy of light, the melody of sounds, the beauty of colours, the fragrance of smells, the splendour our precious stones, is nothing else but Heaven breaking through the veil of this world, manifesting itself in such a degree and darting forth in such variety so much of its own nature.” – William Law (Theological writer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Page of Cups, like the Pages in all the suits, represents a beginning or renewal. The Page of Cups is dressed in a blue tunic with floral print all over it and sports a bohemian type of beret on his head with a long, flowing scarf attached to it. The young man stands alone on the seashore with a single golden cup in his hand.

Surprisingly, a fish pops its head out of the cup and the young man’s face. The young man simply expects to raise his cup for a toast or drink and instead is confronted with the ominous appearance of a fish, which even appears to be speaking to him.

The Page of Cups indicates the surprising and unexpected nature of inspiration that comes to us from the realm of the unconscious and the spirit. Inspiration is seen to be something which comes upon us most unexpectedly and often in a manner which we do not understand.

# UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

## General

The Page of Cups signifies the beginning of a creative project or venture. It is an indication that there is creative energy trying to burst forth into your consciousness. Explore this newfound creativity through art, drama, dance, etc.

Your unconscious mind is also trying to speak to you, possibly through your dreams or through synchronistic encounters with significant people. The message to be taken is that you must be open to the unexpected, occasionally bizarre impulses of the creative spirit and not shut out inspiration simply because it does not fit in with a rational point of view. The Page of Cups may also be an indication that your intuition is very sharp and you may receive messages from your unconscious mind. You may be more inclined to act on a hunch or have a psychic experience. This is a good time to trust your intuition and your gut feeling.

Often, the Page of Cups heralds a positive message or news from loved ones. You may hear about the birth of a child, an engagement or marriage, a wonderful idea or plan, pregnancy, a new relationship, travel plans, etc. This positive message is unexpected but welcomed, and you are likely to respond to the news or message in an emotional manner.

The Page of Cups suggests that you are more likely to show or express your emotions now. You may be more emotional or moved by simple things. Do not be afraid to let your feelings show and to wear your heart on your sleeve. It is ok to be sentimental and romantic. Let your heart lead the way!

The Page of Cups is like your inner child—youthful, free, creative, intuitive and inspired. This Page has never been taught to suppress his innate emotional and intuitive power, and therefore he is a kindred spirit whose imagination is totally free, free to dream wonderful dreams and to create his life exactly as he chooses. In this way, the Page of Cups represents renewal of your emotional and creative self to allow that sense of freedom to reappear in your life.

This card encourages you to take a fresh perspective on a difficult issue and to approach that situation with benefit of the doubt, love, and compassion. The Page of Cups' appearance tells you never stop listening to your intuition and believing in your dreams. If you cease to dream, then your dreams shall never come true because they do not exist anymore. In your darkest moments, dreams can often provide a ray of hope through which the Page of Cups can manifest. Dare to dream and all things become possible.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are searching for a job, the Page of Cups is a very positive sign that you will soon receive an offer or opportunity out of the blue that will be very favourable. Be open to every offer that comes your way, and show your appreciation to the person offering it to you.

As the Page of Cups is a very creative card, you may be drawn to more creative aspects of your work. You may want to explore your artistic abilities or even intuitive or psychic abilities further in your day-to-day work. It does not necessarily mean a full career change. You could certainly access your creative self through accepting new projects in your current work.

The Page of Cups also refers to young children or teenagers, so you may be drawn to a career that involves younger people, such as childcare, teaching, or social work.

In a financial reading, the Page of Cups suggests that your situation is likely to take a turn for the better with a new opportunity coming your way.

## **Personality Types**

The Page of Cups personality is typically a very youthful, creative, intuitive, emotional person. This person is a good, reliable friend who wants to help you and offer you a service. Page of Cups people are also true romantics at heart but can be emotionally vulnerable at times and therefore need affection and attention. The Page of Cups personality is gentle and compassionate, and often highly imaginative and artistic. They value tranquillity and peace, and as such are often out of place in the modern world because they cannot

always cope with conflict. The Page of Cups personality seems dreamy and detached a lot of the time, though beneath the quiet calmness lies a bravery and studiousness that could rival a Knight's. Though the Page of Cups personality can be moody and impractical because he is so rooted in the spiritual and the emotional, the Page of Cups is always ready to serve.

Traditionally, the Page of Cups is said to have light brown hair, fair complexion, and blue eyes. They are good-looking, pretty and somewhat effeminate. Pages often represent younger people, such as a child or child-like adult.

## **Relationships and Love**

The Page of Cups typically indicates a new relationship that is coming your way, and it may be unexpected but a pleasant surprise. So, if you have been looking for love, then you might be in luck! When you do find your Page, it is likely that it will be a brief romance, but it is not a major or mature romance. It might even be a one-sided romance with one of you having a teenage crush on the other. At best, you are going to be holding hands and maybe this will lead you to develop the relationship into something deeper and more adult. At worst, one of you is going to be sighing over the other, while the other thinks you are still just friends.

In an established relationship, expect your partner to surprise you with romantic gifts and other tokens of his/her appreciation for you. This is a time when you can both renew the romance in the relationship by returning in your actions to the early days of your connection when you were very much in love and every day was a new joy. Surprise your partner with loving acts of kindness and whatever spontaneous things you know he/she enjoys. You could both try to consciously set aside your differences for a while and live life in the moment; maybe even pretend you are dating for the first time and having fun together. Give yourselves permission to act as though you are a kid for a day, and throw off your worries and responsibilities.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Page of Cups indicates the beginning of a spiritual

journey undertaken for emotional reasons. You need to be creative and intuitive in your spiritual pursuits and try a new approach, even if it seems childlike or a bit out there.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Page of Cups can point to good news about your health or intuitive messages that come to you via your unconscious mind. Pay attention to these. This card can sometimes refer to pregnancy or birth, depending on other cards in the reading.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Page of Cups + Empress – A possible pregnancy.

Page of Cups + Emperor – A romantic relationship with a man much older than you.

Page of Cups + Six of Cups – Returning to your childhood or accessing your inner child.

Page of Cups + Knight of Cups – You may have two potential suitors trying to win over your heart with lots of flirtation and romance.

Page of Cups + Ace of Wands – The start of a new creative venture that is inspiring and promising.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Page of Cups reversed represents someone who is immature or has emotional troubles. It can depict a person who is escaping through drugs or alcohol or someone who is running away from reality and living in their own world. This is a person who is emotionally insecure and unable to conduct healthy relationships as he expects too much and gives too little. He is lacking in self-love and self-acceptance and may be emotionally abusive.

This person has rampant and unfocused emotions, and may, therefore, get his or her feelings hurt without reason. He is suspicious, self-doubting, insincere, selfish and easily depressed. This may be someone you know or even a reflection of your shadow self.

You or someone you know may also be prone to child-like tantrums and a loss of emotional control in the face of adversity. The reversal of the Page of Cups points to exaggerated emotional outbursts and a temperamental, overly dependent personality.

The Page of Cups reversed can sometimes indicate substance abuse, particularly if paired with the Devil. You may be using drugs or alcohol as a way to escape your reality and to dream about a more favourable possibility. It will eventually catch up with you.

Given that the Page of Cups is reflective of your creative abilities, its reversal can indicate a creative block. Alternatively, you may feel thwarted when it comes to doing the types of stimulating, creative projects that you find interesting but which may not bring in as much income as other things. The ideas are there, but you are having trouble figuring out how to make them into reality.

The reversed Page of Cups can indicate that you are following an inclination or a hunch but with little thought about whether it is realistic or not. You may be acting without thinking or allowing your immediate desires and emotions to seduce you, particularly if they go against your common sense, such as making a promise you cannot keep or a commitment that does not mean anything to you.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Page of Cups reversed + High Priestess reversed – Falsely interpreting your intuition or psychic abilities. Not listening to the true subconscious message.

Page of Cups reversed + Chariot reversed – Uncontrolled emotions and intense anger.

Page of Cups reversed + Devil – Substance abuse in an effort to escape



everyday reality.

# KNIGHT OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Romance, charm, 'Knight in shining armour', imagination.

**Reversed:** Unrealistic, jealousy, moodiness.



## QUOTES

“It will be found, in fact, that the ingenious are always fanciful, and the truly imaginative never otherwise than analytic.” – Edgar Allan Poe (Author and poet)

“Cherish your visions; cherish your ideals; cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for out of them will grow delightful conditions, all heavenly environment; of these if you but remain true to them, your world will at last be built.” – James Allen (Philosophical author)

“Beauty of whatever kind, in its supreme development, invariably excites the sensitive soul to tears.” – Edgar Allan Poe (Author and poet)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Knight of Cups is seen as a young knight, riding along on his white horse, holding a cup as if he is a messenger of some type. Unlike the Knight of Wands or the Knight of Swords, the Knight of Cups is not charging along but rather his horse moves slowly forward, giving an impression of calmness and peace. The horse represents power, energy, and drive, and of course, the colour white is a symbol of purity, spirituality, and light. The Knight wears a cloak covered with images of fish, the symbol of the spirit, consciousness and creativity. His helmet and feet are winged, a symbol of an active and creative imagination.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Knight of Cups is the most feminine of the Knights; although that does not mean that he is any less of a Knight. It simply implies that he is in touch with his intuition and emotions, and he uses them for his own good during his quests of romance and seduction. He is charming and attractive to others, regardless of their sex, while still expressing the romantic, poetic view of life

in his unique way. He may be in love with love itself. This Knight also looks to his emotions to provide a map for his life direction. He is someone who is ruled by his heart rather than his head. When faced with a decision, he will always go with what his heart tells him, whether it is logical or not. Decisions will be made without much thought and instead they are made drawing upon inner direction, with the experience of warmth, friendliness, love and the need to share these qualities with everyone.

As with all Court Cards, the Knight of Cups can manifest as an event, a person in your life, or as a part of yourself.

The Knight of the Cups often appears as a messenger, an invitation or the arrival of someone or something with an emotional benefit. He offers an interesting invitation, which will result in an emotional experience that will bring high energy and lift you to an exhilarating state as new situations appear from nowhere. In addition to the physical sources of information, the Knight of Cups can also represent wisdom that comes from your dreams and that helps you to surmount life's obstacles.

The Knight of Cups represents the undertaking of the creative adventure hinted at in the Page of Cups. Whereas the Page encounters the mystical fish out of the golden cup and is thus initially inspired with creativity, the Knight has already encountered his inspiration and is about to undertake the journey of imagination and creativity to which the unconscious has impelled him. If you are about to start a new creative project, direct your imagination into the real world. True imagination feeds on action thus if you do nothing with your dreams they will remain vague and unrelated to the rest of your life. The Knight of Cups brings a warning about getting too caught up in fantasy and the romanticism of life. Fantasy excites, but it lacks any real meaning as you deny your basic commitment to the world and your imagination produces nothing.

Be open to exploring your passions and your grand ideas at this time. You may find that you have been drawn to a particular passion or hobby and now is the time to start turning into 'something.' You do not need to go at a cracking pace, but it is important to balance your ideas with action and ensure that you are taking proactive steps to achieve your goals and ambitions.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career-related reading, the Knight of Cups suggests that you, or someone you know, is about to embark on a new creative project and has lots of inspiration and different ideas to make a start. The challenge will be in ensuring that you can put in place tangible actions to make those ideas come about. In addition, you may find that you are offered a new opportunity to utilise your creative abilities.

Given the romantic side of the Knight of Cups, you may find that you have a workplace romance or are attracted to a colleague who is also having a flirt with you.

Possible career paths include writer, dating advisor, graphic designer, anything in the creative arts, advertising executive, actor, or model.

Financially, the Knight of Cups suggests that you will receive good news about your finances and that you can feel at ease with your financial situation at present.

## **Personality Types**

The Knight of Cups personality type is someone who is complex, highly emotional, passionate, creative and visionary, sensitive (sometimes over-sensitive and sulky), romantic, tender and intense. He gives the impression of being open and caring, though this is often misleading as the Knight of Cups is often subject to intense insecurity, needing constant reassurance and attention. The Knight of Cups personality has close ties with family and friends and is a defender of heart and honour.

The Knight of Cups is attracted and attractive to women, and enjoys basking in their company. He is very charming, with a silver tongue but a powerful personal agenda. He does not manage practical matters well, tending to place rather more importance on buying two dozen red roses than paying the bills.

Traditionally, the Knights are indicative of younger people, usually between the teenage and twenty-something years. Physically, the Knight of Cups is a

very attractive, beautiful person with light brown hair and a fair complexion.

## **Relationships and Love**

As the typical ‘knight in shining armour,’ the Knight of Cups is a very positive card in most relationship readings. He is incredibly romantic and charming and values his emotional connections with others.

If you are looking for love, expect to be swept off your feet by a very attractive, charming guy. He may recite love poems to you, send you mystery gifts or drop roses at your door. He will do everything he can to win over your heart and impress you. He will need nurturing, so make sure you give him some love and attention in return for all of his romantic effort. As a Knight, he may not necessarily be around for the long haul but enjoy the romance while he is around.

If you are currently in a relationship, then the Knight of Cups is a reflection that the relationship is still in a very romantic phase. You may have just gotten engaged or moved in together and are in that state of romantic bliss where your relationship takes a new and positive step forward.

If you are facing challenges in your relationship, then look at how you can be more romantic in your interactions with each other. Alternatively, the presence of the Knight of Cups may indicate that there is another person in your life, apart from your current partner, who is trying to win you over. Just be mindful that you are not over-romanticising the situation and you are aware of the consequences of your actions. Be wary of daydreaming and idealism both of the relationship itself and of your partner.

## **Spirituality**

The Knight of Cups in a spiritual reading suggests that your imagination can lead you to an awareness of your underlying spiritual truth. It is important to maintain your emotional equilibrium, retain your inner control and go with the direction being presented to you. Take advantage of your emotional and spiritual energies and be open and trust yourself. Explore your deep feelings, and you will experience the ecstasy of living.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Knight of Cups is generally a positive card indicating good health and good news regarding any diagnostic tests.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Knight of Cups + Lovers – A blossoming romance is likely to turn into a more committed and long-term relationship.

Knight of Cups + Two of Cups – The start of a new relationship, built on a deep emotional connection between two people.

Knight of Cups + Seven of Cups – You may be daydreaming and romanticising about life's options but not taking any action.

Knight of Cups + Three of Pentacles – A possible workplace romance or mutual attraction/flirtation.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Knight of Cups reversed allows his emotions to control his life too much. He may be moody, jealous or emotional to the point of incapacity. He may jump to conclusions before getting all the facts. If this card shows up reversed, either look at yourself and at how you are acting, or realise that the person involved may be acting from his emotions rather than from any form of logic.

The Knight of Cups reversed indicates a situation which was initially incredibly appealing, romantic and exciting but which later turns out to be something very different, and one walks away feeling quite disappointed. It is as though you are wearing the rose-coloured glasses, or going through the honeymoon period, only to come out realising that the situation is quite different to what you thought.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Knight of Cups reversed + Six of Cups – You may be overly nostalgic and living in the past which is taking you away from your present reality.

Knight of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – A new relationship may end in heartbreak and sorrow.

Knight of Cups reversed + Five of Wands – Your moodiness and sulking is creating tension and conflict within a group setting.



# QUEEN OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Emotional security, calm, intuitive, compassionate.

**Reversed:** Emotional insecurity, co-dependency.



## QUOTES

“Make decisions from the heart and use your head to make it work out.” – Sir Girad

“The power of intuitive understanding will protect you from harm until the end of your days.” – Lao-Tzu

“Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.” – Albert Schweitzer (Theologian and physician)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Queen of Cups is the Queen of the realm of emotions. She is a beautiful, introspective woman who sits on a throne at the edge of the sea. In her hands, she cradles a beautiful cup with handles shaped like angels. The cup is closed, an indication that the thoughts of the Queen originate from the unconscious, from the depths of her soul. Wearing a gold crown and silver robe, she is alone, sitting and staring at this cup, which she holds before her with both hands on the base.

The stone throne upon which she sits is decorated with images of sea-nymphs, fish, and scallop shells. The sea and fish are symbols of the unconscious mind and water, in general, represents emotion, spirit, and feeling. The cloudless bright blue sky and placid water of the sea surround her. Her feet do not touch the water; they rest comfortably on colourful rocks washed up in front of her.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Queen of Cups is nurturing, caring, compassionate and sensitive. She is a good wife and a loving mother as she is emotionally secure and can connect on an emotional level with others. She is admired for her fairness and honesty

and is warm-hearted. Often a healer, counsellor or psychic, this is a woman who seems to know what is wrong even before you open your mouth. She seems to have exactly the right solution to problems relating to relationships, emotions, and feelings. She easily tunes into what you are feeling and can help you make sense of it in a sensitive and compassionate manner. As such, her intuition is very strong, and she has a unique talent of being able to pick up on emotional energy.

As with the Court Cards, the Queen of Cups can manifest as a person in your life or as a part of yourself. She often appears as a mature female.

No intuition is more powerful than that of the Queen of Cups. She is the pure force of water, and her connection with the subconscious is rivalled only by the High Priestess. She is often like a mirror, reflecting the hidden depths of others back to them, so they can see their own mysteries for themselves. Thus, the Queen of Cups indicates that you need to trust your intuition and listen to your inner voice. Trust the sensations and the feelings you are getting from your outside environment.

When the Queen of Cups appears in a reading, it suggests that you need to empathise with others and to show genuine compassion. Focus on the emotional well-being of others rather than relying on rational or logical explanation. You are here to support and to teach others, by drawing upon your intuition and sense of calm and emotional connectedness. Learn how those in need cope with life's challenges and share your knowledge. Hug someone you care about.

One of the greatest assets of the Queen of Cups is her ability to sense the needs of those around her. Due to her associations with the element of water, the Queen of Cups can be passive and receptive. Her sensitivity draws those who struggle and suffer towards her. In many ways, she is a safe harbor for others. Her ability to connect on a soul level enables her to remedy the broken hearts of others. Her warmth and genuine caring make her a beacon of light. Because she is so responsive to the feelings of others, the Queen of Cups must constantly uphold her boundaries between herself and others. If not properly protected, the Queen of Cups can lose her sense of self. This is her greatest vulnerability.

The Queen of Cups tends to think with her heart, rather than her head. She may lack common sense and rationality, but she is highly intuitive and sometimes psychic and dreamy. Similarly, if you are finding that the logical approach is not working, then the Queen of Cups encourages you to follow your heart and not your mind. You may be required to turn inward and explore your emotions about a particular situation.

The Queen of Cups symbolises achievements made possible by the use of imagination and creativity. This is a woman who is highly imaginative and artistically gifted, affectionate and romantic in outlook. She is often involved in creative or literary pursuits and enjoys art, good music, literature and things of beauty. Therefore, you may be more inclined to pursue creative projects, particularly if it acts as a form of self-expression.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Queen of Cups shows a strong desire to be involved in meaningful work that has value for others and that can make a long-lasting impact on an emotional or spiritual level. You may also be seeking a work environment where you can truly be yourself, and where your authenticity and genuine approach is highly valued and sought after. You may seek projects that allow you to be creative, artistic, and expressive.

The Queen of Cups may also signify the positive presence of an intuitive and nurturing female in the workplace who will provide you with the emotional and spiritual support you need. She may be a mentor or an advisor of sorts; perhaps a very caring and compassionate manager.

Possible career paths associated with the Queen of Cups include counsellor, healer, psychic, mother, teacher, or artist.

Financially, the Queen of Cups often indicates that you have attained a good level of balance in your finances. Be careful, however, of any emotional spending such as shopping when you are feeling depressed or making impulse purchases. Even if you love a particular item, you may need to bring in some common sense to make sure you can afford it!

## **Personality Types**

The personality of the Queen of Cups combines the positive water energy of the Cups suit with the inward focus of a Queen. Because she has a sweet, loving and sensitive nature, the Queen of Cups has a kind word for everyone and never reacts with anger or impatience. There is a gentleness and compassion about her that soothes and calms. She is good-natured, devoted and honest and is, therefore, a wonderful mother, wife, and best friend.

The Queen of Cups personality is guided by her feelings, and in all matters she lets her heart lead the way. She senses emotional currents and knows what others are experiencing without having to ask. She is never moody or emotional but understands their influence on other people and situations. She trusts her intuition and is therefore more open to knowledge that comes from within her and beyond.

Traditionally, the Queen of Cups is symbolic of a woman aged between her 30's and 60's with light brown hair, a fair complexion, expressive eyes, and sensuous lips.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Queen of Cups suggests that you have a wonderful advantage in how you approach relationships because you are coming from a place that is calm, compassionate, emotionally balanced, and intuitive. You attract good, healthy and loving relationships to you because you have a deep self-respect and love for yourself. The best thing that you can do is to just be yourself, and you will find you will attract love into your life.

If you are male, then the Queen of Cups can indicate the appearance of an attractive older woman who is sensual, compassionate, and loving and who will show great potential for a loving and sustainable relationship.

If you are already in a relationship, the Queen of Cups reflects that this relationship will be based on true love for each other and a deep emotional connection. It is also important to remember to create the time and space to

enable the communication of your feelings. Trust your intuition, too. If something does not feel right or you are sensing that your partner is hurting for some reason, reach out to your partner and show love and compassion. Use your emotional centeredness to heal, nurture and support.

Sometimes, the Queen of Cups can indicate that another female is present or has an influence on the relationship. Look to other cards in the reading to understand what this influence is. For example, the Seven of Swords may suggest that another woman is romantically involved with your partner or the Three of Cups may suggest a harmonious threesome. Remember, though, that the Queen of Cups is typically a very positive card so she brings a positive energy to the situation at hand.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Queen of Cups suggests that you are likely to be very in touch with the inter-relatedness of all beings now. There is a marked increase in clairvoyant and intuitive experiences, with your heart and mind truly open to spiritual wisdom and understanding. Be open to the magical energy of life and feel the love flowing all around you. It is important, though that you carefully consider how you use the vast stores of spiritual wisdom that you have access to. The Queen of Cups can be a sign that you should use your intuition to guide you, or she can be a warning that you are thinking too much with your heart and not with your head.

This can cause your dreams to grow out of control and out of reach. As with all of the Cups court cards, the Queen encourages a moderate approach to intuition and wisdom.

The Queen of Cups may also indicate that a woman may be an important spiritual leader to you now. She leads based on the emotions, inner psychology and intuition rather than the structure of a religion, for example.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Queen of Cups generally heralds good health. However, if you are in need of healing, look to other women or those with a

strong feminine energy to help you. Seek the advice and support of a compassionate healer who deals with the ‘whole self,’ combining mind, body, and spirit. She also indicates the need to be loving and supportive of yourself, particularly if you are facing health challenges. Think positively and trust in the Universe’s healing energy.

Sometimes, this is a queen who can suffer from female hormonal problems, depression, moodiness, alcoholism, drug addiction, or psychological problems. Look to other cards in the reading to clarify.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Queen of Cups + High Priestess – Your intuition and psychic sense is incredibly powerful right now.

Queen of Cups + Chariot – By drawing upon your emotional centeredness and balance, you can drive success and achieve your goals.

Queen of Cups + Ten of Cups – You are creating a loving home and a rich family life filled with contentment and good blessings.

Queen of Cups + Ace of Pentacles – There will be an opportunity to use your emotional and intuitive knowledge in a new business venture.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Queen of Cups reversed suggests that you may be feeling out of touch with your emotions or that you are forced to restrict how you are feeling deep inside. You may be struggling to express yourself effectively, instead, bottling up your feelings internally. If you do not address these emotional issues, they will eventually reach boiling point. Your stress levels may increase, and your ability to cope with everyday issues could suffer.

The Queen of Cups reversed suggests some dissatisfaction or feeling of disconnection from your spirituality that has arisen in your life. This may be as simple as a growing realisation that you need to find your path and get

more involved on a meaningful level with others in your faith.

The reversed Queen of Cups may also suggest that you are allowing your imagination to run away with you. You mean well but unfortunately you cannot be relied on. You are letting your emotions take hold, and you are not thinking clearly with your head. At its worst, the precious qualities of imagination and flowing fantasy might turn out to be weakness and thoughtlessness, turning in any direction that any wind may blow, getting lost in a dream world of unreal fantasies. You are becoming easily overwhelmed by emotion, and you are becoming moody, unstable, brooding, suspicious, and overly secretive.

The Queen of Cups reversed represents an overemotional wreck who can be driven to manipulative and vindictive behaviour. Your mood swings are making life difficult for others, and you are emotionally draining on those around you. You tend to play the emotional heartstrings to your advantage. Within you, you may also harbor angst and self-loathing for your inability to do more with yourself and your talents.

In relationships, this card heralds a time when separating the emotions from any sense of sensibility may be difficult. Strong emotions may seem to take all parties on a roller coaster ride. Within projects, jobs, or workplaces, all members may feel their emotions are a little frayed from stress. With this in mind, the reversed Queen of Cups also warns against entering into any agreements with those who seem to play on your sense of guilt or pull on your emotional heartstrings, for they may not be what they seem.

The reversed Queen of Cups can indicate an over-reliance on other people's emotional responses, which may result in a co-dependency type relationship. You may want to examine your current relationships. Is there co-dependency? Are you giving too much of yourself and not getting anything in return? This Queen nurtures for the sake of inducing dependency, and places undue importance on being in a relationship, no matter what its quality. There could also be a tendency towards having too many expectations from your partner.

A reversed Queen of Cups can also indicate the abuse of alcohol and substances, particularly if this abuse is driven by your emotional state (i.e.



you drink more when you are feeling upset).

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Queen of Cups reversed + Five of Cups – A relationship has come to an end, but you are refusing to take responsibility for your role in the break-up.

Queen of Cups reversed + Eight of Cups – You are likely to go off on tangents and wherever the wind takes you but this also means you lack groundedness and commitment.

Queen of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – A relationship has come to an end and it is now taking its toll on you emotionally.

Queen of Cups reversed + Nine of Swords – A lack of emotional balance and control is leading you to feel very stressed and anxious about your inner and outer worlds.

# KING OF CUPS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Emotional balance and control, generosity.

**Reversed:** Emotional manipulation, moodiness, volatility.



## QUOTES

“Compassion is more important than intellect in calling forth the love that the work of peace needs, and intuition can often be a far more powerful searchlight than cold reason.” – Betty Williams (Author)

“The best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life, acknowledge the great powers around us and in us. If you can do that, and live that way, you are really a wise man.” – Euripides

“Nothing gives a person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.” – Thomas Jefferson (US president)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The King of Cups sits on his throne on a grey stone block, calmly in the midst of a turbulent sea and wears a necklace with a fish amulet. The fish is the symbol of spirit and creativity and represents the balance of the unconscious with the conscious. Behind him on his right, another fish jumps wildly from the tumultuous ocean, and, on his left, a ship sails steadily in the choppy ocean. These images are a sign that the unconscious has been allowed to break through and has been recognised by the King, yet it remains within his power and does not overwhelm him. The King of Cups does not repress his emotions and unconscious impulses but has learned to accept and deal with them in a mature and balanced manner.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The King of Cups, like all the court cards in the Suit of Cups, represents emotion, creativity, and the unconscious. Unlike the preceding three court cards, however, the King of Cups expresses much more restraint in his emotional state. He is a master of his feelings and remains in control of his emotions—not to say that he represses those feelings and sentiments. On the

contrary, the King of Cups represents the balance between the emotions and the intellect. He is a master of compassion and kindness and his card often indicates strong bonds in a relationship based on temperance and understanding.

As such, the King of Cups indicates that you feel very emotionally balanced and in control. You have a very deep understanding of your feelings and emotions and are able to connect with this when necessary. As you deal with some of the scenarios that life throws at you, draw on this deep emotional maturity to help you navigate these challenges. Also, know that this is an incredible gift you have and be open to sharing your emotional stability and calm approach with others.

If you are facing challenges, then the King of Cups is an indication that you must create balance in the realm of the emotions. The King of Cups represents compassion—one of the most powerful and beautiful qualities of the human spirit. Ask yourself, “How can I develop a stronger awareness of the unconscious without being overwhelmed by its power? How can I develop a stronger sense of compassion without falling into the trap of sentimentality?”

The King of Cups encourages you to be considerate in your dealings with others and as you counsel others. You may need to understand why strong feelings have surfaced and how to best cope with them. It is important that you do not repress emotions but instead explore them with an open heart and an open mind.

Sometimes, the King of Cups can represent an older male who may appear in your life. This card represents a man of business, law, or divinity, who is kind, considerate and willing to take responsibility for his actions. He is paternalistic but in a sensitive, generous manner, and he enjoys the quiet power associated with providing loving energy to others. He is able to listen mindfully to others, and he responds calmly in a crisis. He uses diplomacy rather than force, and reaches out to help, not to stifle or have it only his way!

Similarly, the King of Cups shows you generosity, graciousness, love, calmness, caring and will give you his healing ways. He has power in the business world and loves law and order. You would love him to be your

doctor. If there were a crisis at hand, this is someone you would hope to have near.

The King of Cups is highly diplomatic and politically correct. He has a real talent at being able to balance the needs of many people and keeps everyone working together harmoniously and productively. He knows how to show care and sensitivity as he leads others towards a common goal. He responds carefully to others' emotional needs and can diffuse a tense situation by reading and responding to the different people involved.

If you are being challenged personally, the King of Cups suggests you will need to remain emotionally mature in dealing with the negative energy from others. You need to be clear in your own mind about what your boundaries are and what is and is not acceptable on an emotional level. This King is level-headed and in control of his emotions. He uses his emotional intellect to make smart decisions and does not let other circumstances or whims sway him from his central belief system and his morals.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

The King of Cups balances fire and water, career ambition and relationships, so this is a perfect card to appear in a business or career reading. This card suggests that you have been working as a mediator of sorts, aiming to balance different personalities and agendas to bring about a more harmonious work environment. Being a King, this card indicates you as a leader who has a very calming and positive influence on others so far.

The King of Cups may also appear as a mentor in your working life or as someone who can help you to balance your career ambitions with your emotional needs at work. He may be a successful working parent, for example, who has created a harmonious balance between work and family.

In terms of career paths, the King of Cups tends to be a natural healer, therapist, doctor, obstetrician or pediatrician, volunteer worker, clergy, life coach or business mentor. He is compassionate towards others and uses this in his work.

Financially, the King of Cups can indicate a need to take more responsibility and accountability for your financial situation. He can also show you that you need to be generous no matter how tight your financial situations might be. Give with kindness and compassion, and know that what goes around always comes around. Do not hesitate to ask for help if you need it.

## **Personality Types**

The King of Cups personality has such a positive, balanced and calming influence on others that he is always here to help. He is kind, compassionate and sensitive. He has a deep understanding of his emotional needs and inner self that he can calmly navigate any of life's dilemmas. You may not always understand him, but you can trust him. He has achieved something in life and is in a position where he can now share his wisdom and knowledge with others. He is a wonderful father or husband and is very sociable, loving and sensuous. He has the gift of intelligence combined with strong intuition.

Traditionally, the King of Cups is an older male with light brown hair, fair complexion, and clear liquid blue eyes.

## **Relationships and Love**

Given that the King of Cups is so in touch with his emotions, compassionate and sensitive, he makes a wonderful partner. So, in relationship readings, he typically brings good news.

If you are searching for love, the King of Cups can indicate someone who is very emotionally balanced and loving is headed your way soon. It also shows that you want someone to spend time with, to make love to, or share your life with. What you want or need will come to you and you will be provided for. The King of Cups also asks you to maintain a very balanced emotional perspective as you continue on your journey to finding love. It is likely that you are already very self-aware, calm and in control, and you are able to use your emotions to your benefit rather than being completely ruled by them. You have a very deep understanding of your feelings and emotions and are able to connect with this when necessary. As you deal with some of the scenarios that life throws at you, draw on this deep emotional maturity to

help you navigate these challenges. Also, know that this is an incredible gift you have and be open to sharing your emotional stability and calm approach with others.

In an established relationship, the King of Cups reflects that you or your partner is taking more accountability for your emotional well-being and how you relate to each other. This card sees you stepping up and becoming more emotionally mature and in control of your emotional state. You want to be the best person you can be, and so you are working hard towards creating stability, compassion, and kindness in the relationship. This is a very positive sign for the development of the relationship, particularly on an emotional level.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the King of Cups may indicate a spiritual mentor who is currently in your life or is about to enter your life. He is wise and gives good advice. He has a deep understanding of human nature and knows what others need for spiritual growth. He is willing to share with you his experience and his compassionate energy to ensure that you will also create balance and calm in your life.

The King of Cups can also suggest that by engaging in charity or volunteer work, you may access your inner compassion and generosity. This is about giving for the greater good and creating a harmonious environment around you. Become actively compassionate and be a strong role model for others.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the King of Cups may point to a caregiver who is supporting you in looking after your health. He is older but has a lot of experience and a good bedside manner in helping you deal not only with the physical symptoms but also some of the underlying emotions that may be surrounding your health.

To create a greater sense of personal well-being, the King of Cups advises you to focus your attention on your emotional state and to bring about a sense

of control and calm. Treat your body with care and compassion.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

King of Cups + Hermit – You may want to take some time out on your own to explore your emotional well-being and to bring about a state of calm and balance.

King of Cups + Temperance – You will be focused on finding a level of inner peace and balance, perhaps with the aid of a mentor or coach.

King of Cups + Queen of Cups – An emotional soul mate union that is the most soothing relationship you have ever experienced.

King of Cups + Six of Pentacles – You will become actively involved in charity and volunteer work and will find this to be a very rewarding experience.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The King of Cups reversed is incredibly emotionally controlling and manipulative. This is someone who is toxic, moody, sulky and withdrawn from others, particularly if things do not go his way. He can be vindictive and vengeful and has a talent for being able to punish others through emotional manipulation. He uses emotional blackmail to get his way and to push his personal agenda. He leaves you feeling uncertain about yourself and as if you are the problem, not him. This only leads to emotional instability within you, which is entirely undeserved. If this sounds like someone you have met in the past, there is still some work to be done in releasing yourself from his controlling forces.

A reversed King of Cups can also represent a mature and loving, emotional person, who has let their emotions begin controlling their life. The King of Cups may depend too much on others and view himself through the eyes of others. He may fall into delusions or alcoholism, or others forms of escapism to deal with emotional pain.



This could show you trapped in a relationship with someone that is dependent and emotional, or a co-dependency situation. You may be struggling with self-deception and/or the deceptions of others, and the most important thing in this situation is to see yourself and others as they actually are, with clear and loving eyes but not foster any sense of dependence or weakness through your actions.

In a relationship reading, the reversed King of Cups suggests that you feel quite confused about your relationship and your emotions are out of balance and out of control. You are uncertain about your true feelings, and every day they seem to chop and change, leaving you completely confused. You need to be careful, too, about the messages you are sending to your partner as he/she may become easily confused too if you are 'up' one day and 'down' the next. It is probably best to keep some distance now until you work out your feelings and are more in control of your emotional state.

Finally, the reversed King of Cups suggests that you need to take greater control and responsibility for your emotional state. Right now, you are a loose cannon, letting your emotions rule and flip-flopping from one point of view to another. You want to take charge of your life, but then you are waiting for the Universe or for fate to show you the way. You need to be more accountable for your emotional well-being.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

King of Cups reversed + Devil – You may be involved with someone who is emotionally manipulative, creating a dependent and unhealthy relationship.

King of Cups reversed + Judgement reversed – You are failing to take responsibility and accountability for your current circumstances.

King of Cups reversed + Four of Cups – You may become emotionally withdrawn and apathetic of the world around you, leading to bitterness and negativity.

# THE SUIT OF PENTACLES

The Suit of Pentacles (also known as Coins or Disks) is representative of the element of Earth. Earth covers the more mundane material things of life, including work, business, trade, property, money and other material possessions. The positive aspects of the Suit of Pentacles include manifestation, realisation, proof, and prosperity.

Pentacles deal with the physical or external level of consciousness and thus mirror the outer situations of your health, finances, work, and creativity. They have to do with what we make of our outer surroundings, how we create it, shape it, transform it and grow it.

The negative aspects of the Suit of Pentacles (i.e. when the Pentacles cards appear reversed) include being possessive, greedy and overly materialistic, over-indulging and not exercising, not effectively managing one's finances, and being overly focused on career to the detriment of other life priorities. Often what is required to counteract these negative aspects is a return to nature to ground oneself and rediscover what is truly important. In addition, there may be blockages in being able to manifest ideas and plans resulting in a lack of success. Better goal-setting and planning is required.

Pentacles represent the Earth signs of Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. Pentacles people (as typically seen in the Court Cards) are practical, career-minded, down-to-earth and generous. They are tactile beings and like to experience the physical, tangible world. They are connected through the senses and seek pleasurable and sometimes indulgent experiences.

When referring to timing in a Tarot reading, the Suit of Pentacles traditionally represents winter or years. In a deck of playing cards, Pentacles

corresponds to Diamonds.

Should a Tarot reading be predominantly Pentacles cards, you are seeking solutions to what are primarily material conflicts, financial matters and concerns with career and work.

# **QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: SUIT OF PENTACLES**



Manifestation, new financial opportunity, prosperity



# ACE

Lost opportunity, lack of planning and foresight



Balance, adaptability, time management, prioritisation



# TWO

Disorganisation, financial disarray



Teamwork, initial fulfilment, collaboration, learning



# THREE

Lack of teamwork, disregard for skills



Control, stability, security, possession, conservatism



# FOUR

Greed, materialism, self-protection



Isolation, insecurity, worry, financial loss, poverty



# FIVE

Recovery from financial loss, spiritual poverty



Generosity, charity, giving, prosperity, sharing wealth



# SIX

Debt, selfishness, one-sided charity



Vision, perseverance, profit, reward, investment



# SEVEN

Lack of long-term vision, limited success or reward



Apprenticeship, education, quality, engagement



# EIGHT

Perfectionism, lacking ambition or focus



Gratitude, luxury, self-sufficiency, culmination



# NINE

Over-investment in work, financial setbacks



Wealth, inheritance, family, establishment, retirement



# TEN

Financial failure, loneliness, loss



Manifestation, financial opportunity, new job



# PAGE

Lack of progress and planning, short-term focus



Efficiency, routine, conservatism, methodical



# KNIGHT

Laziness, boredom, feeling 'stuck'



Practical, homely, motherly, down-to-earth, security



# QUEEN

Imbalance in work/ family commitments



Security, control, power, discipline, abundance



# KING

Authoritative, domineering, controlling

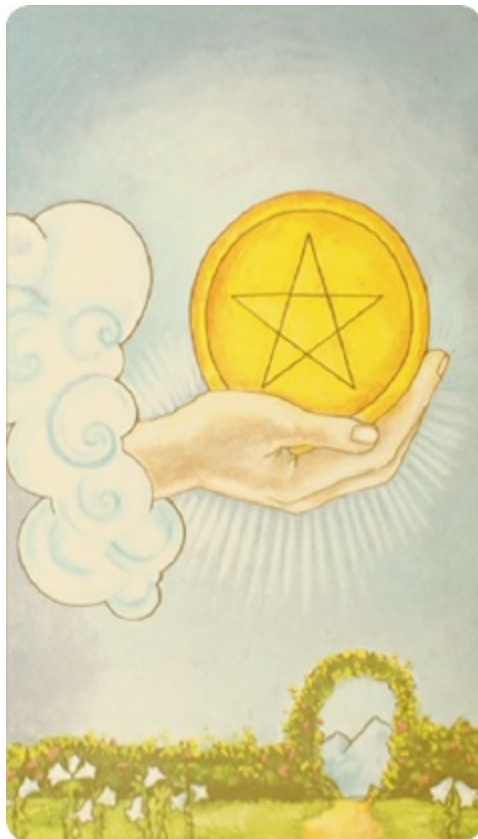


# ACE OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Manifestation, new financial opportunity, prosperity.

**Reversed:** Lost opportunity, lack of planning and foresight.



## QUOTES

“Prosperity in the form of wealth works exactly the same as everything else. You will see it coming into your life when you are unattached to needing it.”  
– Wayne Dyer (Author and psychotherapist)

“A good deal happens in a man’s life that he is not responsible for. Fortunate openings occur; but it is safe to remember that such ‘breaks’ are occurring all the time, and other things being equal, the advantage goes to the man who is ready.” – Lawrence Downs (Professor)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Ace of Pentacles depicts a single hand with a pentacle coming out of the clouds, much like the Aces of the other suits. And, again like the other Aces, the landscape below the ‘hand of heaven’ represents the primary element of the suit. In the Ace of Pentacles, the landscape is a rich garden with flowers, shrubs, a flowing creek, and mountains in the distance, indicating prosperity, growth and wealth.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Ace of Pentacles, like the Aces of the other suits, is representative of new beginnings, fresh energy, and inspiration. In this case, the Pentacles are equivalent to the alchemical element of Earth, and therefore symbolise the material world and things associated with matter and the body. Pentacles also represent money and the financial concerns that you may have at the time of your reading. Thus, the Ace of Pentacles indicates the beginning of new energy and revitalised interest in the material or financial areas of your life. This card may represent the beginning of new investments or the willingness to undertake a new business venture. There is also the possible indication of a legacy or influx of money from an unexpected source. The Ace of Pentacles heralds a feeling of prosperity and abundance and should be accepted joyfully. It is generally a very positive card.

The Ace of Pentacles is symbolic of wealth, not just in the financial sense but also in a more holistic sense. You may see new opportunities come your way to generate a new source of income, or you may be lucky enough to receive a financial gift or windfall. On a broader level, this Ace indicates abundance in all areas of your life and a general feeling that you are indeed blessed and deserving of everything that comes your way. Operate by the Law of Attraction, and send out positive energy into the Universe so that you may receive abundance in return.

The Ace of Pentacles is about the manifestation of your goals, and that you are moving into a more positive state of mind about what you are capable of achieving. Your ideas are ready to be turned into something tangible. Figure out what will work and make it a reality. Thus, the Ace of Pentacles sees you starting to map out how exactly you will achieve your goals, by creating targeted action plans and getting those actions underway. There are opportunities that are becoming available to you that will help you to manifest your goals and realise your inner potential, whilst at the same time generate some level of income and financial support. You are beginning to see that the world is indeed your oyster and that through careful planning, you can manifest your true goals and desires.

The Ace of Pentacles can suggest that we need to introduce something new into the equation. Rather than let things remain as they are, and hope they work themselves out, the Ace of Pentacles suggests you throw something new into the mix. Consider something that is out-of-character or something you might not ordinarily do, or get around to doing. For instance, you might consider joining a club, taking a class to learn new skills or maybe even picking up a couple of books to learn how to build a new business.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

The Ace of Pentacles is generally a very positive sign in any career, work, or financial reading as it indicates wealth, prosperity, and new opportunities.

If you are looking for a new job, the Ace of Pentacles suggests that the job market that you are interested in is abundant with opportunity! The Ace of Pentacles typically shows up in a career reading when there are many



opportunities available that will help you to progress your career, find a new job, and/or increase your salary. It is a very lucrative job market that you are heading into and even if you have been looking for a while, the Ace of Pentacles suggests that success is only just around the corner. These opportunities may also have only recently come up, particularly as the Aces are about new projects rather than existing ones.

If you are considering starting a new business, the Ace of Pentacles heralds great financial success. You have the practical knowledge, and you have the passion and action-orientation to manifest your goals. You will attract wealth to you, no matter what. If you go into this business with an attitude of endless abundance, you will draw it towards you.

If you are currently employed, the Ace of Pentacles can indicate a job promotion, salary increase or a new high profile project. Expect new opportunities to excel. Your efforts will also be rewarded.

Financially, the Ace of Pentacles is a positive sign that a new financial gift is coming your way. Again, it may be a pay raise, inheritance, unexpected windfall or a higher paying job. You can now pay off your debts and create a general feeling of wealth and abundance all around you.

## **Personality Types**

The Ace of Pentacles personality is entrepreneurial, action-oriented, business-minded, practical and grounded. This person can identify opportunities to expand wealth and financial success easily, and often before anyone else. They are very goal-oriented but also ensure that they have the plans in place to ensure their goals can be manifested. The Ace of Pentacles personality is often found starting up a new business, investing in the share markets, and starting new projects to increase personal wealth. Their lives are exciting and energetic, filled with opportunity and abundance.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Ace of Pentacles reflects a new opportunity is on the horizon! Given that this is the suit of Pentacles, the opportunity may

present itself in a work context, perhaps by meeting someone through work or with similar career interests as you. This card is also about manifestation and suggests that if you have set yourself a goal around meeting someone, then you will be successful at this. One thing to remember, though, is that the Aces are all about new beginnings, and not necessarily about fully established scenarios. So, you will have the opportunity to make a new connection, but it will be up to you to see it through and keep it going in the long run.

If you are currently in a committed relationship, the Ace of Pentacles suggests that there may be an opportunity to go into business together or to start a new financial venture together. You may even decide to combine your finances and start a new account or purchase a new home. There is definitely a new beginning here but more so in the space of your finances or career.

## **Spirituality**

While there is a strong connection between the Ace of Pentacles and the material realm, this card can also reflect abundance and wealth in a spiritual sense. If you put out positive energy into the Universe, it will come back to you, and you will be able to create a sense of abundance in your life. Consider, too, how you can manifest your spiritual goals by undertaking tangible actions. For example, you may choose to invest in a new course that will help you reach your spiritual goals.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Ace of Pentacles suggests that this is a good time to try a new health care approach, especially preventative care. Exercise, eating well and making sure that you get enough sleep are all common sense approaches that you can revisit now with great success. You may also need to invest in a new health approach. While it may be an initial outlay of funds, the rewards of the investment are likely to be great.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ace of Pentacles + World – The completion of a major project may result in an unexpected reward or bonus.

Ace of Pentacles + Ace of Cups – An opportunity to turn a passion or hobby into a business.

Ace of Pentacles + Four of Cups – You need some time to carefully consider a job offer or financial offer before committing yourself.

Ace of Pentacles + Three of Wands – A highly entrepreneurial combination with the opportunity to start a business venture with overseas connections.

Ace of Pentacles + Six of Wands – The start of a new business, job or project will lead to immediate success and public recognition.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Ace of Pentacles reversed suggests that a financial opportunity may fall through. The opportunity may be a pay raise, a new job, a loan, etc. Additionally, the Ace of Pentacles reversed indicates that you need to be very careful about what you can and cannot afford. Do not get in over your head and take on a mortgage that requires huge monthly repayments. Do not rely on the promise of a financial opportunity in the future (e.g. a pay raise or a gift). Allow some 'fat' in your budgeting in case you are without employment at any time or have a large and unexpected financial outlay.

Similarly, the reversed Ace of Pentacles indicates a time when you try to manifest your goals, but you do not get very far along due to delays and other impediments to your plans. If your success is limited, then you may need to re-evaluate and modify your plans and proposed approach. Your goals may also need to be re-aligned to something more realistic. Financial or other professional advice may be needed to help you get back on track.

The reversed Ace of Pentacles can indicate corruption, greed and taking what one has not earned. Be careful that you are not being overly opportunistic and exploiting others as you strive towards higher profits and earnings. You may

also be blinded by an obsession with greater financial accumulation and wealth, at the expense of other areas of your life.

If you are considering starting a new business or taking up a new job offer, the reversed Ace of Pentacles warns that there is a significant risk to success due to lack of planning and foresight. You may overlook the financial details of your business plan, and head into a new idea blindly, without an indication of whether or not there is indeed a market for your services. You may also rush into creating a business, without doing the planning that needs to sit behind it. You need to plan more and have more foresight and consideration into the financial aspects that align to your passions and career interests.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ace of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Cups – You are overwhelmed by ideas and different options, but you are struggling to initiate any of them.

Ace of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You may be placing too much value on material wealth and possession, resulting in greed and selfish behaviours.

Ace of Pentacles reversed + Two of Wands reversed – You are lacking sufficient planning and foresight and need to re-evaluate your goals to ensure you are striving towards the right areas.

# TWO OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Balance, adaptability, time management, prioritisation.

**Reversed:** Disorganisation, financial disarray.



## QUOTES

“Set priorities for your goals. A major part of successful living lies in the ability to put first things first. Indeed, the reason most major goals are not achieved is that we spend our time doing second things first.” – Robert J. Mckain (Motivational author)

“The wise adapt themselves to circumstances, as water moulds itself to the pitcher.” – Chinese Proverbs

“You will never ‘find’ time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.” – Charles Bruxton (Philanthropist and writer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

On the Two of Pentacles, a young man dances as he juggles his worldly concerns. The infinity sign loops around the two Pentacles suggesting that he can handle unlimited problems. In the background, two ships ride the waves easily, cruising the ups and downs of life. The man seems to have a somewhat concerned look on his face, yet he dances with apparent abandon despite the turbulence of the sea behind him.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

In the Two of Pentacles is an individual whose consciousness, represented by the waters, is tossed by seemingly conflicting interests. While the Ace of Pentacles represents the beginnings of a new business or financial venture, the Two represents the need to balance that venture with other important areas of life such as family, friends, and even our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. This card indicates the necessity for balance between opposing desires and interests. Life will always be uncertain, yet if you can produce balance and harmony among all the demands upon you, you will ultimately live happily and in prosperity.

Thus, the Two of Pentacles serves as a reminder to remain alert, agile and patient as you attempt to juggle your family, your friends, work, finances, health, and new challenges. You need to be very clear on your priorities and where you want to invest your time and energy. There is a tendency to be distracted by day-to-day affairs and general busy-ness, so prioritising your activities and carefully managing your time is essential.

The Two of Pentacles brings you back down to earth and reminds you not only to focus on your broader life goals but to also make sure your day-to-day affairs are in order. This is a card of good time management and financial management, ensuring that your bills are paid on time, that you keep a record of all your appointments and daily commitments, etc. It may sound tedious having to focus your attention on these more mundane issues, but this card reminds you that sometimes getting on top of your daily affairs is as important as pursuing your broader life goals.

Sometimes, the Two of Pentacles can indicate that there are problems and difficulties in the future. There may be obstacles erected which hinder the attainment of what you wish to pursue or obtain in life. The situation may cause undue worry and again, you will be required to juggle your priorities and manage your time effectively to stay on top of the situation.

Similarly, the Two of Pentacles predicts change. You need to be able to cope with change, remaining flexible and adaptable in your approach. Rather than putting all your eggs in one basket, you may be better to keep two or more things going at once, so you have the luxury of choice, should one option fall through. You must stay centred while you stay flexible and keep informed. Look for new possibilities, be open to change and go with the flow as best you can.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Two of Pentacles suggests that you are juggling a number of commitments and responsibilities at once and you are no doubt very busy. This is when effective time management is critical to ensure that you remain focused on the activities that deliver the most value. Your attention may often be diverted to emergencies and ‘fire-fighting,’ but

you will also need to maintain focus on activities that will deliver longer-term value. If you are feeling overwhelmed with the amount of work on your plate, take a moment out of your busy schedule to first plan and prioritise your activities, before jumping back into it and addressing the most critical issues. This will help you to use your time much more efficiently and effectively.

If you are considering a new career, the Two of Pentacles suggests that you are trying to keep your options open by pursuing a number of different goals or career opportunities simultaneously. Yes, you may be very busy, but at least you are growing your portfolio and exploring your options. Of course, there may come a time when you do need to make a choice about where you will put most of your attention as you may not be able to keep this up for a sustained period of time.

If you are looking for work, find 2-3 key prospects and do your homework on these, rather than blanketing potential employers with generic applications.

Financially, you need to carefully manage your budget, including your day-to-day expenditures and earnings. You may need to get things in balance, for example by either spending less or bringing in more money to build a sounder financial future.

## **Personality Types**

The Two of Pentacles personality is always busy! They always have something ‘on the go’ and are busy juggling the various elements of their lives. Somehow they manage to be a parent, an employee, a business owner, a mentor, a volunteer—all at the same time! Their lives may appear to be quite chaotic at times, but they mostly have it all under control. The downside, however, is that while they are going about achieving multiple goals, they are unable to give anything their full attention, and as a result, some areas may suffer.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, you may find that work or other commitments are taking over your life, not leaving much time or energy to invest in a new



relationship. You need to be clear on where your priorities lie. If you are keen to find a partner, then you may need to stop other activities in order to free up your time.

If you are currently in a committed relationship, you and your partner may be having trouble finding time and energy for each other. You and/or your partner may be over-committed with too many responsibilities and projects on the go and may be prioritising work or business ahead of the relationship. Your partner may come across as not being able to give the relationship the full attention it deserves. As a result, the other person in the relationship may be feeling neglected. This will continue to get in the way and may make things increasingly difficult as time goes on unless it is adequately addressed. Make sure that your relationship remains high on your priority list; otherwise, it will not be there when you come back for it. You may find that it helps to sit down together and plan out your time together for the coming months, to ensure that you get to do the things you want as a couple.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Two of Pentacles can suggest that you are too consumed in your day-to-day affairs that you have little time for your spiritual development.

Focusing in on your spirituality takes time and space, but this must be created and prioritised by you. By investing time in meditation and an inward focus, you will most likely find that you can better manage your day-to-day affairs as you have a greater sense of inner peace and calm.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Two of Pentacles suggests that you need to balance your health efforts with your personal and professional responsibilities. Make time for physical exercise, nutritious cooking and eating, and rest and relaxation. If you put yourself last on the list of things to think about, your health situation will suffer.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Two of Pentacles + Hermit – You are in isolation as you create your productive juggling act.

Two of Pentacles + Magician – Even though you are incredibly busy, this is an important part of setting yourself up for future success.

Two of Pentacles + Temperance – Through the chaos, you are slowly working towards creating balance and finding the right mix in your life.

Two of Pentacles + Two of Swords – You may be forced to make a decision about where your priorities lie, instead of juggling multiple priorities.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

In your day-to-day life, the reversed Two of Pentacles suggests that you are very busy and at times you struggle to manage your activities and commitments. You may also be struggling to manage your finances and to stay on top of paying bills and keeping abreast of other financial commitments. The stress is getting to you, and you are becoming easily overwhelmed by your responsibilities. Therefore, this card encourages you to become more organised and more planned in your approach. You may need to bring a little more structure to your day-to-day affairs, through budgets, ‘to do’ lists, forward planning or diary, and effective time management. Life is certainly a juggling act, so make sure you are on top of everything you need to be!

The reversed Two of Pentacles can be a clear indicator that you are not managing your work and family commitments. It is more than likely you are investing most of your time in work, neglecting your family or your partner. While you may be able to get away with a couple of late nights at work, there will come a time when enough is enough, and you will need to make a choice. Something has got to give!

Additionally, the Two of Pentacles reversed indicates that you are finding it

hard to manage your finances and your cash flow may be quite unpredictable. Now is the time to start a budget and stick to it.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Two of Pentacles advises you not to over-commit, particularly on a more physical, logistical, or material plane. Do not commit to too many plans as a couple at this stage or make any financial commitments together. Watch your spending and also how you manage your time. You may find that you get caught up with work or other commitments at this time which distracts your attention from your relationship. It will all come down to where your priorities lie and whether you want to let other commitments interfere with your relationship, or vice versa.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Two of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Cups reversed – You are placing too much emphasis on work and neglecting your family, creating a lack of harmony.

Two of Pentacles reversed + Four of Swords – You have become too busy and overloaded, and thus a rest and relaxation period is strongly recommended.

Two of Pentacles reversed + Nine of Wands – You are becoming overwhelmed with responsibilities and barely making it through. Time to quit a few activities to buy yourself some breathing space.

# THREE OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Teamwork, initial fulfilment, collaboration, learning.

**Reversed:** Lack of teamwork, disregard for skills.



## QUOTES

“Teamwork is so important that it is virtually impossible for you to reach the heights of your capabilities or make the money that you want without becoming very good at it.” – Brian Tracy (Author)

“Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.” – Vince Lombardi (Football coach)

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” – Henry Ford (Founder of Ford Motor Company)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Three of Pentacles shows a young apprentice working in a cathedral. In front of him stand two architects who are holding the plans for the cathedral. The apprentice appears to be discussing his progress so far with two architects and even though he is less experienced, the architects carefully listen as they value his opinion and his specialist knowledge. There is also an acknowledgement that this young man is an essential contributor to the completion of the cathedral and the architects want to make sure that everyone is on the same page.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Three of Pentacles, like the Threes in the other suits, represents the initial completion of a goal or plan. In this case, the Three implies the fulfilment and manifestation of a creative venture, business, or building project. The inspiration of the individual (i.e. the Mason) is beginning to be concreted in the material world, and the decisions of the two (i.e. the two monks) have been made successfully. An initial satisfaction is now being enjoyed, and the project is well underway. You have all of the skills necessary to accomplish your goals in life, thus you have the ability to succeed in all your ventures.

You are keen to improve the quality of your life or your work.

The message of the Three of Pentacles is one of encouragement. If you continue to work toward the fulfilment of your dreams and do not allow disillusionment to dampen your enthusiasm, ultimately you will experience prosperity and success in your goals. You need to do work that is satisfying to you and that you can be truly proud of. What new beginnings are you experiencing in the material realm? Is there a project or creative venture you have been putting off because of fear of failure? The Three of Pentacles indicates that dreams can be made real with persistence, determination, and effort.

The Three of Pentacles may also suggest that you need help to complete your work and can draw on the knowledge and experience of others. It may be beneficial to share your work with a partner but only if they are as conscientious as you.

At the core of the Three of Pentacles is the notion of teamwork and collaboration. In the card, we see a young mason working hard on building part of the cathedral. The two monks enter, with their worldly knowledge and spiritual understanding to bring a new perspective to the mason's work. Even though their backgrounds, experience levels, and knowledge are very different, they are able to come together to share their expertise in a way that creates synergy and improved results. There is no 'us and them' or any sense of superiority. Rather, each person has something unique to offer and is willing to learn from others involved in the project. Everyone is getting the job done together and is contributing to the group through effective listening and sharing. This is a positive card to see when teamwork, collaboration, and cooperation are required between parties with different levels of experience.

The Three of Pentacles also points to the importance of feedback. The mason is open to listening to the monks and taking on their feedback on his progress so far. His primary goal is to do a great job, and he knows that the monks will be able to help him get there. He does not take it personally but uses their feedback and input to continually improve in his work.

Effective planning, management, and organisation are also key components of the Three of Pentacles. In order to accomplish significant goals, such as

building a monumental cathedral, it is imperative that detailed planning occurs to ensure that all the components are progressing well. This card, therefore, reflects a time when it is essential to create a detailed plan and to follow a schedule. This is when good project management will pay off.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Three of Pentacles is a positive sign that you will join forces with other professionals to get the job done. You may all have different levels of experience or expertise but you have a profound respect for what each person brings to the table, and you know that by combining expertise, you will have a much better outcome. This may also be a good time to get involved in a professional network or a community of practise where you can collaborate and share with other talented individuals. The quality of thinking will be immense and the benefits huge. If you are facing challenges at work, then the advice of the Three of Pentacles is to give more thought and attention to how you can effectively draw on the differing experience levels of each contributor. Even if you are from completely different backgrounds, learn to respect that each person has something unique to contribute.

This is also a good time to employ rigorous project planning and management processes to ensure a large task is completed on time. Ensure that you have a holistic view of what needs to be done, even down to the finest details.

Financially, the Three of Pentacles is a positive omen that you will be rewarded for your hard work and effort. It may be an expected or unexpected financial reward that is tied to your performance or the completion of a piece of work. Keep working hard to ensure that you receive this reward.

## **Personality Types**

The Three of Pentacles personality type is someone who is incredibly hard-working, collaborative, team-oriented, and well-organised. This person does not usually like to work in isolation but will effectively draw upon the skills and knowledge of those around him/her to create the best outcomes. They are

not concerned with who knows the most or who has the most authority—they just want to get the job done in the best possible way. They are open to feedback and to suggestions on how to improve. The Three of Pentacles personality also likes to work according to a schedule or project plan to ensure all work activities are on track and all relevant stakeholders are clear on their accountabilities.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Three of Pentacles suggests that you are likely to find a partner through your work. You may connect with a colleague, a customer, or someone with whom you share a professional interest. The nature of your relationship is likely to be practical at first, with a stronger focus on your work connection than your romantic connection. Look to other cards in the reading to understand if the relationship will become more romantically oriented over time.

If you are in an established relationship, the Three of Pentacles shows that you will both work very well together to overcome any practical challenges or problems. Not only do you share a romantic connection, but you also team up very well together to solve problems. For example, you may find that you are collaborating effectively on planning a trip overseas, a wedding, or developing your parenting approach.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Three of Pentacles serves as a reminder that we are all working together to return to the Divine. Indeed, this spiritual journey is a group effort. That is, every individual's path is unique, but everyone's movement back to Spirit brings us all that much closer to the Divine since we are all one. We are all a part of something greater than our individual selves. Thus, as you consider your spiritual journey, also consider how you can join forces with other like-minded individuals to bring you closer to the Divine.

## **Well-being and Health**



In a health reading, the Three of Pentacles is a sign to keep doing what you are doing. You may also consider joining up with a group or network around a particular health issue or create your own support network of various health experts. In terms of exercise, you may enlist the help of a personal trainer to keep you focused on your health goals.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Three of Pentacles + Hierophant – Working within a team or network of professionals who share similar values or a code of ethics/practise.

Three of Pentacles + Two of Cups – A working relationship is likely to become a romantic relationship or a strong friendship.

Three of Pentacles + Three of Wands – Planning and preparing for the future, particularly with regards to business expansion.

Three of Pentacles + King of Wands – Working with a visionary and charismatic mentor who will help you to see new possibilities that will enhance your quality of work.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The reversed Three of Pentacles can indicate a lack of teamwork, whereby people are acting in competition with each other and trying to appear the most knowledgeable. You may be trying to work collaboratively with others, but there is an increasing level of tension as each individual tries to exert power or control over the group, thus negatively impacting the harmony of the people involved.

If you rely on the cooperation of others, now may be a good time to break free of your current group or network and join forces with another group. The lack of harmony and teamwork is having an adverse impact on your performance, and there may be a lack of a common goal. It may be best just to move on at this stage.

The Three of Pentacles reversed signifies that you are seeking more respect in the workplace. You have had to be polite and listen to the opinions and feedback of your superiors, but now you seem to be growing restless with always taking the advice, rather than giving it. You want to work in an environment where you have the chance to voice your opinion and be heard, where you are seen as the expert or the leader. You may also be seeking new colleagues who bring with them new knowledge, so as to create a more synergistic team environment.

The Three of Pentacles reversed can also indicate that you are working in a fairly mundane job, in which your contributions and experience are not appreciated or valued. There is not much opportunity for growth and advancement, and you feel as if your skills and capabilities are not being effectively utilised. It may be a good time to make a career move and find somewhere where your skills are more valued.

Given the upright Three of Pentacles is about good planning and organisation, the reversal of this card can suggest that you are need to bring more of this energy into your work. If you do not have a clear view of how you will accomplish your goals, then it will be beneficial to stop work momentarily and plan out your next steps at a detailed level.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Three of Pentacles reversed + Fool – This combination celebrate the freedom of living without a specific purpose and being open to exploring completely new and spontaneous experiences.

Three of Pentacles reversed + Nine of Pentacles – Looking out for yourself and ensuring that you will look good, rather than the team.

Three of Pentacles reversed + Five of Wands – A lack of teamwork as a result of not listening to each other nor valuing each other's opinions.

Three of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Wands – A work environment filled with competition and individualistic behavior.

# FOUR OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Control, stability, security, possession, conservatism.

**Reversed:** Greed, materialism, self-protection.



## QUOTES

“Buddha’s doctrine: Man suffers because of his craving to possess and keep forever things which are essentially impermanent... this frustration of the desire to possess is the immediate cause of suffering.” – Alan Watts (Philosopher and writer)

“So many of us define ourselves by what we have, what we wear, what kind of house we live in, and what kind of car we drive ... if you think of yourself as the woman in the Cartier watch and the Hermes scarf, a house fire will destroy not only your possessions but yourself.” – Linda Henley ( Counsellor and author)

“Many people think that by hoarding money they are gaining safety for themselves. If money is your ONLY hope for independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a person can have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability. Without these qualities, money is practically useless.” – Henry Ford (Founder of Ford Motor Company)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Four of Pentacles shows a man sitting on a stool, away from his hometown. He tightly holds onto his pentacles or coins in a very defensive posture as though he were hoarding them for fear of loss. One pentacle is balanced on his head, one clutched between his hands, and two are securely placed underneath his feet. He is making sure that no one touches his coins! And, he cannot go anywhere because his feet are busy holding the coins down. In other words, this man is so tied up with his possessions, that he cannot do anything else. His eyes appear darkened from hard work, but his mouth betrays the hint of a smile, which comes from the self-satisfaction of his accomplishments.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Four of Pentacles generates both positive and negative perceptions. On the one hand, this card signifies that you have accomplished many of your goals and have attained great material wealth in the process. However, on the other hand, there is a risk that you will come to value only material wealth, thus becoming possessive and/or greedy in ensuring that no one else takes away your wealth.

The Four of Pentacles indicates that you are in a position where you are financially stable and secure with solid investments. You are very conservative about money and are not inclined to gamble in financial matters. You are very protective of what you have accumulated over time, and slowly and steadily you increase your net worth through saving money and safe investments. You are self-sufficient both financially and emotionally, as you often equate money with emotional security.

Although this card shows a practical and financially stable person, it often indicates possessiveness, greed and an overly cautious approach to life. You may be afraid to take risks, both financially and emotionally for fear of losing everything that you have attained so far. As a result, you may be vaguely unhappy and unfulfilled. Deep down you are starting to realise that you have sold out for a conservative and overly safe approach to life.

Thus, the Four of Pentacles indicates one of the dangers of prosperity, the temptation to value money far above its real worth. If wealth and financial success lead to a miserly or penny-pinching attitude, then you have found yourself in a narrow-minded state where nothing is perceived to have any significant value other than money. This attitude is an expression of extreme attachment to the material things of the world and is unhealthy in the long-term. Sadly, possessions have become your life, and you now assess your self-worth based on how expensive your car is, how many bedrooms and flat-screen TV's your house has, etc. What this also means is that you must continually work hard to generate income to sustain this standard of living and to sustain your ongoing obsession with material possession.

Sometimes, the Four of Pentacles can indicate an inflexible attitude that is resistant to change. You have already established a way of living that now works for you, so why change? Change appears to be a threat to your certainty, safety and security and may place you at risk of losing all that is

important to you. Any suggestion of doing things differently is, therefore, going to be met with resistance for fear of how it will impact your personal sense of security. Thus, you are more likely to favour tradition and tried-and-tested ways of doing things, rather than taking any risks at this point.

The Four of Pentacles can also indicate a need to control your environment. You want to be in charge to ensure that your world does not get altered or changed, and as a result, you demand compliance, and you insist on having things your way. You want to create order amidst the chaos, to bring a state of calm and stability back into your life. However, the downside is that you cannot always have things your way and you may prove to be too much for some, isolating yourself from friends or family.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Four of Pentacles reflects that you strongly desire a work environment that is safe and stable and is not prone to major changes or transformations. With this in mind, you may be better suited to working in the public sector or in an organisation that is very traditional and conservative in its approach. Working in a highly dynamic area that is undergoing a fast pace of change would make you feel very anxious.

Similarly, the appearance of this card can provide some assurance that your job is in a stable position. While there may not be significant growth in what you do, you are happy to stay in this role because it provides a steady stream of income and you do not have to worry about your finances.

In a finance reading, the Four of Pentacles is a sign of financial stability and long-term saving. You may have already accomplished a state of financial stability, having accumulated significant wealth and protecting that wealth in low-risk investments. Alternatively, this card may come as a reminder to focus on saving your money and setting tight budgets to ensure that you can reach your financial goals.

Be careful that you are not being miserly or penny-pinching, however, as the risk of the Four of Pentacles is that you become so focused on increasing wealth that you neglect other areas of your life. I remember a colleague who

refused even to go out for a coffee because she was paying off her mortgage and wanted to do so in a very short period of time. As a result, she became isolated from her colleagues and her friends.

## **Personality Types**

On the positive side, the Four of Pentacles personality type is conservative and traditional. This person has a longer-term view and will save for a rainy day. However, if this is taken too far, this person can become miserly, greedy, possessive, controlling and overly focused on material possessions and wealth. This is a person who will not share anything in their life with other people, particularly money or possessions. When assistance is needed, they will turn their back on the situation in a bid to protect their wealth and possessions.

## **Relationships and Love**

In relationship readings, the appearance of the Four of Pentacles indicates possessive or controlling behaviour that is based on fear rather than love. You may be holding on too tightly to a relationship, creating a suffocating and clingy existence. You may be trying to control everything your partner is doing in a bid to ensure that they do not hurt you or betray you. You may also be acting in a particularly selfish manner, not giving generously to your partner. This type of behaviour is incredibly off-putting in a relationship and demonstrates a lack of trust and respect. True love allows for space between the lovers, and no matter what, one can never really control another person.

If you are looking for love, you may need to be less conservative in your approach and perhaps less 'picky' about what your type really is. You will need to step outside of your comfort zone to let love into your life, and you may need to be less controlling of the situation and just go with the flow.

## **Spirituality**

The trouble with the Four of Pentacles is that there is an over-emphasis on material wealth as opposed to spiritual wealth. You have become so attached

to your material possessions that you have forgotten that you do not need those possessions for true spiritual enlightenment. You may find that you are better off going 'without' to connect more deeply with your spiritual self. Try heading off into the wilderness with only your essential items (laptops do not count) to rediscover your spiritual wealth.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Four of Pentacles can suggest that you are holding onto old wounds or past experiences and this is impacting your well-being and health. You need to let go in order to foster better health. You may also be working too hard to sustain your current standard of living, which is also impacting your health. You may need to lower your expectations around how much money you need to earn, particularly if it is impacting your health.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Four of Pentacles + Emperor reversed – You are acting in a very stubborn or selfish manner that is putting others off-side.

Four of Pentacles + Chariot – You have a strong desire to control your environment in order to drive your agenda.

Four of Pentacles + Nine of Pentacles – This card combination points to materialism and the status and power associated with financial wealth.

Four of Pentacles + Two of Swords – Your stubbornness and holding fast are creating a stalemate or a blockage.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the conservatism of the Four of Pentacles has turned to greed and stinginess. You are haunted by a fear of poverty that compels you to be materialistic. You are extremely defensive and self-protective materially and emotionally, fearful of opening up and trusting other people. You are very



reluctant to spend money, and you are keeping a very tight rein on your cash. On the flipside, you may be spending too much money and need to get a better hold of your financial resources.

In a relationship reading, the Four of Pentacles reversed suggests that you have spent your time recently focused on career-building and material acquisitions, rather than your relationships. This approach to life has been quite successful financially but is very limiting when it comes to connecting authentically with others. You have created a prison for your time and your energy by building up this solid wall of work and financial responsibilities and will need to release and escape from this to some extent if you want to focus on more personal issues. The important thing to realise is that success in your career is beneficial but only to a point. You may need to examine your life and determine what you can give up, particularly concerning effort and time put towards work and other similar activities, so that you can have more energy available for developing personal relationships.

The Four of Pentacles reversed asks you to loosen your hold on your need for security and stability and step outside your comfort zone. While it will feel a bit shaky at the start, this is an important step in your personal development.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Four of Pentacles reversed + Five of Pentacles – A lack of financial planning and management may cause you to lose everything.

Four of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Wands – You have taken on too much responsibility, and as a result, you are creating unnecessary financial burden for yourself.

Four of Pentacles reversed + Two of Cups reversed – Your possessiveness and controlling behaviour is taking its toll on a relationship and is likely to lead to its demise if you do not let up.

# FIVE OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Isolation, insecurity, worry, financial loss, poverty.

**Reversed:** Recovery from financial loss, spiritual poverty.



## QUOTES

“Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.” – Mother Teresa

“Most people never feel secure because they are always worried that they will lose their job, lose the money they already have, lose their spouse, lose their health, and so on. The only true security in life comes from knowing that every single day you are improving yourself in some way, that you are increasing the calibre of who you are and that you are valuable to your company, your friends, and your family.” – Anthony Robbins (Motivational author and speaker)

“If you see yourself as prosperous, you will be. If you see yourself as continually hard up, that is exactly what you will be.” – Robert Collier (Writer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Five of Pentacles, like the fives in the other suits, portrays a situation of adversity. In this card, a destitute couple walks through the snow outside the stained glass of a brightly lit church window. The church is symbolic of providing spiritual comfort while helping those who cannot help themselves. The man uses a crutch because of his crippled leg, and the woman attempts to cover herself with her threadbare shawl. Both appear to be living in poverty and with little or no possessions.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Five of Pentacles typically points to a time of financial strife, poverty, and adversity and indicates that you have suffered a significant financial loss or failure. This card shows the many faces of material misfortune and lack, including loss of funds, general poverty, illness, unemployment, and solitude.

If you have suffered a loss, know that there are people around you who are willing to help. There is always a solution and always a way out, so either open your eyes and go to it or close your eyes and let the inner light guide you.

Often, what has caused these financial problems is a matter of your emotions—greed will lead to loss, anxiety will lead to error, possessiveness will lead to solitude. By focusing on the material, you lose sight of your spiritual development. You may be rich for a while, but all will be lost if you learn nothing.

On a psychological level, the Five of Pentacles may indicate difficulty with your relationship to money and material things. If money becomes the primary motivating force in life and the gauge by which you judge your worth, the lack of it may produce anxiety and a sense of being excluded from the good things money can provide. For example, if you are unfortunate enough to encounter financial difficulties such as the loss of employment or an investment gone belly-up, you may fall into the trap of losing faith in your ability to recreate a positive financial situation for yourself. Therefore, you should not only consider your actual financial circumstances but also your attitudes toward money. What fears do you have around money and wealth? Are you anxious about never having enough, or do you have faith in your ability to manifest what you need to live a prosperous, fulfilled life no matter what your circumstances? Often wealth is based as much on your psychological state as your actual financial state.

In a world that often equates success with financial wealth, the loss shown on the Five of Pentacles can be a humbling blow to your self-esteem and sense of self-worth. This loss can occur in any number of ways, but even though an external event may seem to be the cause, this card often reflects that the loss is something you have brought upon yourself. There is a spiritual loss that often precedes or accompanies loss of material wealth.

The Five of Pentacles can also point to a time of being alone, feeling abandoned, ignored and unwanted. You may be excluded from group events, or you are being ostracised by others. You are in desperate need of support and comfort from those who actually care.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, you may find that you suddenly lose your job, placing your financial security at risk. Perhaps the company you are working for is going through a cost-reduction or downsizing exercise, and your job is being impacted as a result. There may be a risk of not having an income for a short period of time or potentially even losing your home or going into debt as a result.

If you are looking for work, now may not be a good time due to economic circumstances, and you may have to sacrifice your standard of living for a short time to make ends meet. And if you are looking to start a new business venture, again now is not a good time as you are likely to suffer a loss.

In a financial reading, the Five of Pentacles nearly always indicates that you are suffering financial hardship and adversity. You may have had a recent loss of funds, or you have been living in a state of poverty for some time. While you are trying to get back on your feet, do not be afraid to ask for help or to receive some kinds of government-sponsored benefits. People are willing to help you.

## **Personality Types**

The Five of Pentacles personality is typically pessimistic, focused on the negatives, isolated, withdrawn and down on their luck. They are living in a state of poverty, whether that is on a material or a more spiritual or psychological level, and are often heard complaining about how little they have in their lives.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, then you may find it quite challenging to find the right relationship for you. Your options have dried up, and there is not really much happening in your dating space. As a result, you may feel isolated and lonely during this time but know that this will eventually pass. You may also be struggling financially, which means that you have less money for going

out and meeting new people.

If you are in an established relationship, the Five of Pentacles suggests that recently your relationship has been very challenging and you have often felt quite lonely and isolated. If this is the case, have an open conversation. Perhaps your partner is hurting as much as you, and if you can show more care and compassion towards each other, it will greatly benefit the relationship. You may also be experiencing financial difficulties which are placing a significant strain on the relationship.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Five of Pentacles indicates that there is a spiritual emptiness or poverty that is occurring within. Perhaps you have placed too much emphasis on your material wealth and have neglected your spiritual wealth and well-being. You may be struggling with your life direction, feeling isolated and shut out from the world. This is an excellent time to reconnect with a spiritual group as they will care for and nurture you, restoring your spiritual balance.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Five of Pentacles can indicate ill health. You may be feeling run down and tired, and refusing to take care of yourself. You are not listening to your body and its needs, and you may be abusing your body with drugs, alcohol or poor eating and exercise habits. To restore your health, you must get medical attention and take care of yourself; otherwise, it will continue in a downward spiral.

Given the theme of isolation, the Five of Pentacles can reflect a contagious illness that isolates you from others. AIDS is sometimes associated with this card for this reason.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Five of Pentacles + Hierophant – If you are in need of financial support, the

church or another charitable institution may be able to help you.

Five of Pentacles + Devil – You have become overly materialistic and perhaps even involved in gambling or other risk-taking activities that have caused you to lose a lot of money.

Five of Pentacles + Tower – You are experiencing some very hard times as a result of a sudden, unexpected loss.

Five of Pentacles + Ten of Wands – You are struggling to make ends meet and may have taken on too many financial responsibilities and debts.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Five of Pentacles reversed indicates an end to difficult times, particularly if you have recently suffered a major financial loss or job loss. You may find new sources of income, a new job, or someone has offered to help you out while you get back on your feet. You may be starting to feel as if life is worth living again and starting to regain your self-confidence. Finally, you can see a way out of your financial difficulties and your hope is being renewed.

The reversed Five of Pentacles can sometimes indicate the persistence of inner, spiritual poverty. It reflects a time when you feel isolated and alone, even if surrounded by many people. You may feel as though something is just completely out of place and you are struggling to place your finger on what it is. Return to the Four of Pentacles, and you may come to realise that you have placed too much emphasis on your material wealth and have neglected your spiritual well-being.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Five of Pentacles reversed + Star – After a period of financial hardship, your hope has been renewed, and you are ready to make the positive changes you need in your life.

Five of Pentacles reversed + Six of Pentacles – A charitable organisation or

individual is willing to help you out to ease the financial strain in your life.

Five of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Wands – You are standing up to opposing forces which may have previously ostracised or excluded you.



# SIX OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Generosity, charity, giving, prosperity, sharing wealth.

**Reversed:** Debt, selfishness, one-sided charity.



## QUOTES

“If you have much, give of your wealth; if you have little, give of your heart.” – Arabian Proverb

“There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life - happiness, freedom, and peace of mind - are always attained by giving them to someone else.” – Peyton Conway (ex-US Army Chief of Staff)

“The purpose of human life is to serve and show compassion and the will to help others.” – Albert Schweitzer (Theologian and philosopher)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Six of Pentacles shows a man dressed in a purple robe, symbolic of his wealth and status. In one hand, he holds a balanced scale, representing fairness and equality, and with the other hand, he feeds two beggars who kneel at his feet. Not only does this card reflect the state of being materially secure, but it also suggests that you can use the abundance in your life for the benefit of others. The wealthy man shares his abundance so that stability is preserved.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Six of Pentacles is a card representing being in harmony with your money. The amount that comes in and the amount that flows out are in balance, and you are thankful for what you have without being grasping of it and happy to share with others in need. This card is also about charity. You may either be the wealthy man in this card, giving away his wealth or the beggars, gratefully receiving what the man has to offer.

If you are the wealthy man, then you have accumulated great wealth and are now in a position where you can offer financial assistance to those in need.

Now that you have lived through the darkness long enough to see the inner light, it is time to help others who are not so fortunate. Consider giving to charity or reaching out a helping hand to someone who needs your support. The generosity of the Six does not limit itself to money and material things. Giving of your time or your wisdom is often just as spiritually fulfilling as giving away money or gifts, and the intangible gift of your presence is received just as well, if not better.

You may also be inclined to make a loan to someone, on the premise that they will eventually pay you back once they are back on their feet. This is a loan built on trust and good faith, knowing that if you give something away, it will come back to you. Remember, though, that this is more about a short-term fix and not a sustainable solution towards self-sufficiency. So, think about how you can financially support your family or friends in a way that encourages them to stand on their own two feet eventually.

If you are the beggars in the Six of Pentacles, then you may be the recipient of someone else's charitable activities. This will help you to get back on your feet and to eventually repay the charitable organisation or individual, either with your time or your restored wealth. You will also need to identify ways in which you can become more self-sufficient in the long run. The risk of accepting charity is that you become dependent on it and cannot look after yourself. Be mindful that you are not becoming submissive or noticeably desperate as a result of the charity that someone else is providing you.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Six of Pentacles suggests that you will come across someone who is willing to take a chance on you and give you an opportunity to develop your skills or expand your level of experience. This may appear as a secondment, internship or a volunteer assignment. This person is willing to coach and mentor you along the way to help you get where you want.

You may be asking for a raise or trying to impress or please your boss for some sort of reward in return. Ensure that you retain your dignity during this time and do not come across as desperate to please.

Alternatively, you may be presented with an opportunity to give back to the community through your work. You may work with a charitable organisation or provide your services to a not-for-profit to help those in need.

If you are running your own business, you may be seeking out a loan from investors, or, on the flipside, you may be considering providing your services on a pro bono basis.

In a financial reading, you need to be conscious of how much you rely on others to provide you with financial support. For example, you may be in a relationship where you are not working and are therefore entirely dependent on your partner's income. Look for ways to create greater financial independence.

You may also be considering taking out a loan or accepting financial assistance from another party. Or, you may be the one providing a loan to a family member or close friend.

## **Personality Types**

The Six of Pentacles personality is very generous, kind, charitable and positive. They have a very giving soul and enjoy being able to help others by volunteering their time or sharing their wealth. The Six of Pentacles personality can often be found in a soup kitchen helping the homeless, volunteering their time at the local school, or generally nurturing and supporting those in need.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, you may find that a friend or family member can help you find your perfect partner. Someone may offer to set you up on a blind date or introduce you to one of their single friends. Take up this opportunity! Even though you may feel as though you are being 'set up,' it may turn out to be a great way to meeting someone special.

If you are in a relationship, the Six of Pentacles can suggest that one partner is dependent on the other to provide most of the money, love, or energy for

the relationship to keep going. Thus, this person controls the relationship and its direction, while the other partner has the passive role. The relationship is, therefore, unequal; however, it is noticeable that both partners have mutually agreed to this arrangement to ensure stability.

If your relationship is struggling, then you may need to consider how you can give more or take less in order to retain a better balance within the relationship.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Six of Pentacles indicates that it is important to share your spiritual knowledge with others. In doing so, you will further your knowledge and development whilst also sharing your unique point of view and insights with others. This card also points to that warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you go out of your way to help others.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, you may be spending a lot of money to ensure your health stays on track. For example, you may have signed up for a gym membership, or you are having a weekly massage to reduce stress. Alternatively, you may be the recipient of a gift or a grant that will help you to cover your health costs.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Six of Pentacles + Magician – You are willing to share your skills and resources with others, without the expectation of any financial reward.

Six of Pentacles + Four of Cups – Someone may offer your financial assistance, but you want to think about it before accepting their offer.

Six of Pentacles + Five of Pentacles – You have suffered a major financial loss, and now someone is offering to help you with some financial assistance or a loan.

Six of Pentacles + Ten of Pentacles – You have accumulated significant wealth which you are now willing to share with others in need.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Six of Pentacles reversed suggests a one-way street in terms of charity. You may have lent money to a friend or given someone a favour but, in this instance, do not expect the money to be repaid or the favour to be returned. Or, you may expect it to be repaid, but it never is. With this in mind, be careful about who you lend your money to, especially if you yourself are in financial trouble. While a generous spirit is a wonderful quality, you need to ensure that you are able to support yourself whilst helping others. You may have a tendency to spend or give away more than you can afford to.

Be careful with the amount of debt that you get into. It is possible with the reversed Six of Pentacles that you are getting in over your head and it will soon come back to bite you in excessive interest rates or personal threats if you are unable to pay it back in time. Be wary, too, of ‘get rich quick’ schemes that are more likely to leave you with a hole in your pocket than a pile of cash.

The Six of Pentacles reversed sometimes reflects the selfish side of charity. In some cases, people give to others not for the benefit of the other but for the benefit of themselves. Be careful that you are not trying to prove to others that you are generous because you can give to the poor or the needy. Aim to give selflessly rather than selfishly.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Six of Pentacles suggests that one partner is doing a lot of the taking but not a lot of the giving, thus creating an inequality in the relationship. You need to be careful that your generous spirit is not being taken advantage of and that you are not always the one making compromises for your partner’s benefit.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Six of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Swords – Someone may be taking

advantage of your generosity for their own selfish needs.

Six of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Wands – You are overwhelmed by your financial responsibilities and may be struggling to repay your debts.

# SEVEN OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Vision, perseverance, profit, reward, investment.

**Reversed:** Lack of long-term vision, limited success or reward.



## QUOTES



“Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment; and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey.” – Harold B. Melchart

“Progress however, of the best kind, is comparatively slow. Great results cannot be achieved at once; and we must be satisfied to advance in life as we walk, step by step.” – Samuel Smiles (Author)

“Before the reward there must be labour. You plant before you harvest. You sow in tears before you reap joy.” - Ralph Ransom

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Seven of Pentacles portrays a young man taking a rest from the difficult work of harvesting his abundant crop. He has been labouring long and hard in his garden. The foliage is full, and the blossoms are out. It seems that his work has paid off. He gazes meditatively at the pentacles hanging from the rich greenery of the thicket in which he works and seems to be contemplating the value of his efforts. He is finally taking a break to admire his handiwork and the benefits of his labour.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Seven of Pentacles shows that you have a strong desire to invest in those things that will provide long-term benefit. You understand the value of putting in time and energy now for longer-term rewards, and you are not necessarily looking for ‘quick wins’ as such. You also want to make sure that you are focusing your attention on the right areas that will give you the biggest ‘bang for your buck,’ instead of wasting time on areas that will not deliver any value. You have a long-term view, and you are focused on

sustainability of results.

Similarly, if you are planning for the future, the Seven of Pentacles shows that you are taking a long-term view and you are assessing where you can best invest your time and energy for the maximum output. You do not want to keep putting your heart and soul into something if you are not getting the rewards for it, and no doubt, you have started to see that there are some areas in your life that are just become energy-sappers but without the reward.

The Seven of Pentacles indicates that if you have been working extra hard or putting in extra effort into something, it will finally pay off. Your effort will definitely be worth it, and you will see the results and rewards for your labour. You may have been working on something quite challenging and important for the last few months, and this is likely to come to a culmination. You are likely to see financial or other tangible rewards for all of your hard work.

Sometimes, however, the Seven of Pentacles can denote frustration. You have been labouring away at something important, and you may be starting to feel concerned that you will never be rewarded for your efforts. Be patient and appreciate the progress you have made so far. If your hard work has not yet paid off as planned, remember that your expectations may be unreasonable. There are no guarantees. Be grateful, focus on the present and do what you can with what you have.

This card follows the Six of Pentacles which indicated the ending of a difficult period of financial or material difficulty. In the Seven of Pentacles, the situation is reversed, and you are now experiencing the rewards of hard work and effort. However, the question at hand is whether the rewards of hard work are in fact worth the effort to acquire them. It is often at the time of greatest success that you realise what you desired so much is in fact somewhat disappointing and perhaps not worth all of the effort.

The Seven of Pentacles may, therefore, represent fear of failure, delays, and frustration. However, the positive side to it is that you are more likely to be learning from these setbacks and evaluating how you can better invest your time to create the most value. In order to avoid feelings of frustration, ensure that you review your progress to date at regular intervals, particularly when

engaged in long-term or enduring work, so that you can review what is working well and what is not and where you can make adjustments. Make sure that you are on course and that you are on track to achieve your goals.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Seven of Pentacles suggests that you are investing in long-term commitments to improve your career opportunities. You may be engaged in further education that will take a number of years to complete. You may have recently joined a graduate or internship program, or have started at an entry level with the view that you will work hard and progress through the organisation. You are willing to put in the time and effort now to reap the rewards later.

In terms of career aspirations, you need work that you yourself are responsible for. You may be interested in building a business yourself from the ground up, or pursuing a concept that bears fruit later on. It may take a few years to get established but you will be much more satisfied with the result than continuing on with various unfulfilling jobs.

If you are already in an established career or business, the Seven of Pentacles indicates profit and growth, particularly if you have worked hard to get to where you are. This may also be a good time to engage in long range planning of between 5 and 10 years to ensure that you are clear about your goals and how to get there.

In a financial reading, the Seven of Pentacles asks you to form a long-term view and to save for a rainy day. You may need to ensure that your financial savings are in good shape and that you have sufficient funds for your longer-term living needs. You may also need to invest in long-range activities that will set you up well for the future, such as having a 3-5 year plan and knowing where you will invest your time and energy. You may also see your long-term investments begin to pay higher dividends after a long period of steady growth.

## **Personality Types**

The Seven of Pentacles personality represents someone who is willing to put in the effort over a period time if there is promise of seeing long-term results. There may still be sometimes, though, when the Seven of Pentacles personality becomes frustrated with how long things take before they see any results, but they are pretty good at managing their frustrations and rationalising the situation. This personality type also has skills in making long-term investments, particularly in a financial sense and a general life sense. This person is more likely to view life on a 3-5 year scale most of the time, rather than just living day-by-day.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the upright Seven of Pentacles is a positive sign that you are indeed on the right path to finding the right relationship, but it may take a little longer than you expect. This card is all about making long-term investments and reaping the rewards once those investments come to term or fruition. So, the experiences you are having now, while not perfect experiences, are leading you closer and closer to the relationship you truly desire. The wonderful thing about being single is that you meet many different people who seem to teach you many different things about yourself. They may not be your perfect match or even particularly attractive or romantic people, but they will be an important part of your journey towards the ultimate relationship. Know that you are heading on the right path!

If you are in an established relationship, the Seven of Pentacles suggests that you see your partner as someone who is most definitely worth investing time and energy with. You see a lot of potential and promise with your partner, and you know that the more time you spend together, the more value you will get out of this relationship. You are also aware that the relationship itself is on a journey and that you have to put the effort in now to reap the rewards later. You are both focused on creating a sustainable and long-term relationship. You know that a good relationship takes time, focus, and energy to establish itself—it cannot all be built overnight. You were both willing to invest that time together to make sure you create a solid foundation, and the relationship will stand the test of time.

If you are experiencing some challenges in your relationship, the Seven of

Pentacles shows that you or your partner still has enough energy left to keep investing in this relationship to watch it grow. You accept that not all relationships are easy and that they take time to build and grow, so you are willing to keep trying in this relationship. The key is to maintain a long-term view and to remain patient in the short-term, knowing that you are working towards a longer-term goal.

Even if you have recently split from your partner, the Seven of Pentacles suggests that there is a possibility that in the long-term, this relationship may blossom again. The Seven shows a man who has sown his seeds a long time ago and is finally starting to see the rewards of his labour. You may find that in a few years' time, you and your ex reconnect and can even start where you left off. Of course, you need to manage your expectations and yourself and be conscious that you are not just waiting for your ex to come back to you.

## **Spirituality**

The Seven of Pentacles in a spiritual reading indicates that you are willing to invest in your spiritual development over the long-term. You are not looking for quick wins or spiritual fads. Instead, you are committed to putting in the effort now for greater spiritual enlightenment later. You recognise that enlightenment cannot be achieved in a matter of days, weeks, months or even years. You know and understand that it takes a full lifetime to achieve enlightenment, and perhaps even longer!

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Seven of Pentacles indicates that you are finally starting to see results for your hard work. You may have been following a specific diet or exercise plan and are now seeing improved fitness or more rapid weight loss. If you are still contemplating whether or not it is worth it, know that health and well-being improvement takes time and the best time to start is now. Focus on long-term and sustainable goals, rather than trying to lose 10 kilos in 10 days, for example.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Seven of Pentacles + Chariot – Your determination and willpower will help you to achieve your long-term goals.

Seven of Pentacles + Justice – You are evaluating and assessing your progress to date and deciding your future course.

Seven of Pentacles + Star – There is a huge amount of personal benefit and wisdom to be achieved by persevering with your long-term goals.

Seven of Pentacles + Seven of Cups – You may be prone to engaging in a lot of daydreaming about the future but taking little-targeted action. Examine your current activities to ensure that you are still on track to achieve your goals.

Seven of Pentacles + Seven of Wands – Keep persevering, even if you are still encountering setbacks, challenges or opposition as it will eventually pay off.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The reversed Seven of Pentacles suggests that your efforts may be scattered at this time and you are starting to question whether or not you are investing in the right areas. You may be outlaying some initial money on things that will not deliver results. So, the opportunity here is to examine your current and planned investments (both financial and time), and make sure that you are going to see a return on those investments. Use a prioritisation system to ensure that you do not waste time and money on areas that will not deliver results.

Similarly, the Seven of Pentacles reversed indicates that even though you may continue to invest a lot of energy into a specific situation, you may not reap the rewards you are looking for. As such, this card calls on you to prioritise your activities very carefully. You need to do a cost-benefit analysis of the major tasks involved to bring your project to fruition as there are certainly a number of tasks that are currently taking a lot of your time and energy but are not bearing the rewards you are seeking. Take stock of what

you still need to do and focus only on those things that will get you to where you want to be. You may find that there are a lot of things that you get involved in that are just not value-add. For example, email and meetings are huge time wasters if not used effectively. Try to get down to the 20% of tasks that deliver 80% of the value, and focus on these, rather than investing your time in tasks that do not deliver any results.

As a key strength, the reversed Seven of Pentacles can indicate that you know when to stop investing in something when you are seeing little return. Some people are inclined to keep persevering at something, even if it is not working out, just because they have already invested a lot of time, energy or money into it. However, you are very good at identifying when a situation is no longer delivering you any value and knowing when to pack it in and try something else.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Seven of Pentacles indicates that you have been working very hard on laying the foundations for your relationship, but now, for some reason, you are concerned that you are going to lose all of that. You may also be feeling frustrated that the relationship is not progressing or growing as quickly as you had hoped, particularly given that you have put in so much time and energy. Sometimes you can pour your heart and soul into something, but it does not always mean that there will be results. You may come to the realisation that it just is not worth your time and no matter how much you try, the relationship is going to continue to hit roadblocks.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Seven of Pentacles reversed + Wheel of Fortune reversed – A run of bad luck means that your long-term investments are delayed and not delivering the value you expected.

Seven of Pentacles reversed + Eight of Cups – You recognise that you need to walk away from an emotional investment as it is not progressing as well as you had hoped.

Seven of Pentacles reversed + Two of Wands reversed – You are struggling

to see results for your actions due to a lack of a clear, long-term plan and vision for the future.



# EIGHT OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Apprenticeship, education, quality, engagement.

**Reversed:** Perfectionism, lacking ambition or focus.



## QUOTES

“Try to pick a profession in which you enjoy even the most mundane, tedious parts. Then you will always be happy.” – Will Shortz (Puzzle guru)

“Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.” – William A. Foster (US Marine)

“It is the little things that make the big things possible. Only close attention to the fine details of any operation makes the operation first class.” – J. Willard Marriott (Founder of Marriot Hotels)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Eight of Pentacles shows a young man labouring over eight coins, carefully etching out a pentacle shape into each coin. He has already successfully completed six coins and has two more to go. It is clear that he is in the middle of a project that absorbs all his attention. He has isolated himself from others (the town in the background) to concentrate on the task at hand. This card reflects a time when you are focusing all of your energy on something and making sure it is as perfect as it can be. You are very engaged in what you are doing and determined to do a good job.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Eight of Pentacles is the card of apprenticeship. An apprenticeship, whether actual or metaphoric, is a time of learning new skills and a time of beginning something that one has not previously done. In this sense, the Eight of Pentacles indicates that you are experiencing or about to experience a change or a new beginning in terms of your work, education or financial circumstances. However, unlike many of the other cards indicating change or renewal, the Eight of Pentacles symbolises a concentrated determination to master the new skill being learned and the single-minded effort of someone

who has consciously chosen a new career path or creative undertaking. This card shows a diligent and hard-working attitude and indicates that you are applying yourself fully to whatever is at the centre of your attention. This card creates success through perseverance and individual initiative as opposed to luck or the generosity of others.

The Eight of Pentacles suggests you are working away at the finer details of the various aspects of your life, in an effort to continuously improve your situation. You may be unhappy with your current state, and you know you need to make some important changes in your life to increase your overall satisfaction. This card is a positive sign that you are committed to making those changes and to ensuring that you give yourself the best possible chance. Overall, this is a very hard-working and conscientious energy that is present in your life.

The Eight of Pentacles is encouragement to keep doing what you are doing as it will eventually lead to success. Yes, it requires a lot of dedication, focus, and patience but as each day passes and as you stay true to your values and beliefs, you get a little closer to your goal. It may not be as apparent as you may like but events are unfolding that will lead you to the right path. Continue working on yourself, too, and making ongoing improvements and adjustments to ensure that you are the best person you can be.

The Eight of Pentacles may indicate further education or study in order to hone your skills. You may already be proficient in a particular skill set, but you are now seeking to master those skills. For example, you may be a great home cook, but now you are starting to focus your attention on fine French cuisine. Or perhaps you have learnt the basics of Tarot reading, but now you want to become a Tarot expert! You know that it will require a lot of focus and dedication in your studies, but you are willing to work hard and to pay attention to the details. You know that you will not learn these advanced skills overnight, but you are prepared for the journey towards becoming a master at your chosen expertise.

If you encounter this card in a reading and are not currently engaged in the active pursuit of your goals, ask yourself what you could learn or create to better yourself or your circumstances. If you are already engaged in the pursuit of new learning, the Eight of Pentacles may be a card of

encouragement and reassurance that the energy you invest in your development will be worth your while.

The downside of the Eight of Pentacles is that by focusing on the details of your work or study, you may become a perfectionist. While it is important to get the details right, be aware of any tendency towards perfectionism where you may lose sight of the bigger picture.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Eight of Pentacles shows that you are a diligent and conscientious worker and once you are engaged in your work, you fully apply yourself and create excellent results. You aspire to a job or a business where you can fully utilise and further develop your skills and knowledge, to reach your maximum potential. You know that if you are working in the right type of environment, then you will be very successful.

You may be engaged in, or about to engage in, further education and study to improve your skills and become an expert in a particular field. The course may take a couple of years, but you are willing to invest in your education. As you study, you will no doubt be very focused on achieving the best results and spending a lot of time and energy on perfecting your assignments to ensure that you earn the best grades possible so that you can access the best jobs available. The more awards and high grades that you can get for your resume, the better! This will show potential employers that you are prepared to work hard and that you are a high achiever, so keep this up! Additionally, if you are working at the same time, there are many opportunities for you to step into more challenging roles at work that truly leverage your abilities and knowledge.

If you are looking for work, the Eight of Pentacles suggests that you need to be very diligent in your search activities and ensure that you go into your interviews with a full understanding of the industry and the company you are applying for. You may need to show your prospective employer that you are willing to learn on the job and pursue further education if necessary. Demonstrate that you are a hard worker and very conscientious.

Financially, you may need to be satisfied with a ‘training’ salary for the time being while you improve your skills. Know that in the long-term you are investing in your future, and soon you will acquire the skills that will enable a higher salary. If you are working on your financial budgets, then pay attention to the details and ensure that you are aware of all your income and expenditures.

## **Personality Types**

The Eight of Pentacles personality type represents someone who is very patient, studious, diligent, hard-working, conscientious, focused, and dedicated. This is someone who is willing to invest a lot of time and effort into perfecting his/her skills, with the view to become an expert. This person makes an excellent employee as he/she will be focused on getting the details right and ensuring that work is completed to the highest of standards. At times, the Eight of Pentacles personality may be perfectionistic as a result of their detail-orientation.

## **Relationships and Love**

With the Eight of Pentacles, you are very focused and dedicated to improving your relationships, and it is important to you that your relationships are working well. You are willing to put in the extra effort to make this happen. It may be that you dedicate more time with your loved ones, or it may even be that you seek professional guidance to continually improve your connections with others. This is certainly a very important area to you, and you want to get it right first time.

If you are looking for love, you may be investing your time into educating yourself around how to give and receive love, and you may be focused on ongoing self-improvement. You strongly believe that to find the right relationship, you need to be well prepared yourself. You are also committed to doing whatever you can along the way to find the right partner and will not give up.

If you are in a committed relationship, the Eight of Pentacles is a positive sign that you are working diligently to ensure that this relationship is

successful in the long-term. You both know what you need to do and what improvements you need to make. You are both dedicated and committed enough to put in the effort. The relationship is heading in the right direction. Just have faith!

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Eight of Pentacles shows you working hard on something that you have been dedicated to for a while. You see your spiritual path as a lifetime journey which you are slowly but surely working through. Do not give up the focus and high levels of concentration in this area of your life. The Eight of Pentacles is a good sign to keep doing what you are doing and allow yourself time and focus on this area of your life. You may also want to engage in further spiritual study to increase your spiritual understanding.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Eight of Pentacles asks you to remain focused and committed to your health, by focusing on getting the details right. It may mean sticking to a very specific diet, exercise or health treatment plan that may seem highly detailed but is likely to get you feeling better. This card is also about education, so you may even benefit from attending a course on a related health topic or by doing as much research as possible on your specific health issue.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Eight of Pentacles + Lovers – You are focused on improving your relationship in order to bring you even closer together. You are willing to work hard to save the special connection you share.

Eight of Pentacles + Chariot – You are showing incredible focus and determination in your work and studies that will lead to overall success.

Eight of Pentacles + Strength – By engaging in further education and improving your skills, you are growing your inner strength and becoming a

much stronger person as a result. Your studies may also be focused around self-improvement rather than externally focused skills.

Eight of Pentacles + Hermit – You are engaged in solitary study that is likely to be of a spiritual nature.

Eight of Pentacles + Six of Wands – You will be publicly recognised for your studies or your work.

Eight of Pentacles + Nine of Wands – You are persevering at your studies and work, even if it is a difficult journey.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the Eight of Pentacles can reflect that your attention to detail is getting in the way of innovation and change. The Eight of Pentacles is perfection in a self-contained world, a world that needs nothing but perfect pentacles, one after another. But what if the rules change? What if you are called upon to do something completely different to the task at hand, or you need to change your focus? This may send you into a tailspin! If you need to take a risk, or to shift gears, the reversed Eight of Pentacles shows that your perfectionism has become a barrier to your success. You will have to let go of the smoothness and predictability of doing what you have mastered, and be willing to make a Fool of yourself all over again.

Often, the reversed Eight of Pentacles reversed suggests that you are working very hard on something, but it is not leading to the desired outcome, leading to frustration and disappointment with the lack of success and progress. Sometimes, we can focus in on improving a part of ourselves or trying to fix something, only to find that all that effort is just going towards the wrong things. You may be honing in on minute details that are not important to the overall workings of your life. Instead, you need to look at the bigger picture and ask yourself whether this is the right direction for you at this time. How can you bring your attention out of the detail and redirect to the overall picture? Are you working on the right things, or is there a major part that you are missing? Return to the energy of the Seven of Pentacles and re-prioritise

and invest in those activities that will lead to the greatest return.

In a work-related reading, the reversed Eight of Pentacles can indicate a time when you lack the ambition, engagement or dedication to see your work through. You are too wrapped up in everyday concerns and worries to take the time out to gain more long-term security. Instead, most of your energies are wasted pursuing short-term gains and rewards. Continuing to toil at the same work is not going to get you where you want to be. This might be fine for some people, but for you to get anywhere in your current profession, you might have to go back and gain additional skills and possibly even take a pay cut while doing so. Rather than trying to look for minor improvements in what you are already doing, this card suggests completely thinking outside the box. Look for something unrelated to what you have been doing, for example, starting your own business or entering an entirely new field of work. Look for something new. The time is right for you to change directions.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Eight of Pentacles reversed + Four of Cups – You lack interest and engagement in your current activities. It may be time to change direction.

Eight of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Cups – You are becoming lazy and lacking drive and ambition.

Eight of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You are reluctant to change your ways, particularly if it has brought you certainty and security in the past. However, change is imminent, and you are only creating barriers for yourself by refusing to change.



# NINE OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Gratitude, luxury, self-sufficiency, culmination.

**Reversed:** Over-investment in work, financial setbacks.



## QUOTES

“Both abundance and lack exist simultaneously in our lives, as parallel realities. It is always our conscious choice which secret garden we will tend ... when we choose not to focus on what is missing from our lives but are grateful for the abundance that’s present-love, health, family, friends, work, the joys of nature, and personal pursuits that bring us pleasure-the wasteland of illusion falls away and we experience heaven on earth.” – Sarah Ban Breathnach (Author)

“Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.” – Denis Waitley (Motivational speaker and writer)

“Always accept good fortune with grace and humility.” – Mark L. Mika

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Nine of Pentacles shows a mature woman walking in the midst of a vineyard. The vines are heavy with grapes and golden coins representing the fruitful accomplishment of all her desires. A falcon sits calmly on her left hand, symbolising her own intellectual and spiritual self-control. Far in the background is a large house, presumably belonging to the woman herself. There is a general sense of peace, satisfaction, and the fulfilment of a creative venture or personal investment in the image of the Nine of Pentacles that offers a more permanent, lasting achievement as the result of one’s efforts.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Nine of Pentacles indicates that you have reached a point in your life where you are feeling self-confident, self-sufficient, independent and free. By acting on your own accord, you have attained well-deserved success and may now enjoy money, leisure time, pleasure, material comfort, and rest. You appreciate what is now available to you, knowing that the difficulties are over. You also know that you can complete any work necessary through

confidence, self-discipline, and patience.

The Nine of Pentacles is about enjoying the good life and the fruits of your labour. You have worked hard to get here, so now, sit back and relax and enjoy some of life's luxuries. You deserve it! Do not be afraid to splurge, indulge or pamper yourself, particularly if it is a reward for all of your hard work. Treat yourself to a special occasion, to simply celebrate the journey you have been on to achieve your goals and to re-energise yourself for the next phase. You are close to reaching completion, so acknowledge this and then prepare for what will come after.

Sometimes, however, the Nine of Pentacles can indicate that you are close to reaching your goal, but you have not yet made it. So, as a result, you may want to stick to your program and continue sacrificing until you have reached that goal. You are showing great self-discipline and self-control to ensure you get to where you want to be.

Whilst the suit of Pentacles typically focuses on material wealth and gain, the Nine of Pentacles also suggests that you are in harmony with the nature that is around you. You have an appreciation for the beauty and abundance found in nature, and you are able to harness this energy to bring pleasure into your life. You may enjoy gardening or floristry, or you may simply like to pass your time in the beauty of nature with picnics or walks in the park.

The Nine of Pentacles can indicate a time of restraint, poise, and grace. The figure in the card is very lady-like and refined. She lives a comfortable, luxurious lifestyle and is able to keep herself looking nice. This is a time when you need to carry yourself with grace and refinement, and to be tactful and diplomatic in your dealings with others.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are looking for work, the Nine of Pentacles is a very positive sign that you will soon find the right job for you that will bring a decent income, a bit of class and status, and a fulfilling career. The Nine is almost a confirmation that you will achieve everything that you want to, particularly on a material level, and you will be able to afford to do all the things you love doing

without having to compromise.

The Nine of Pentacles can also indicate that you will benefit from increased status in your work. For example, increased business travel may mean that you stay at fancy hotels or get to dine at expensive restaurants. You may have reached a level of seniority where you now get your own office or car park—something a little bit special compared to others at your organisation.

In terms of a career path, the Nine of Pentacles can reflect home-based work that you do on your own or starting up your own business. This is about being self-made and succeeding from your labours.

Financially, you may be lucky enough to have substantial finances or material possessions. You get what you ask for, and you may be backed by a rich family or ancestry. You are accustomed to living life in a very comfortable fashion.

## **Personality Types**

The Nine of Pentacles personality is typically a self-made, independent and successful individual who is now in a position where he/she can enjoy the wealth that has been earned. This person is likely to be very beautiful, graceful and refined, enjoying life's luxuries such as fine dining, wine, beauty treatments, travel, expensive cars and the like. This person is diplomatic and tactful, well-mannered and rarely engages in rude or inappropriate behaviour.

## **Relationships and Love**

The Nine of Pentacles shows that you have a very high respect for yourself, that you are an intelligent and gorgeous being and that you know you deserve the best in your relationships. So, if you are looking for love and searching for the right relationship, keep focused on finding someone who is going to appreciate you for who you are and who will only give you the best. Do not settle for someone just because they are available. You are incredibly deserving of a wonderful relationship that is not only built on love but also an appreciation for each other.

Alternatively, you may have reached a point where you are truly satisfied with yourself, and you have become completely independent and free from the worries of whether you will be in a relationship soon or not. You enjoy your own company, strength and ability to live on your own. You can also see the distinct benefits of remaining on your own as an independent person.

In an established relationship, the Nine of Pentacles can suggest that your partner is treating you like a queen or king with romantic dinners, luxurious dates, and fabulous gifts. If this is not yet part of the relationship, then make sure you focus more attention on your partner and treat them to something special. Enjoy each other's company and share in the abundance you have created through your partnership.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Nine of Pentacles asks you to focus on creating a fabulous life—the life you have always wanted for yourself! You are no longer giving your power to others. You have taken your personal power back, and you are making a successful life for yourself, regardless of what others may say or do. You have also learned to appreciate the beauty that surrounds you and to be grateful for your blessings.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Nine of Pentacles indicates that you are feeling full of vitality and that you are hopeful and optimistic about the future. You are willing to spend a little extra on health and well-being to ensure that you are well looked after.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Nine of Pentacles + Empress – You are enjoying a beautiful, sensual lifestyle filled with art, beauty, and nature.

Nine of Pentacles + Chariot – You are exercising great self-control and discipline to reach your goal.

Nine of Pentacles + Hermit – You are enjoying an independent yet wealthy lifestyle, perhaps as a spinster or sole business owner.

Nine of Pentacles + Three of Cups – Celebrating with friends and enjoying a luxurious lifestyle with your closest companions.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

In its reversed position, the Nine of Pentacles suggests that you may be suffering from financial setbacks or you have experienced a loss due to unwise decisions or foolish actions. Your foundations may be about to give way. If they do, learn from your mistakes and build a more solid and secure foundation next time.

The Nine of Pentacles reversed can also indicate an over-investment in work. You are working long hours to the detriment of your personal life. This is a good time to return to a natural setting (e.g. a forest, beach, mountain or lake) to restore your energies and rejuvenate yourself.

Similarly, the reversed Nine of Pentacles suggests that you may need to release some of your focus on having to sustain particular income and a particular standard of living, especially if this is coming in the way of other life priorities such as family or relationships. You may think you need the best of everything but really, all you need is your family and loved ones around you. Do not be afraid to take a cut to your income for a short time or to reduce your hours at work, even if this means that you have to eat rice and beans each night for a week to make up for it! It is important that you are focused on what is most important to you. Finances may need to come second, and while you need to at least have food on the table, there may be some areas where you can cut back and reduce your dependence on material wealth.

On the other hand, the Nine of Pentacles reversed shows that you want to be able to lead a luxurious life, but something is getting in the way. For example, part of you knows you deserve a beautiful home, but another part of you doubts yourself and whether or not you can truly afford it or whether you

are going too far and splurging. You want to be surrounded by beauty, but you also do not want to be dependent on material possessions for your satisfaction and fulfilment. You do not want to be seen as spending your money frivolously, and so you are reluctant to invest in luxuries.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Nine of Pentacles reversed + Star – You need to focus less on material wealth and more on spiritual wealth and transformation.

Nine of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You need to loosen your grip on the need for material wealth and possessions.

# TEN OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Wealth, inheritance, family, establishment, retirement.

**Reversed:** Financial failure, loneliness, loss.



## QUOTES



“When a man has done his best, has given his all, and in the process supplied the needs of his family and his society, that man has made a habit of succeeding.” – Mack R Douglas (Author and speaker)

“Always reward your long hours of labour and toil in the very best way, surrounded by your family. Nurture their love carefully, remembering that your children need models, not critics, and your own progress will hasten when you constantly strive to present your best side to your children. And even if you have failed at all else in the eyes of the world, if you have a loving family, you are a success.” – Og Mandino (Author)

“I believe the recipe for happiness to be just enough money to pay the monthly bills you acquire, a little surplus to give you confidence, a little too much work each day, enthusiasm for your work, a substantial share of good health, a couple of real friends and a wife and children to share life’s beauty with you.” – J. Kenfield Morley

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Ten of Pentacles is a card of culmination and final fulfilment. The card shows an aged, wise man sitting comfortably just outside an archway leading into a town. He is surrounded by his family and his dogs and wears a rich robe decorated with images of grapevines, crescent moons, and other symbols. Behind the laughing couple under the arch, a young boy reaches playfully to pet one of the dogs. This card is a symbol of financial security, accomplishment, and comfort. The patriarch is able to rest and enjoy the fruits of his labours in retirement while he looks on at the lives of his children and grandchildren. This is a man who has accomplished a great deal during his life and is now able to rest in the satisfaction of knowing that what he has created will provide value and joy to others, even when he is gone.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

As a Ten, the Ten of Pentacles is such a great sign that despite challenges and setbacks along the way, you will finally reach a point of completion and accomplishment in your journey. This sense of accomplishment is likely to be as a result of an improved career path, more solid financial reserves, a stable home environment and a possible committed and long-term relationship. This is one of those cards that shows that everything will eventually come together in a wonderful way and you will feel highly successful and proud of everything you have achieved. You will also feel compelled to share this success with others to ensure that they are also well cared for.

This card reminds me of the wealthy retired father figure who can now finally relax and enjoy his family and his home. He has worked incredibly hard over his lifetime to build up wealth, prosperity, and security. He now has the financial reserves to share with his family to ensure that they are well supported now and in the future, which in turn leaves him feeling happy and content with his ability to provide.

With the focus on the family, you may be more inclined to direct your energy into ensuring that your family has everything that they need, from finances, to security and a good home life. You want to ensure that your children and family will always have everything they need.

The Ten of Pentacles shows how family, or even extended family, is incredibly important. It represents tradition, being a part of something bigger and realising that the blood of your ancestors runs through your veins. It signifies that you are part of a long chain of individuals who subsequently creates a family, a tribe, and a society. It provides a structure where you can sit safely and comfortably, knowing that you are a part of history and heritage.

The Ten of Pentacles is also a card of affluence and wealth. You are blessed with material abundance and are now free from any sort of money troubles. You feel financially secure, and you are fortunate enough to have luck and success on your side to ensure your financial reserves are high.

This card reflects permanence and creating a lasting foundation for future success. It is a card of commitment to a sustainable future, taking into

consideration not just the short-term benefits of a particular venture but also the long-term benefits. It is about investing in the long-term and knowing that you need a consistent approach to achieve success that will last the test of time.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Ten of Pentacles indicates that you would like a career that gives you a sense of completion, financial security, and connection with others. From a numerology perspective, the Ten represents the final stage where everything has fallen into line, and you feel as though you have accomplished your goals. Given this Ten is from the suit of Pentacles, you are seeking a well-established career where you can be truly successful and good at what you do, and that will provide you the financial security you need to build a stable lifestyle. You want to be able to provide for yourself by earning a solid income. Additionally, this Ten speaks of family, indicating that you want to be part of something bigger in your career and you want to feel connected to those with whom you work.

If you are looking for work, you will soon be rewarded with an established and secure role that provides longer-term certainty and a decent income.

The Ten of Pentacles shows that you also have a business head about you and you know what it takes to manage your finances and establish yourself in a work sense. This will be particularly important if you do want to start your own business as it is not just about being great at what you do but also being great at marketing yourself and managing your cash flow.

Financially, expect wealth and abundance as a result of your long-term commitment to work or a particular business venture or investment. Money should be flowing better than it has done for a while. You should have more than enough money to meet your needs. Invest in your future and save some of what is coming in now.

## **Personality Types**

The Ten of Pentacles personality represents someone who has a solid

reputation, who believes in long-term and sustainable success (not just short-term benefit), who feels safe and secure in tradition, heritage and convention, and who likes to be able to share profit and wealth with others. This typically represents an older male or someone who is well-established in their life and is now able to provide for others. They believe in the structure of family and will place a high priority in ensuring family needs are met. This is also a person who is mature enough to commit to a long-term relationship, investment, career, or venture, knowing that the commitment will bring wealth and abundance on many levels.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Ten of Pentacles suggests that you desire a committed, long-term relationship, where you can feel safe, secure and confident in the relationship. This card is often reflective of marriage so you are hopeful of finding a potential husband with whom you can create a special, long-lasting relationship. As the ultimate type of relationship from a commitment perspective, you may need to be a little more flexible with your expectations, particularly in the early stages of meeting someone new. While you desire a husband, wife or long-term partner, you need to allow for new relationships to evolve and develop at their own pace.

In an established relationship, the Ten of Pentacles is indicative of a long-term commitment with each other, perhaps through marriage, buying a house together, living together, starting a family or making a verbal commitment to your relationship. It represents a sense of completion in love, knowing that you have brought together all of your inner reserves to create something special.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Ten of Pentacles speaks of peace, joy, and prosperity. Not only are you able to enjoy wealth and abundance on a material level, but you can also enjoy wealth and abundance on a spiritual level. You have gained enough maturity along your journey to know how to make the best use of your accomplishments and to share them with others. You are no longer materialistic or selfish, but you are willing to share your

spiritual wealth.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Ten of Pentacles is a positive sign that your health is in good condition. However, if you are experiencing health issues, look to your family history to see if there are any patterns that you should be aware of that may impact your own health.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ten of Pentacles + Emperor – As the primary income earner for the household, you are able to provide for others while also ‘ruling the roost.’

Ten of Pentacles + Lovers – A likely marriage or long-term romantic commitment to each other.

Ten of Pentacles + Four of Pentacles – You are conserving your funds and saving for a rainy day.

Ten of Pentacles + Six of Pentacles – You may want to give a lot of your wealth and material abundance to charity, knowing that you already have enough to support yourself and your family.

Ten of Pentacles + Four of Swords – You may be entering a period of retirement or a career break with some solid financial reserves behind you.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Upright, the Ten of Pentacles shows a beautiful picture of a family within a huge castle. The ‘man of the house’ looks so happy to have finally accomplished everything that he has in life and is glad that he can now provide for his family for many years to come. This is one of those ultimate commitment cards often associated with marriage, financial success, and established families. Reversed, however, it suggests that there is something

getting in the way of this picture. The stability and security of the family unit, the marriage or the financials have been undermined, and there is no longer that feeling of stability. In some cases, it can mean that a marriage has come to an end very recently and it is now going through a process of divestment. In other cases, it can mean that this is a temporary state of flux and there is still the possibility that it can get back on track.

Reversed, the Ten of Pentacles is about failure on a financial level. This card indicates financial loss, problems with investments, and lack of resources. Despite a lot of time and effort, there seems to be many limitations to future success as a result of a poor foundation. In some cases, this card represents the problems of money, such as fears about finances and quarrels over property, as finances become an impediment to the enjoyment of life. It could indicate that you are beset with financial burdens and responsibilities.

In a relationship reading where the relationship is relatively new, the reversed Ten of Pentacles suggests that while you are keen to progress this relationship further, you are still not 100% sure that it has the potential for the long-term and you may be questioning whether your partner is truly husband/wife material. or not. You may be looking for a long-term relationship, but you are unsure that your partner is going to be the one who will provide that long-term commitment.

Similarly, if you are single, the reversed Ten of Pentacles suggests that you are looking for a fun relationship at this stage, not anything more committed than that. You would prefer something that is just casual but still secure enough to know that you are a couple.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ten of Pentacles reversed + Two of Cups reversed – A relationship has come to an end, there is the possibility of fear of commitment.

Ten of Pentacles reversed + Five of Pentacles – You have suffered a financial loss that has left you with very little.

Ten of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Pentacles reversed – A long-term

investment or business venture has failed to come to fruition and now you may be losing money at a rapid rate.

# PAGE OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Manifestation, financial opportunity, new job.

**Reversed:** Lack of progress and planning, short-term focus.



## QUOTES



“Write it down. Written goals have a way of transforming wishes into wants; cant’s into cans; dreams into plans; and plans into reality. Do not just think it - ink it!” – Author Unknown.

“First, have a definite, clear practical ideal; a goal, an objective. Second, have the necessary means to achieve your ends; wisdom, money, materials, and methods.

Third, adjust all your means to that end.” – Aristotle

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” – Walt Disney

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Page of Pentacles shows a young man who stands alone in a field full of freshly blossoming flowers. Behind him in the distance to his right is a grove of lush trees, probably fruit-bearing trees of some sort, and to his left lies a newly furrowed field which promises an abundant harvest. The Page walks slowly as though he were unaware of anything around him other than the golden coin in his hands, which he examines closely. The bright sky above him suggests that all is well in his world and that this is a tranquil moment spent planning his path towards future success.

The Page of Pentacles, like the pages of all the suits, is a card of new beginnings, of inspiration and the initial stages of a creative project or venture. Pentacles correspond to the alchemical element of earth, and in this sense the coin that the

Page holds may symbolise the beginning of awareness not only in terms of money and its value, but also in terms of a growing awareness of the importance of health and other material needs.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

## General

The Page of Pentacles is a card of dreams and the desire to manifest those dreams in the material world. You may be in the midst of a new project such as a hobby, business venture, or the beginning of a new educational experience. In any case, the Page is a sign of enthusiasm and desire, focused around a goal or a dream. The card does not indicate the fulfilment of dreams as much as the initial motivation and energy to begin the process of creating those dreams in reality. Therefore, this card encourages you to begin to put in place clear plans and actions that will ultimately lead you to achieve your dreams and goals. This is a time when you need to apply careful planning in order to manifest your dreams and achieve your goals.

You need to remain focused on the practical and tangible elements, keeping your feet firmly planted on the ground and not getting carried away with more ideas and concepts but rather being focused on what is realistic and achievable. This is when your common sense and pragmatic approach will lead you to success and to finding a solution that works.

Now is the time to start acting on all of those grand ideas and concepts that have been brewing in your imagination. Now is the time to make them real!

The Page of Pentacles also asks you to grow and expand in a way that generates prosperity and wealth for the future. You are just at the beginning of a new project or venture that will require you to remain focused on tangible outcomes and results. Be clear on what skills and resources you will require to draw wealth and abundance to you.

The Page of Pentacles has the desire to learn all things. He is dedicated to knowledge and the attainment of wisdom and new skills. He is devoted to all in which he is engaged, and he has great concentration in his interests and pursuits. Thus, the appearance of this card suggests that success will come to you after you have mastered new skills and have set your mind to achieving specific, tangible goals. You may need to consider further study, expanding your skill sets at work, or learning completely new ways of doing things. Do not be afraid to be the apprentice again, even if you are a master of another domain. Think of those 70-year-olds who enthusiastically start a University

degree! The more skills you bring to your portfolio, the more goals and dreams you can achieve.

Sometimes, the Page of Pentacles can represent a young person who has an entrepreneurial spirit. This person may be eager to attain wealth by pursuing a new business idea, by learning new skills or by applying themselves to a new situation. This Page might be young, but there is also great enthusiasm, commitment, dedication and a strong sense of responsibility to see the project through.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Page of Pentacles sees you starting in a new field, industry or job where you feel as though you are going back to square one, learning new skills and techniques for the job. You may also be pursuing a new line of study or engaging in a new education experience that will expand your skill sets.

If you are fresh out of University, this is a positive sign that you will soon find a job that will leverage your skills and knowledge that you have attained through your study.

If you are already in an established job, the Page of Pentacles can indicate a new business project which will require you to plan ahead carefully and may require you to learn new skills along the way. This is a good time to outline your specific job-related and career-related goals and to plan out the steps required to achieve those goals. You may also be drawing from others who represent the Page of Pentacles mindset (practical, dedicated, responsible, and often Gen Y).

In a financial reading, the Page of Pentacles suggests that you are about to invest in a new venture, or you are starting out with a new budget for yourself. This is about planning ahead but also starting at the start, so do not expect to see financial rewards immediately. Additionally, keep your records and receipts safe and secure, especially if it is around tax time.

## **Personality Types**

The Page of Pentacles personality typically represents a young, committed, responsible, practical and enthusiastic person who enjoys learning new things and pursuing new ideas. He is a diligent worker and an efficient manager who uses common sense and does things by the book rather than taking risks. Despite this, he is open to new ideas, particularly those he sees potential in and is not as rigid or dogmatic as the rest of the Pentacles court cards. He sees opportunities and prospects that are inherent in every situation, and he finds the best ways to exploit them based on his available resources. In this sense, the Page of Pentacles personality is highly entrepreneurial and is well-suited to the business world.

Traditionally, the Page of Pentacles is described as a young, dark-haired person with a tanned complexion.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Page of Pentacles suggests that you may meet someone soon who resembles the Page of Pentacles personality. Alternatively, this card can indicate that you will take a more practical and planned approach to meeting someone special. For example, you may have set yourself a goal of meeting someone by the end of the year, and to achieve that, you begin by subscribing to a number of internet dating websites, rather than simply waiting around for your knight in shining armour to sweep you off your feet. You are more inclined to plan out the steps required to find a relationship than give into the romanticism of it all.

If you are in a relationship, the Page of Pentacles indicates that this is a relatively new relationship and that it is more focused on the tangible or practical elements. There may be a lot less romance from an emotional perspective, but you are sure to be well planned around specific date nights, weekends away, and quality time together. You may even be considering starting a new business venture together or engaged in a similar line of work.

This card also indicates that you are both keen to make the relationship work. You are both practical and pragmatic in nature and are prepared to put in the effort you need to get this relationship up and running in the way you want. This is quite an industrious card in this sense and shows great promise for the

future as you are both committed to the relationship.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Page of Pentacles suggests that you are eager to research and learn about a new spiritual way of thinking. You are keen to learn the tangible aspects of a particular religion or spirituality, such as specific rituals, practises, and techniques. You are taking a very pragmatic approach to your spiritual studies and are being very methodical in how you go about learning.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Page of Pentacles suggests that you are focused on researching and gathering information about a specific health issue that is related to you. If you are experiencing health troubles, then you are very focused on finding a solution by seeking out new information and research.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Page of Pentacles + Chariot – You are incredibly focused and dedicated in your learning, career, and business pursuits, which will ultimately lead to success.

Page of Pentacles + Seven of Cups – Turning your dreams and ideals into reality through careful planning and action.

Page of Pentacles + Ace of Pentacles – The start of a successful new business venture.

Page of Pentacles + Page of Swords – You have advice for others that they are willing to pay for.

# **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Upright, the Page of Pentacles is about manifesting your dreams and goals. When this card is reversed, it can indicate that current blockages are standing in the way of you achieving those goals. It may be that you have not planned sufficiently, or that you have become lazy and complacent and have lost sight of your goal.

You may also be too busy daydreaming about new dreams and goals, without having taken any action on your original dreams and goals. So, you need to review your goals and think again about why you were originally motivated to achieve them. Think about what it will be like once you achieve that goal, and become re-committed to your objectives and the actions required to make your dreams a reality.

The reversed Page of Pentacles can also indicate that you are focusing on short-term pleasures and desires rather than sustainable and long-term goals. You will need to move beyond material satisfaction and towards what will bring you sustainable happiness and fulfilment.

Similarly, you may be finding it difficult to get a specific project or idea off the ground. Each time you try, it seems to amount to nothing, or it takes you even further away from where you want to be. There is a lack of success and a mounting frustration that perhaps you will never be able to achieve what you want. You may be losing faith in your talents and abilities. If this is the case, relax, lighten up and give yourself some space and down time for a short period. Take a holiday or a break from your usual routine, and you will find that this helps you to re-energise and re-focus.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Page of Pentacles reversed + Fool – You may be going about your goals in a haphazard or foolish manner which is leading to more failures than successes.

Page of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Wands – Constant opposition and setbacks are getting to you and preventing you from being able to manifest your dreams.

Page of Pentacles reversed + Nine of Swords – You are worried and anxious

about whether you are taking the right steps to manifest your goals, but this anxiety is what is getting in the way.

# KNIGHT OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Efficiency, routine, conservatism, methodical.

**Reversed:** Laziness, boredom, feeling 'stuck.'



## QUOTES



“Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit.” – Napoleon Hill (Motivational writer and speaker)

“Study the situation thoroughly, go over in your imagination the various courses of action possible to you and the consequences which can and may follow from each course. Pick out the course which gives the most promise and go ahead.” – Maxwell Maltz (Plastic surgeon and author)

“Thoroughness characterizes all successful men. Genius is the art of taking infinite pains. All great achievement has been characterized by extreme care, infinite painstaking, even to the minutest detail.” – Elbert Hubbard (Author and publisher)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Knight of Pentacles, like the Knights of the other suits, represents work, effort, and the responsibility that follows upon the dreams of the Page. The Knight of Pentacles sits upon a heavy plough horse in the midst of a field. In his hands, he carries a single gold coin. His eyes reflect careful thought and consideration. The Knight is engaged in the often toilsome, routine efforts required to realise the dreams of his heart. He is building the foundations to support his dreams and his goals.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Knight of Pentacles works in a very methodical and rigorous manner. Though his visions may not be earth-shattering, and his methods are certainly not original, the Knight of Pentacles sees that everything he undertakes will meet with nothing but success. He has the patience to accomplish all his tasks, and he is incredibly reliable due to his sense of responsibility and commitment. As a court card, the Knight of Pentacles may represent a part of yourself, someone in your life or an event.

As a part of yourself, the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you need to be trustworthy, reliable and a good provider. You need to follow a routine to ensure that an important task or job is completed from start to finish at the standard expected. You are in 'implementation mode' and are committed to getting the job done, even if it requires hard work along the way. You are also fiercely loyal and prepared to do whatever it takes to ensure the job gets done.

There is an element of perfectionism associated with the Knight of Pentacles. You are meticulous in your approach, and you make sure that everything is planned and executed down to the finest detail to create overall success. You will never leave a job half done. It is essential to you that you complete all assigned tasks and projects to a certain standard and that you follow through on your promises.

If you are dependent on the efforts of someone else to help you accomplish a goal in life, they will prove trustworthy and reliable. They are as committed to your goal as you are and they are very conscientious and committed to their work. For example, you may have employed the help of a house cleaner who consistently does a great job or a virtual assistant who is dedicated to assisting you with every task you throw their way. This is someone who wants to do a great job and is not afraid of hard work to meet your expectations.

As an event, the Knight of Pentacles often shows a time when you will have to assume responsibility and take charge of a situation. You may be assigned a project or given a task to do, and you will have to commit your time to see that project through to the end successfully. With the Knight of Pentacles, you will be required to accept responsibility without any complaints or grudges.

Sometimes, the Knight of Pentacles points to the more mundane elements of life. It represents routine, day-to-day activities, and general hard work that can sometimes be a 'slog.' It indicates a conservative approach that is risk averse and very safe.

This card also asks you to continue doing what you are doing, plodding along and making gradual progress. There is also no need to change your approach,

just ‘more of the same.’ Go with the flow, stick to your usual routines, and over time, you will reach your goals.

Similarly, the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you are taking a very moderated and conservative approach to life right now, and while you may be feeling that change is imminent, you are sticking to your tried and tested ways of doing things. You have established that you need routine and careful planning if you are to achieve your goals. It may not necessarily be a very interesting or exciting period, but at least you know you are on the right path to achieving your goals. Even if you are growing weary and tempted to quit, this Knight beckons you to keep at it, keep grinding away at it and you will eventually see success. Keep your promises and stay true to your commitments.

Conversely, if a situation has been stagnant for some time, you might see this Knight as a suggestion that you are being a bit stubborn and could do with a compromise. At times, this Knight can become too narrow-minded when he is fixated on his own ‘stuff’ and is hard-headed, obstinate and resistant to change.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Knight of Pentacles indicates that you are working very hard on an assigned project or piece of work. You are in planning and execution mode, ensuring that you complete the task within the set timeframe and at least at the performance level expected. You are prepared to do what you are tasked to do and follow the protocols and organisational processes to ensure that it is done right. Now is not the time to suggest doing things differently! You must work within existing systems and accomplish what people expect you to accomplish.

If you are looking for work, then the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you need to be very methodical in your approach. For example, you may want to maintain a spreadsheet of organisations or jobs that you have applied for, to keep track of your applications. In your interviews, you need to present yourself as a ‘worker bee,’ someone who is willing to go the extra mile to do a great job, and who is willing to do what is requested.

The Knight of Pentacles is associated with careers in accounting, process or data management, operations, or administration.

In a finance reading, the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you need to maintain a conservative and low-risk strategy for how you invest and spend your money. It is with hard work and dedication that you will slowly grow your financial reserves.

## **Personality Types**

The Knight of Pentacles personality type is loyal, patient, committed, dedicated, methodical, and meticulous. His approach may be boring, conservative and very routine, however, you can rely on him to get the job done at the standard you expect. He is very much about fulfilling obligations and keeping his promises. He is a dedicated worker and a loyal servant; when he says something will get done, it will. His persistence is virtually inexhaustible, and he will stick with a task until it is complete. The Knight of Pentacles likes doing things the traditional way, particularly when he knows that it is tried and tested, however, this can get in the way of creativity and imagination.

Physically, the Knight of Pentacles represents a dark-haired young person with dark eyes.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Knight of Pentacles is all about routine and sticking to the program in order to find your perfect partner. Thus, this card encourages you to keep plodding along and do what you are already doing. You are already on the right path, and with some patience and careful planning, you will soon find new love. The Knight of Pentacles may also indicate that this personality type is about to enter your life. He or she will be very conservative but conscientious, practical and dedicated to growing the relationship. They may not be as spontaneous as the other Knights out there, but at least you know that this Knight will commit to the relationship and will see it through.

In an established relationship, the Knight of Pentacles can indicate that your relationship is just plodding along at the moment. There are no major issues or problems; you are just following your usual routine and keeping things consistent. There can be a risk of boredom, particularly if you prefer your relationships to be a bit more dynamic, in which case you may benefit from breaking your routine together and doing something different. The Knight of Pentacles can also indicate that both of you are very committed to your careers and working lives and may be struggling to focus on the romance of the relationship. If this is the case, then make time not only for work but also for each other.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you are inclined to continue with your usual rituals and routines when it comes to spirituality and religion. You may be going to church every Sunday, or waking up early for yoga every morning. This is a good time to stick with your routine and to stay focused on your spiritual task at hand.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you need to continue to follow a routine (be it an exercise, diet or health treatment routine), even if you are finding that it is becoming monotonous and mundane. To achieve your optimal health, you will need to persist and stay focused on your health program.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Knight of Pentacles + Sun – You derive a lot of joy and pleasure out of your work, even if it is repetitive and mundane at times.

Knight of Pentacles + Four of Cups – You may be growing bored with your usual routine, but you are not necessarily doing anything about it.

Knight of Pentacles + Eight of Pentacles – You are very focused on the detail

of the task at hand and are committed to working hard until the job is complete.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Knight of Pentacles reversed is about feeling stuck in a routine and a repetitive pattern of behaviour. Life is becoming mundane and boring, and you are beginning to crave change or any sort of spontaneity. To free yourself from this repetition, aim to do things differently each time and bring some spontaneity into your life.

In a relationship, the reversed Knight of Pentacles can reflect boredom and restlessness. One partner may be happy with routine and 'more of the same,' but for the other partner, it is torture! You may also find that your relationship has lost its romantic side and now you are just focused on day-to-day activities such as grocery shopping, school runs, cooking dinner and the like. Try to find time in your day to spend some quality time together; otherwise, you risk losing the attention of your partner.

The Knight of Pentacles reversed can also suggest there are practical matters in your life that you have chosen to ignore recently. Mundane activities such as home upkeep, money matters, business relationships, and moving forward in your career have been left by the wayside as you focus on more exciting or important opportunities. Depending on what is on your plate currently, you may want to make more time to get your life in order, or you may continue to focus on more pressing or important priorities.

As a person, the reversed Knight of Pentacles can reflect someone who is unadventurous, overly conservative and resistant to change. This person may prefer just to stay at home while others are out having fun and taking risks. If this is you, you may be isolating yourself from others or losing the interest of your friends. Try to get out a bit more and be open to new experiences.

The reversed Knight of Pentacles can also indicate that you are becoming a perfectionist in how you approach your work. You may be critical of others who do not share the same attention to detail as you, and you may become

quickly frustrated when their work is not at the same standard as yours. While your hard work is appreciated, you do not want to lose the support of others along the way and may need to be more flexible in your approach.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Knight of Pentacles reversed + Fool – You have lost your sense of fun and spontaneity and need to be more open to taking risks again.

Knight of Pentacles reversed + Two of Pentacles – You need to get on top of your general affairs such as paying bills, keeping the house in order, and managing your journal.

Knight of Pentacles reversed + Three of Pentacles reversed – Your perfectionism is getting in the way of the team working harmoniously together. You are losing people along the way.

# QUEEN OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Practical, homely, motherly, down-to-earth, security.

**Reversed:** Imbalance in work/family commitments.



## QUOTES



“There is no spectacle on earth more appealing than that of a beautiful woman in the act of cooking dinner for someone she loves.” – Thomas Wolfe (Author and journalist)

“Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.”– Marion C. Garretty (Author)

“Each home has been reduced to the bare essentials... Only one woman’s hands to feed the baby, answer the telephone, turn off the gas under the pot that is boiling over, soothe the older child who has broken a toy, and open both doors at once. She is a nutritionist, a child psychologist, an engineer, a production manager, an expert buyer, all in one.” – Margaret Mead (Anthropologist)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Queen of Pentacles depicts a solitary woman who sits upon a throne decorated with carvings of fruit trees, goats, angels, and other symbols of material success and sensual pleasure. The tree above her and the ground beneath her feet are rich with flowers and ripe plants of all sorts, and she holds in her hand a single golden pentacle, which represents her material richness. At the very lower right-hand corner of the card a rabbit, the symbol of reproduction and fertility, leaps out from behind some bushes. The rabbit also hops into our awareness, symbolising that it is a good time to look before we leap and exercise good judgement as the Queen of Pentacles does.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Queen of Pentacles is a very ‘motherly’ card, expressing practical energy. She is the original Earth Mother. She shows her love for others by cooking, cleaning, keeping a warm and inviting home and bringing in a decent income to support the family financially. She is also able to work a

full-time job, take care of the children, keep the house clean, and still have time to read the business section of the newspaper. She probably has her very own bank account or investment portfolio that nobody else knows about. She strives to create a warm and secure environment for her family and loved ones, and gives love and support freely.

The Queen of Pentacles may represent a mother figure in your life who can provide you with loving support and nurturing to help you get through the influences of your past. She may be a teacher, a counsellor, a mentor, or someone who you are very close to. Alternatively, she may represent a part of yourself, particularly if you are investing a lot of yourself into nurturing and caring for others and creating an established and comfortable lifestyle.

The Queen of Pentacles suggests that it is important to you that you are able to live independently, with a stable income and with enough time and space to also nurture your family and loved ones. You may be trying to create a better balance between your home and work lives, giving it your all in both domains and trying not to compensate one for the other. At the same time, you are also able to find time to invest in yourself and ensure that you have enough 'me' time in between all of your other commitments.

The Queen of Pentacles represents prosperity and security. She suggests that you have worked hard to generate a level of financial or physical security which, in turn, gives you the ability to be generous with others and to share your wealth and prosperity with those you love. You have used your financial prosperity to build a comfortable home environment and you are focused on investing in your family, as well as your personal wealth.

This Queen asks you to maintain a compassionate, nurturing, practical and down-to-earth attitude when it comes to dealing with others and your present circumstances. You need to focus on creating a calm and balanced life for yourself. You need to be resourceful and practical, dealing with issues as they arise and coming up with realistic and simple solutions that fix the problem with minimal fuss. The Queen of Pentacles is also able to find a use for everything in the home, and is very handy and versatile.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

The Queen of Pentacles indicates that you value your career and want to be successful in your work endeavours. At the same time, you also recognise the importance of your home and family life, and as such, you seek to create a perfect balance between work and home. Sometimes, the pendulum can swing to either side. You may become more focused on building your career and leveraging your already strong personal brand in the workplace. Or, you may decide to leave the workforce to become a stay-at-home mum. Either way, you are still very focused on providing for your family, whether that is financially or physically.

If you are looking for a new job, the Queen of Pentacles is a very positive card to see in a career reading as it indicates a level of financial independence, success at work and a strong desire to create stability and certainty in your career and financial affairs. This as a positive sign that you will find a job that you enjoy doing and that will provide you with the income you need to sustain a comfortable lifestyle.

This Queen is also a very nurturing and generous type of person and has a way with animals, children, and nature. You may enjoy working in related fields, for example as a gardener, teacher, veterinarian, or pediatrician.

In a work-related reading, the Queen of Pentacles highlights that you will be successful at work, having built up a lot of experience and a solid reputation amongst your peers. You will be paid well and will have access to some of the higher profile projects. You may also be responsible for leading and managing others and will do this in a down-to-earth and practical manner. There may even be a female mentor who is assisting you at work at this time.

In a financial reading, the Queen of Pentacles brings a positive message that you will enjoy a comfortable lifestyle with a good level of financial independence. Your wealth is continuing to grow, and you lead an abundant and prosperous life.

## **Personality Types**

The Queen of Pentacles honours and values her home and family. She also has a very creative and fertile approach to life, and wherever she goes, life

blossoms in gardens, family or home business. She is a practical, down-to-earth woman who is satisfied with her life and enjoys what she has created around herself. She is pragmatic, financially adept, a good organiser and sensible. She has a generous nature and is warm-hearted, affectionate and devoted.

Physically, the Queen of Pentacles typically has dark hair, with a voluptuous, curvy body and is aged approximately 35 or older.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are single, you may prefer to remain single, free and independent at this time. The great thing with the Queen of Pentacles is that she is very content living independently as a single woman and has everything she needs to create a fulfilling life that way.

Alternatively, if you are seeking a relationship with a female, the appearance of the Queen of Pentacles could see you meeting this type of person very soon. She may be someone who is practical, down-to-earth and nurturing. She is likely to be a little older, more mature and more motherly.

If you are in a relationship, the Queen of Pentacles shows that there is a lot of care, nurturing, and support in the relationship and it is likely to be a long-term, committed connection. You care a lot about your family, and as a result, you are a wonderful parent and a good partner. You are also doing a great job at maintaining a good career, bringing in a good income and providing for your family. You do this with love and respect for your family. This Queen is loving in a practical way, rather than an emotional way. She shows her love by providing for her family, cooking delicious meals, and organising the week ahead, by doing the practical things. What she may have more trouble doing is expressing her emotions through intimacy and physical signs of affection. For some, this is fine but if your partner expects more intimacy or physical contact, then this may become an issue for the relationship.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Queen of Pentacles suggests that you need to focus on generosity. Realise that being generous to others and nurturing others does not mean that you deplete your own reserves or that you must go without. We are all one of the same and are all connected, so through the seeming paradox of abundance born of charity, our generosity makes way for the abundance of the Universe to flow into our lives, offering us new opportunities.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Queen of Pentacles suggests that you may need to create time and space to focus on yourself first in order for your health to truly improve. If you are constantly putting everyone before yourself and before your needs, then your health may suffer as a result. Balance in all things is important. You are just as important as anyone else.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Queen of Pentacles + Empress – You are the ultimate nurturing mother with a strong connection to your family and nature.

Queen of Pentacles + Ten of Cups – You are providing for your family not only through practical means but also through your love and support.

Queen of Pentacles + Nine of Pentacles – You are financially independent and have generated enough wealth to sustain a very comfortable, if not luxurious, lifestyle.

Queen of Pentacles + King of Pentacles – A very practical, down-to-earth and committed union between a man and a woman that is likely to stand the test of time.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Queen of Pentacles reversed sees you becoming very consumed in your work. You may be placing your career before your family or your

relationships, and this is having a detrimental impact. Of course, this may be ok on a temporary basis, but you need to assess its long-term impact. To rebalance your life, you may find a release by returning to a favourite nature spot (a forest, beach or mountain) and allowing yourself to take in this fresh, natural energy.

Similarly, the Queen of Pentacles reversed can suggest that you are feeling worried about whether you can be financially independent, while also still maintaining your family connections. You may be concerned that if you invest in your career or financial well-being, you might not have enough energy to invest in your family.

Sometimes, you just cannot do everything, and you will need to make some choices. You may also find that you become a bit of a homebody and somewhat isolated from others. If so, you need to fight this urge and keep in touch with your friends and family as they will be a great help and support to you.

At times, the reversed Queen of Pentacles may suggest that your tendency to mother those you care about is becoming more like smothering. Your intentions are good in that you love to cook, clean, nurture and care for those around you but there may be a point at which you need to let others be accountable for their own upkeep. You cannot always be the one doing the laundry or cooking the dinner. Sometimes you need to step back and let others take on the load. Similarly, you may reach a point where you are investing so much time looking after others that you find you are neglecting yourself. Again, step back and let others take on some of the household responsibilities.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Queen of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You need to release your desire to control the household and always be the one in command. Instead, let others take on some responsibilities.

Queen of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Wands – You are taking on too much responsibility and neglecting your own needs in the process. Delegate or shift

the responsibility to allow yourself more time and space for your needs.

# KING OF PENTACLES

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Security, control, power, discipline, abundance.

**Reversed:** Authoritative, domineering, controlling.



## QUOTES



“A wise man does not just wait for the right opportunity, he creates the right opportunity.” – Author Unknown

“A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better.” – Jim Rohn (Author and philosopher)

“Leader in its most important sense means being the agent of your own life, influencing the things you care about most in the world to make it a richer life.” – Stewart Friedman (Author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The King of Pentacles is a card of worldly success, ultimate fulfilment, material satisfaction, and high ambition. The King sits upon a throne decorated with carvings of bulls and vines, and his robe is covered with embroidered grapevines rich with fruit. He appears very regal and sophisticated. At his feet and all around him are vines, flowers, and plants of all sorts, representing the highest attainment of material success. In his right hand, he holds the sceptre of his power and in his left he holds a golden coin, symbolic of his material influence. Behind him is his castle, a symbol of all he has built through his efforts and determination. This King is therefore very serious about financial security and has made the accumulation of funds his main preoccupation in life. He is very proud of his achievements and willing to show others his prized possessions.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The King of Pentacles represents abundance, security, ambition, power, stability, discipline, trustworthiness and control. He is a fatherly figure who likes to take care of others through providing advice, guidance, and wisdom, as well as more material aspects such as financial support and wealth. He is a

true provider and generates a lot of his self-worth from what he has accumulated and what he can share with others.

The King of Pentacles is a lot like King Midas. Everything he touches turns to gold. He is a shining example of financial stability, with wealth and experience coming easily to him and to share with everyone around him. This is a man who has reached the pinnacle of his financial power and influence and can rest assured of his continued prosperity. He is no longer required to struggle to achieve what he desires, like the Page and the Knight, and can accomplish anything he wants because he has already proven himself.

Thus, the King of Pentacles often indicates the final fulfilment of a creative task, business venture, or investment. Through diligence, responsibility, and attention to detail, you have achieved great things and can finally say that you have completed your task or attained your goal. You can now enjoy all that you have accomplished and the successes you have created. You have created a richness of life, not just financially but also spiritually, which will set you up very well for the future.

Whenever you need the skills to manage your day-to-day affairs competently and efficiently, you can call upon the King of Pentacles. Work hard, methodically and conscientiously. Give generously of your time and resources, because by giving, you often receive more, and making more money is something that all Kings of Pentacles love to do!

This King is business-oriented and highly enterprising. He becomes thoroughly engaged in any activity that provides the ability to generate more wealth or more business. He can make any venture successful and can find a business opportunity almost anywhere! He can take an idea and make it work financially. He is a natural-born manager (as opposed to a leader, which is more representative in the King of Wands) and business person.

The King of Pentacles indicates that a methodical, planned and well thought-out approach will lead you to success. Many consider the King of Pentacles to be dull and unimaginative, but this is a likely consequence of his preference to do things in the most tried and tested way. You have experimented in the past with what works best and have landed on your own methods and practises that you know will continue to work for you in the

future. So, you continue down this path rather than trying new ways of doing things. You know that you have reached the height of achievement and you do not need to take any more risks.

The King of Pentacles also calls on you to be pragmatic and to stay informed on practical matters. You need to get down to the basics and use your problem-solving ability to get to a solution. You also need to be able to leverage your various skills and resources to create success. This King can also play the political game well, interacting comfortably with everyone, no matter what his or her status.

The King of Pentacles reminds you to remember that appreciating the sensual, luxurious side to life often makes life more pleasurable. As such, this King is about quality over quantity, and learning to enjoy a full and joyful life. He is not afraid to spend money when appropriate so that he can generate much joy and benefit from life.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the King of Pentacles shows that you have reached a point of great success in your career, which has generated great wealth and a solid reputation within your field. You may have reached the upper echelons of management and can now impart your knowledge and wisdom to others.

Alternatively, this King may reflect a mentor or manager who is in your life who can offer you support throughout your career. His style may be quite paternalistic, but he means well and wants you to be successful.

Given the enterprising nature of the King of Pentacles, the appearance of this card may also indicate that you own your own business and you are enjoying a period of great success and accomplishment.

The King of Pentacles is a sign of wealth. Wealth may come in the form of associates, money or knowledge. Your finances are likely to be on the rise, largely due to your own efforts and/or wise, long-term investments. Take calculated risks in your finances but do not get carried away. Share your wealth when and where you feel compelled to do so. This King may also

indicate that you need to consult with a trusted financial advisor before signing a contract or investing money into a particular venture.

## **Personality Types**

No one has a stronger character than the King of Pentacles. He is true to his word and is incredibly reliable, patient, dependable and committed. Whatever he says he will do, he will achieve, often with outstanding results. The King of Pentacles is a true business person and is a master of the material world. He has a significant amount of experience and knowledge and is, therefore, able to use money, wealth, and power to create security and peace of mind, rather than getting carried away with selfish goals. He is often representative of a father figure or a committed partner or devoted friend. Physically, he is typically a dark-haired, older male. He dressed well and likes to look good as a sign of his wealth.

## **Relationships and Love**

The King of Pentacles represents a person who values home and family and is relatively conservative and traditional. Commitment and long-term relationships are important to this King, and he will prove to be a very loyal and dedicated partner. He is a good provider, and an excellent husband and father, so long as his authority is not disputed. While basically good-natured, he wants to be King of his castle and expects to be treated as such.

Thus, if you are single, you may soon meet this type of person. He is likely to be older than you and will want to assume a position of authority and control in the relationship. He may be quite traditional in his approach and may ensure that you both commit to each other, even in the early stages of the relationship. Alternatively, you may assume this role in a new relationship.

If you are in an established relationship, the King of Pentacles can indicate that your relationship will become more committed and focused on the long-term. Marriage or a desire to start a family may be on the cards. As a husband or long-term partner, the King of Pentacles is likely to have high expectations of you and family members and may have trouble relating to his children if they do not think and act as he does. He can sometimes be quite stern and

rigid in how he approaches relationships and likes to make sure that everything is steady and predictable, as well as working smoothly.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the King of Pentacles suggests that your focus has primarily been on creating material wealth, and while your spiritual wealth has benefited, you could certainly devote more energy to your spirituality. Consider how you can turn material wealth into spiritual wealth, perhaps by giving your wealth or knowledge to others who need it most.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the King of Pentacles heralds good health particularly if you continue to stick with your 'tried and tested' health routines and programs.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

King of Pentacles + Emperor – This combination emphasises an individual's authority, power and need for control. This is someone who is very set in their ways and highly paternalistic.

King of Pentacles + Hermit – You have accumulated great wealth, but you may not have the means to share it with others. Thus, something is missing in the fulfilment of your goals.

King of Pentacles + World – You have reached a point of significant wealth accumulation and the successful achievement of a major material goal. Retirement may also be on the cards.

King of Pentacles + Six of Pentacles – You are encouraged to share your wealth with others through charity and giving.

# **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The King of Pentacles reversed may show some possible downsides or character traits to be aware of. He can show an excessive interest in material things, including good food, wine, or sex. These can be fun but can also be taken to an extreme.

He can also be very stubborn and traditional about some things, which could be exasperating. He also expects to be King of his castle and is possessive about his home and things.

The King of Pentacles reversed is a man who will do anything for money. He is impressed by other people's status and social position and will readily say yes to any requests from those above him. At the same time, he dismisses those who do not hold the same level of authority and status and may come across as a snob to others. He is constantly name-dropping and trying to prove himself by bragging about the people he knows. This reversed King can be either a workaholic or an extremely lazy man who expects others to look after him financially. He may care only for his possessions and uses other people to gain them. He may be someone who marries for money, leaving the person only when he has gone through all of their resources.

The reversed King of Pentacles can be highly rigid in his approach, so when this King shows up in a reading, look at your life. Are you feeling 'stuck in a rut'? Having your feet on the ground is a good thing, but everybody needs to lighten up once in a while and stick their heads in the clouds, even if it is just for a breath of fresh air.

As the upright King of Pentacles reflects a committed and devoted partner, the reversal of this card may indicate fear of commitment or a strong desire NOT to be committed to anyone. You may have thought you met the man of your dreams or your future husband in this person, but you have quickly come to realise that he is not what you are looking for. He may not be as reliable or dependable as initially thought, and instead, he has become overly controlling, authoritative and possessive in your relationship with him.

Similarly, your partner, who is normally there to provide for you and protect you, may recently be going through a difficult period and now the tables have turned. Up until now, you have seen him as your rock, someone who is incredibly well-established, accomplished, sturdy, stoic, proud, and

successful. However, now you must be the rock and the firm foundation, supporting your partner while he regains his strength and courage. There may be increased instability and uncertainty over the coming months.

In a family relationship, the reversed King of Pentacles can indicate the possibility of familial abuse, particularly through misuse of power, authority, and control. He may be highly disciplinary, rigid and inflexible, failing to show his love through positive means and only suppressing the spirit of others.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

King of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You are becoming overly possessive and controlling of your personal possessions and wealth.

King of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Swords – In your bid to impress those in positions of power, you are betraying the needs of others who may be able to help you later on.

King of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Cups reversed – You are not fulfilling your family commitments as you pursue wealth and status in your career.

# THE SUIT OF SWORDS

The Suit of Swords is representative of the element of Air. Swords are associated with action, change, force, power, ambition, courage, and conflict. Just as a sword is double-edged, so too are the Swords cards in the Tarot deck. For example, action can be both constructive and/or destructive, sometimes resulting in positive change, or in aggression and violence. Of all the suits, the Suit of Swords is considered to be the most powerful and, at times, dangerous.

The Suit of Swords deals with the mental level of consciousness that is centred in the mind and the intellect. Swords mirror the quality of mind present in your thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs. The Suit of Swords symbolises the fine balance between intellect and power and how these two elements can be used for good or evil. As such, the Swords must often be balanced by spirit (Wands) and feeling (Cups) to maximise their potential.

The negative aspects of the Suit of Swords (i.e. when the Swords cards appear reversed) include anger, guilt, harsh judgement, a lack of compassion, and verbal and mental abuse.

Swords represent the Air signs of Aquarius, Libra, and Gemini. Swords people (as typically seen in the Court Cards) are intelligent, thoughtful, rational, logical and excellent communicators. They are rational beings and like to experience the world by understanding and analysing what is occurring around them. On the flipside, Swords people can be ruthless, domineering, confrontational, and rigid.

When referring to timing in a Tarot reading, the Suit of Swords traditionally represents autumn or months. In a deck of playing cards, Swords corresponds to Spades.



Should a Tarot reading be predominantly Swords cards, you are seeking solutions to what are primarily mental struggles, conflict and arguments, and decisions that must be made. Also, there could be many arguments or even violence at present. While Swords can carry with them many negative or very strong, forceful messages,

Swords also serve as a warning to be more cautious of what is occurring around you.

# **QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: SUIT OF SWORDS KEYWORDS**



Raw power, victory, breakthroughs, mental clarity



# ACE

Confusion, chaos, lack of clarity



Indecision, choices, truce, stalemate, blocked emotions



# TWO

Indecision, confusion, information overload



Painful separation, sorrow, heartbreak, grief, rejection



# THREE

Releasing pain, optimism, forgiveness



Contemplation, recuperation, passivity, relaxation, rest



# FOUR

Restlessness, burn-out, lack of progress



Conflict, tension, loss, defeat, win at all costs, betrayal



# FIVE

Open to change, past resentment

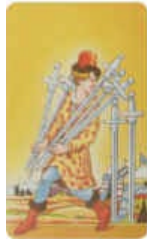


Regretful but necessary transition, rite of passage



# SIX

Cannot move on, carrying baggage



Betrayal, deception, getting away with something, stealth



# SEVEN

Mental challenges, breaking free



Isolation, self-imposed restriction, imprisonment



# EIGHT

Open to new perspectives, release



Depression, nightmares, intense anxiety, despair



# NINE

Hopelessness, severe depression, torment



Backstabbed, defeat, crisis, betrayal, endings, loss



# TEN

Recovery, regeneration, fear of ruin, inevitable end



Talkative, curious, mentally restless, energetic



# PAGE

All talk and no action, haste, undelivered promises



Opinionated, hasty, action-oriented, communicative



# KNIGHT

Scattered thought, disregard for consequences



Quick thinker, organised, perceptive, independent



# QUEEN

Overly-emotional, bitchy, cold-hearted



Clear thinking, intellectual power, authority, truth



# KING

Manipulative, tyrannical, abusive



# ACE OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Raw power, victory, breakthroughs, mental clarity.

**Reversed:** Confusion, chaos, lack of clarity.



## QUOTES

“The beginning of wisdom is found in doubting; by doubting we come to the question, and by seeking we may come upon the truth.” – Pierre Abelard (Philosopher)

“Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve. Thoughts are things! And powerful things at that, when mixed with definiteness of purpose, and burning desire, can be translated into riches.” – Napoleon Hill (Motivational author)

“Clarity precedes success.” – Robin Sharma (Leadership development consultant)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Ace of Swords shows a hand, cloaked in white, holding an upright sword, symbolic of the mind and the intellect. At the tip of the sword is a wreath, indicating success and victory, and a crown, indicating mental clarity. However, the barren, mountainous landscape below the sword reflects the often cold nature of intellect.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Ace of Swords shows the beginning of a situation whose potential is as double-edged as the blade of the sword itself. The Ace implies the use of great power, even excessive power at times, to further one’s ends but what is not clear is how those powers will be used, or what it is that you are trying to achieve. No matter what the goal, there is always great power behind the attempts to reach it and, as such, very little can stand in the way of the energy of the Ace of Swords without being destroyed.

The power of the Ace of Swords can be drawn up by anyone whose heart, mind and will are strong. However, it is up to the bearer of the Sword to tap

that potential and use it in a way that is beneficial for the greater good.

The Ace of Swords represents a period of great insight and mental clarity. It signifies a breakthrough or an 'Aha!' moment where suddenly conscious understanding and mental reasoning reaches their peak, and achievement of goals suddenly becomes a lot easier. You have a new understanding of some issue that has been of concern, or, in a broader sense, a new world view. This is a perfect time to clear away the fog that has kept you from seeing the inner truth so that you can now cut to the heart of the matter. This is also a good time to act, and if you set your mind to accomplishing your goals, you can achieve anything you desire.

The Ace of Swords highlights a new idea, inspiration, original thinking and creative vision. It represents a point at which you have a new way of thinking and the energy to go with it. You are excited to pursue new opportunities that draw upon your creative and mental abilities.

The Ace of Swords also encourages you to seek out the truth of the matter and to find justice. You may be championing a cause or standing up for your rights or the rights of others. Thus, sometimes, the Ace of Swords can suggest that you are prepared for battle. You have great clarity on a situation and can now argue your case with the view to come out victorious. You may have a new idea for which you are ready to fight, or you may be fired up about an issue that you are particularly passionate about, such as human rights, the environment or your personal beliefs. This card invites you to use mental force and to use your intellect and critical reasoning. If faced with a challenging situation, you need to be ready for battle and be prepared to find the strength to overcome these challenges.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are looking for work, the Ace of Swords heralds an exciting, new opportunity that is likely to bring a heightened level of mental stimulation, inspiration, and creativity. You may be offered a job that requires you to actually 'think' rather than just 'do,' and as such, your knowledge and experience will be highly valued. In your interviews, ensure that you provide well thought-out answers, a clear and succinct point of view, and creative and

original ideas.

In a career reading, the Ace of Swords can indicate a new project that will require you to think differently to how you have in the past. Alternatively, you may seek a completely new direction in your career, and may even choose to leave the job that you are currently in, particularly if it is not mentally stimulating.

In a financial reading, the Ace of Swords suggests that you may gain greater clarity regarding a financial issue, or you may come across a new piece of information that will help you identify new financial opportunities.

## **Personality Types**

The Ace of Swords personality type is someone who is bursting with new ideas and creativity. They are always generating new ways of thinking and new approaches to regular issues. You can just see their eyes light up when another idea comes to mind. This is also someone who likes to cut straight to the heart of the matter and get to the truth as quickly as possible. They are highly analytical and logical in their approach, but this enables them to be at their best.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Ace of Swords suggests that you may soon find a new relationship that shows a lot of potential. This new partnership will be mentally stimulating and will generate a heightened understanding of yourself and others. This person is like a breath of fresh air and offers such a new perspective.

Alternatively, you may have a personal breakthrough when it comes to your relationships, and you may feel compelled to take an entirely new path to reach your goal, based on your new understanding.

In an established relationship, the Ace of Swords suggests that you, as a partnership will have a breakthrough moment where you understand the relationship from a whole new level. This will, in turn, spark the relationship

to head in a new direction that will generate new energy for you both. This card is also about seeking out the truth, so aim to have more open and honest conversations with each other. It is highly likely that this process will open a new door in the relationship.

## **Spirituality**

As a primarily spiritual card, the Ace of Swords often represents a spiritual insight or a breakthrough where you have greater clarity or conscious awareness of a particular spiritual aspect. On the other hand, although there is great value in the inspiration and power of the mind, the intellect must be tempered by compassion and spirit for its true value to be manifested. The two-edged sword cuts deeply in either direction, and a fine line must be walked to achieve the balance necessary for a healthy life.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Ace of Swords in a health reading can often indicate surgery or an injection, or the need to see a specialist surgeon.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ace of Swords + Strength – You are drawing upon your inner strength to generate greater clarity of mind and new sources of inspiration.

Ace of Swords + Hermit – Time in isolation and contemplation will facilitate a breakthrough moment which will bring greater spiritual understanding.

Ace of Swords + Justice – You are seeking out the truth of the matter at hand, and your situation will be clarified with a definite outcome.

Ace of Swords + Ace of Pentacles – A new creative idea will soon manifest into a new business venture with great initial success.

# **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**



The reversed Ace of Swords suggests that you lack clarity around what your true goals and aspirations are. You have a high-level understanding but have you been able to define this in more specific terms? This card often appears when there is a lack of clarity or complete understanding of the task at hand, and asks you to spend some more time on clearly defining in very real terms what it is you want in life. Set yourself some SMART goals (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound) so you can be clear on what you are working towards. Focus on the basics and do some better planning.

The Ace of Swords reversed also reflects an idea or concept which you have not yet put into action, perhaps because you are unsure about whether or not it will bring the results you want. You are having difficulty with the early stages of formulating an idea, a plan, or your goals. You may have too many ideas on the go and are unable to make a decision, creating challenges with completion.

The Ace of Swords reversed identifies clouded judgement and lack of mental clarity around a specific situation. You are missing important information or evidence that will assist you in your predicament, so invest your time and energy into seeking out the truth, rather than simply taking things at face value.

The reversed Ace of Swords can also suggest that a situation has regressed into to a state of complete chaos and confusion. Whatever clarity you had about the specific situation is now gone, and instead, it feels like there is just one big mess.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ace of Swords reversed + Seven of Cups – You have so many ideas that it is becoming overwhelming and preventing you from taking decisive action.

Ace of Swords reversed + Two of Wands reversed – Your goals are currently ill-defined or misaligned and, as a result, you do not have a clear sense of direction.

# TWO OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Indecision, choices, truce, stalemate, blocked emotions.

**Reversed:** Indecision, confusion, information overload.



## QUOTES

“Life is inherently risky. There is only one big risk you should avoid at all costs, and that is the risk of doing nothing.” – Denis Waitley (Motivational speaker and writer)

“Each indecision brings its own delays and days are lost lamenting over lost days... What you can do or think you can do, begin it. For boldness has magic, power, and genius in it.” – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe(Writer)

“The more equally attractive two alternatives seem, the harder it can be to choose between them - no matter that, to the same degree, the choice can only matter less.” – Edward Fredkin (Physician)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Two of Swords depicts a young, blindfolded woman who holds a sword in each hand. She sits before a sea filled with rocks and crags that present obstacles to ships which need clear passage. The blindfold shows that the woman in this card is confused about her situation and that she can see neither the problem nor the solution clearly. The swords she holds are perfectly balanced, showing a balanced and stable mind, and that both sides of the situation need to be addressed. The crossed swords are also symbolic of the need for a truce and the Suit of Swords indicates that the problem at hand needs to be resolved using logic and intellect. The waxing moon to the right of the woman shows a new beginning arising out of the solutions found for this problem.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Two of Swords is a card of choice and of the difficulty of making a decision. The woman in this card is blindfolded, and this may be intentionally so, indicating that she is avoiding making a very difficult decision. Her state of calm and relaxation may be indicative that she is trying to avoid this

important decision in order to bring about peace of mind. However, the decision must still be made. Therefore, the appearance of the Two of Swords indicates that you are currently being faced with a difficult decision, but you are attempting to hide from it and pretending to yourself and others that if you ignore the decision long enough, it will go away of its own accord. However, the decision will not go away simply by your willing it to depart.

Your conscience will eventually force you into facing your refusal to deal directly with the situation.

The Two of Swords, therefore, serves as a reminder that life's decisions are frequently quite difficult and raise the possibility of painful consequences. However, you must 'take the bull by the horns' and make your decisions with your best intentions, fully aware of the possible consequences. Avoidance will ultimately lead to a greater conflict.

The blindfolded woman in this card is also an indication that you lack the information you need to make the right decisions at this time. You may be missing something, such as threats or potential risks, alternative solutions, or key pieces of information. Once you remove your blindfold and see the situation for what it really is, you will be in a much better position to determine your path forward. Research your options more widely, seek outside opinions and feedback and ask yourself what you are missing here. Why is this decision so challenging to make? What extra information do you need?

Given the two swords in this card are in perfect balance as they cross the front of the woman, this card reflects the need for greater balance in your intellectual life. You need to take a break from your usual way of thinking so that you can begin to consider alternative ideas and viewpoints. You also need to be very diplomatic and weigh the pros and cons of both options that are available to you and consider that there may indeed be another way around the problem. You need to compromise or let things stand as they are.

The Two of Swords often represents a stalemate where there is no winner or loser. You may be at loggerheads with another person and failing to see each other's points of view. What is needed is a truce, where you either agree to disagree or you seek to understand each other's points of view before coming

to a final solution.

Thus, not only does this card represent potential conflict through a stalemate, it also represents making peace through a truce.

Similarly, the Two of Swords can reflect indecision and being at an impasse with regards to an important matter. Again, there is only so much that you can try to put off. At some point or another, you are going to have to make a decision or have a point of view to get things moving again.

In a reading, it may be helpful to draw a further two cards, either side of the Two of Swords. This will highlight what it is you are trying to balance or decide upon. This may also identify the two alternative solutions from which you are trying to choose.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Two of Swords suggests that you are facing an important but challenging decision at work. If you are looking for a job, you may be forced to choose between two jobs that seem as good as or as bad as the other. Do your research to find out more about each option, or try to ascertain if there are alternatives.

If you are already in an established job, you may be weighing up whether or not to leave your current job for something new, or you may be dealing with an important business decision that requires you to act. Again, do your research and look to source the truth of the matter before moving forward. There may also be some unresolved conflict that exists with your colleagues or superiors that is creating a stalemate and increased tension.

In terms of possible career paths, the Two of Swords may indicate a mediator, negotiator or conflict resolution expert.

In a financial reading, the Two of Swords indicates that you need to create some balance between incoming funds and outgoing expenses. You may also be trying to decide between two options that will have financial implications. Also, be mindful of any costs that may be associated with delaying your decision, such as increased interest rates or late fees.

## **Personality Types**

On the one hand, the Two of Swords personality can come across as quite indecisive and uncertain about making the next move. They may be constantly ‘umming and ahing’ to delay having to make an important decision. This may also be someone who is currently caught between a rock and a hard place, finding it difficult to make a firm decision that will impact their lives.

On the other hand, the Two of Swords personality may be the type who likes to balance up their options and ensure that they have all the information they need. They can be very diplomatic in hearing out others and ensuring that they understand everyone’s points of view, before coming to a final decision.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, you may be lucky enough to have two potential relationships from which you can choose. You may be trying to keep your options open by maintaining contact with both suitors, but at some point, you will have to choose one over the other. It will become difficult keeping up relationships with both! Be mindful, too, that you are not trying to hide your head in the sand about deeper emotional issues that are preventing love from entering your life. Sometimes the Two of Swords can indicate that you are still caught up in a past relationship and cannot decide whether or not to leave this in the past and pursue a new relationship.

If you are in an established relationship, the Two of Swords suggests that you may be in two minds about where the relationship is heading in the future. You may be deciding whether or not to continue this relationship, or you may even have another potential suitor on the side. This card can also indicate that you are at an impasse with your partner, particularly if you are failing to see each other’s points of view. Aim for a truce at least to create some peace. A professional mediator or conflict resolution expert may be helpful to ensure that your viewpoints are aired in a balanced and fair fashion.

## **Spirituality**

The Two of Swords suggests that you are facing some important spiritual decisions, possibly around which spiritual path to take. You may also be weighing a spiritual choice between what is ethically right and wrong.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Two of Swords suggests that you need to make an important decision regarding your health. You may have two options for treatment, both with their pros and cons. You may be wise to seek a second opinion, in this case, to shed more light on what the risks are and if there are any alternative therapies.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Two of Swords + Hanged Man – Your lack of decision at this point means that progress is stalled, but it may be for a higher good and greater understanding of the situation as a whole.

Two of Swords + High Priestess – You may be seeking intuitive guidance to help you make the right choice.

Two of Swords + Five of Wands – Your inability to hear out others' points of view is leading to conflict and a stalemate.

Two of Swords + Seven of Cups – This period of indecision may be as a result of having too many options on your plate. First, gain a clear understanding of your goals and then choose the option that aligns best with those goals.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Two of Swords reversed shows that you are caught between a rock and a hard place and you are finding it incredibly difficult to make a decision about what to do. You are struggling to see what the right choice is as either option will lead to negative consequences. Lay out the pros and cons of each option

that is available to you and weigh which option will have the most favourable outcome.

The reversed Two of Swords may also indicate mental confusion as a result of information overload. You are overwhelmed with other people's points of view and additional, detailed information about what options are available to you. At the end of the day, you are going to have to make a decision, so sift through the advice and the information that is available to select only the most relevant and helpful.

The reversed Two of Swords may suggest that you are feeling stuck in the middle of two competing sides. You may be trying to play the peacemaker role, but in doing this, you are just confusing yourself and creating more tension. For example, you may be trying to bring two conflicting family members together in the hope of a harmonious family environment, but instead, you are finding yourself being the messenger or the dumping ground for each of their concerns. Decide whether or not you truly have a role to play and whether you can indeed create peace between the two opposing parties. Otherwise, get yourself out of there!

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Two of Swords reversed + Five of Swords – You may be trying to resolve a conflict that cannot be resolved by you alone.

Two of Swords reversed + Ace of Swords – You need to be able to sift through the available information and find what is the most meaningful to help you see clearly.



# THREE OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Painful separation, sorrow heartbreak, grief, rejection.

**Reversed:** Releasing pain, optimism, forgiveness.



## QUOTES

“But how will I know who my soul mate is? By taking risks. By risking failure, disappointment, disillusion but never ceasing in your search for love. As long as you keep looking, you will triumph in the end.” – Paulo Coelho (Author)

“No pain that we suffer, no trial that we experience is wasted. It ministers to the development of such qualities as patience, faith, fortitude and humility. All that we suffer and all that we endure, especially when we endure it patiently, builds up our characters, purifies our hearts, expands our souls, and makes us more tender and charitable, more worthy to be called the children of God... and it is through sorrow and suffering, toil and tribulation, that we gain the education that we come here to acquire.” - Orson F. Whitney (Poet and historian)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Three of Swords is a simply illustrated card with a difficult message. A heart, suspended in the air, is pierced by three swords. The heart is symbolic of emotion and beauty, while the piercing swords reflect the ability of logic and power to harm the physical body and the emotions of a person. The sky is heavily clouded, and rain pours down violently, representing a grim moment in time.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Three of Swords represents rejection, sadness, loneliness, heartbreak, betrayal, separation and grief. Such events feel so painful because they are unexpected.

However, the Three of Swords often serves as a warning sign to show when one or more of these are possible. By preparing for this difficult event, the emotional blow can be minimised or even prevented entirely.

That said, pain, sorrow, and grief are often a necessity in the journey of life. Without pain, there would be no challenge and no lessons learned. Pain can be a great motivator because it encourages you to surmount obstacles and ultimately learn from your mistakes. Each challenge you encounter creates that initial pain, which inevitably turns into an opportunity to grow stronger and to change the direction of your life as a result of the lessons learned. While the pain may cloud your vision for a certain period, it will eventually allow you to see clearly and to put the past behind you. Though life seems meaningless at the time, recovery can and will occur. It takes faith, self-love, forgiveness, and time. Count your blessings.

The Three of Swords, therefore, serves as a reminder that if you can start to see pain as a learning opportunity, life will suddenly become less painful. You need to get in touch with pain and sorrow. Challenges remain but once they are no longer perceived as negative or bad, they lose a lot of their impact. This card is, therefore, encouraging you that you have the ability to conquer any pain that comes your way.

Understand how the pain can help you grow. If someone has betrayed you and you do not think you can ever love again, challenge that belief. Do not be surprised when your heart emerges from darkness, capable of loving even more than before.

Similarly, the Three of Swords speaks of loss and difficulty, of sacrifice and broken relationships. It follows the difficult decision required in the Two of Swords, where you may be avoiding the necessity of making a tough choice. In the Three of Swords, the choice has been made, and you are now experiencing the consequences of your action. Often, the choices involve choosing one good over another, or one evil over another, and thus when you have finally made your decision, you are still left with the pain of losing the option you have not chosen. Often, however, the pain of losing something you once valued (such as a comfortable relationship in which you are no longer growing) is necessary in order to prepare you for a more fulfilling experience in the future.

The Three of Swords is also about release. When you have suffered a major setback or loss, it is a good time to have a good cry, which is all part of the cleansing process. Expressing your sadness and letting it all out will then help

you to move on to better times. However, it is also important that you continue to focus on the future path ahead. There can be a risk that you may become overly absorbed in the loss and the surrounding emotions that you lose sight of the need to just let go and move on. The loss becomes your focus rather than the recovery. It is time to accept the loss and move forward with your life.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Three of Swords indicates a loss such as a failed project, a job loss, or an opportunity that has suddenly fallen through. You are likely to take the loss quite personally, with your feelings being hurt or your ego bruised. It is important that you keep things in perspective. While the setback at work feels significant, it will soon pass, and life will return to normal. Remember that you still have your loved ones, your personal hobbies, and passions and your inner spirit to keep you going.

In a financial reading, the Three of Swords can indicate a sudden, unexpected loss of finances. Shares may crash, a prized possession may be taken away from you, or you may find yourself in an enormous amount of debt. Again, you need to keep things in perspective and work, piece by piece, at regaining your financial stability.

## **Personality Types**

The Three of Swords personality type may be someone who is constantly carrying pain, grief, and sorrow with them. They are often more focused on what is going wrong in their lives, and the pain this is causing them, than what is going right. They may be so absorbed in their own losses that they struggle to see any positive future ahead of themselves. This may also be representative of someone who has indeed lost a lot in their life, be it the loss of loved ones, relationships, possessions, jobs, and so on.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a relationship reading, the Three of Swords typically represents heartbreak

of some sort. Your feelings are hurt, and you are suffering emotional pain and disappointment. Alternatively, it may be you that has inflicted the emotional pain upon someone else by ending a relationship or providing negative feedback.

If you are looking for love, the Three of Swords can indicate that you are still carrying pain and heartbreak from a previous relationship and this is getting in the way of being able to find new love. You may be better off investing your energy into healing from this loss, rather than risking a 'rebound' relationship that you later regret. Alternatively, you may find that potential new relationships continually end in heartbreak, even before they really get started.

If you are in an established relationship, the Three of Swords indicates a break-up or some sort of emotional pain that has been inflicted. You may have been let down by your partner or have had your trust broken. Whatever has happened, it hurts, and you need to focus on healing your heart before committing to any future action.

Thankfully, given this is a Minor Arcana card, this will be a temporary phase, and you will soon be able to love again.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, you may be struggling with loss and grief, and it may be impacting your faith. Treat this painful time as an opportunity to learn from the pain and to conquer it. Know that while it hurts now, it will not always feel this way and it is in some ways a test of your faith and inner strength to see how you will come out of the trying period. Time alone will be helpful. Have you done all the healing that you need to? The answers you seek are within you, although you may need outside help to bring them to the surface. Talk with someone you trust.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Three of Swords may literally represent issues with the heart or even heart surgery. You may also receive unexpected news about

your health that has negative consequences. Be mindful, too, of emotional stress, depression and anxiety and how this may be impacting your health.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Three of Swords + Strength – You will recover from your loss a stronger and more courageous person.

Three of Swords + Death – The finality of a personal transformation is impossible to fight against. Embrace the opportunity for change and renewal in your life.

Three of Swords + Tower – You have suffered a major loss, and it is taking its toll on you. While this feels like your darkest hour, you will emerge a changed person with a new outlook on life.

Three of Swords + Three of Cups – If you have recently experienced a loss, your close friends will be there to provide support.

Three of Swords + Five of Cups – A break-up, separation, loss of a loved one, or heartache that is difficult to deal with.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

In its reversed position, the Three of Swords indicates that you have recently gone through a difficult patch where perhaps a relationship has ended or has experienced challenging times, a loved one has passed, or you felt hurt from a situation that affected you deeply. Thankfully, this time has passed, and you are on the path to recovery, realising that with behind every cloud is a silver lining and there are indeed other things in your life which you can feel happy about. You have reached a point where you can accept the pain and hurt and are ready to move on.

On the flipside, the reversed Three of Swords can also suggest that you are finding it very hard to move on from a recent loss or heartbreak. This card suggests that inside you are still suffering emotionally from a previous loss

and need to go through an emotional purging process to allow yourself freedom from your past. You are doing your best to leave this behind and make a new life, but it is still a long journey ahead. Be careful that you are not getting stuck in the moment of grief, and instead you are focused on leaving behind your past and embracing new opportunities. It is always hard to bear the pain of separation or understand why you have been inflicted with such sorrow. Learn to accept your situation so that the healing process will not become blocked. Allow yourself to experience the pain, give yourself the right to grieve and release the heartache. Let it go, and then, once the upset, pain and tears have gone, open the door to new experiences.

If you are experiencing challenges in your relationships, the reversed Three of Swords serves as a reminder to be the peacemaker. Never be afraid to say you are sorry. Always think before you speak so that you will not later regret what you have said.

When you see the reversed Three of Swords, ask yourself, “In what ways am I suffering? What do I most feel sorrowful about? What can I do to release this pain and learn from it?”

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Three of Swords reversed + Star – Following a loss, you have renewed hope and faith that you can get your life back on track.

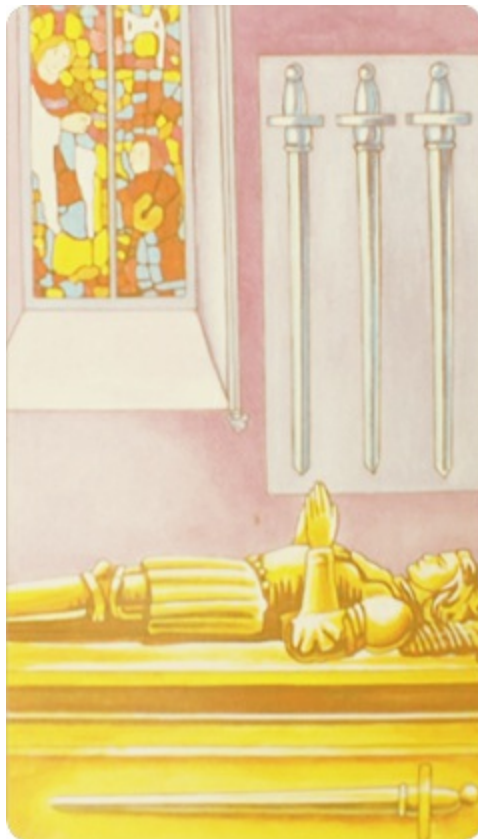
Three of Swords reversed + Five of Swords – There may be bad blood between you and a loved one. Offer forgiveness and move on from your disagreements.

# FOUR OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Contemplation, recuperation, passivity, relaxation, rest.

**Reversed:** Restlessness, burn-out, lack of progress.



## QUOTES



“Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without.” – Buddha

“The more tranquil a man becomes, the greater is his success, his influence, his power for good. Calmness of mind is one of the beautiful jewels of wisdom.” – James Allen (Essayist)

“In full calmness and peace you experience the unchanging, eternal pure being that you are.” – Remez Sasson (Founder of SuccessConsciousness.com)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Four of Swords depicts the effigy of a knight lying upon a tomb. His hands are in the position of prayer, and the tomb sits within a church. The stained glass behind the statue depicts a woman and child together. One sword lies beneath the knight, symbolising that there is only one key issue that is dominating your life at this time. Three further swords hang above him, pointing downwards.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Four of Swords shows a period of rest and recovery after a time of challenge, with the promise that, once recovered, you can and will return to the challenge.

In the meantime, the Four of Swords provides a new challenge—to stay silent and inactive. This is the time build up your mental strength. Meditate and spend time in a calm atmosphere. You need to replenish your strength and spend time in spiritual thinking. You need to rest and relax.

The Four of Swords is a reminder that after every crisis and before every new challenge, there is always a time of relaxation and contemplation. Constant

stress and tension will break even the hardest and most resilient of people but brief periods of rest enable you to refresh your energy, concentration, and focus, ready for the next challenge. These rests should be used wisely, to heal the body and ready the mind.

The Four of Swords is also a sign that you can stop worrying, put down your defences and take a breather from the chaos around you. For the moment, there is a truce, and you can catch your breath without being attacked again. However, bear in mind that a truce and peace are not the same thing. The Four of Swords is a guarantee that challenges will return to your life as soon as you are ready to face them, so make the most of the stillness and quiet you have earned but never lose sight of the fact that the battle is not yet over, and that there is still work to be done.

This card suggests that now is the time to rest from some difficult times, perhaps the trauma of breakup or departure, relationship or family problems, financial and health worries, stress, and conflict. Take a break. This is also not the time to make decisions, particularly when you are at your most vulnerable.

The Four of Swords suggests the need for seclusion. You need seclusion to deal properly with your situation and need to experience time apart from others to gather your thoughts and feelings. Following on from the painful loss of the Three of Swords, the Four of Swords indicates your need to spend time alone to re-evaluate your life. Solitude, although often difficult to bear, is necessary for you to be able to recharge your batteries and rejuvenate your spirit. This solitary experience always bears fruit in an experience of greater inner strength and confidence. Retreat from pain, conflict and distractions, and rid yourself of stress and anxiety. Ground and re-charge yourself. Look inward for a real change and meditate daily.

In a practical sense, the Four of Swords is an indicator that you need to have some time out from your current circumstances, to reflect and review your progress so far. This is a good time to re-evaluate and re-assess your priorities. It is almost like conducting your own 'Post Implementation Review' following a major milestone or a major challenge. Create some time and space to reflect on what has worked well, what has not worked well and what you need to change for the future. Pausing for reflection after each

major challenge will position you well for success in the future.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Four of Swords can represent a period of rest and relaxation, or 'down time.' If you are currently working, you may find that your workload is momentarily reduced to allow you to have some time out from your busy schedule. It may be a great time to organise a holiday or some well-needed 'R&R' time for yourself and your family. You may also be taking advantage of your annual leave, long service leave, or even taking a career break.

If you are feeling stressed as a result of work, then take a couple of mental health days to restore your energy levels and prevent any burn-out and exhaustion.

If you are searching for a job, the Four of Swords suggests that the job market may be particularly quiet at this time and finding a role may take longer than expected. Consider taking a personal break from your job search and allow yourself a bit of extra free time.

In a financial reading, the Four of Swords suggests that you are not overly focused on generating more income at this time. You are happy just to sit with what you have and not work extra hard to bring in more money. You value the down time more than you do the financial wealth.

## **Personality Types**

The Four of Swords personality type is laid-back, passive, contemplative and meditative. This person is in touch with their energy levels to know when they need some down time and when they need to escape from it all to rest and relax. They maintain a very calm and moderated lifestyle and will retreat when necessary to restore their energy levels. Sometimes, the Four of Swords personality may come across as quite passive and inactive, which can be frustrating to more action-oriented people. This personality may need some extra time and space before being ready to act or make decisions.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, you may experience a lull in finding new potential partners. Instead, you may be better off taking a break from looking for a new relationship and reflecting on what is most important to you in a potential partner. You will then come back to the dating scene feeling refreshed and ready to embrace new challenges.

If you are currently in a romantic relationship, you may be feeling a bit disconnected from your partner and may want to take some time out for yourself. It is important to communicate with your partner about what is going on inside and why you need some space. Do not be afraid to take some time out from the relationship in order to revitalise your energy and come back feeling more engaged and connected to your partner.

## **Spirituality**

The Four of Swords reminds you that no matter how demanding your situation is, or how strongly you are compelled to take action, you must be still and meditate quietly on your situation. Your higher energies will honour that stillness by keeping events at bay while you take the time to refresh your spiritual energy at this time. This may also be a good time to go on a spiritual retreat, particularly one that encourages silence, solitude, and meditation.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Four of Swords suggests that you need to slow down and relax in order to restore your health. You may have been running around with a busy schedule, but your body is calling on you to pause for a moment and allow it to heal before your next challenge.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Four of Swords + Hermit – You need some time in isolation to contemplate your life path.

Four of Swords + Hanged Man – You need to suspend your activities whilst you consider your future direction and restore your inner strength.

Four of Swords + Three of Swords – After a painful break-up, you are better off taking a break from relationships and healing your energies.

Four of Swords + Eight of Wands – A holiday, usually to an overseas location or a place that requires air travel.

Four of Swords + Ten of Wands – You need to drop some of your commitments and responsibilities and focus on your personal well-being and inner peace.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Four of Swords reversed can indicate that you are feeling restless and wanting to do everything at once. Even if your body is telling you that you need to rest and relax, your mind may be pushing you forward, trying to accomplish a long list of tasks. You may be getting quite sick or stressed as a result, so it is vital that you force yourself to pause and take it easy to ensure that you do not become completely run down and exhausted.

You may also be trying to avoid any period of contemplation or meditation on a particular issue because you are worried about what it might bring up. You need to return to the energy of the Three of Swords and confront the pain and grief that exists within your heart. You need to experience that pain as it is preventing you from being able to move on. Once you have experienced it, it will begin to subside, and you will be able to live a more fulfilling life.

The Four of Swords reversed can also represent stagnation and a lack of action that is leading to increased frustration. For example, a long-term marriage is no longer progressing and is spiritually and emotionally empty. You may need to take a break from this stalled situation and come back to it when the energy is flowing better.

Similarly, the Four of Swords reversed suggests that you are feeling frustrated with the lack of progress and change in your life. Many things have stood still or have failed to change in the way you were hoping they would. Part of this lack of change, however, is as a result of your passive approach. There may have been situations that were frustrating to you or that you were unhappy with but you may have opted just to sit it out and hope that they would eventually change, rather than taking action to create a more desirable outcome.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Four of Swords reversed + Magician – You have come out of a period of meditation and are now ready for action.

Four of Swords reversed + Eight of Cups – You are avoiding a number of deeper emotional issues and sources of pain that need your attention right now.

Four of Swords reversed + Nine of Swords – The stresses of life are beginning to build up, but you are refusing to take some time out to rest and relax. This is having an even more negative impact on your emotional and physical health.

# FIVE OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Conflict, tension, loss, defeat, win at all costs, betrayal.

**Reversed:** Open to change, past resentment.



## QUOTES

“You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it.” –Margaret Thatcher (British Prime Minister)

“Win as if you were used to it, lose as if you enjoyed it for a change.” Ralph Waldo Emerson (Poet)

“You must never be satisfied with losing. You must get angry, terribly angry, about losing. But the mark of the good loser is that he takes his anger out on himself and not his victorious opponents or on his team mates.” - Richard M. Nixon (US President)

## **DESCRIPTION**

In the Five of Swords, a young man, with a look of contempt on his face, stares at his conquered enemies. He possesses five swords, most of which he has taken from the other people in the card. The other two figures walk away from him slowly, with a sense of sadness and loss. The sky is cloudy and tumultuous, indicating that not all is well despite the battle being seemingly over.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Five of Swords sees you engaging in conflict or finding yourself disagreeing with others, leading to tension and hostility. Despite thinking you have won, you may still end up the loser because you have hurt or annoyed others and have subsequently isolated yourself. You try to pick up the pieces and act as if the conflict is now in the past, but others have now lost faith in you and do not want to be around you. This might be one of those times when it feels like everyone is against you and you may lose some friends along the way. You will need to make a decision about whether your point of view is so important to you that it is ok to put your relationship with others in jeopardy, or whether you can compromise and try to see eye-to-eye with



others.

The Five of Swords can also represent conquest. If you have been aggressive in your struggles, then you will soon accomplish your objectives. However, if you have been passive, you may need to compromise on your personal interests, giving in to the wishes of the opposing force. You will feel that there are more obstacles ahead, and you will not want to face the ordeal you know you must if you are to have what you want or the way you want it. Overall, you are in for a struggle, and there is more work or problems ahead than you are aware of now. Things will not go as well as they should, and you will have conflicts or clashes of will with others.

Thus, the Five of Swords is a card representing ambition but in the negative sense. Too much ambition without regard to the consequences to yourself or others results ultimately in a situation of loss for everyone. You may be represented either by the callous winner or the dejected losers. In any case, there is a negative connotation.

If your focus is solely on winning your goals at any cost, you will eventually discover to your own dismay that the price of winning may not have been worth the reward.

Arrogance and pride often go hand-in-hand with a difficult triumph such as this, and you must be careful not to think you are invincible. You have overcome a challenge, and you have the right to feel proud but know that there will be other rivals to face and that some of them will eventually defeat you. Boasting to others that you are invincible is an invitation for someone to prove you wrong. If your victory was won through cheating or unethical conduct, beware of an attempt at vengeance.

The Five of Swords can relate to a betrayal or sneak attack by someone you trust and do not suspect as your enemy. There may be an unfaithful partner or a jealous person in your life who is sabotaging you behind your back. Look to other Court cards in the reading to understand who may be working against you. You must be very careful whom you trust at this point because you are vulnerable to attack and gossip.

The Five of Swords may simply point to defeat. It shows that, despite your

best efforts, you are likely to be beaten. If you allow yourself to become disillusioned after such a loss, then you are on the path to increased ruin and torment. Accept your defeat, learn from it, and then make sure that next time you succeed. Be smarter and wiser as a result of your loss. Just as they say in the reality TV show *Survivor*, “Outwit, Outplay, and Outlast.”

Alternatively, the Five of Swords can be seen from quite a different angle—that of a hollow victory. It is possible that the two defeated men in this card were not defeated at all; they simply laid down their arms and walked away. The men either knew that they would lose, or they knew that trying to win would be a waste of energy and a pointless exercise. By choosing not to fight, they are really the winners here, because he who knows when to fight, and when not to fight, will be victorious.

The advice of the Five of Swords is to pick your battles. You may be tempted to fight every conflict to ensure you get your way, to prove that you are right, or to defend yourself when you are feeling challenged or threatened by another person. However, most experts agree, choosing your battles wisely is a much better way of life than battling out every disagreement. Not only will picking your battles lead to a more peaceful existence, it is also more likely to strengthen your interpersonal relationships.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work reading, the Five of Swords suggests that you have to operate within a very competitive, dog-eat-dog environment. Hostility, tension, and conflict are high, and you must look out for your own interests and needs; otherwise, you will not succeed. Others, including yourself, may be engaging in power plays and politics where there can only be a win-lose, or lose-lose, outcome.

If you are looking for work, the Five of Swords suggests that it is a very tough and competitive job market. This means that finding a job that you enjoy, quickly and easily, may prove very difficult. You need to be on top of your game, and you may need to be prepared for a longer job search period than anticipated.

In a financial reading, the Five of Swords suggests that there may be conflict over financial affairs. For example, you may be battling with an ex over material possessions and joint finances, with both parties failing to agree on a fair and just outcome.

## **Personality Types**

The Five of Swords personality type is highly ambitious, competitive and focused on winning at any cost. The Five of Swords personality will place their needs before anyone else's and will fight to the end to get what they want. They play the political game very well but will nearly always lose friends and colleagues along the way. Smug and self-assured, the Five of Swords likes to stand out in a crowd and be noticed.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Five of Swords suggests that you may not be having much luck in finding the right partner for you. You may be continually finding yourself on the losing end, and winding up feeling hurt, rejected and defeated in your quest for love. You may be bowing down to the needs of others, or, on the other hand, perhaps you are being too ruthless or aggressive, or selfish in conveying your needs. Whatever the case, something needs to change; otherwise, you will continue to come up against challenges in finding a partner.

If you are currently in a relationship, the Five of Swords reflects that there has been a recent falling out or you are currently experiencing a high level of conflict and tension with your partner. To move past this difficult time of conflict, you need to be able to forgive and accept each other. You may have said many hurtful things to each other that you now regret, and this has significantly damaged the relationship and caused tension and distrust between you. However, if you want to maximise the potential of the relationship and get it back on track, you will need to understand where each other is coming from, forgive each other, and then move on. You need to put your tail between your legs and apologise for what you have said and done. You must accept responsibility for your actions, and you must be very humble when it comes to giving an apology. Even if you think you were right

in some circumstances, you must show your partner that you were not right in what you did, and you regret what happened.

## **Spirituality**

The Five of Swords advises you that, although you may want to be right all of the time, you may be much better off laying down your swords and treating your friends, colleagues and other people with compassion and understanding. Remember that we are all 'one' and being either right or wrong is of such little consequence compared to expressing an understanding of our Oneness with others. Think of someone you consider an enemy because they insist on being on one side of an argument while you insist on being on the other. Reflect on what you get out of this 'us versus them' mentality and what truth about yourself this situation may imply. Perhaps you have a deep, hidden need to question your own position. Or maybe you are projecting on to the other person some trait or characteristic that you dislike in yourself. Or is it just that your ego is defending itself at the expense of your happiness. In any case, try to think of this person and situation as a teacher rather than as an enemy.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Five of Swords suggests that your health may be at risk due to stress or negativity in your life. You may be feeling angry or tense as a result of strained relationships with others, and this is impacting your health and well-being. Aim to clear yourself of any conflict, and learn to forgive and forget, releasing yourself of any negativity.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Five of Swords + Five of Cups – You are still harbouring regret and disappointment from the past and need to forgive and forget to move on.

Five of Swords + Nine of Cups reversed – You are acting out of greed and for selfish needs alone.

Five of Swords + Three of Pentacles reversed – Your relationships with your peers, subordinates and/or your superiors are strained. You need to listen more effectively and seek to understand before being understood.

Five of Swords + Five of Pentacles – In your quest to be right all of the time, you are isolating yourself from others and will eventually be excluded from those relationships.

Five of Swords + Seven of Wands – You have a “me against the world” attitude that is leading you to behave defensively and aggressively.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

As a card of conflict, tension, and disagreement, the reversal of the Five of Swords shows that you want this period of fighting to be over so that you can forgive and forget, and then focus your energies on more constructive activities such as restoring your relationship back to normal. The conflict is becoming upsetting now, and you realise that there can only be losers in this battle. You now just want to put this behind you and move on.

Thus, the Five of Swords reversed suggests that you are now more open to change. The arguing is over, and you are more willing to look at the situation with fresh eyes. You are willing to lay down your sword and begin negotiating, honestly trying to arrive at a win-win solution rather than always knocking heads. A return to the Four of Swords is required, where tranquillity and peace drive your thoughts and behaviour, moving away from tension and conflict. This is a good time to reach out to those with whom you have recently had conflict or disagreements, and make amends.

The Five of Swords reversed can sometimes indicate conflict in your life that you have tried to walk away from but which continues to follow you. For example, there may still be an ex in your life who is making things difficult and who may be preventing you from moving on to new relationships. So long as there is conflict, tension and raw emotion at play, avoid this person or situation.

Similarly, the reversed Five of Swords can suggest that an old wound has been re-opened and you are experiencing fear and tension associated with that memory. You may be particularly worried that history might repeat itself or that you could be hurt again. Aim to forgive and forget so that you can indeed move on.

There may also be some residual resentment following a recent or past argument with someone close to you. You have had some very challenging and heated conversations together, and you still harbour some negative emotion from these discussions. This may still be unresolved and unaddressed and this in itself is impacting your ability to create a harmonious relationship.

The reversed Five of Swords serves as a reminder that, at times, it may be appropriate to disregard the opinions of others. Sometimes you just cannot please everyone and unfortunately, there may be some friendships lost along the way. Sadly, not everyone is going to be as accommodating of your desire to pursue your goals, particularly if it impacts on them and their ability to live their life the way they want to. What you will have to accept is that you cannot please everyone and there are going to be people who are annoyed that you cannot be there for them as much as in the past. They will just need to deal with this and get over it, I'm afraid.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Five of Swords reversed + Death – You are keen to make a fresh start with someone with whom you have disagreed or battled against.

Five of Swords reversed + Judgement – As a result of a falling out, you have had a moment of truth where you realise that you are better off cooperating rather than fighting with this person.

Five of Swords reversed + Three of Cups – After a falling out with your friends, you may finally come back together again and celebrate your renewed friendship.

# SIX OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Regretful but necessary transition, rite of passage.

**Reversed:** Cannot move on, carrying baggage.



## QUOTES

“Travelling is not just seeing the new; it is also leaving behind. Not just opening doors; also closing them behind you, never to return. But the place you have left forever is always there for you to see whenever you shut your eyes.” - Jan Myrdal (Author)

“I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.” – Oliver Wendell Holmes (Author and poet)

“Dwell not on the past. Use it to illustrate a point, then leave it behind. Nothing really matters except what you do now in this instant of time. From this moment onwards you can be an entirely different person, filled with love and understanding, ready with an outstretched hand, uplifted and positive in every thought and deed.” – Eileen Caddy (Spiritual writer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Six of Swords depicts a woman and a young child being rowed across a body of water towards a land that lies not far ahead. The woman’s head is covered, indicating sadness or loss as she moves away from something in her past. The water to the right of the boat is turbulent, but the water to the left and near the land to which they are journeying is calm and steady. Although there is an indication of change or loss in the Six of Swords, and therefore a sense of moving away from something, there is also a sense of moving towards a more promising future. The calm waters in the distance suggest that the woman and child are now moving away from turmoil and conflict toward peace and tranquillity, even though they are both sad to leave behind their pasts. In the boat are six upright swords, symbolising the power of a rational mind over the heart and the intuition.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**



The Six of Swords shows that you will need to make a regretful transition, as a likely result of the decisions you make. You know that to move forward, you must leave something important behind, and while you do this with some regret, you know that, in the long-term, it is the best option for you. There are times when you will be forced to let go of something to which you have been attached, and the process of letting go is often quite challenging. However, the sadness of your loss will soon be replaced by greater clarity, bringing about a renewed acceptance of change. Do not be afraid to let go of whatever it is that is holding you in the present or the past. Instead, look to your future and choose the best option that has the greatest long-term potential. There are going to be some hard decisions and some compromises that you will need to make, but this is ultimately a rite of passage that will take you into a new phase of your life.

You need to realise that you are now headed towards a much better position in life. You have endured, or are currently enduring, a difficult life transition, but as a result, you will be more able to deal with what may come. Do not dwell on the past or what you have left behind. Instead, use this as an opportunity for changing your beliefs about yourself, moving away from whom you used to be and towards whom you really want to be.

Sometimes the only way to solve life's problems is to leave them behind you and go somewhere new to start over. While it may feel as though you are giving up or being a coward, escape is often the only approach left when all others have failed. The important thing now is that you chart a new course that will lead to greater happiness and joy. The Six of Swords also shows the need to draw upon a state of mental clarity, logic, and objectivity in order to examine where you have been and where you are going. This mental clarity will also serve to smooth the way ahead, and make the passage from negative to positive as peaceful as possible. You can use your intuition to guide you through easy situations and call upon your impartial and analytical nature when it is needed for a more complex decision.

The Six of Swords can also indicate a state of depression or 'the blues.' You are doing your best just to get through each day as it comes, not particularly enjoying what it has to offer but not giving up either. You may feel listless, lacking energy and motivation, and somewhat depressed. You are getting by

but only just.

More literally, the Six of Swords can indicate a trip across water (for example, via a ferry, boat, or plane overseas). There may be some sadness in terms of who you will need to leave behind, but you know that this trip will do you a world of good! An example might be someone who is about to travel on their own, leaving behind a partner who they will sorely miss. You may also be required to make a longer-term move from one location to another, where you will leave behind friends and family in order to explore or experience a new territory. Again, while you will miss those you leave behind, you will also find that you have an amazing time on your travels and will learn so much about yourself.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Six of Swords indicates that you are going through a period of transition in your work. You may be leaving a job, leaving a familiar workplace, or becoming more disenchanted with your current career and setting out to find something new. You will need to leave behind something that was important to you ~~in order~~ to move towards a new future. You are making this transition reluctantly, and you may be saddened by what you must leave behind. However, you also know that you have made the best decision for the longer-term.

If you are looking for a job, you may be required to move interstate or travel frequently. This could be a tough decision, particularly if you have family and friends you will need to leave behind.

If you are currently in a job, then it may be coming closer to the time at which you decide to move on, particularly if your job is no longer engaging or motivating.

Sometimes you may need to take a leap of faith and just leave your job, even without something already lined up for the future, if only to get yourself out of a negative situation. Trust that something will eventually come up.

Financially, the Six of Swords suggests that your situation is about to change

and while you may need to make some sacrifices along the way, you are ultimately heading towards a better financial future.

## **Personality Types**

The Six of Swords personality type may be someone who is going through a period of transition themselves and experiencing some regret or sadness about what they must leave behind. This may also reflect someone who is quite glum or depressed about life in general and may just be doing the bare minimum to get through each day (perhaps a bit like Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh!).

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Six of Swords suggests that you may first need to focus your efforts on leaving behind a past relationship so that you can embrace new relationships. Alternatively, you may have a better chance of finding love if you break free from your usual routines and push yourself outside of your comfort zone.

If you are currently in a relationship, the Six of Swords suggests that you may need to part ways for a short period as you pursue another goal that is important to you. This time apart will also provide you both with the time and space to get your heads together about what you want from the relationship and your life in general. You may miss your partner a lot during this time, but it is an essential break for your personal development.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Six of Swords suggests that you must leave behind someone or something to reach a new state of consciousness and understanding. While you may be reluctant to move forward, it is important for your spiritual development and will help you to see the world from a different set of eyes.

## **Well-being and Health**

In terms of health and well-being, the Six of Swords can indicate a mild state of depression or 'the blues.' Nothing is seriously wrong, but nothing is right either. You are getting by but not thriving.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Six of Swords + Tower – A major upheaval has forced you to move on to new territories. While it may be upsetting now, it will be for the better in the long run.

Six of Swords + World – Embarking on a major world trip that requires you to leave behind friends and family but also opens the door to new experiences.

Six of Swords + Five of Cups – You are harbouring a lot of disappointment, resentment and regret about a past situation but it is time to move on now.

Six of Swords + Nine of Swords – You are at risk of increased stress, anxiety, and depression due to a worrying situation that has occurred.

Six of Swords + Ten of Wands – You are carrying a heavy burden on your shoulders and only just getting through each day.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Six of Swords reversed indicates that you are trying your best to move on from the past and make the important transition that you know you need to make. You are trying to physically and mentally move from any past experiences which you know that have not been helping you. However, given this card is reversed, it is clear that you are experiencing some challenges in doing this and no matter how hard you try to leave the past behind you, it keeps catching up with you. It is like something is pulling you back to where you have come from, rather than allowing you to move on to new territories. What is hard is that there are a lot of unresolved issues from the past, which you had hoped you could just leave behind, but they keep rearing their ugly head and preventing you from getting to that new place of being that you

want to be. There may also be moments when you doubt whether you are making the right decision in leaving behind your past, but this card gently encourages you forward, reminding you that you are heading towards a better future.

Similarly, the reversal of this card may suggest that you are resisting this necessary transition. Perhaps you feel that it has been forced upon you or that you were not included in the decision to move. For example, your partner may be required to relocate for work, and you must go along with him/her. What is important is that you look at the benefits of the transition rather than focusing on the drawbacks so that even if this transition is out of your control, you can at least look forward to something and get some sort of personal value out of it.

In a relationship reading where the relationship is relatively new, the reversed Six of Swords may indicate that you have not moved on from a past relationship and are carrying a lot of baggage with you. You need to work hard at leaving this behind you; otherwise, it will continue to plague your current and future relationships.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Six of Swords reversed + Chariot reversed – You feel as if change has been imposed and thrust upon you and you have little control over your destiny at this time.

Six of Swords reversed + Death reversed – You are resisting necessary change in your life and not coming to terms with the fact that one chapter must end for a new one to begin.

Six of Swords reversed + Three of Swords – A painful break-up remains in your memory, and you are finding it difficult to fully move on from this.

# SEVEN OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Betrayal, deception, getting away with something, stealth.

**Reversed:** Mental challenges, breaking free.



## QUOTES

“A lie told often enough becomes the truth.” – Lenin

“There are plenty of recommendations on how to get out of trouble cheaply and fast. Most of them come down to this: Deny your responsibility.” – Lyndon Baines Johnson (US President)

“He that pursues fame with just claims, trusts his happiness to the winds; but he that endeavours after it by false merit, has to fear, not only the violence of the storm but the leaks of his vessel.” – Samuel Johnson (Author)

“With lies you may get ahead in the world – but you can never go back.” – Russian proverb

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Seven of Swords shows a man sneaking away from a military camp with a bundle of five swords in his arms. Two other swords remain planted in the ground just behind him. His expression exhibits a sense of over-confidence and mocking, as though he felt absolutely sure of his success in getting away with the theft. However, in the distance, a small group of soldiers can be seen to the left of the thief, and one of them holds a sword upraised. The thief has been found out!

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Seven of Swords is a card of deception and betrayal. It indicates the difficulty of trying to ‘get away with something’ undetected and unnoticed. Often when you do something in secret, hoping that you are safe and undiscovered, something goes awry, and your secret is revealed to your embarrassment. This card, therefore, urges caution when attempting to use cunning or deception to gain an advantage over someone or something else. There is no question that there are times in life when it is necessary to act

shrewdly or do something in secret. Perhaps you had to think on your feet and act in a way that was not exactly all 'above board.' Perhaps you had to go behind other people's backs in order to manifest your desires. Perhaps you felt like you needed to cheat or take the easy way out. If acting shrewdly is something you must do, it is essential that you do this with a clear conscience and you are fully aware of the potential consequences of your actions. Taking the easy path is not always the best path, and sometimes you just have to exert a decent amount of effort to achieve what you want.

The Seven of Swords indicates that you may be tempted to sneak away from a particular situation that is not working for you anymore, rather than dealing with it head on. As you do not feel ready to deal with the issues, you are aiming for a solution where you can just escape and not have to worry about it all. Are you trying to run away from commitment, responsibility, hard work or love? You may be procrastinating, letting problems slip and become worse because you do not want to deal with them. Sometimes you just have to face what has to be faced. So, the question is, "Is this realistic?" Will this 'escape' really accomplish what you want to and need to accomplish? Will it address the fundamental issues at hand here? The likely answer is no, and it may simply be an easy way out for now.

You might think you have gotten away with something but have you? What impact has your actions had on other people? Could someone else suspect something?

Is this going to come back to bite you again? Even if you have managed to go undetected, be aware that in the long run, deception will not produce the rewards you desire and may instead cause significant damage to your relationships and reputation. Consider taking a more ethical and morally balanced approach to life from here on.

On the flipside, the Seven of Swords asks you to be very cautious and wary so that you do not become a victim of someone else's deception, betrayal, cheating and false motives. You may trust someone who then turns out to be running their own agenda, leaving you high and dry. You need to be very careful of who you trust over these coming months as you are at risk of being taken advantage of. Look out for any sneaky behaviour and trust your gut instinct about when something does not feel right or is too good to be true.



Sometimes, the Seven of Swords indicates a desire to go it alone. You want to discover, investigate and solve every problem using only your wits and resources. You may believe that you have a better chance at success if you act on your own accord, ignoring the advice or inputs of others. This approach is useful when you need to bypass an ineffectual group or assert your independence, but it can also have its limitations. You may end up feeling isolated and excluded, missing that great feeling of collaboration and synergy gained when you work with others. If you feel inclined to act alone, be sure this isolation will really work for you.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Seven of Swords suggests that it will be very enticing to take shortcuts in your work life. This card often reflects getting away with something that is not necessarily the right thing to do but is definitely the easiest. You may hit your targets or make solid profits from your business, but you may struggle with the ethics of the business. For example, you may obtain goods or services at a very cheap rate and sell them with a huge markup but it is not benefiting the producers, just yourself. It is certainly a quick way to make money but is it sustainable and is it fair to others?

If working with others, be wary of your colleagues' motivations. There is a risk here that others have hidden agendas or may be engaged in deceptive or secretive behaviour. As such, you will, unfortunately, need to be less trusting of others and do a little investigating of your own behind the scenes.

The Seven of Swords can also indicate a desire to work on your own and to break free of the crowd. A good example of this is the consultant who leaves the big consulting firm, along with some of his/her colleagues, to start up a new, smaller business. If you have the desire to break free from the pack, ensure you do this with integrity, and you are aware of any non-compete or other contractual agreements that may be in place.

In a financial reading, you need to be very careful that you do not get taken advantage of. The Seven of Swords reflects deception and betrayal, so you need to investigate all of your current and planned financial investments thoroughly. Ensure you have contracts in place and that you know what is

happening to your money because you are at risk of being taken advantage of.

## **Personality Types**

The Seven of Swords personality is very shrewd, secretive, calculative, cunning, smart and perceptive. On the one hand, they may often operate at a very unethical level, engaged in deceptive activities. This type is often perceived as a con artist, cheat, thief or criminal. However, on the other hand, smarter Seven of Swords personalities will use their innate knowledge of the situation and the task at hand to find the quickest or the easiest path to success. This reminds me of the high-profile author and lifestyle designer, Tim Ferriss, who became a national kickboxing champion within weeks by discovering a little-known loophole in the rules. In fact, he uses many similar high-efficiency techniques to create the most value and success out of the shortest amount of time investment.

The Seven of Swords personality is also one who likes to break free from the pack and work on their own, believing that they will come up with the best ideas without input or influence from others.

## **Relationships and Love**

The Seven of Swords in a relationship reading is very often indicative of deception and betrayal, often in the form of a cheating partner. It may be your partner who is going behind your back and cheating on you, or you are cheating on your partner.

Alternatively, you may be the ‘other woman/man,’ knowing that what you are doing is morally wrong but hoping you do not get caught. However, this card does not always indicate another relationship or affair. It may also suggest that your partner is not telling you the complete truth about their activities, and is trying to get away with not being found out.

If you are involved with a married man or woman, the Seven of Swords reminds you that the relationship is unlikely ever to reach its full potential because your partner has never been 100% available to you. Instead, you

have had to sneak around and feel as though you are hiding something in order to be with him or her. This is very hard to do for a long period of time, and it is taking its toll on you. You would like for this relationship to be more legitimate and something you can be more open about.

If your relationship has recently ended, the Seven of Swords suggests that there was a high level of deceptive and sneaky behaviour that led to the end of the relationship. You may or may not be aware of the full extent of your ex's behaviour as your partner has not been honest with you and if you were to know what they were up to, you might be quite shocked.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Seven of Swords indicates that you need to be extremely careful of false spiritual leaders or 'gurus' who may encourage you down a particular path, only to cheat you out of your money or your soul. Be very careful of engaging with potential scammers or tricksters, particularly if you are in a vulnerable state.

## **Well-being and Health**

You may be tempted to take some shortcuts in your health regime, perhaps by sneaking in a couple of beers or cigarettes hoping that no one will notice. You might get away with it in the beginning, but it will catch up with you and have a negative impact on your health in the long run.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Seven of Swords + Devil – You are trying to break free of an addiction or dependency such as drugs, alcohol or harmful relationships.

Seven of Swords + Justice – Be careful if you are acting unethically as you are likely to be caught out and justice will be served.

Seven of Swords + Nine of Swords – Constant lies and sneaking around has you feeling stressed and anxious and is doing you much more harm than

good.

Seven of Swords + Three of Cups reversed – A likely indication of a cheating partner or that you are the one doing the cheating with an already committed partner.

Seven of Swords + Five of Pentacles – You may have been cheated out of your money, leaving you with very little financial reserves.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Seven of Swords is a card of mental challenges and rites of passage. The reversal of this card shows that you are finding it difficult to take the first step in a new direction. At times, it may seem impossible that you could create the types of changes you want as you continually come up against setback after setback. However, you know in your soul, that when the timing is right, you will be able to follow through on your dreams, releasing an old pain from your heart.

The Seven of Swords reversed suggests that you need to break free from old habits and ways of thinking to overcome the blockages that currently stand in your way. You need to accept what is happening to you and act on it, rather than trying to escape. You need to do things differently, releasing yourself from past behaviours or limiting beliefs so that you can move forward in your life. Do not become trapped into thinking that you can only do certain things with which you are familiar. Expand your consideration set to broader horizons.

If you are involved in an affair or extra-marital relationship, the reversed Seven of Swords shows a growing reluctance to keep up the charade of having this type of relationship. You or your partner may be feeling increasingly uncomfortable with this relationship and would much rather come out in the open about what is happening.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Seven of Swords reversed + Judgement – It is time to take a good look at yourself and make the changes you know you need to in order to bring about a more positive transformation.

Seven of Swords reversed + Ace of Swords – It is time to come clean and tell the truth about a situation where you may have been acting unethically.

# EIGHT OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Isolation, self-imposed restriction, imprisonment.

**Reversed:** Open to new perspectives, release.



## QUOTES

“Life has no other discipline to impose, if we would but realize it, than to accept life unquestioningly. Everything we shut our eyes to, everything we run away from, everything we deny, denigrate or despise, serves to defeat us in the end. What seems nasty, painful, evil, can become a source of beauty, joy and strength, if faced with an open mind. Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such.” – Henry Miller (Novelist and painter)

“When we change our perception we gain control. The stress becomes a challenge, not a threat. When we commit to action, to actually doing something rather than feeling trapped by events, the stress in our life becomes manageable.” – Greg Anderson (Author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Eight of Swords shows a woman tied up, blindfolded, and surrounded by swords that act as a kind of prison or enclosure. It appears that there is no possibility of escape. She appears isolated and alone as she stands in the midst of a barren, watery wasteland far from the town in the distance. The sky is grey and cloudy, indicating despair and a lack of hope. The woman’s feet do not touch the water, indicating that the feeling of being restricted in the Eight of Swords is based on an intellectual assessment of the situation and not an emotional one. There is a path cleared before her, so there is a way out of this situation, but the blindfolds prevent the woman from seeing her way out.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Eight of Swords reflects that you feel trapped by your thoughts and perspectives. The woman in this card is blindfolded and bound, trapping her into thinking that she has no way out. However, if only she could remove the blindfold and change her thinking, she would see that she does indeed have

options. So, the Eight of Swords suggests that you need to look at a difficult situation from a new angle. Draw upon your intellectual self and your emotional self to determine the best path forward, one that avoids any possible victimisation or restriction.

The Eight of Swords is often a sign that it is best not to make any important decisions at this point because your thinking has been limited and constrained by self-imposed boundaries. You are struggling to see a situation for what it is and have been led to believe certain things that may or may not be true. There are choices available, but first you must be in the right mindset to know which option to choose. This means releasing the bindings and the blindfold to see the situation from a different, less imposing angle. There may also be too many ideas running through your head. Thus it is best to wait until you feel more secure and certain about a situation before making important decisions and taking action.

The woman in the Eight of Swords is often seen as powerless. She has surrendered her power to an unknown entity, thus rendering herself completely powerless. She has become the victim and is now waiting to be rescued. If you see part of this woman in yourself, then it is imperative you take back your power and personal accountability and open your eyes to the options that lie in front of you. The fact is that you do have options, even if you do not like the options. So long as you accept that you do indeed have options, and you do not have to be the victim.

The Eight of Swords portrays a dilemma whereby you are faced with the difficulty of a painful decision, and you are at an impasse, uncertain of which way to go. However, what you may not realise is that the decision in the Eight is the result of our actions. Despite the fact that you have boxed yourself into a corner, there is a way out. The solution is simply to deal with the situation in the most direct yet tactful manner possible and face your choice with inner strength. It is time to be honest with yourself and others in order to be free of the burden of fear or guilt that is implied with the Eight of Swords.

The Eight of Swords can indicate that your interests will be opposed by other people, and this may create restrictions to what it is you want to achieve. Take back your power and realise that you have options whether others



oppose you or not. You do not have to be constrained by their way of thinking or their rules.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Eight of Swords indicates that you are restricted in some way about how you see your career. You may not be looking outside of the box you live in and may only be considering specific options rather than opening your mind to new options. You feel stuck, and this is what is preventing you from seeing this situation for what it is. You may feel as though you are stuck in a job you dislike or that you must do what your company wants of you. You may feel as though you have no other option but to comply and stay in what is an unsatisfactory situation. You need to free your mind of any preconceived ideas and any other factors that may be holding you back from exploring new territories. Once you feel a greater sense of freedom in your thoughts, then spend some time and energy meditating on what it is you want from your career. Know that you do indeed have options available to you. You have the power to change your job or your career, so if it is not working for you, then look elsewhere.

In a financial reading, the Eight of Swords suggests that you are in debt or you are at the mercy of some very tight controls over how you earn, save or spend your money. If you are in debt, you are beginning to feel trapped by these debts and uncertain about how to get yourself out them. Seek the help of a financial planner or debt counsellor.

## **Personality Types**

The Eight of Swords personality can often portray themselves as a victim, trapped and restricted by factors which they believe to be outside of their control. They are struggling to see their way out of a problem situation, and are not taking accountability for both where they are now and what they can do about it. This is someone who is often plagued by problems but who is also reluctant to listen to others' advice or feedback as they continue to portray a sense of powerlessness and inability to change the current situation. This can be very frustrating for those who are more action-oriented and who normally take personal accountability for their lives.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Eight of Swords suggests that you may be confining yourself to only particular types of partners or relationships. “Oh, he must have a good job, earn lots of money and drive a nice car.” “She must be at least 170cm tall with long hair.” Think about whether you are setting yourself up for failure by creating unrealistic expectations about what your potential partner should or should not be like. You may be trapping yourself into a corner by sticking to these very specific and rigid criteria about what you want in a partner.

If you are in a relationship, it is likely that the relationship is not doing you any favours. You may be bound to your partner, lead to believe that this is the only relationship you can maintain even if it is not working for you. There may even be some sort of abuse occurring, be it physical or emotional. You may think that there is no escape, worried that if you leave the relationship, you will have nothing but you need to think carefully about the long-term impact and whether it may actually be better not having this person in your life. Being in an unhealthy relationship is much worse than being alone.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Eight of Swords can suggest that you are trapped in a way of thinking, particularly when it comes to your spiritual beliefs. You may have been convinced that a particular spiritual path is the only way to go, and even though you may be starting to question that path, you feel that you must continue on this journey; otherwise, you may be doomed. Be careful about the ideas that are being implanted and how this is affecting your view on spirituality.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Eight of Swords in a health and well-being reading points towards the mind/body connection in that you must look at the relationship between your thoughts and expectations and your physical health. If you are filled with anxiety, or feel restricted or victimised, this is likely to play out in your

physical health. Concentrate on reducing any negative thoughts patterns, and you will likely see a more positive impact on your health.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Eight of Swords + Devil – You are trapped in a co-dependent relationship or an addiction or dependency of some sort.

Eight of Swords + Moon – You are surrounded by confusion and illusion about a particular situation and must dig deep into your subconscious mind to free yourself.

Eight of Swords + Judgement reversed – You are failing to take personal accountability for your situation and must accept that you are where you are because of the decisions you have made.

Eight of Swords + Ten of Swords – You have adopted a victim mentality and perceive yourself as powerless and defeated.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Eight of Swords reversed indicates that you have come through a difficult time and you are becoming more open to change and self-acceptance. You have been able to reflect on what did and did not work in the past and have changed your perspective and approach. You acknowledge that you do indeed have options, and you are refusing to play the role of the victim, taking greater accountability for where you are in life.

The Eight of Swords reversed indicates that you need to free yourself from some of the limiting factors of your past. You have some skeletons in the closet that need clearing out. Allow yourself to let go of old patterns of behaviour and belief systems that have previously held you back.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Eight of Swords reversed + Death – You are willing to sever ties with the past and make a new beginning.

Eight of Swords reversed + Chariot – Instead of crumbling in the face of adversity, you are grabbing the bull by the horns and steering yourself in the direction you want.

# NINE OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Depression, nightmares, intense anxiety, despair.

**Reversed:** Hopelessness, severe depression, torment.



## QUOTES

“The task of worrying is to come up with positive solutions for life’s perils by anticipating dangers before they arise. If we are preoccupied by worries, we have much less attention to expend on figuring out the answers. Our worries become self-fulfilling prophecies, propelling us toward the very disaster they predict.” – Daniel Goleman (Author and psychologist)

“If you look into your own heart, you find nothing wrong there, what is there to fear?” – Confucius

“Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows but only empties today of its strength.” – Charles Haddon Spurgeon (Baptist Preacher)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Nine of Swords shows a woman with her head in her hands, sitting up in her bed. She appears to have just woken up from a bad nightmare and is obviously upset, fearful, and anxious following her dream. Nine swords hang on the wall behind her, and the base of the bed is decorated with a carving of a duel in which one person is being defeated by another. The quilt covering the woman is decorated with roses and the outlines of astrological symbols.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Nine of Swords is the card of fear and nightmares and has an apparently negative ‘feel’ to it. However, the troubles alluded to in the Nine of Swords are primarily of a psychological nature and do not necessarily indicate suffering in your external reality. That is, it is what is inside your mind that is creating the fear and anxiety, not your actual circumstances. Your experience of the world is greatly influenced by our expectations, desires, and fears, and therefore you are largely the creator of your own world, and your attitudes determine how you experience that world.

The Nine of Swords can also reflect fear of the future, or what may happen in the future. If you allow yourself to be bound by fear of the future, you are at risk of eventually creating a negative reality for yourself by virtue of your expectations.

Your nightmare becomes your self-fulfilling prophecy, which is clearly not a desirable outcome.

Generally, this card is an indication that you are worrying excessively about a situation. You are literally being kept up at night because you are so anxious about a particular issue. It is possible you are working yourself up unnecessarily and, if you were to look at the situation more objectively, you might come to realise that it is not as bad as you are making it out to be. In fact, all that worry and despair is what is making it worse, so rather than fretting about it, do something to change it.

Although most people experience fear, frustration, and uncertainty at some point in their lives, you should not allow those negative emotions to immobilise you or keep you from pursuing your goals with enthusiasm and hope. Expect at least some level of uncertainty in the future, and draw upon your inner strength to remain as flexible and adaptable as possible.

The Nine of Swords can also indicate that you are incredibly hard on yourself, putting yourself down or engaging in negative self-talk. For every mistake you make, you blame yourself and become worked up and angry at yourself for messing up again. So, when the Nine of Swords appears in a reading, ask yourself why you are being so hard on yourself, how are you putting yourself down or what is the source of your depression? What can you do to make yourself feel better? You may need to make a more conscious effort to quit the negative self-talk and replace it with positive reinforcement for a job well done.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Nine of Swords sees you getting very worked up about a particular issue at work, causing yourself great anxiety and stress. Put things into perspective and remember that it is just a job. Even if you have

made a major mistake, the fall-out will soon be forgotten, and you will realise that it is not as bad as it seems.

If you are searching for work, you may find that you receive a number of rejections over the coming weeks and months. The important thing is not to let this get you down. Instead, you need to pick yourself up each time and convince yourself that you are still deserving of a great job.

In a financial reading, you may be deeply worried about your financial status and whether you can realistically sustain your current way of living. You may have lost your job or a source of income, which is placing greater pressure on you and your family. Instead of worrying about it, map out your income and expenditures to work out where you may need to make some modifications.

## **Personality Types**

The Nine of Swords personality type is a worrier! They are often engrossed in the worst-case scenario, worrying and fretting about what might happen or how bad a problem has become. This leads to a lot of stress and anxiety in their lives, and they often live in a state of high drama because everything is so ‘terrible’! This can be a difficult person to be with because you are often drawn into their whirlwind drama, potentially having a negative impact on your own attitude, and because they are very resistant to trying to see the positive side of the situation.

The Nine of Swords personality often has a very negative self-perception, often putting themselves down or engaging in negative self-talk. You may hear phrases such as, “I’m no good at anything” or “I am such a failure.” You can assist by reassuring the Nine of Swords personality that they do have special talents and there are always opportunities hiding amongst failures. It all comes down to perception.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, you may be feeling quite anxious and worried that you have not found someone yet. Unfortunately, this is a downward spiral



because as you worry more and more about not finding someone, you become more worked up and less focused on finding the right relationship for you. You spend more of your time worrying than you do looking for love. Use some positive affirmations on a daily basis that focus your energy around your ability to bring love into your life and to connect with other human beings.

If you are currently in a relationship, the Nine of Swords suggests that you are questioning yourself and the relationship, you are feeling unhappy or trapped in the relationship, and you are losing sleep as a result. Something has you feeling very worried and anxious about what is happening in this relationship. You need to release some of this anxiety, perhaps by talking about it with a close friend or even a psychologist. Alternatively, you may come to the conclusion that the relationship needs to end in order to free yourself from the torment.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Nine of Swords reflects that you have hit one of your darkest moments and you are feeling incredibly stressed and anxious about life in general. Instead of continuing down this path of worry and inner torment, it is time to change the cycle and bring greater positivity and faith into your life. This may be an opportune time to re-engage in your spiritual practise or meditation in order to bring about a state of calm and relaxation to your inner mind.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health and well-being reading, the Nine of Swords clearly points to high levels of stress, anxiety, and depression in your life. You are not happy with your present situation or yourself, and while you would like things to work out for the better, you just do not know how to make this happen.

You may also be experiencing nightmares and insomnia, particularly as a result of fears and anxieties playing on your mind. You need to realise that fears, if not confronted and understood, can lead to obsession, compulsion, paranoia or physical illness. We all have a dark side that must be

acknowledged.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Nine of Swords + Hermit – To overcome your inner turmoil, it is time to turn to your ‘higher power’ and spend time meditating on your own to rediscover your spirituality.

Nine of Swords + Wheel of Fortune – The anguish or the depression you are experiencing is part of a broader cycle of life, reassuring you that things will get better over time.

Nine of Swords + Star – All is not lost. There is a ray of hope or a lifeline that will help you to pull out of your depression and anguish.

Nine of Swords + Ace of Swords – After a period of stress and worry, there will be a new opportunity which will help you to see things from a different angle and with much greater positivity.

Nine of Swords + Three of Swords – A recent heartbreak or loss has you feeling incredibly upset and depressed. Know that you will eventually heal from these painful wounds.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Nine of Swords is about worry, anxiety and not being able to sleep because your thoughts are running at one hundred miles an hour. Reversed, the Nine of Swords indicates that you are working yourself up and becoming incredibly stressed and anxious when, really, this does not have to be a complicated issue. You have a tendency to get very worked up about how bad a situation appears, losing sight of what it is really happening and what opportunities are available to you. What is needed here is for you to stop and objectively examine the reality of the situation. Bring yourself back to earth by uncovering your fears and anxieties and working to reduce the impact of those fears and anxieties in your life. Know that it is going to be ok, no matter what.

The Nine of Swords reversed also suggests that your worry and despair may be causing you harm. The more you worry about something, the more likely it is you will manifest your worst nightmares. Do not let this nightmare become your reality! Take a deep breath and realise that life is not as bad as it seems and that the more you worry, the more harm you are doing to yourself.

It is also possible that you have already worked through this period of worry and depression and are beginning to make a recovery. You may have recently come to the realisation that it is not as bad as you had made it out to be, and you are beginning to relax and calm yourself about what was once a terrifying situation.

You may also find that your dreams are very telling at this time. Use a dream journal to help you analyse what is happening at a subconscious level.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Nine of Swords reversed + Moon reversed – You are using this time to work through and address your deeper anxieties and fears, releasing yourself of the associated stress and torment and reassuring yourself that everything is ok.

Nine of Swords reversed + Judgement – You have experienced a recent awakening which has shown you that there is a way out if you take personal accountability for your thoughts and attitude.

# TEN OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Back-stabbed, defeat, crisis, betrayal, endings, loss.

**Reversed:** Recovery, regeneration, fear of ruin, inevitable end.



## QUOTES

“The traveller has reached the end of the journey! In the freedom of the infinite he is free from all sorrows, the fetters that bound him are thrown away, and the burning fever of life is no more.” – Dhammapada (Buddhist collection of moral aphorism)

“It is a curious sensation: the sort of pain that goes mercifully beyond our powers of feeling. When your heart is broken, your boats are burned: nothing matters any more. It is the end of happiness and the beginning of peace.” – George Bernard Shaw (Dramatist)

“Many a man has finally succeeded only because he has failed after repeated efforts. If he had never met defeat he would never have known any great victory.” – Orison Swett Marden (Author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Ten of Swords shows a man lying face down with ten long swords embedded in his back. A red cape is draped over the lower half of his body, while his top half remains unclothed. The sky above him is pitch black, and there is a general feeling of pain, loss, and misfortune. However, despite these ominous images, there are positive aspects to this card. The sea before which the body lies is still and calm, and the sun is rising in the distance beyond the mountains, indicating that the darkness will soon be dispelled. Thus, each new beginning must come from an end, and with every defeat are sown the seeds of future victory.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Ten of Swords usually symbolises a sudden and unexpected failure or disaster, whereby a power beyond your control crushes you without warning or mercy.

Sometimes you will be able to alter the course of this impending disaster, but most of the time you will simply have to let go and take the hit. This card can also indicate a time when you have been backstabbed or betrayed by someone you thought you could trust. You feel incredibly hurt and shocked by such a betrayal.

As such, the Ten of Swords is often associated with feeling the ‘victim’ in a situation. You may feel powerless as something comes to a crashing and sudden end, and you feel as if you are being attacked or backstabbed by someone else. You crave pity from others with a small sigh of, “Poor me!” You may even use this challenging time to portray yourself as a martyr, to show that you have put your interests last but have suffered as a result.

The Ten of Swords also indicates a difficult experience of endings, loss, pain or release. However, the saving grace is that you have a new awareness and a positive sense of relief that the difficulty and pain will soon be over and will evolve into something new. As with all endings, there will be a new beginning, a rebirth, and a rejuvenation of the spirit. So, while this card may seem negative at first glance, it is a card of hope and an indication that your troubles will not be permanent.

Furthermore, this is the final ordeal, and no more pain will come to you from that source. It is darkest before the dawn, and as gloomy as it looks, the sun will rise again. It can only get better from here.

The Ten of Swords is about letting go and accepting your current circumstances. You no longer resist change but allow it to happen, even if it causes some initial pain and hurt to you. You accept that there must be change in order to facilitate renewal, and you allow it to occur rather than fighting it.

When this card appears after a painful situation, it is a signal to pick yourself up off the ground and to reflect upon what happened to you and why, and what you can learn from the experience. Hidden deep beneath the surface of the Ten of Swords is the ultimate power of the Swords suit—the ability to analyse the situation and your responses, and learn from yourself. True wisdom does not come from without but from within. The Ten of Swords is a sign that the pain and hurt you have endured has not gone without purpose.

The positive power within you can be used to learn from your pain and draw wisdom from defeat.

It is worth noting that the Ten of Swords is very similar to the Death card of the Major Arcana. It is not a literal indication of actual death but is instead evidence of an impending change or ending which may initially be difficult to accept.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a career reading, the Ten of Swords can indicate a sudden ending to your job or a project you are working on. It is likely to come as a rude shock and will cause some initial pain and upset. It may be the loss of a job through restructuring and/or redundancy, particularly after a long period of loyalty and service to your company, or a project that loses its funding, for instance. While you are incredibly upset to find it has come to an end, this is actually a blessing in disguise as it will open the door to new opportunities in the future.

In a financial reading, the Ten of Swords suggests an investment or savings plan topples over. For example, a company you have invested in may go bankrupt and is unable to pay you what you are owed, or shares may drop suddenly and drastically. Someone may also cheat you out of a lot of money, by backstabbing you or not living up to their end of the bargain.

## **Personality Types**

The Ten of Swords personality type is highly fatalistic and dramatic, living in a world where there is always loss, pain, and hardship. You will rarely hear about what is going right but will always hear about what has gone wrong, each time worse than the time before. Sometimes, this personality needs understanding and compassion, particularly if they are not in the state the majority of the time. However, if this person is often in this state, they need to be encouraged to stop seeing themselves as the victim or the martyr, and instead, embrace the changes sweeping through their life.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, it is likely that you have suffered a very recent loss or have been through a tough break-up, and you are still in the healing process. Your wounds are deep, and you still experience the pain suffered from this upsetting event. As such, it may be better to focus your energy on healing rather than finding new love at this time.

In a relationship reading, the Ten of Swords, unfortunately, suggests that the relationship, or at least an important component of it, is about to come to a painful end. The end may be very unexpected and shocking, causing a lot of pain and hurt in the process. There may be a lack of closure, too, as you struggle to understand why it has ended so suddenly. There is certain finality in the Ten of Swords, so it is unlikely that there will be a reunion, in which case it is best to focus on healing your wounds and embracing the change as a positive event in the long run.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritual enlightenment comes from using your mental and spiritual powers for good, and this is the true lesson of the Ten of Swords. This card is the ultimate teacher as it shows you how to learn from your failures and mistakes, so you never have to fall prey to the evil side of the Swords suit again. You also need to know that the worst is over. Though your hopes and dreams of the past may be dashed, new ones will arise in time.

## **Well-being and Health**

The Ten of Swords can quite literally indicate surgery (given all those swords cutting into the man lying face down) or chronic back pain (given those swords go into his back). It can also indicate that your health may take a turn for the worse or that you receive bad news about your health.

From a psychological perspective, the Ten of Swords suggests that you have suffered a major loss in your life and you have been very hurt and upset by this. If words cannot comfort, a wound this deep and loss this devastating may require professional help.



## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ten of Swords + Wheel of Fortune – Remember that all situations change. Blessings become challenges and challenges become blessings. While you have suffered a loss, things will get better.

Ten of Swords + Hanged Man – You are being the martyr and making significant sacrifices for the apparent good of others.

Ten of Swords + Death – A major ending has occurred in your life, making way for new beginnings eventually.

Ten of Swords + Tower – The impact of the loss suffered is very significant but with this destruction will come new creation.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Ten of Swords reversed indicates a painful ending which must occur for there to be growth and regeneration. The suit of Swords is the suit of thoughts, plans, and attitudes, and this card is very appropriate in the area of mental transformations.

This card indicates that there will be a forceful re-evaluation or elimination of your previous attitudes about life, your views about yourself and what is important, and possibly your plans for the future. Despite the initial trauma and torment associated with this change, the imposed re-evaluation can be a very positive thing. It is important to understand that while the means of your demise may not seem reasonable or fair, your previous thoughts and attitudes need to change for you to reach a better place in your life. Rather than dwelling on the painful ending, it is important to look ahead and realise how these events free you up to completely reshape your life and choose a new direction for yourself.

The reversed Ten of Swords may also indicate that you are resisting an inevitable ending because you are deeply worried about how much it is going to hurt you. However, what you are doing is delaying the inevitable and

possibly making it even worse for yourself because you keep trying to put off something that needs to happen anyway for your personal transformation. For example, a relationship may have come to an end, but you are still intimate with your ex because you cannot bear to let go. This is only drawing out the pain much longer, and it is best to let go at this stage.

Sometimes, the Ten of Swords reversed may reflect fear of ruin, even if that ruin has not yet occurred. You are always be thinking of the worst-case scenario and planning for the worst, even if it does not happen. This is only creating unnecessary fear and anxiety for you, and it is important that you return to the energy of the Nine of Swords and run a reality check as to whether things are as bad as they seem.

The Ten of Swords reversed represents an old situation that ended very badly. You are still carrying around wounds from that situation, but you have buried them so deeply that you do not realise they are still present in your life and still hurting you. This old pain needs to be brought up and dealt with once and for all so that you can liberate yourself from these deeply inflicted wounds. It may be difficult to experience the pain again, but at least you are releasing yourself of this pain and allowing it to pass from your life.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ten of Swords reversed + Judgement – It is important to embrace change and endings in order to re-evaluate your life and your priorities.

Ten of Swords reversed + Five of Cups – You are still hurting from a past loss or disappointment and need to face this emotional pain head on in order to truly heal and move on.

Ten of Swords reversed + Seven of Swords – You are trying to avoid an inevitable ending, and you think you are getting away with it but it will still come to haunt you in the future.

# PAGE OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Talkative, curious, mentally restless, energetic.

**Reversed:** All talk and no action, haste, undelivered promises.



## QUOTES

“I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life.” – Eleanor Roosevelt (United Nations Diplomat)

“The immature mind hops from one thing to another; the mature mind seeks to follow through.” – Harry A. Overstreet (Social psychologist)

“The thoughts that come often unsought, and, as it were, drop into the mind, are commonly the most valuable of any we have.” – John Locke (Philosopher and physician)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Page of Swords shows a young man standing in the midst of rough terrain with a sword held in both hands. The sky is filled with turbulent clouds and the trees in the background are obviously wind-blown, as is the young man’s hair. The waters behind the Page are rough, and the general feeling of this card is one of tumultuous energy.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Page of Swords reflects an abundance of energy, passion, and enthusiasm. You cannot wait to get started on a new project or an idea and to share that with others. You start all new projects, ventures, and journeys with an enormous amount of energy and excitement. The challenge, however, is whether you can keep it up! As with all Pages, the beginning always looks promising but something else is needed to maintain the pace.

The Page of Swords is almost like a green light to say, “Go for it!” There will always be challenges with whatever option you choose and not everyone is going to be happy with your choices, but when it comes down to it, you need

to follow your passions and go where your true energy lies. This Page encourages you to move forward and to get the wheels in motion, despite any challenges or setbacks that may potentially stand in the way.

This card shows you as a young and idealistic person, with lots of plans and ideas for the future. At this moment, you feel as though you could do almost anything. As a Page, you are just beginning to make your way in life, and it is important that you align with others who will not overwhelm you or stifle your direction and ideas. Instead, seek to align yourself with people who will nurture your ideas and will help you to manifest them in an organised manner. Choose a relationship that feels natural, with someone who will learn and grow along with you and give you a chance to develop your personality and expression. You have an intelligent and sensitive nature, and you may suffer a lot if there is no outlet for your ideas and feelings.

The Page of Swords is as perceptive as the Queen of Swords. He has the ability to find out the truth regarding all matters by asking all the important questions.

However, what makes him different to the Queen is that he lacks experience and maturity, so his questioning and probing may become annoying to others as he constantly asks “Why?” Nonetheless, he has both mental and physical agility and is full of anticipation, making him an avid learner and an excellent student.

The Page of Swords is also all about communication, information, and ideas. This card is an indication that you need to appreciate and communicate ideas, information, and theories. These ideas, information and theories may be your own or someone else’s. It does not matter, so long as you are involved in talking, sharing and conversing with others about these ideas. You are always coming up with something new and then finding someone to share it with. You also have a way with words, being a good writer or speaker, and you are passionate about what you are doing. However, be careful that you do not engage in gossip. While this Page loves to talk and to be ‘in the know,’ it is important that you use this talent to benefit others, rather than to create negativity. You may also want to be careful about what you say to whom, as you may be more prone to sharing confidential information about yourself. So, protect your privacy. And you may need first to ground your thoughts,

before speaking, to ensure that you do not later regret what you have said.

The Page of Swords can also stand for a child or young-at-heart adult whose relationship to you involves truthfulness, the search for information and new ideas, or matters of the mind and intellect. You may have your moments with this Page, as the Swords often indicate a level of tension or conflict, and this bundle of energy may sometimes prove too much to handle. If you need to, give yourself a break from this youthful person, and return with fresh eyes. They do have a lot to share with you, and despite their inexperience, they may teach you something about yourself. You need to remain open to their high levels of energy and enthusiasm to learn more about the world. As a child, the Page of Swords encourages you to have fun with mental activities of all kinds, including learning, exploring, and researching. Enjoy the world of thought your mind can open to you.

The downside of the Page of Swords is the turbulent nature of intellectual discovery and inspiration unchecked by experience or wisdom. This Page seems to be either on the defensive, protecting his ideas, or on the offensive, looking for some victim of the double-edged sword of his mind. Perhaps he is seeking a confrontation in the intellectual sense or has the desire to prove himself mentally superior to others. The trouble is that he does not yet have the maturity to express himself in a way that is always constructive, and may come across as oppositional or just too 'in your face.'

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Page of Swords may represent you at work, or someone you are working with. It shows someone who is enthusiastic to learn more, to share ideas, and to communicate their observations of what is happening. If you are new to your work or your industry, then it is likely this Page shows that you are approaching your work with energy and enthusiasm. If you are already well-experienced, then this Page may represent a new employee, such as a trainee or graduate, who is looking to you for inspiration and knowledge. This could be reflective of a very positive mentoring relationship.

In a career reading, the Page of Swords suggests that you are pursuing a new

career path, possibly in the area of public speaking, communication, journalism, writing, or acting. You have a strong desire to communicate and express your ideas to the broader community. Keep in mind, however, that you are still yet to build up experience, so while it is good to be bold, ensure you take the advice of those who are more experienced or knowledgeable.

In a finance reading, the Page of Swords indicates that you are enthusiastically pursuing a new financial opportunity that relies on your intellect and knowledge. For example, you may be inspired to enter an online business or learn more about the share markets to generate more income. Again, keep in mind that you are new to this area and while you may feel compelled to take some risks, it often helps to ground yourself before proceeding forward.

## **Personality Types**

The Page of Swords personality type is representative of someone whose mind is running non-stop, constantly looking at things from different angles and trying to understand how everything works. The favourite question of the Page of Swords personality is “Why?” with every answer leading to yet another “Why?” Whilst it can be exhausting to deal with a Page of Swords personality, these people are usually very intelligent with keen insight. They communicate well, both verbally and in writing, and their natural curiosity fuels their mental activity. There are times when they may be silent or withdrawn but what is actually happening is that they are sizing up a situation, mentally gathering information and processing it before they feel comfortable enough to speak. When they do finally speak, they will dazzle you with their newfound discoveries and insights.

Physically, the Page of Swords typically represents a person with dark brown hair, gray/hazel or blue eyes. They are sporty, graceful, and physically well coordinated.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a relationship reading, the Page of Swords may represent an aspect of yourself or a person with whom you are involved or connected.

If you are looking for love, the Page of Swords shows a very enthusiastic and proactive attitude that is focused on putting yourself out there and getting to know as many people as possible. You are prepared to engage in new conversations with other people and learn more about them by asking lots of questions. You are also looking for conversations that go beyond the typical, “What do you do for a living?” to something more profound and insightful about the person you are talking with.

Bear in mind, though, that the Page of Swords loves to talk, so watch that you do not spend the whole date talking about yourself! The Page of Swords may also represent someone you have recently met who shares these qualities.

If you are already in a relationship, then the Page of Swords indicates that the relationship is relatively new and you are enjoying the energetic conversations and idea sharing associated with this relationship. There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm for the relationship at this stage. The key will be to ensure that this is sustainable in the long-term. The Page of Swords may even represent a young family member who is influencing a relationship, particularly if there are kids involved.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Page of Swords sees you investing time and energy into learning more about different spiritual systems. You have a keen thirst for knowledge and are ready to apply this to a new spiritual source. Explore different spiritual belief systems that interest you and keep an open mind.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Page of Swords suggests that your mind is very active at the moment. If you find that this is getting in the way of you being able to rest and relax, then it may be time to ‘switch off’ for a short period and avoid burning yourself out in the long run.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**



Page of Swords + Chariot – You have the energy and determination to pursue a new intellectual pursuit that will prove to be sustainable in the long-term.

Page of Swords + Page of Cups – You are combining your talent with words and communication with your creative mind, perhaps through creative writing or acting.

Page of Swords + Five of Swords – Be careful that in your pursuit of knowledge you are not creating conflict with others and losing their support.

Page of Swords + Six of Wands – You are involved in public speaking and public presentations that are aimed at boosting your external reputation.

Page of Swords + Eight of Pentacles – You are pursuing further training and education to build up your skills and knowledge, and are likely to be a very successful student.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Reversed, the Page of Swords can suggest you are acting hastily, without thinking things through properly. You have a lot of energy behind you to get things moving but the way you are going about it is not an effective use of your energy. Tackle things one at a time, rather than trying to deal with everything at once. This will lead to more meaningful outcomes.

The reversed Page of Swords can also be all talk and no action. You have to be very careful about making promises that you know you cannot keep, or saying things that you later regret. Before making a specific promise or commitment, ensure that you can and will deliver on it to maintain your integrity and reputation. Also, be wary of other people's commitments to you and put in place measures to ensure that they will deliver on what they promise to deliver. This reversed Page can be a bit of a 'know-it-all' and may be trying to impress you with big stories about his past and his achievements (which you later find out are big exaggerations of the truth!).

The Page of Swords reversed may also indicate that you are beginning to

annoy others by your constant questioning and challenging of ideas. While you may simply be trying to understand a situation or a concept better, there are more constructive and non-threatening ways to go about it. Use sentences such as, “Help me understand...” Be conscious of how you may be coming across to others when you are constantly asking, “Why?” And only challenge or question those ideas that are really important to you, rather than challenging everything that is presented.

Finally, the reversed Page of Swords suggests a fear of public speaking. You may be anxious that you do not have sufficient experience or knowledge to present on a particular topic, or you may be afraid of being the centre of attention. Know that people simply want to hear your point of view, even if it is different from others’.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Page of Swords reversed + Four of Swords – While you convey to others that you are action-oriented, you are actually more inclined to be passive and even a bit lazy. Others will stop relying on you if you do not follow through on your commitments.

Page of Swords reversed + Seven of Swords – You are making promises that you know you cannot keep but you do it anyway in order to get away with something.

Page of Swords reversed + Seven of Wands – Your constant questioning is coming across as oppositional and threatening to others.

# KNIGHT OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Opinionated, hasty, action-oriented, communicative.

**Reversed:** Scattered thought, disregard for consequences.



## QUOTES

“A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication; the competitive drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done.”- Vince Lombardi (Football coach)

“Desire is the key to motivation but it is the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable you to attain the success you seek.” – Mario Andretti (Auto racer)

“Great ambition is the passion of a great character. Those endowed with it may perform very good or very bad acts. All depends on the principals which direct them.” – Napoleon Bonaparte (French General and Emperor)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Knight of Swords shows a young man in his armour riding a powerful white horse into the midst of a battle in the distance. The white colour of the horse symbolises the purity of the intellectual energy that motivates the rider. The sky behind him is filled with storm clouds, and the trees are tossed wildly by the wind. The horse’s harness is decorated with images of butterflies and birds, and the knight’s cape is also decorated with birds. He charges forward with great momentum and apparently without any regard to the dangers he may encounter.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

When we are obsessed with an idea and wish to manifest that idea, we are often so blinded by the desire for its fulfilment that we fail to see the difficulties we may encounter or the consequences of our actions. The Knight of Swords is a powerful figure full of life and energy who needs to be balanced with a realisation of responsibility and compassion. Once he has set

forth on his journey, there is no stopping him! He does not see, nor care about, any upcoming challenges, risks or dangers, and instead moves forward with his strong intent to succeed and win. On the positive side, this card shows great ambition, determination, and strength to succeed no matter what. On the negative side, however, he can be blind to potential challenges and consequences of his actions and may charge forth into a dangerous territory without any foresight or preparation. He may also neglect to understand the needs of others as he fervently pursues his goals.

The Knight of Swords often reflects a time when you are embarking on a new project or idea, and there is no stopping you. You have had this sudden burst of energy that is propelling you forward and inspiring you to take quick action to manifest your goals. You are ready to overcome any problem, challenge or obstacle that is in your path. How could anything stand in your way if you are this focused and this committed to your goal? However, you may be prone to rushing things or cutting corners to get a job done. Sometimes this works for you but other times it does not. For example, using low cost providers will help you get the job done quickly and cheaply but quality may suffer in the long-term, and you may consume more time fixing their work. Also, ensure that you keep others on your side, particularly if they are part of your longer-term success. You might be all fired up and ready to go but if your colleagues, partner, friends, or family are not, then you are likely to run into trouble later down the track.

The Knight of Swords also represents your need to understand the world from an intellectual point of view. You have well-developed communication skills and can easily form solid arguments and opinions on current affairs and important matters. You love to engage with others who have similar skills so that you can share your ideas and develop new points of view. You may be best suited to discussion groups with like-minded individuals where you can fire each other up and motivate one another.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work reading, the Knight of Swords may reflect a part of yourself or someone with whom you must work. You are actively pursuing your goals, meeting your targets, and pushing your projects and tasks forward with great

energy and pace. You are not willing to let anyone or anything stand in your way, and you will assertively stand up to anyone who tries to oppose you. You argue your point of view, and you make sure that people have heard what you have to say. If the Knight of Swords represents someone with whom you are working, they can be quite challenging as they are so focused on achieving their goals and targets. You will have quite a battle on your hands if you oppose this Knight, so be sure that you have a solid argument and can articulate yourself well to this person.

In a career reading, the Knight of Swords indicates that you are well-suited to short-term projects and contract work, and careers where you can use your honed communication skills.

Financially, the Knight of Swords shows fast growth of your investments or other financial opportunities. You may also choose to enter a more aggressive investment portfolio, with a high chance of success.

## **Personality Types**

The Knight of Swords personality type is restless, full of energy, ambitious and quick thinking. He is constantly doing something to progress his career or other life goals. This Knight would be a perfect candidate for **The Apprentice** due to his strong desire for action and success, no matter what the cost. He is like your 'gung-ho' graduate who has excelled through University and now believes he can take on the world because he is so smart. What he does not have, however, is life experience and maturity, which means that he can often be perceived as over-zealous, blunt, a know-it-all, tactless and rude. Whilst assertive, confident and intelligent, he may be domineering, forceful, threatening and imposing, and as such he is likely to have his fair share of enemies that he has gathered along the way.

Physically, the Knight of Swords typically has dark brown hair and grey, hazel or blue eyes. He is tall, with lots of charm and sex appeal.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for a relationship, the Knight of Swords suggests that you

will be doing so with great energy and ambition. You are not afraid to boldly walk up to someone new and introduce yourself. You are putting fear aside, and instead, you are solely focused on finding a new romantic partner. You may also be getting restless in finding new love and are more compelled than ever to find someone to get involved with. Represented as another person, the Knight of Swords suggests that an attractive and sexually appealing person will soon enter your life. This person is charismatic, energetic and highly intellectual but they may come across as quite over-bearing or assertive.

If you are in a relationship, then it is likely with the Knight of Swords that you are keen to move the relationship forward as quickly as possible. You may have only just met, but already you are talking about moving in together, meeting the parents, getting engaged, or even having children. There is a lot of talk about the future, even if you are not yet fully committed to it or are sure that it will work out in the long run. Just be mindful that you are not rushing into things without fully understanding the consequences. It might be fun to progress things quickly but what is the rush?!

## **Spirituality**

The Knight of Swords is almost too active and restless to settle down and become silent and spiritually connected. If your mind is filled with ideas and 'To Do' lists, then you are going to struggle to connect with your spiritual self. You may need to slow down and give yourself space to deepen your connection and understanding of yourself.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Knight of Swords suggests that you are pursuing a new health plan with great energy and excitement. You may enjoy running or other high-intensity forms of exercise. Be careful, however, that you do not overdo it and wear yourself out. You could be more prone to injury at this time if you are not conscious of your outer limits.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Knight of Swords + Chariot – There is no stopping you as you are completely driven by determination, focus, and ambition towards your goal.

Knight of Swords + Knight of Cups – You are actively being pursued by someone who has a romantic interest in you. This person is not going to let up until they have won over your heart!

Knight of Swords + Three of Pentacles – It is imperative that you bring others along with you on your journey to succeed, particularly within a work context.

Knight of Swords + Three of Wands – You may be an entrepreneur at heart and are currently looking at new business opportunities overseas.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

This reversed Knight is incredibly impatient, impulsive and bursting with energy. This person has so much energy but so little direction that this results in them making rash decisions and pulling down others with them. Their thoughts are scattered and all over the place. They are likely to be very disorganised, flippant and unpredictable. If you encounter this type of person, you need to be very wary and make sure that you do not get caught up in all the hype and energy that surrounds them. It will be easily done for this person is a greater talker and is full of ideas and thoughts about future opportunities. Do not get sucked into their whirlwind of activity and energy!

The Knight of Swords reversed indicates that you need to go it alone to build up valuable life experience and maturity. As you search for freedom and independence, it is likely you will make mistakes on your way due to your reckless and impatient nature, but this is all part of the journey. This card can often reflect a rebellious teenager who is fighting for their independence, and the parents who need to allow that teenager to make the mistakes and to be accountable for their actions.

The reversed Knight of Swords can also suggest that you need to slow down; otherwise, you are at risk of serious burn-out and exhaustion. You want to be



involved in everything, but you are not succeeding at anything due to this scattered thought and energy. As such, you are spinning your wheels and accomplishing very little but growing more and more tired by the day. Take some time out so that you can first ground yourself, gather your thoughts and focus on only the top priorities.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Knight of Swords reversed + Fool reversed – You are off the rails, and your actions are incredibly reckless and impulsive. If you do not change course, you will make many foolish mistakes.

Knight of Swords reversed + Four of Swords – You need to slow down and have some time for rest and relaxation; otherwise, you will burn yourself out.

Knight of Swords reversed + Two of Wands reversed – You lack a clear plan for the future, and as such, your energy and thoughts are scattered and unfocused.

# QUEEN OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Quick thinker, organised, perceptive, independent.

**Reversed:** Overly-emotional, bitchy, cold-hearted.



## QUOTES

“The thing women have yet to learn is nobody gives you power. You just take it.”- Roseanne Barr (Actress)

“I’m tough, I’m ambitious, and I know exactly what I want. If that makes me a bitch, okay.” – Madonna

“I, with a deeper instinct, choose a man who compels my strength, who makes enormous demands on me, who does not doubt my courage or my toughness, who does not believe me naive or innocent, who has the courage to treat me like a woman.” – Anaïs Nin (Author)

“An honest heart being the first blessing, a knowing head is the second.” – Thomas Jefferson (US President)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Queen of Swords sits high on her throne with a stern look on her face indicating that no one can fool her. In her right hand, she comfortably holds a sword pointed to the sky, and her left hand extends as if she has something to offer to others. Behind her is a spring sky, different from the winter settings on most other Swords cards, and this has an emergence and growth quality to it. The sky is clear, representing her clarity of mind as she considers matters of the intellect. The bird above her head symbolises the mind’s ability to soar above day-to-day issues in order to arrive at appropriate solutions.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Queen of Swords represents the sternness of a mature intellect which is devoid of emotion. In mythology, the feminine is associated with emotion, yet in this card, the woman is stern and composed, and without much feeling. This card, therefore, represents the intellect’s ability to judge and discern impartially, without the influence of emotion or sentimentality. She likes to

know the how, what, why, where, when and who of everything to help her make sense of her environment and to better understand others. It is not that she does not care about others, but she connects to other people through an intellectual understanding rather than an emotional understanding.

The Queen of Swords is a sign that you need to be independent in thought and in judgement. You must use your unbiased intelligence in order to make a judgement of a particular situation, drawing upon every piece of information and fact that you have gathered along the way. Empathy or compassion towards others may distract you from the task at hand, so it is important that you think with your head and not with your heart at this particular time. Do not let emotion get in the way. Rather, use fact and logic to make your decisions.

The Queen of Swords also has an innate ability to tell it like it is. She is a quick thinker and highly perceptive, and as such, she can cut through the noise and confusion to get straight to the point. There is certainly no ‘beating about the bush,’ or ‘softening’ of her comments, opinions and thoughts. She is upfront and honest about her opinions and expects the same from others. The best way to interact with the Queen of Swords, therefore, is to remain as impartial as possible and to present your thoughts and opinions concisely and honestly.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Queen of Swords can represent yourself or someone you work with. She is someone who is highly intelligent and is able to investigate and solve business problems quickly and effectively. She would make an astute business woman or a good consultant as she gets straight to the point and is very perceptive and articulate with her thoughts and opinions. She is a strong role model within the work environment and may represent your boss or mentor.

In a career reading, the Queen of Swords’ fairness, impartiality and intelligence make you a good candidate for a career that is focused on making decisions, assessing and solving problems, and teaching others.

In a financial reading, the Queen of Swords indicates that your finances will benefit by your logical and rational decision-making. You must leave any emotion out of your financial decisions at this point; otherwise, you risk negating your winnings.

## **Personality Types**

The Queen of Swords personality type is highly intelligent, assertive, decisive, independent, honest and well-respected. She gets to the heart of the matter and tells it as it is with honesty and integrity. She is also very perceptive and alert to any potential undercurrents or hidden agendas and should therefore not be underestimated. She is quick-witted, with a good sense of humour, preferring to stick with intelligent humour rather than crass or 'toilet' humour. She may often present herself as a widow, divorcee, or independent woman who prefers to live on her own.

Physically, she is known to have red or dark brown hair and gray/hazel or blue eyes. She is graceful and likes to present herself well but without going over the top.

## **Relationships and Love**

The Queen of Swords is highly independent and has learned to live on her own. Any unrealistically romantic notions she may have had about love have been dispelled, and she is able to see new relationships with clear sight and accurate judgement.

She is a mixture of the elements of Air and Water, and as such can use both her head and her heart in thinking through a situation. She can go it alone if need be and be perfectly happy but is also willing to be fair and give a relationship another chance if it is appropriate.

Thus, if you are single, you may prefer to spend this time on your own, enjoying your own company and independence. You are still open to new relationships but only if they are the 'real deal.' You have certainly had your fair share of romance in the past, so now you are looking for something much more straightforward.

If you are in a relationship, your partner may see you as someone who seeks independence whilst remaining in a committed relationship. If your partner is someone who likes intimacy and physical contact, or emotional expression, then there may be some tension between you as the Queen of Swords prefers not to be overly tender and affectionate. It is not that you are not in love with your partner, but it is more a case of expressing yourself in different ways. However, you may like to explore how you can more actively show or express your love to your partner.

If your relationship is struggling, then you may be trying to make some tough decisions about its future. You need to look at the relationship and the overall situation from an impartial, unbiased perspective, and aim to leave your emotions out of it. If this is a challenge, then seek advice from an impartial friend.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Queen of Swords suggests that you want to understand your spirituality from a rational or logical point of view. You may choose to find a spiritual expert so that you can ask the how, what, when, where, why and who questions about spirituality. Doing this will help you to understand your spiritual path in more detail, on a more rational and logical level.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health and well-being reading, the Queen of Swords suggests that you may be repressing your emotions. If so, this may have a negative impact on your physical health. You may also have a strong desire to research a specific health issue and almost ‘interview’ a number of specialists to form your opinions of what is going on and what the best treatment is.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Queen of Swords + High Priestess – To make the best decisions at this time, you need to draw upon both your intellectual perception and your intuitive

perception.

Queen of Swords + Justice – You are in a position where your judgements will have an impact amongst a number of people.

Queen of Swords + Nine of Pentacles – You are highly independent and able to enjoy the finer luxuries of life as a result.

Queen of Swords + King of Swords – If you are female, you may form a powerful and successful partnership with another highly intelligent male.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Queen of Swords reversed indicates that currently, you may be thinking more with your heart than your head. You may be very emotionally involved in a particular situation or issue, but this may be distorting your perception of the situation at hand. You need to use your head a little bit more to understand what is happening and read the signals more accurately. Look at your situation objectively and think with your head and not your heart as this may give you a better picture of the situation and help you evaluate what you need to do next.

Similarly, the reversed Queen of Swords suggests that relationships are clouding your usually clear vision. You need to refocus your goals or direction, yet you are hesitating due to a desire not to disturb the positive balance and harmony of your relationships with others. At the end of the day, you need to be more hard-edged, confident and assertive to be successful. Clear sight and analysis, objective weighing of options and ideas for the future, and even carefully considering but not necessarily choosing, the alternatives are essential right now.

On the other hand, the reversed Queen of Swords can come across as cold-hearted, bitter, resentful and bitchy, particularly if she is completely devoid of any emotion or compassion for others. In her quest to get to the bottom of an issue, she puts a lot of other people off-side and loses her support base. She isolates herself from others and is seen as narrow-minded, intolerant, and

mean.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Queen of Swords reversed + Ace of Cups reversed – You are letting emotions get in the way of you being able to make a good decision.

Queen of Swords reversed + Five of Pentacles – You have isolated yourself by being devoid of emotion or empathy towards others.

Queen of Swords reversed + Three of Cups – You are placing more importance on your relationships with others, rather than making the tough decisions.



# KING OF SWORDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Clear thinking, intellectual power, authority, truth

**Reversed:** Manipulative, tyrannical, abusive



## QUOTES

“Think like a wise man but communicate in the language of the people.” – William Butler Yeats (Poet and dramatist)

“Everything is based on mind, is led by mind, is fashioned by mind. If you speak and act with a polluted mind, suffering will follow you, as a shadow clings to a form.” – Buddha

“Follow the path of the unsafe, independent thinker. Expose your ideas to the danger of controversy. Speak your mind and fear less the label of “crackpot” than the stigma of conformity.” – Thomas J. Watson (Businessman)

“If you judge, investigate.” – Lucius Annaeus Seneca (Philosopher and playwright)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The King of Swords sits upon his throne of command, holding a large upward-pointing, double-edged sword in his right hand, while his left-hand rests gently upon his lap. On his left Saturn finger is a ring, symbolic of power and taking his responsibilities seriously. The King wears a blue tunic, symbolic of a desire for spiritual understanding, and a purple cape, symbolic of compassion combined with intellect. The back of his throne is decorated with butterflies (transformation), crescent moons and an angel just near his left ear, positioned as if to give him subtle guidance. The sky is relatively clear with a few clouds, representing general mental clarity. The trees in the background appear motionless and reflect the stern judgement of the King.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The King of Swords is a symbol of intellectual power and authority and has the courage and intellect to accomplish all that he desires. He represents judgement, command, and rulership. His character indicates the stern

leadership of a judge, lawyer, or military commander whose emotions must be kept in check under the pressure of battle. Therefore, the King of Swords asks you to remain detached and objective in a specific situation, in order to ascertain the truth and seek out only the facts. You need to use your intellect to prove your point and succeed. Your education and experience are important but so are your day-to-day observations and thoughts. You can also solve problems by using history, rules, laws and diplomacy.

The King of Swords suggests that you need to adopt a very stern but fair role. You have clarity of mind and can perceive the truth right now, so you must take the lead with providing an objective point of view. You are well-positioned to judge your situation appropriately and identify the limiting behaviours that are getting in the way. This is a time when you need to leave emotions out of it, and remain as objective and rational as possible. You may need to reason with others and be quite direct about what you are observing. You may be concerned that you are not being particularly caring or sympathetic but at this point, this detachment is what is needed most.

Similarly, the King of Swords encourages you to use your logic and intellect to navigate your path ahead. You will need to get to the heart of the matter, make firm and well-researched decisions, and ensure that you are firm but fair in your dealings with others. You need to be able to take any situation, look at it with total impartiality, and then come to a decision that is both fair and insightful.

Often, the King of Swords represents a professional advisor, such as a solicitor or attorney, financial adviser or taxation consultant. This advisor has a solid reputation and a vast amount of knowledge in his particular field and will provide you with objective, well-researched advice about your situation. He is completely impartial and will draw upon his experience and his innate knowledge of the rules, systems, and structures that are in place. He may come across as detached or disinterested in your personal circumstances unless it relates specifically to the type of advice he is giving you. This is so that he can provide only the most relevant and objective advice to you. He prides himself on his expertise and qualifications and is likely to charge a high fee for his services. Nonetheless, he offers the rigour and specialist knowledge that you need right now.

If you have not engaged the help of an expert, the appearance of the King of Swords suggests that it may be worthwhile getting some legal or financial advice. If you are expecting changes or particular circumstances to arise that will require expert advice, you can be on the front foot by seeking advice before they happen. That way, when they do roll through, you are ready to demand your rights and seek an outcome that benefits you. You may also benefit by finding an advocate or mentor who will look out for your needs and who can provide you with objective and smart advice about what to do.

This King is also a man of the highest ethical standards. It is impossible to corrupt him, and as such he acts as a pillar of strength which gives sound advice to everyone, no matter who they are. What is more, he firmly expects others to operate by the rules of the law and will not tolerate others who break the law. As a father, for example, he will become very angry if his children do not follow the 'house rules.'

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the King of Swords may represent an aspect of yourself or someone who you work with. In a work setting, this King is likely to be in a position of authority and is highly educated, qualified and experienced. He respects knowledge and intelligence; thus, you better make sure that you have a solid argument or point of view when you encounter him. Do not even bother talking about you feel or how your day is going. Just cut to the chase and tell him what needs to happen and why. He may initially come across as a roadblock, but if you can convince him of your argument using logic and fact, then he will assist you in your goals.

In a career-related reading, the King of Swords suggests that you are well-suited to a professional role, particularly where intellect and the law are important. For example, this King points to a career in law, tax, governance and risk management. As a Swords card, it may also indicate a desire to become a highly specialised surgeon.

In a finance reading, the King of Swords suggests that you are best placed to seek the advice of a knowledgeable and well-qualified financial advisor or legal expert. You have some major financial decisions that need to be made,

so make sure that you get the best advice possible.

## **Personality Types**

The King of Swords personality type is highly intelligent, articulate, authoritative, powerful and objective. He is highly qualified and has a vast amount of knowledge and expertise related to his field. He draws upon fact and data to form his opinions and then does not let up whatsoever in proving his point of view. He is not exactly an inspiring person but instead prefers to command people who follow him because they trust him and respect his knowledge. His decisions are nearly always the right ones because he sees the big picture and never lets his emotions bias his judgement.

Physically, the King of Swords typically has dark brown hair and gray/hazel or blue eyes. He is often a father, husband, employer, teacher, lawyer, doctor or professional advisor.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a relationship reading, the King of Swords often reflects a person with whom you are involved. In a relationship, the King of Swords is often someone who shows an interest in you but who has trouble conveying his emotions effectively. He is highly intelligent, trustworthy and a strong conversationalist, especially when it comes to current affairs, politics, and sciences but he is awful at effectively expressing his emotions and showing that he cares for you. It does not mean that he is completely disinterested in a romantic relationship, but it is certainly not in his nature to be able to show such emotion and affection easily. He may also be in a position of authority in relation to you, such as a boss, an older person or an advisor.

If you are looking for love, you may come across this person as a potential partner.

This card can also show that you are looking at love from an entirely rational and objective point of view, and may be very discerning in who you are choosing to spend time with.

In a relationship, the King of Swords can again represent your partner or even an aspect of yourself in your relationship. This card can also indicate that you are both facing a number of major decisions in your lives that require you to be very rational, logical, objective and decisive. You need to draw upon your intellect as you decide what you want from this relationship moving forward. What you may experience then, is a somewhat cold but very focused and determined partner.

If a relationship is struggling and you see the King of Swords, it may be a sign that either you or your partner has become over-bearing, domineering, authoritative and controlling in the relationship. While you may be dealing with a very intelligent person, their emotional intelligence is lacking, and you will need to address the emotional aspects in the relationship in balance with the mental aspects.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the King of Swords suggests that for you to feel connected to a set of spiritual beliefs, they have to make sense to you intellectually as well. You can deepen your spiritual awareness and practise by actively seeking out new sources of information and insight. You may also be drawn to a spiritual mentor or guide who can lay spiritual beliefs systems out in a way that makes sense to you, and that is logical and rational, rather than 'airy-fairy.'

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the King of Swords may indicate that you would be wise to seek the advice of a medical expert or specialist at this time. You may also be looking at surgery to resolve a health problem. Seek only the best in the field.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

King of Swords + Chariot – You are unstoppable in your determination to attain the highest level of knowledge and expertise in a particular field.

King of Swords + Justice – You are being judged by a person in authority, who will assess the situation with complete impartiality and will make the final judgement.

King of Swords + Seven of Pentacles – You may be seeking the advice of a financial advisor to maximise your long-term investments.

King of Swords + Seven of Wands – Be prepared to defend yourself and your point of view to someone who is highly intelligent, rational and logical and who will expect you to ‘know your stuff.’

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The King of Swords reversed can suggest the misuse of one’s mental power, authority, and drive. The reversed King of Swords represents manipulation and persuasion to fulfil selfish needs. He is a very intelligent older male (or sometimes female) who likes to show off to others about how smart he is by using big words or talking about topics about which no one else knows. He may also be very cutting in his words, critical of others, and stern in his manner. This card may represent a person in your life or even yourself. You need to be wary of this type of person because, although he/she may be charming and intelligent, they can do only harm. They have only their personal interests in mind and will do whatever they can to achieve these interests, even if it means stepping on others.

Similarly, the King of Swords reversed can be quite a tyrant and a ‘loose cannon.’ He is prone to aggression and angry outbursts, particularly if you make him look bad or challenge his authority. He is not pleasant to be around and is likely to leave you feeling demoralised and put down.

The reversed King of Swords can also reflect a lack of decisiveness about where your best opportunities lie or in what direction you want to head. You are still making up your mind about what you want to do and what is going to inspire you. This lack of decision means a lack of direction at this time, so it is essential that you drive energy towards making a decision and then acting upon it. The longer you wait around until everything is 100% clear, the

longer you delay your fulfilment. You may also be lacking the mental clarity to work out what it is that you need to do in your situation. Your thoughts are scattered and may be starting to feel quite panicky and out of control when it comes to knowing exactly what to do and what choices to make. Upright, the King is typically a very rational man who uses his intelligence and clear understanding of a situation to make critical decisions but reversed, this card indicates that you are feeling very lost and uncertain about your options, let alone the decisions you need to make. As a result, you are delaying necessary decisions and generally not achieving anything because you are getting so worried.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

King of Swords reversed + Emperor reversed – A controlling, domineering and power-hungry person who is incredibly self-motivated and manipulative.

King of Swords reversed + Two of Swords reversed – A high level of indecisiveness about a current choice that must be made.

King of Swords reversed + Five of Swords – A highly cunning person who will stop at nothing to win, even if it means making enemies along the way.



# THE SUIT OF WANDS

The Suit of Wands is representative of the element of Fire. Wands have to do with primal energy, spirituality, inspiration, determination, strength, intuition, creativity, ambition and expansion, original thought and the seeds from which which life springs forth. Wands deal with the spiritual level of consciousness and mirror what is important to you at the core of your being. They address what makes us tick—our personalities, egos, enthusiasms, self-concepts, and personal energy, both internal and external.

Wands are also indicative of all things that you do during the day to keep you busy, be it working at the office, home or the great outdoors. Wands have to do with movement, action and initiatives and the launching of new ideas. They may be indicative of a never-ending ‘Ideas List’ or ‘To Do List,’ when you have many projects on the go to keep you busy.

Wands represent the Fire signs of Leo, Sagittarius and Aries. Wands people (as typically seen in the Court Cards) are energetic, charismatic, warm and spiritual.

The negative aspects of the Suit of Wands (i.e. when the Wands cards appear reversed) include illusion, egotistical behaviour, impulsiveness, a lack of direction or purpose, or feeling meaningless.

When referring to timing in a Tarot reading, the Suit of Wands traditionally represents spring or weeks. In a deck of playing cards, Wands corresponds to Clubs.

Should a Tarot reading be predominantly Wands cards, you can be sure that you are seeking solutions to issues that are based mainly in the realm of thought, or that are in the first stages of development. You may also be seeking greater purpose and meaning in your life and will want to understand

more about what motivates and energises you.

# **QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: SUIT OF WANDS KEYWORDS**



Inspiration, power, creation, beginnings, potential

# ACE

Delays, lack of motivation, weighed down



Future planning, progress, decisions, discovery

# TWO

Fear of unknown, lack of planning



Preparation, foresight, enterprise, expansion

# THREE

Lack of foresight, delays, obstacles to long-term goals



Celebration, harmony, marriage, home, community

# FOUR

Breakdown in communication, transition



Disagreement, competition, strife, tension, conflict

# FIVE

Conflict avoidance, increased focus on goals



Public recognition, victory, progress, self-confidence

# SIX

Egotism, disrepute, lack of confidence, fall from grace



Challenge, competition, perseverance

# SEVEN

Giving up, overwhelmed, overly protective



Speed, action, air travel, movement, swift change

# EIGHT

Delays, frustration, holding off



Courage, persistence, test of faith, resilience

# NINE

On edge, defensive, hesitant, paranoia



Burden, responsibility, hard work, stress, achievement

# TEN

Taking on too much, avoiding responsibility



Enthusiasm, exploration, discovery, free spirit

# PAGE

Setbacks to new ideas, pessimism, lack of direction



Energy, passion, lust, action, adventure, impulsiveness

# KNIGHT

Haste, scattered energy, delays, frustration



Exuberance, warmth, vibrancy, determination

# QUEEN

Shrinking violet, aggressive, demanding



Natural-born leader, vision, entrepreneur, honour

# KING

Impulsiveness, haste, ruthless, high expectations

# ACE OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Inspiration, power, creation, beginnings, potential.

**Reversed:** Delays, lack of motivation, weighed down.



## QUOTES

“Creativity can solve almost any problem. The creative act, the defeat of habit by originality, overcomes everything.” – George Lois (Art director and author)

“Every moment of your life is infinitely creative and the universe is endlessly bountiful. Just put forth a clear enough request, and everything your heart desires must come to you.” – Shakti Gawain (Human potential teacher)

“When you see a thing clearly in your mind, your creative ‘success mechanism’ within you takes over and does the job much better than you could do it by conscious effort or ‘willpower’.” – Maxwell Maltz (Plastic surgeon)

## **DESCRIPTION**

In the Ace of Wands, a hand reaches out from a cloud, as if a spiritual opportunity or offering is being made, to grasp a wand that is still flowering, growing and developing. The leaves floating down with the wind signify material and spiritual progress and balance. In the distance on the left, there is a castle that represents the promise of what opportunities may come.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Ace of Wands is a sign to just ‘go for it.’ This highly action-oriented card sees you feeling incredibly inspired and enthusiastic about pursuing a new idea or project that you have in mind. You are all revved up and raring to go. Use your creative energy and passion to take the first steps and get this project underway. Even if you like to have everything planned out before you begin down a certain path, the Ace of Wands is encouraging you to listen to your instincts and follow your gut. If it feels like a good idea, it probably is. So, start with a few basic actions to get things underway, and then continue to grow and develop your ideas through more complex actions later on. The

important thing is that you act now, rather than spending more time planning or researching.

The Ace of Wands is also indicative of a time in your life where you have a breakthrough moment and feel very inspired and motivated about a particular idea or passion. Your eyes have been opened to a whole new world, and you are now very excited about the possibilities and the opportunities that are available to you.

You are showing immense potential at this time and are driven by a strong, creative force. It is as if there is a latent talent within that is just bursting to get out and be fully utilised. This is also a perfect time to draw upon your imagination and to make your dreams reality.

Something to keep in mind with the Ace of Wands, and any Ace for that matter, is that it is but a seed that is yet to grow into something more solid or sustainable. You are being offered an opportunity here that shows great promise, but it will be up to you to make the most of it and to maximise the potential for the longer-term. It is almost like the spark that is needed to fuel a huge fire but you must work hard to build the fire up as the spark itself is not enough to make such a large fire.

The energy of the Ace of Wands can also signify a restlessness or uncertainty as to how to proceed. You may have energy and passion but not yet have a clear outlet for its expression. All of these wonderful ideas are beginning to build up from within, and you are just bursting with energy, but now you must find a way to effectively express this energy in a way that will set you up in the longer-term.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are looking for work, the Ace of Wands indicates a new job opportunity is imminent. This job opportunity will have you feeling incredibly excited, enthusiastic and inspired about what is to come and you will be ready to give everything you have to win the job and to be successful in the job. This is that one-in-a- million opportunity where you know you are the perfect candidate and that you have so much to offer.

If you are engaged in project work in your current role, the Ace of Wands is typically indicative of a new project that is likely to enhance your career and your personal development. It may be a stretch project that is designed to develop you and extend your abilities. It will be up to you to make the most of this opportunity.

In a career-related reading, the Ace of Wands indicates that you are a highly creative and imaginative individual, and you have a capacity for achieving ideals, creating original concepts, and achieving growth. Possible career paths include advertising, graphic design, entrepreneurship, art, and writing. Travel may also be involved in your career pursuits, particularly in the sense of becoming a travel writer or reviewer.

In a finance reading, the Ace of Wands suggests that a new opportunity will come your way that promises the possibility of increasing your finances. It may also indicate an unexpected gift or inheritance.

## **Personality Types**

The Ace of Wands personality type is highly energetic, exciting to know, bold, youthful, pure-hearted and easily excitable. They are constantly coming up with new ideas and new ways of doing things. They are also likely to be free of any major commitments or responsibilities, or will at least act this way, and can, therefore, jet off to the other side of the world tomorrow if that is what their heart desires. There is also a sexual element associated with the Ace of Wands, so this personality may be a very sexually-driven individual who likes to flirt, meet lots of people and engage in lots of short-term but exciting sexual encounters.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Ace of Wands indicates a new relationship is on the horizon. This is likely to be one of those whirlwind relationships where everything moves very quickly, and the relationship itself is highly energetic and exciting. You are likely to have strong sexual chemistry and will want to spend most of your time together, exploring each other and growing the potential together. There is also potential to meet someone while



travelling, such as in a holiday romance, or even someone who you take back home with you.

In an existing relationship, the Ace of Wands suggests that you are entering a new phase of your relationship and it has enhanced your connection together. This is an exciting time for you both as it heralds a new beginning and perhaps even a turnaround from previous challenges in the relationship. It is like turning a new leaf and finding that passion that initially drew you together.

If you are struggling in a relationship, then the Ace of Wands is a sign to find something new that connects you both. Leave behind any of the past issues or struggles, and instead, focus on future opportunities and potential in the relationship.

## **Spirituality**

The appearance of the Ace of Wands in a spiritual reading shows a strong desire to pursue a new spiritual journey to bring about self-discovery and enlightenment. Your interest may have been sparked by a new spiritual belief system, ideology or even a book or spiritual leader, and you are now keen to find out more and explore what it means for you.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Ace of Wands heralds renewed energy, health and vitality. You will be feeling much better about yourself and much more motivated to start a new health regime or exercise program.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ace of Wands + Magician – You have both the inspiration and the skills to successfully turn an idea into action.

Ace of Wands + Judgement – You are experiencing a ‘breakthrough moment’ that is compelling you to take action on a new opportunity.

Ace of Wands + Nine of Cups – A new idea will bring you great satisfaction, fulfilment, and contentment if you follow through with it.

Ace of Wands + Eight of Wands – You may be about to travel or start on a major world trip, and are filled with excitement and anticipation.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The reversed Ace of Wands suggests that you are finding it difficult to clearly define what it is that you want. This lack of direction may be sapping your energy levels and leaving you feeling incredibly unmotivated and uninspired. As a result, you are often asking yourself if this is what you want in life and whether there would be something better elsewhere. However, when you think about what other opportunities might appeal, you may struggle to really know what you want. To remedy this, you need first to focus on where your true passions lie. There is no point working towards a goal if you are not motivated or excited about reaching that goal. So, take some time to contemplate what it is you aspire to and what you want to achieve out of this situation.

The Ace of Wands reversed can also indicate that you are weighed down by existing responsibilities and commitments and therefore cannot pursue the new ideas that you have. You need to revisit the Ten of Wands and release yourself of some of those burdensome responsibilities so that you can free up your time to pursue your newfound passions. Alternatively, you may take a break from your usual routine to allow your new ideas to flourish and grow.

The reversed Ace of Wands can indicate frustrating delays are getting in the way of you being able to progress with your projects and ideas. You are likely to feel very impatient at this time, particularly if you are highly action-oriented and you have just started to gain momentum in your activities. You might also be in a position where you have an amazing idea, but you have not yet found the right outlet for that idea. Again, you are beginning to become increasingly impatient that you have not been able to manifest that idea just yet but perhaps that is for the best. Timing is essential, so be patient and wait for the best opportunity.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ace of Wands reversed + Four of Cups – You lack inspiration and, as such, it may be best to hold off pursuing any new opportunities until you are clear on what you want to achieve.

Ace of Wands reversed + Nine of Wands – Competing priorities and increasing demands are standing in the way of your being able to start on a new idea or passion.

Ace of Wands reversed + Knight of Swords – Delays are becoming increasingly frustrating, particularly as you have already set the wheels in motion and are focused on taking action.

# TWO OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Future planning, progress, decisions, discovery.

**Reversed:** Fear of unknown, lack of planning.



## QUOTES

“To solve a problem or to reach a goal, you do not need to know all the answers in advance. But you must have a clear idea of the problem or the goal you want to reach.”- W. Clement Stone (Businessman)

“A goal without a plan is just a wish.” – Larry Elder (Radio speaker)

“Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.” – Louisa May Alcott (Author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The man in the Two of Wands is holding a small globe and stands on the roof of a castle, looking out over a vast terrain to the right and an ocean to the left. The globe in his hands represents that the world is his oyster and there is huge potential if he can expand his horizons to encompass broader life experiences. He understands his ambition and knows what must be done. He is wearing an orange tunic, which symbolises an enthusiastic approach to life, and a red hat, symbolising a passion for adventure.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Two of Wands takes the spark of inspiration from the Ace of Wands and matures it into an actual path forward. Thus, the Two of Wands is all about planning and progressing. You have been able to take your idea and turn it into a feasible plan that you know will lead to your success. It is no longer just an idea, but you now have a plan in place to ensure that your idea is carried out as you had intended.

The Two of Wands is also about discovery, particularly as you step outside of your comfort zone and explore new worlds and new experiences. It may take some courage to take the first step, but this card gives you the confidence of

self- knowledge. You know what your goal is, what your creative process is directing for you, and you are confident in its eventual fulfilment.

The Two of Wands indicates that you will begin to consider your longer-term goals and aspirations and will plan ahead for what you need to do to achieve these goals. You have already come so far, but now you feel it is ready for a change, this time with your long-term future in mind. You may be considering overseas travel, further education or a major career change at this point to expand your learning and development and to grow your horizons beyond your immediate environment. With careful planning and a moderated approach, you will set yourself up for success in the future.

The Twos in Tarot often represent decisions of some sort. In the case of the Two of Wands, you are making a decision between sticking with what you know, or expanding your horizons and taking a risk. You know that the world has to offer you something bigger or more meaningful, yet you are also aware that to maximise on this opportunity, you must leave your familiar grounds. Even though you have already invested a lot into your current circumstances, for you to be able to grow and to maximise your potential, it is imperative that you step out into a new world and explore your options.

This card shows the patience and focus of your intent. You have got the ball rolling and have started out on your journey, so now it is time to patiently wait for your rewards and watch as your ideas begin to materialise.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Two of Wands may indicate an overseas move to progress your career or to pursue a new development opportunity. You may also be offered a position where you are required to take on more responsibility and to broaden your experience and skills. If you are looking for work, then you may need to look beyond the safety of what you already know. Consider searching for work outside of your neighbourhood, city or state, and consider jobs that may be slightly outside of your comfort zone or experience level. It is time to stretch and develop yourself by taking some more risks in your job search.

In a career-related reading, the Two of Wands suggests that you have some important decisions to make. Wands are the suit of achievement, will, and career, and here we see a person trying to decide between the familiar career that he already has, and going out into the world to try something new. A change of career is what you need most right now, and will also give you more energy and make you feel more positive about yourself. If you are considering a new business, the Two of Wands can suggest that a business partnership may be beneficial, so if you feel you cannot do this alone, it might be worth looking for a business partner.

In a financial reading, the Two of Wands suggests that you may be looking to expand your portfolio, particularly to include overseas investments. You have already been doing some planning around your finances, so now it is time to decide exactly where and how you will invest to expand your financial opportunities.

## **Personality Types**

The Two of Wands personality type is highly confident, visionary, positive and adventurous. They are able to look beyond their own backyard and can see opportunities from all directions. They are not afraid to take a risk and to pursue their vision by exploring new territories. They are frequently stepping outside of their comfort zone in order to progress and develop as a person. The Two of Wands personality is also a strong planner who can take an idea and turn it into action.

They take the initiative and create opportunities for themselves because they are so focused on growth.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Two of Wands suggests that you may find a potential partner if you broaden your search. That is, rather than simply looking for the same type of person you have dated in the past, seek out people who are new to you and who will teach you something new about yourself. It may also be time to branch out and try new ways of meeting people, such as internet dating or speed dating.

If you are in a relationship, you may be looking at opportunities to expand the relationship further or to take it to the next level. You may both be discussing the possibility of moving in together, moving to a different state or country, or increasing the level of commitment to each other in some way.

If your relationship is struggling, you may be considering whether or not it is time to leave the relationship to explore your opportunities elsewhere, or whether you should stay and work things out. If the relationship is new, and you have invested relatively little in it so far, you will be more inclined to look elsewhere for love, particularly if you are not satisfied in the relationship. However, if you have invested a lot in the relationship, the decision is going to be much harder.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Two of Wands can indicate that you are exploring a number of different spiritual belief systems in an attempt to broaden your knowledge. You may find that a partnership with another person on a similar quest will help you attain even more spiritual enlightenment.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Two of Wands encourages you to seek a second opinion in any health diagnoses. It may also benefit you by seeking the advice of two different types of practitioners, such as a medical specialist and a holistic healer. Even if it is outside of your comfort zone, the two different perspectives may help you to gain a balanced view of your health.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Two of Wands + Fool – You are prepared to take a step into the unknown to begin a journey of self-discovery.

Two of Wands + World – Global opportunities await you, either in your career or personal life. Do not be afraid to grasp these opportunities and see where they take you.



Two of Wands + Eight of Wands – If you are planning on travelling soon, then this may be just what you need to develop yourself and to expand your horizons. Expect some breakthrough moments during this trip.

Two of Wands + Six of Swords – In order to grow and develop, you must leave behind familiar territory. It may be a difficult move initially but it will pay off in the long run.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Two of Wands reversed suggests that you need to start organising your long-term goals and prioritising what is important to you and what you really want to achieve. At the moment, it may seem that you want so many things, but you have not thought these through enough to make them a reality. Start at the beginning again and meditate on what is important to you and what motivates and drives you. Look at where your passions are, and then start planning how you will achieve these goals.

You may also be afraid to step out into unknown territories, despite the tremendous growth potential, instead preferring to stay with what is familiar to you. The trouble is your growth is currently being stunted in your present environment, and your world has become too small for you. It is time to bring your attention back to your original goal and understand the beneficial impact of taking a risk and stepping out into the bigger world around you.

The reversed Two of Wands can also indicate that you have overlooked some important details related to your plan for the future. You may have been moving full steam ahead but have recently hit a roadblock due to lack of planning. You may also be over-confident about your success, overlooking the things that matter most. Or, you may be losing your passion associated with your goal and are becoming easily bored and demotivated. It is essential that you reignite that passion, or start again with something you feel more inspired about.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Two of Wands reversed + Eight of Swords – You are feeling powerless and constrained by fear of the unknown. While your current circumstances are becoming limiting, you are afraid of stepping out into unfamiliar territories.

Two of Wands reversed + Seven of Swords – You thought you could get away with a quick fix solution or even a ‘get rich quick’ scheme, but it has fallen short, and you have hit a number of roadblocks.

# THREE OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Preparation, foresight, enterprise, expansion.

**Reversed:** Lack of foresight, delays, obstacles to long-term goals.



## QUOTES

“Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.” – Demosthenes

“Business opportunities are like buses, there’s always another one coming.” – Richard Branson (Founder of Virgin Enterprises)

“Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.” – Jeremy Kitson (Businessman)

“The entrepreneur always searches for change, responds to it, and exploits it as an opportunity.” – Peter F. Drucker (Educator and writer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

On the Three of Wands, a man stands on a cliff, with his back turned, looking out over the sea to distant mountains. From this height, he can see all that lies ahead and is aware of the impending challenges and opportunities. The three wands surrounding him are firmly planted in the ground, reflecting his commitment to his future plans.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Three of Wands indicates that your plans are now well underway and you are starting to consider even more opportunities to expand your current plans and maximise on the potential of your future. Everything is progressing steadily and as expected, thanks to your solid planning and ongoing motivation to persist.

The Three of Wands indicates opportunities to expand your horizons, through study, travel, business enterprise, and learning. You need to become more aware of the opportunities that exist for you right now as there may be more than you are aware of. To best see and take advantage of them you must

concentrate, cooperate and remain open-minded. You may be more aware that your best opportunities lie outside of your current environment, so it is time to think BIG. Consider what you can do to open doors for yourself and create more development and self-exploration opportunities. It also signifies the changes and challenges that are up ahead and that are associated with expanding your horizons and entering new territories. Given the man in this card can see far ahead of himself, then you are likely to be already aware of the upcoming changes and challenges and can prepare for them ahead of time.

Similarly, this card is also about embracing change and adopting a longer-term view. It indicates you are in a position of strength as you control what happens around you. Thus, this is a card of vision and foresight and looking for greater possibilities.

You are being encouraged to become a visionary and to dream beyond your current limitations. Now is the time to accept your vision and be confident that you will achieve it. Move fearlessly into new areas.

Given the expanse of the water in the card, the Three of Wands often depicts travel. This card encourages you to think big in terms of where you want to travel to and what you will discover along the way. This card sees you travelling over water to a far away country, where you will then have the opportunity to develop yourself and learn many new things. I see this as a wonderful card of opportunity that encourages you to be bold and take this leap of faith to develop who you are.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Three of Wands suggests that over the next few months, you may have an overseas opportunity come up. Perhaps there is an overseas job opportunity or an exciting chance to travel or live overseas. This card is all about expanding your horizons and creating new success by opening yourself up to more opportunities. It is also a good card on a business or enterprise level, suggesting you may be given an opportunity to expand your current business overseas or start a new one. The Three of Wands also shows that there are many opportunities available to you outside

of your current organisation. You will be surprised at how many jobs online or in the newspaper fit your skill set. Even if you are reasonably happy in your current role, take a look at what else is out there as you may find that perfect opportunity by doing so. There is no harm in looking!

If you are considering starting a new business, then the Three of Wands is an excellent sign to consider overseas or global markets, and joining forces with other like-minded individuals. This is a card of trade, enterprise, and business, and is, therefore, indicative of success in setting up a new business which involves trading and selling. Your position in the financial world may also be strengthened through a joint venture.

In a career-related reading, the Three of Wands suggests that there are many opportunities available that expand upon current skills and experience. Possible career paths include trade and enterprise, communication, business coaching and mentoring, business development, futuring and trends analysis, and innovation.

In a financial reading, the Three of Wands suggests that you are looking to expand your already successful portfolio to include overseas investment opportunities and new business. You have already established a sound financial base but have the potential to earn more with more foresight and vision.

## **Personality Types**

The Three of Wands personality type is someone who is visionary, innovative, and bold and can foresee opportunities far into the future. They are often well-respected leaders because of their visionary abilities and are successful at bringing other people along on their journey. Three of Wands personalities are not afraid to enter new territories, particularly if they see a new opportunity that has excellent potential. They are also excited by travel and exploring new cultures.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Three of Wands encourages you to expand

your horizons and your opportunities for finding new love, perhaps by moving interstate, travelling or learning something new. This card is all about looking beyond just your immediate environment and opening yourself up to new possibilities.

If you are in an established relationship, the Three of Wands indicates that you are both talking about your plans for the future and these seem to align. You may both be interested in travelling together or engaging in some further education. You may even have a new business idea and are considering how you could work together to make it come true. This is all about bringing together two minds to create something new and to expand your horizons—very positive signs for the future of the relationship.

If you are struggling in a relationship, the Three of Wands may indicate the need for a third party to intervene or help the relationship, such as a counsellor or mediator. This person will help you to see a different, more positive future for yourselves as a partnership, thus helping you to bring the relationship back on track. It is also helpful to see your relationship as a journey that is going to have its ups and downs. You may just be going through a rough patch right now and, with a little perseverance, will soon find calmer waters. A trip away together may be just what you need.

## **Spirituality**

With the Three of Wands in a spiritual reading, you may be about to embark on a very special spiritual journey. This may be a physical journey to a faraway place to learn about a new spiritual belief system or to ‘find yourself,’ or it may be a more metaphorical journey to discover your inner spirituality. You are not simply looking for a ‘quick fix’ solution here, either but instead, you seek long-term spiritual enlightenment.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Three of Wands suggests that you are investing in your longer-term health, perhaps through a preventative care program or by engaging in more health-conscious activities.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Three of Wands + Hermit – You are embarking on a spiritual journey that will require you to travel and explore on your own.

Three of Wands + Death – You are preparing to leave behind the ‘old’ you to move towards something completely different that will enhance the ‘new’ you.

Three of Wands + Three of Pentacles – An overseas business enterprise or a joint venture will bring great success.

Three of Wands + Six of Swords – Reluctant but beneficial travel overseas. You may need to leave behind family or friends, but you know it will benefit your personal growth and development.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Three of Wands reversed suggests that you have attempted to embark on your journey of personal development, but you have been unable to accomplish the goals that you had hoped for. There may have been some unexpected delays and creative blockages to your path. There is disappointment and frustration, and a general feeling that you may have just wasted your time by even starting on this journey. What you may not realise, however, is that these setbacks are in fact an important part of your bigger life journey and will have contributed to your personal development anyway.

You may also be struggling to put your plans into action, and you are now feeling worried that you have gotten in over your head and tasks appear overwhelming. You may have had a lack of foresight and were unable to detect the challenges as they arose, or you may have been unrealistic about the risks associated with your plans. Break down your plans into smaller tasks to make them more manageable and more realistic. Conduct a risk assessment ahead of time to understand what challenges you may potentially face, and then create mitigation plans to avoid or minimise those risks.



In a business reading, the Three of Wands reversed may indicate a lack of cooperation, wasted efforts, delays, or bad luck or obstacles from outside in commercial ventures. You may be dealing with a business partner or another business that is only out for their own material gain, and as such, you are at risk of being betrayed in your business pursuits. You may also find that there are shipping delays or product manufacturing delays, particularly if you rely on an overseas source as part of your business. You know that you need to be open to receiving help, but you are also concerned about others exploiting you for their own gain.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Three of Wands can indicate that there is a fundamental issue of not being able to pursue your longer-term goals together. Your partner may want to travel or to expand their horizons by moving interstate or internationally but you may be reluctant to do so, putting an obstacle in your partner's course. This is becoming a major issue for the relationship. For the relationship to work in the long-term, you need to work this out together and come to a compromise.

Similarly, in the context of relationships, the reversed Three of Wands can act as an indicator that you are better off not engaging in any long distance relationships.

Perhaps this is something you have tried in the past, and you now realise that this is something that does not work for you. You are wary of all the drawbacks and negative consequences associated with such a relationship, and instead, you feel you would be suited to someone who was physically available and located nearby. You also know that you do not want someone who travels a lot, particularly for work, because again it means that they are not fully accessible or available to you.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Three of Wands reversed + Fool – You have embarked on a new venture without understanding the risks and challenges, and are now inadequately prepared.

Three of Wands reversed + Two of Cups reversed – As a partnership, you no

longer see eye-to-eye nor do you share the same dreams together. Greater alignment and balance is needed.

# FOUR OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Celebration, harmony, marriage, home, community.

**Reversed:** Breakdown in communication, transition.



## QUOTES

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt (US President)

“The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.” – Oprah Winfrey

“Contentment is not the fulfilment of what you want but the realization of how much you already have.” – Author Unknown

## **DESCRIPTION**

In the Four of Wands, a couple dances beneath a welcome wreath, tied between four crystal tipped wands. The canopy of flowers on the four wands is also similar to the wedding canopy or chuppah of the traditional Jewish ceremony and thus represents a time of fulfilment and satisfaction at the attainment of a goal. In the background stand another group of people, just in front of a large castle, also decorated with flowers. It appears as if a celebration is being held, perhaps as a homecoming or a celebration from within the castle.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Four of Wands heralds celebration, good times, a happy and harmonious home environment and good news. In numerology, four symbolises stability and firm foundations, and in the case of the Four of Wands, you are now enjoying a period of happiness and stability. This card indicates a sense of harmony and balance as well as completion, and thus symbolises a time of peace and joy in life that come as the result of often difficult and challenging effort. The Four of Wands is one of the most positive cards in the Tarot deck and indicates general good fortune, satisfaction, and fulfilment.

With the Four of Wands, it is the perfect time to get together with your

family and friends and to celebrate all the wonderful times that you have had together. Often, this card reflects the holiday period where you get together with the extended family and join in a celebration. Alternatively, it may be as simple as inviting your closest friends over for an intimate dinner and a few glasses of nice wine. The Four of Wands often points to a marriage, engagement, birth of a child, birthday, graduation or other type of celebration that marks a special milestone.

If you have been working on a project, you will reach an important milestone and will have cause to celebrate. You have completed a significant phase of the project and can feel very proud of what you have accomplished so far. This card augurs a time of joy and satisfaction in life and represents the personal gratification of a job well done, a goal attained, and a vision beginning to be realised.

Given the Four of Wands is closely associated with the home environment, you may be working on improving or renovating your home. You may have recently purchased a new home or are very close to finding a new home and getting ready to settle down in your new environment.

The Four of Wands indicates peace, harmony, and tranquillity. You may find a refuge from the turmoils of life, perhaps by meeting someone new in a romantic setting, or by finding a new place to live that is 'away from it all.' If you have been experiencing any disagreements with others, now will be the time to make a peace offering and instead focus on creating harmony in the relationship.

The Four of Wands provides encouragement when things seem too daunting. The card serves as a reminder that most things in life do not come easily, and so when you do accomplish a major milestone, you should be proud of everything that you have achieved. The Four of Wands is also representative of a move from one stage to another, and moving past mistakes and challenges to a place of peace, acceptance, and happiness.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Four of Wands suggests that you have achieved

an important milestone at work and there is reason to celebrate. You may have recently made your ten-year service anniversary, hit your business targets for the year, or completed a major project milestone. Not only will you be celebrating but so too will your colleagues and even superiors. This is a highly positive and social time, showing that everyone will come together to acknowledge all of your hard work so far. Nonetheless, do not take this initial success for granted and feel as though it will all be smooth sailing from here on. Yes, you have earned your success and some kudos but do not forget that you will have to continue to strive to perform and to continue to grow and stretch yourself.

In a career-related reading, it is unlikely you are considering a major career change. In fact, it would appear that you are very happy where you are currently and you plan to continue in this field. If examining possible career paths, then the Four of Wands may indicate a celebrant, events organiser, party planner, or even a family counsellor.

In a financial reading, you will have a lot to celebrate in terms of your finances. Your hard work has paid off and now you will be rewarded financially.

## **Personality Types**

The Four of Wands personality type is representative of someone who is highly positive, balanced, authentic and content in life. They have such an innate sense of stability and certainty in their lives that nothing really 'throws' them. This person is likely to be sociable and actively involved in the community and with family and friends. They like to have a good time and to celebrate all of the wonderful things in life, often being known for putting on the best parties and celebrations that bring everyone together.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a relationship reading, be it a romantic relationship, family relationship or friendship, the Four of Wands brings such positive energy, indicating a time of peace, harmony, and stability in your relationships. This is a time when you will be truly grateful for everything that you have together and will be

celebrating the beauty of your connection. It is a very happy time when you will want to be with the people you love most.

If you are looking for love, the Four of Wands suggests that soon you will find someone who will make you very happy and content. It is likely to be a stable relationship that has potential for the future and may have been facilitated or encouraged by friends or family members.

If you are in a relationship, the Four of Wands is often a sign of engagement, marriage, moving in together, or even starting a family. This is a very positive time when the energy between you as a couple is flowing harmoniously and your commitment towards each other is on the increase. You have already established a solid foundation with each other and can now celebrate everything that you have worked towards as a partnership.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Four of Wands reflects a sense of gratitude and appreciation for everything that you have established so far in your life and in your relationships with others. Spiritually, this is very important as it reflects that you are at peace with your current circumstances and can maintain an attitude of feeling truly 'blessed' for everything that you have.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Four of Wands heralds good health and well-being. In fact, you may be celebrating a recent accomplishment related to your health—losing weight, for example, or becoming cancer-free. This is a very positive time for your health, and your positive attitude will also assist in good health.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Four of Wands + Lovers – You are enjoying a very close and harmonious relationship with your partner. A marriage proposal or some form of increased commitment is likely.

Four of Wands + Star – You have developed a deep appreciation for everything that you have, and you feel truly blessed in your current circumstances.

Four of Wands + Three of Cups – Your friendships are very harmonious and fulfilling at this time, and you enjoy spending time with your closest friends to celebrate the good times.

Four of Wands + Eight of Wands – An overseas celebration, such as a wedding in a tropical location.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Four of Wands reversed suggests there is a lack of harmony or a breakdown in communication in your family or home. There may be tension between family members or loved ones, and you are finding yourself getting caught up in other people's concerns and relationship problems. This may leave you feeling uncertain about your relationships and what you can and cannot depend on. You may also be going through a period of transition in your family and home life and feeling some tension as a result.

Similarly, you may find your home situation becomes increasingly unstable. There may be an external threat to the peace and happiness you once had in your home. You may be placed into a temporary situation which appeases your immediate concerns but does not yet solve the longer-term issues. Depending on your living arrangements, it may be better to move home for the time being to allow things to settle.

Given the upright Four of Wands reflects stability, the reversal of this card can indicate that you are going through a period of transition where there is little stability and security. You may be experiencing multiple changes in your life, such as changing jobs, moving house and/or leaving a relationship. While you know that this is an important transition that you need to make, it can be quite unsettling, leaving you feeling out of balance and uncertain about your future.



In a relationship reading, the Four of Wands reversed reflects someone who may not be looking for a particularly long-term relationship but is willing to invest in it for the time being. There is a lack of commitment, or even a fear of commitment, which is preventing them from wanting a long-term relationship.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Four of Wands reversed + Four of Cups – You are reluctant to make a commitment as you feel apathetic or ‘flat’ about a particular relationship or situation.

Four of Wands reversed + Ten of Wands – Increased responsibilities and commitments in other areas of your life are placing strain on your home life and relationships.

# FIVE OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Disagreement, competition, strife, tension, conflict.

**Reversed:** Conflict avoidance, increased focus on goals.



## QUOTES

“Until you have learned to be tolerant with those who do not always agree with you; until you have cultivated the habit of saying some kind word of those whom you do not admire; until you have formed the habit of looking for the good instead of the bad there is in others, you will be neither successful nor happy.” – Napoleon Hill (Author)

“Everyone has a responsibility to not only tolerate another person’s point of view but also to accept it eagerly as a challenge to your own understanding. And express those challenges in terms of serving other people.” – Arlo Guthrie (Folk singer)

“Fight for your opinions but do not believe that they contain the whole truth or the only truth.” – Charles Anderson Dana (Journalist and author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

In the Five of Wands, five men wave around their wands chaotically without any regard for each other and appear to be in direct competition with each other and engaged in conflict. However, on closer observation, their wands are only raised and are not striking anyone. It is possible that they are enjoying themselves in this chaos with no real intent to harm anyone. The men wear different coloured clothes to symbolise the various backgrounds and belief systems that are held by the world’s populations.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

In the Tarot, the Fives typically represent conflict and change, and this is no different for the Five of Wands. This card indicates that you are in the midst of conflict, tension, and competition and it is impacting your ability to move forward with your goals. Rather than being able to work together with others, you are coming up against it and are constantly being challenged on your point of view. The trouble is that everyone is trying to express their point of

view and opinions, but no one is listening, and so there is little progress. There is only conflict, and there is little or no value in the discussions that are occurring. Similarly, this card is representative of a group of people who are committed to an end, but they cannot fully agree on how to implement this goal, as each has their individual agenda as to how to bring this to fruition. Aim to turn this into constructive conflict by allowing each person to openly share their thoughts but then listen to other people's thoughts. Once everyone has been heard, and all opinions have been considered, determine the best path forward.

Sometimes, this type of conflict and discussion can be very positive, such as in the case of group brainstorming and problem-solving. You need a positive environment where you can test your ideas and have them challenged, and improved, by others. You may benefit by establishing a working group, committee, or mastermind group with other individuals who bring varying perspectives and experiences. Be open to this type of conflict and discussion as a positive contribution to improving the quality of your ideas and actions.

The Five of Wands often points to competition where you are up against a number of people of similar quality or experience as you. You may not be used to having to compete with others just yet, as you have built your success on your own but now it is time to truly experience what competition really means and requires. It is like the top student who excels at University, only to enter the workforce with a number of other high-performing individuals and is forced to compete for the top spot. Where there is competition, respect your opponent but stand up for your point of view.

Fight the tendency towards frustration, anger, hate and prejudice.

The Five of Wands also encourages diversity and differences of opinion. You may be in a situation where you are dealing with people from different cultures and backgrounds and may be struggling with accepting their way of living. Know that each person has something unique to bring to the table and that you will benefit by learning more about them and what they have to offer.

The Five of Wands encourages an enthusiastic approach to change. Change is coming, whether you like it or not, however, your challenge will be in

ensuring that everyone is on the same page and is focused on dealing with this change constructively and positively. Currently, there is scattered energy resulting from misdirected enthusiasm. Everyone has many ideas, but no one is there to bring them into one logical path forward. Your role may be in identifying a clear strategy and purpose that can be implemented by all involved.

Sometimes, the Five of Wands indicates a personal struggle and conflict, either about external or internal issues that are causing a lot of tension and confusion for you. You have different opinions of your own about how you should approach your current circumstances, and you have not worked out in your mind what your final stance is going to be. You may be trying to work through your personal point of view on a number of external contentious issues such as abortion, immigration, globalisation, or the environment, or you may be working through personal issues such as whether you stay or leave a particular relationship or job. At the same time, you have others around you who have strong views about what you should do and this, in total, is creating an enormous amount of conflict, tension and disagreement. Just when you think you have a clear point of view, you are challenged on that view or you discover new information, and you change your standpoint again. This process is highly beneficial and will help you to come to a well-researched and well-thought-out perspective. Know, too, that there is no right answer, and whichever path you do choose, someone is not going to agree with it. So, you have to find the most comfortable option possible that sits best with you. It may not be 100% right for you, but you need to choose whatever is closest.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are looking for work, the Five of Wands suggests that your greatest challenge right now is not whether you are good enough for the job but who you are competing against. There are a number of talented individuals in the job market who are searching for similar roles, who are equally as competitive and aggressive in their pursuit of a new role. You need to be able to determine what makes you different from these people and sell this to your potential employers. What makes you stand out from the crowd? What is your unique point of view that others have not even thought of? Do not worry

if it is a bit confrontational. The important thing is that you have a point of view.

As you search for the right organisation, seek out job opportunities where there is a high level of diversity with the people you will work with. You do not want to join an organisation or team that is filled with the same people or the same work as before. Instead, you are looking to be challenged and for your point of view to be expanded by working with others who have different experiences. You recognise that there may be some initial conflict and tension, particularly as you will all have your different points of view but you are ready to hear other people and expand your viewpoints.

In an established job, the Five of Wands indicates that there is a high level of conflict, disagreement, and tension within the work environment. Everyone has different points of view and may be pushing their personal agendas. You can turn this into constructive conflict by creating well-structured working groups or committees where everyone's opinion can be heard and discussed, and then a path forward can be agreed. Leadership is vital in these circumstances as you need someone to bring together all points of view and to get everyone on the same page before progressing.

In a career-related reading, the Five of Wands suggests that your strengths lie in your ability to manage conflict and to play a mediating role. You have a great skill at being able to listen to and articulate the opinions of others in a way that everyone can be heard eventually. So often, everyone wants to get their point across but does not want to listen to anyone else, but you help to bridge that gap and make sure everyone is heard.

In a financial reading, the Five of Wands suggests that chaotic circumstances are surrounding your money at this time. The stock market may be in disarray and is highly unpredictable. There may be conflict over a sum of money that is owed or an inheritance that is expected. You could also be disputing an issue that has financial consequences.

## **Personality Types**

The Five of Wands personality type is highly confrontational, competitive,

oppositional and challenging. This person does not intend to put others off-side. Instead, they are using argument and discussion to tease out a point of view and come to the best solution possible by considering all perspectives. However, the Five of Wands personality can indeed be a difficult person to get along with, particularly if you are confronted or threatened by their confrontational or even aggressive behaviour.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Five of Wands can indicate that you are coming up against a lot of competition and may be struggling with finding someone who is truly available. You may be involved in internet dating or speed dating, where you almost have to fight for someone's attention, and this may be proving too much. Or, you may be coming up against some more aggressive people who are trying to win the attention of someone whom you are interested in. This card can also indicate a time when you are meeting people who are quite confrontational, and instead of being able to focus on developing a loving relationship, you are already battling it out together and fighting.

In an established relationship, the Five of Wands can indicate that you both have to juggle competing priorities, such as work, social and family commitments, resulting in you having very limited quality time together. Your life together has become quite chaotic and rushed, so you may need to focus on simplifying your schedules to allow for more time together.

Additionally, the Five of Wands reflects that there is an increased level of conflict in the relationship. Some of the conflict may be constructive and may be helping you better your connection, but there is a risk that some of the conflict is quite destructive. Ensure that you are listening to each other's points of view with respect and an open heart and mind. Be mindful, too, that there may be something that your partner is not expressing but need to get off their chest before this relationship can move forward. There may be something that your partner fundamentally disagrees with, and as such, they need to have it out with you so that they can release themselves of this conflict and tension and then just move on.

## **Spirituality**

Spiritually, the Five of Wands suggests that there will be a high level of tension and inner conflict that will occur within your mind. Over the coming period, you will be testing your thoughts and opinions on various issues and may find that you do not always have a clear point of view. You may find that your belief system has conflicting components and there may be inconsistencies in how you perceive this world. Initially, this is likely to create some inner turmoil and tension, but this will push you to think differently about your perspectives. Be open to change and embrace this inner tension as a sign that you are going through an important transition.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Five of Wands suggests that if you are engaged in a lot of conflict in your life, it may be having a negative impact on your health and stress levels. You need to focus on reducing the amount of tension and stress in your life and creating a greater sense of harmony and peace.

The Five of Wands may also indicate that you have been involved in some sort of violent conflict and have sustained injuries from this.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Five of Wands + Emperor – You are very determined to push your point of view because you think you are always right but this may be putting others off-side.

Five of Wands + Knight of Cups – You are fighting against others in order to win over the heart of a potential lover.

Five of Wands + Three of Swords – You are constantly fighting with a loved one, and it is significantly damaging the relationship and bringing a lot of hurt and pain to the partnership.

Five of Wands + Five of Swords – You are determined to challenge others and progress your personal goals in order to win; however, you are losing



friends and gaining enemies this way. This will impact your ability to be successful in your endeavours in the long run.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Five of Wands reversed can suggest that you have the tendency to avoid conflict wherever possible. You may find that any tension or conflict makes you feel quite uneasy, and you wish it would just go away. So, you deflect a lot of that energy and just ignore the problem, if there is one. The trouble, however, is that in doing this, you may just be pushing some of your concerns to the side, without really dealing with them or being assertive about them. Some conflict can be good, particularly if it is constructive and teases out the underlying issues in a way that then generates a better solution. Consider whether always avoiding conflict is the best way to go, or if you are finding yourself just compromising on what is important to you.

The Five of Wands reversed is like a sigh of relief after conflict and struggle. You are no longer up against so much competition and can just 'be.' On more personal level, you have worked through your anger and hostility, and you feel more secure in your relationships. You do not have to constantly prove yourself anymore.

The reversed Five of Wands can also indicate a realisation that you do indeed need focus to achieve your goals. You have come through a period of scattered thought and random ideas only to find yourself in the same place you were when you started. You now acknowledge that if you are to progress your goals further, you must focus your attention on your key priorities and stay committed to your goal without considering even more possibilities or opportunities.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Five of Wands reversed + Temperance – Instead of challenging others, you are now more focused on working harmoniously with others to reach agreement.

Five of Wands reversed + Two of Cups – You have reached a truce with a loved one after a period of fighting.

Five of Wands reversed + Three of Pentacles – You are finally working better with your colleagues and generating a stronger sense of teamwork and co-operation.

# SIX OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Public recognition, victory, progress, self-confidence.

**Reversed:** Egotism, disrepute, lack of confidence, fall from grace.



## QUOTES

“It is important that you recognise your progress and take pride in your accomplishments. Share your achievements with others. Brag a little. The recognition and support of those around you is nurturing.” – Rosemarie Rossetti (Motivational speaker)

“Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.” – John Wooden (Basketball coach)

“Do not worry when you are not recognised but strive to be worthy of recognition.”– Abraham Lincoln (US President)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Six of Wands depicts a man wearing a victory wreath around his head, riding a white horse through a crowd of cheering people. The white horse represents strength, purity, and the success of an adventure and the crowd of people demonstrates public recognition for the man’s achievements. The wand held by the rider also has a wreath tied to it, further emphasising success and achievement. He is not afraid to show off to others what he has accomplished in his life so far, and even better, the people around him cheer him along.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Six of Wands is all about success, victory, and public recognition. Not only have you succeeded in achieving your goals, but you are also being publicly acknowledged for your efforts and your results. You may have recently received an award, public acclaim or acknowledgement from your peers for the work that you have done. It may even be just a pat on the back or receiving praise or recognition for your work. This instils a high level of confidence in yourself and gives you the strength to continue your efforts.

This card indicates that you have harnessed your strengths and talents to bring about a successful outcome in your endeavours. You have managed to get through the confusion of the Five of Wands, minimising your distractions, focusing on the task at hand. You have overcome the challenges along the way, and now you are focusing your energies on the one goal that will lead to your success. This is your time to shine and to come out on top.

The Six of Wands is such positive encouragement to believe in who you are and your accomplishments so far. Have faith in what you have personally achieved and how this will be received by others. Do not let fear or guilt stand in the way of your success. You ought to feel proud of what you have achieved and not afraid to hold your head up high and feel worthy of others' attention.

The Six of Wands focused on creating success and building your personal brand and reputation. You want to be successful at what you do, but at the same time, you want to ensure that others know about it and give you the recognition you deserve. You may need to promote yourself more frequently by sharing your success stories with others and encouraging them to follow a similar journey. If you do not already, you will soon have some great success stories to share within your personal networks. You may even be interested in applying for awards or scholarships to build your brand and receive public recognition.

The downside to the Six of Wands is that it can also bring self-importance, arrogance and egotistical behaviours. With victory, you may come to think that nobody can be better than you and you end up with an inflated ego and a big head. If you take on this attitude, someone is likely to want to take you down and criticise you, bringing disappointment and potential disrepute later on. If empowered by the energy of the Six of Wands, keep in mind how you would feel if someone made you feel inferior or put you down. Reign in your ego and make your victory all the sweeter.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are looking for a new job, the Six of Wands suggests that you will be successful in landing the role that you want. You will go into your interviews

full of confidence and ready to talk about your accomplishments with pride. You may even be able to draw upon recent awards and public recognition for your work, to win over your potential employer.

In a current job, the Six of Wands indicates that you will receive praise and recognition for a job well done. You may be the recipient of a work-related or industry award, and your peers will look up to you due to your recent successes and achievements. This is a very positive time for you. However, keep in mind that you will need to sustain a level of high performance as it is now almost expected of you.

The Six of Wands also shows that you expect to be rewarded for your achievements at work. You want a job that gives you a sense of accomplishment and personal achievement and not just a pay cheque. Not only that, you need and want people to notice your achievements. The reward could come in the form of money but what is more important to you is that other people have benefited from your work, appreciate it, and acknowledge it.

Financially, the Six of Wands suggests that you may have been awarded a financial prize as a result of your hard work and accomplishments. It may be a performance bonus at work, a scholarship or grant, or an educational prize. This financial reward has very little to do with luck and has everything to do with your hard work.

## **Personality Types**

The Six of Wands personality type is someone who is very achievement-oriented, well- accomplished, performance-driven and recognised by many others for their achievements. This personality is not afraid to tell others about their successes and victories as they thoroughly enjoy being in the limelight and being publicly recognised for their work. There may be a tendency to be a little overconfident and boastful at times, but this person just wants to share the positive energy of their achievements to benefit others.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Six of Wands provides great encouragement and suggests that you may find a new potential partner quite soon. There is also an element of public recognition with the Six of Wands, indicating that you will feel quite proud of yourself for being noticed by this person.

If you are in an established relationship, then the energy between you both will be very positive. As a couple, you are more likely to be giving each other positive feedback and recognition, enhancing each other's self-confidence and pride. It is also possible that you will be publicly recognised for something that is associated with your connection. For example, your relationship may be profiled in a magazine, you might win a 'best couple' award at a fun events night, or you may celebrate an important relationship anniversary, such as a twentieth wedding anniversary, with your friends.

## **Spirituality**

The Six of Wands suggests gratitude for the encouragement and inspiration that other people give you. On a higher level, this card can be about feeling blessed by the Universe and feeling that someone is looking down on you. The Six of Wands can also refer to a spiritual breakthrough or public recognition for your spiritual insight and understanding.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Six of Wands suggests that you will be victorious over a specific health issue. You may have had an excellent recovery from an illness, and you are feeling very proud of everything that you have accomplished in improving your health. Your health will also benefit from the good energy and positive feeling from others.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Six of Wands + Three of Pentacles – You will be recognised by your peers and colleagues for your work accomplishments.

Six of Wands + World – Expect international recognition and acclaim.

Six of Wands + Sun – You are feeling incredibly positive and confident about your recent successes, and this is likely to continue for the longer-term.

Six of Wands + Nine of Cups – You feel a personal sense of fulfilment and accomplishment and are content with having achieved everything that you wanted.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

With the Six of Wands reversed, you may find yourself doubting your abilities and your potential for success. You may feel negatively about yourself and as if you have failed both yourself and others. You are lacking confidence, and need the support and recognition of others to pick you up and give you strength again.

The reversed Six of Wands may suggest that you have had a fall from grace and have not received the public recognition you were seeking. You have either received no feedback for your efforts or negative feedback. You may have expected things would have worked well, but instead, you are being punished in some way or you are being neglected for your efforts thus far. Now, your confidence has taken a hit, as has your professional reputation or at least your perception of your reputation. If a particular project has not been as successful as you had hoped, you may be better off moving to a new environment so that you can rebuild your personal reputation and brand, rather than trying to fix something that has already broken.

The Six of Wands reversed suggests that you may be trying to achieve too many things at once and may not be doing a good job at juggling all of these commitments. It may be best to focus on only a few things and do them well. This will help you feel more inspired and motivated about the activities you do commit to.

This Six of Wands reversed can reflect the transitory nature of success. One moment, you are on top of the world because you have achieved great things, but then the expectation has been set that you will continue to perform to this level and when you do not, then you are suddenly knocked down and



criticised. While victory and triumph feel great at the time, recognise that it is only temporary and you will have to continue sustaining a high level of performance to be acknowledged.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Six of Wands reversed + Five of Cups – You have experienced a recent loss or defeat and may feel humiliated or embarrassed as a result.

Six of Wands reversed + Nine of Swords – You are engaging in negative self-talk and self-deprecating behaviours, making it very hard to believe in yourself and get yourself out of this depression.

# SEVEN OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Challenge, competition, perseverance.

**Reversed:** Giving up, overwhelmed, overly protective.



## QUOTES

“It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.” – Douglas MacArthur

“Give to us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for – because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.” – Peter Marshall (TV game show host)

“No man can fight his way to the top and stay at the top without exercising the fullest measure of grit, courage, determination, resolution. Every man who gets anywhere does so because he has first firmly resolved to progress in the world and then has enough stick-to-it-tiveness to transform his resolution into reality. Without resolution, no man can win any worthwhile place among his fellow men.”– B. C. Forbes (Publisher)

“Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never, never - in nothing great or small, large or petty. Never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense.” – Winston Churchill

## **DESCRIPTION**

In the Seven of Wands, a man stands on top of a hill and is challenged below by opponents that want what he has, success and status. The man appears to be in a defensive position, fiercely retaliating against those who attack him and defending his position as ‘king of the hill’. Interestingly, the man is wearing two different shoes, suggesting that he may have uneven footing or may be unclear of his own stance.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

Similar to the Five of Wands, the Seven of Wands indicates a struggle after initial satisfaction and fulfilment. This time, however, the struggle is about maintaining your position at the top while others compete and fight to achieve the same success and status that you have already achieved. Thus,

competition is rife, and you must continually prove yourself with the Seven of Wands. If your vision and creative effort is fulfilled to the point where there is public acclaim or acceptance of your success then you must expect competition and challenge, as other people will no doubt also desire the same things as you.

The Seven of Wands can also indicate a challenge to the continued success of a venture or creative project from an external source. While it appears to block your path forward, you can overcome this challenge or obstacle by drawing upon your strong self-confidence, self-belief, and continual self-improvement. It can also be overcome with effort and clarity of purpose.

The Seven of Wands is about holding your ground, despite ongoing challenges to your position and authority. You need to take a stand and defend your position at all costs. This will take courage and persistence, but you have the strength and determination to do it. You see yourself as a battler and no matter what the challenge, you still have it in you to stand up for yourself and fight to the end. So, although you are experiencing a number of setbacks at the moment, you need to continue fighting for what you believe in and confronting others who may oppose or threaten you.

There needs to be acceptance with this card that you are not always going to be able to win everyone over. There will always be challengers and opposition to your point of view, and you cannot keep everyone happy all of the time. Thus, now is the time to draw your line in the sand, and say, "This is who I am, and this is what I need right now." There cannot be any compromise or negotiation at this time, just hold your ground with determination and courage.

From quite a literal perspective, this card can indicate that you will be required to give a speech or write a paper on a contentious or highly debated issue. You will need to be ready to defend your argument and present hard facts that support your point of view. Expect to be challenged but enjoy this challenge as it will help you to create an even more robust argument.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are searching for work, the Seven of Wands indicates that you are likely to come up against a lot of competition and you will need to prove yourself and your worth to maintain your top position. Be prepared to be challenged, not only by other applicants but also by your prospective employers. Come to your interviews with solid examples of your work and a clear understanding of why you are the best person for the job.

In a work-related reading, the Seven of Wands can suggest that you have recently been very successful in your work, but now you are being challenged further by your peers and superiors.

You are seen as a high performer, but you must continue to deliver consistently good results; otherwise, you will be criticised and taken down. You may also find yourself in a situation where you are challenged on your point of view and must have solid data to back yourself up.

In a career reading, the Seven of Wands may point to a possible career in defence law, the military, or a role that requires you to challenge and oppose.

In a financial reading, the Seven of Wands suggests that you will need to protect your investments from others who may want what you have.

## **Personality Types**

The Seven of Wands personality type is a fighter who will stand up for him/herself, no matter what. They have already achieved great success in life and will not let other people stand in the way of their future success, nor will they let others put them down. They are expert debaters and will always be able to present their point of view in a way that cannot be opposed or brought down.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Seven of Wands suggests that you are prepared to 'do battle' to win over the person you are interested in, even if there are others who want his/her attention. You have a strong sense of self-confidence and belief that you deserve only the best in your relationships;

thus, you are prepared to fight for that.

In an established relationship, the Seven of Wands can suggest that you are both challenging and opposing each other, and may be quite critical of one another. Choose your battles, and give your partner some breathing space and flexibility to be themselves. Sometimes, however, the Seven of Wands can point to a difficult partner who will continue to defend their actions and is unwilling to give in and apologise. Your partner is ready to defend their territory and opinion, no matter what. You may often hear the excuse of, “This is just who I am. Take it or leave it,” which could be incredibly frustrating if your partner is not also taking into account your feelings and needs.

If your relationship is struggling, the Seven of Wands is a sign that this is one of those relationships that are worth fighting for. You will be challenged along the way, and others will question you on what you are doing, but you strongly believe in the future of this relationship and see a lot of potential.. You know that your relationship is important to you and you would like it to work. Know that the journey ahead is going to be challenging, and you will have to confront some tough issues, but this will help you to re-establish your sense of commitment to each other and to get to a better place.

## **Spirituality**

The Sevens are all about attaining higher wisdom through a process of testing, internal examination and choice. Thus, when the Seven of Wands appears in a spiritual reading, it is a sign that you are being spiritually challenged and tested by others or even the Universe. This is not the time to give up and give in but to stand your ground and develop an even firmer understanding of where your spiritual beliefs lie.

## **Well-being and Health**

If you are constantly defending yourself and standing up to your opposition, you may experience health issues related to stress. The Seven of Wands calls you to pay attention to how stress may be impacting your body and to look out for stomach issues typically related to stress.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Seven of Wands + Chariot – After a period of opposition and challenge matched by self-determination and strength, you will come out victorious.

Seven of Wands + Justice – You have to defend yourself in front of a court of law or an authoritative ruling party, or you are fighting a long legal battle.

Seven of Wands + Three of Swords – Quarrelling and disagreements in a relationship are leading to misunderstandings and hurt feelings.

Seven of Wands + King of Wands – Others are inspired by your passion and your commitment to your beliefs and are likely to join you in the fight.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The reversed Seven of Wands reflects that you are feeling overwhelmed by the challenges and responsibilities in your life, finding yourself quickly snowed under and unable to look at the bigger picture. You may have taken on too many commitments and are now looking for an opportunity to focus your attention on only one or two things and do those things well. You may also feel as though you are having to compete against or are constantly comparing yourself to others, leaving you feeling somewhat inadequate and vulnerable. There is a need to return to the Six of Wands, which is all about building your self-esteem and confidence and having faith that you can achieve what you set out to.

The Seven of Wands reversed can also indicate that you feel as though you are constantly being judged or criticised by others. Your family or friends are questioning you on why you are doing certain things, such as staying in a challenging relationship or an unfulfilling job. You would prefer if they could just keep their mouths shut and let you be!

This card can suggest that you are trying to avoid conflict wherever possible, and as a result, you are backing down on your point of view too easily. As soon as someone challenges you or opposes you, instead of standing up for

yourself, you compromise or give in. It appears that being accepted and liked by others is more important than standing your ground and fighting for what you believe in. Alternatively, you may have tried everything possible and have given it your best shot, but you are now starting to realise it is not worth the struggle. Even though you may not have made any progress yet wanted to, it is time to let this one go and move on. It may feel like giving up, but in the long run, it will be for the best.

On the other hand, the reversed Seven of Wands can indicate that you are taking things too far and you are being overly aggressive about protecting your turf. This is to the detriment of your personal relationships.

Finally, the Seven of Wands reversed can suggest that you are at risk of being caught unprepared. You are feeling shaken and vulnerable at the threat of a challenge to your position. You have the feelings of falling behind, and not being up to the challenge. Perhaps you want to cave in and give up the fight. This card shows a lack of confidence, courage, and conviction. You are feeling threatened, and have become easily manipulated and taken advantage of.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Seven of Wands reversed + Four of Swords – You are choosing to take a passive stance on an issue rather than having to fight for your beliefs.

Seven of Wands reversed + Seven of Swords – Another person has taken advantage of you in a moment of vulnerability and weak defence.

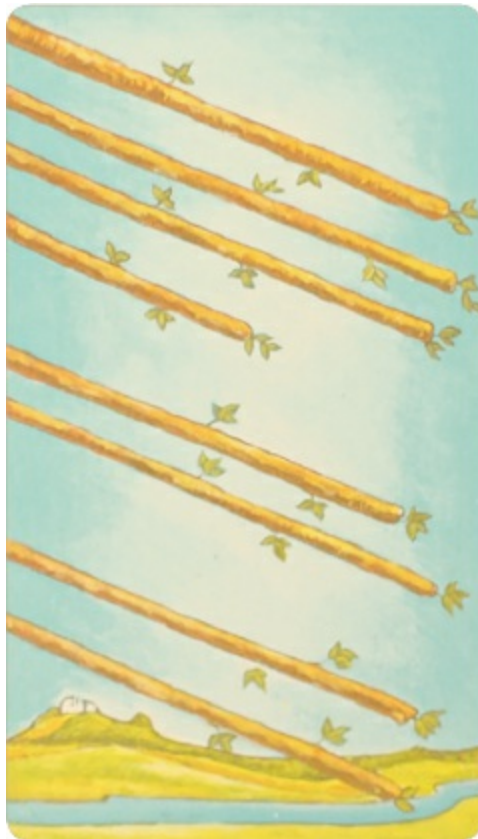


# EIGHT OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Speed, action, air travel, movement, swift change.

**Reversed:** Delays, frustration, holding off.



## QUOTES

“Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy.” – Dale Carnegie (Writer)

“Act quickly, think slowly.” – Greek Proverb

“Do not wait. The time will never be just right.” – Napoleon Hill (Author)

“You see, in life, lots of people know what to do but few people actually do what they know. Knowing is not enough! You must take action.” – Anthony Robbins (American motivational author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Eight of Wands shows eight blossoming wands hurtling through the air at a great pace. The flight of the wands suggests change, movement, and travel. The background is clear, indicating that there is now little that stands in your way, and there is a beautiful river flowing freely and giving life to the landscape around it.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Eight of Wands indicates that the struggles of the Seven of Wands have now all but cleared and you have the freedom and space to move forward with your plans and activities once again. The Eight of Wands contains a high level of energy and movement that propels you forward to reach your goals at a much faster pace than ever before. You can expect to be very busy, but this is one of those ‘good busy’ periods where you are enthusiastic and energetic about the progress you are making.

The Eight of Wands represents a very focused kind of motion and activity. The Eights are all about structure while the Wands are about raw energy.

Thus, the structure of the Eight creates a channel through which the raw energy can flow. You are so sure about your goal that all distractions have been removed and you can devote yourself to the task with complete concentration, determination, and will. This experience can be very productive, allowing you to accomplish a lot in short time.

With the Eight of Wands, you can look forward to the rapid completion of a project that is currently underway, but you can also expect to be occupied by something new and even more exciting and inspiring very soon. There is no stopping you right now as you are just bursting with energy and ideas, and cannot wait to achieve one task in order to start another. To maximise this energy, it is important to ensure that your activities are focused on your broader goals and that you are investing in the right things at the right time. Also, make sure that before you move to the next task, your previous task is complete.

This card is a sign to ‘strike while the iron is hot.’ It is most definitely an action-oriented card that encourages you to move quickly to pursue the best opportunities available right now. There is no waiting around while the Eight of Wands is present so determine where your energy will be directed and get on with it!

Often, the Eight of Wands suggests air travel. It is more likely to be a short-term or whirlwind trip, such as a business trip or holiday. You may even enjoy being part of a tour group that visits ten countries in as many days!

On the downside, the Eight of Wands denotes haste and rapid advancement of a situation which may result in the wrong decisions being made. It will be important to have all your resources available to be used in your best interests. Be mindful not to rush into things without having a clear plan of where you are heading.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

The Eight of Wands indicates quick change and action. This could indicate a coming change in your employment status or that a job search is about to move forward very quickly. You need to be ready to act immediately so as

not to miss out on any job opportunities.

In a work-related reading, the Eight of Wands can indicate that a significant proportion of your work will require air travel and frequent, short trips for business. Alternatively, you will be expected to work very quickly on a particular task, with demanding timelines and a need for speed. Given that the wands in this card are all in straight lines together, the Eight of Wands can also indicate that you are streamlining your work activities to increase efficiency and speed, and you may be involved in areas such as business process reengineering, total quality management or Six Sigma projects.

In a career-related reading, the Eight of Wands might indicate that your ideal job would be one that requires quick thought and action. You will need a sharp mind to keep up with the challenges of such a fast-paced job as decisions will need to be made within a split second, and there will be little room for error. This could be an exhausting job, but it also could be very rewarding financially and emotionally. Possible career paths include emergency healthcare, air traffic controllers, military, pilots, and law enforcement. The key is to look for positions that will keep you active and busy; otherwise, you might have a tendency to become bored.

In a financial reading, the Eight of Wands indicates that there will be swift changes, usually positive changes, which will impact your finances. For example, the stock market may be changing at a rapid pace, or you may see an investment grow exponentially in a short period of time.

## **Personality Types**

The Eight of Wands personality type is someone who is highly energetic, quick thinking, action-oriented, fast-paced, and always up with the latest news and technology. They exude a 'busy' energy and are always actively involved in numerous activities at the one time, yet seem to cope with the intensity very well. They may like to travel and maintain an exciting lifestyle that is filled with activity and new experiences. It can be very difficult to get an Eight of Wands person to sit still for very long as they are very impatient and eager to move on to the next challenge.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a new relationship, the Eight of Wands indicates that you will be swept off your feet and will enter into a whirlwind romance which progresses very quickly. You may become easily infatuated with your new partner, wanting to spend every minute and every second together.

In an established relationship, the Eight of Wands may still indicate that the relationship is moving forward very quickly and you are finding yourselves already talking about marriage only a few months in. You may also be considering an overseas holiday or move for something different.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Eight of Wands provokes a sudden opening of the mind to a new level of understanding and spiritual expansion. You may have a breakthrough moment where your spiritual path becomes very clear, and you can take immediate action to bring about change and transformation in your life.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Eight of Wands may point to issues around the functioning of hormones, adrenaline and other body/mind altering chemicals in the body. Be careful not to overdo it with caffeine or high-intensity activities, even if it gives you an immediate ‘buzz.’

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Eight of Wands + Fool – A trip around the world will help you to discover yourself and open your mind to new beginnings.

Eight of Wands + Magician – You are taking rapid action to move your plans forward and manifest your goals quickly.

Eight of Wands + Two of Cups – You have established an instant connection

with someone special and are extremely eager to move the relationship forward.

Eight of Wands + Eight of Cups – You have made a very recent decision to walk away from a relationship that is no longer working for you, and you already feel a sense of freedom and relief.

Eight of Wands + Knight of Wands – A hot and passionate affair with a lot of sexual chemistry.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Eight of Wands reversed can indicate significant delays, particularly with regard to travel or fast-moving plans. Despite having a lot of energy and enthusiasm to progress things forward, you are now being faced with multiple obstacles in your course. This is incredibly frustrating, and you may be growing increasingly impatient by the day. Keep looking for alternative ways around the obstacles presented so that you can carry out your plans.

On the flipside, the reversed Eight of Wands suggests that you are charging ahead with an idea or plan, but you need to slow down and consider your next steps before continuing. You may be missing something in your haste and prone to making mistakes. Similarly, this card can be a sign to hold off your activities for a short amount of time until the situation becomes more stable and predictable.

You may also be prone to having many, many ideas at the one time and not knowing which to pursue and when. Just as you get started on implementing one idea, another one comes to mind, and you quickly switch your focus. The trouble is that with this approach, you never actually accomplish anything because you are jumping from one idea to the next without finishing any of them.

### **Suggested Card Combinations**

Eight of Wands reversed + Hanged Man – Best to hold off activities at this

stage to allow yourself some extra thinking time and contemplation about your path forward.

Eight of Wands reversed + Seven of Pentacles – You need to assess your current situation and take stock before acting in order to achieve long-term results.

# NINE OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Courage, persistence, test of faith, resilience.

**Reversed:** On edge, defensive, hesitant, paranoia.



## QUOTES



“Only a man who knows what it is like to be defeated can reach down to the bottom of his soul and come up with the extra ounce of power it takes to win when the match is even.” – Muhammad Ali (Boxer)

“You learn you can do your best even when it is hard, even when you are tired and maybe hurting a little bit. It feels good to show some courage.” – Joe Namath (Football player)

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved.” – Helen Keller (Blind/deaf author)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Nine of Wands shows a weary, injured man who holds a staff as though in a posture of final defence. He has fought the battle and won. He is protected by a number of wands behind him that appear like a wall around him. He appears drained and exhausted as he leans on his wand, but he is ready to go to battle again. He has the look of determination in his eye to overcome this final challenge and reach a point of accomplishment and victory. He stands up for what he believes in and holds firm in those beliefs.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Nine of Wands suggests that you are so close to completing a particular project or task, but at the last minute, you are faced with yet another challenge or setback. Know that you have the inner resources necessary to overcome any difficulty you encounter, even though it may seem impossible at the time. You are so close to finally achieving success, do not give up now! The Nine of Wands is a sign of hope and encouragement that if you stand firm and strong against your challenges, you will achieve your goal. The challenges before you now are only the last bit of darkness before the break

of a wonderful dawn.

The Nine of Wands is like the one last test or challenge before you can reach ultimate success. You feel as if you have come to the end of your fighting powers, but you have the skill and determination in reserve. You are in a position of strength, and by drawing upon all of your courage and abilities, you will prevail. Once the last obstacle is overcome, you are home free.

The Nine of Wands encourages you to be resilient. You will continue to be opposed by hidden enemies, and your interests will be questioned. Even in the face of such adversity, when you are feeling battled and bruised, you need to be patient and vigilant. Be assured that you will eventually prosper if you maintain your position.

And remember, if you do not succeed at first, then try again.

You may have experienced setbacks that now leave you feeling distrustful of others or even yourself. The turning point will come when you can leave the past behind you and to cultivate a more open mind about the future. While you have experienced losses in the past, it does not mean that you have to experience further losses in the future. Turn a new leaf and push on.

Sometimes, the Nine of Wands encourages a risk-averse approach. You need to expect the worst and therefore take extra precautions to avoid any negative consequences to your plans. You need to be on guard and wary of any potential obstacles or opponents who may stand in your way.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Nine of Wands suggests that there is a high level of tension at work and you have to defend yourself and your position. Perhaps you have recently engaged in a risky project or make a risky move, and now you are being questioned about your decision-making process. You will need to clearly explain what you did and why. Your job may also be under threat, and you will have to prove why your role should be retained in the new organisation.

In a financial reading, the Nine of Wands suggests that you may suffer

setbacks or losses in your financial investments. Take a conservative approach and ensure that you are adequately insured and covered for any substantial loss.

## **Personality Types**

On the one hand, the Nine of Wands personality is resilient, disciplined, confident and self-assured. They are ready to do battle and can face up to any challenge that is thrown at them. On the other hand, this personality type may be argumentative, defensive and even paranoid, particularly if they feel vulnerable or threatened and are in a weakened position.

## **Relationships and Love**

In a relationship reading, the Nine of Wands can suggest that you have been hurt before and therefore you are worried about being hurt again. While you still carry the scars from the past, it is important to remember that every relationship is different, and just because you experienced pain in the past, does not mean that every relationship in the future will also lead to pain and hurt. Now is the time to leave this hurt behind you and embrace a more open mind about future relationships. It is important to learn to trust again and to have faith that love is real and can exist in your future relationships.

If you are looking for love, be careful that you are not being too aloof and stand-offish with the people you meet. While you are keen to protect yourself from getting hurt, you also need to take a calculated risk and open up about yourself in order to fully experience the positivity of love.

In an established relationship, be mindful that you are not always defending your position, but you are also listening to the opinions of your partner. You may also be inclined to hide a part of yourself from your partner, but this only creates distrust in the relationship. On the positive side, the Nine of Wands suggests that even though you have had your challenges in the relationship, you are still standing by your man/woman and you are committed to working things through into the future.

## **Spirituality**

Despite being knocked down and challenged by others about your spiritual beliefs, you continue to persevere and stand up for what you believe in. You may have been hurt by someone else's comments or judgements relating to your spiritual beliefs, but you are still committed to your belief system and know that this is just a test of your faith. This is also a time when your spiritual mission will benefit from self-discipline and resilience as you pursue your faith.

## **Well-being and Health**

Given the Nine of Wands shows a bandaged man, this card may point to head injuries or other injuries that require bandaging. You may also be very determined to fight a longer-term health issue, and while the illness is taking its toll on you, you are persevering and slowly winning this battle.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Nine of Wands + Strength – Believe in yourself and have confidence that you have the inner strength to get through these final challenges.

Nine of Wands + Hermit – You feel that you are alone in your battles and this is a test of your personal faith.

Nine of Wands + Sun – You are so close to victory and success, so do not give up just yet! Focus your attention on achieving your goal in order to motivate you to the end.

Nine of Wands + Three of Swords – You have been hurt in the past and are protecting your heart from further pain, sorrow, and loss.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Nine of Wands reversed suggests that you may be hesitant to make a

long- term commitment. You may be feeling as if life is all work and no play, and you may feel overcome by responsibilities or a lack of support from those around you. You may also be lacking the necessary resources, such as finances, skills or time, in order to deal with the challenges head on. As such, you are hesitant to make any commitments in fear that your responsibilities will become all too much.

You may also be more inclined to be a little ‘on edge’ and on the defensive. The boundaries you have set around yourself are now becoming your cage, locking you into your old habits and behaviours. Be careful of dwelling on past frustrations and grievances. Just try to let go.

The Nine of Wands reversed asks you to be mindful not to make assumptions or hasty judgements. Lighten up a little and return to the Eight of Wands where you take life as it comes in all its various forms. Go with the flow and release yourself of the pressures you are feeling. A holiday or a break might do you some good where you can re-energise and rejuvenate yourself.

Sometimes, the reversed Nine of Wands can indicate extreme paranoia or even schizophrenia. You may feel as though you are constantly under attack or are being watched. Often, this is indicative of a fear from within, rather than an actual external threat. Counselling or psychological help is advised.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Nine of Wands reversed + Eight of Swords – You are overwhelmed by your current circumstances and feel incredibly trapped and unable to surmount your obstacles. Seek the help of a friend or family member to give you some respite.

Nine of Wands reversed + Nine of Swords – You are worrying yourself and creating a high level of anxiety as you fear that other people are out to get to you.

# TEN OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Burden, responsibility, hard work, stress, achievement.

**Reversed:** Taking on too much, avoiding responsibility.



## QUOTES

“Determination gives you the resolve to keep going in spite of the roadblocks that lay before you.” – Denis Waitley (Author and speaker)

“Heaven grant that the burden you carry may have as easy an exit as it had an entrance.” – Desiderius Erasmus (Humanist)

“It is not the load that breaks you down, it is the way you carry it.” – Lena Horne (Singer)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Ten of Wands shows a man carrying a very heavy bundle of wands or sticks. He appears to be over-burdened with the weight, yet he knows he is not far away from the town he is walking towards. This card appears to indicate someone who has just finished a harvest and is struggling to bring the fruits of his labours to the local market.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Tens in Tarot represent the completion of a cycle, and thus with the Ten of Wands, you have reached the end of a cycle after a period of struggle. You are finally reaping your rewards after investing a lot of hard work and effort. You have fulfilled a creative venture, realised a dream or accomplished a major goal, and now must deal with the consequences of that fulfilment.

However, the Ten of Wands suggests that even with the achievement of your goal, there comes with it great responsibilities and commitments. While you have reached a point of completion, you are becoming starkly aware that you must now carry on with the responsibilities you have laid out for yourself, in order to ensure ongoing success. The trouble is, however, that these responsibilities may become too much to bear and you are struggling to let go. It is a bit like the business owner who creates a flourishing business but

who is unprepared to delegate some of his/her responsibilities to the staff, and ends up working 70-80 hours a week. The inspiration and creativity that was associated with the initial goal or vision disappears rapidly, and everything becomes hard work all too quickly. Thus, it is incredibly important to let go of or delegate some of your responsibilities to free you up to still enjoy life.

The Ten of Wands serves as a reminder of how much we take on in our lives and all the extra burdens and responsibilities we weigh ourselves down with. We take on so much, trying to do all the things that need to be done. Thus, this card asks you to stop and examine your current lifestyle or work. Assess which activities or tasks are truly urgent or important, particularly in relation to your broader goals. You may need to employ various time management or prioritisation methods in order to determine where best to spend your time and which tasks you can drop. Your goal needs to be greater efficiency, whilst also freeing yourself up for rest and relaxation when you need it.

This card can also mean that you are being oppressed by outside sources. You are over-worked, over-tired and over-stimulated. You have more on your plate than you can possibly handle and you have taken on too much at this point in time. In an effort to get to the finish line, you have found yourself overwhelmed with the extra responsibility and activity. You need to stop working so hard. If you cannot stop, then conserve your energy and pace yourself. When you are over-committed everything becomes a strain.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Ten of Wands indicates that you have taken on too many responsibilities at work and your workload is unrealistically heavy right now. Often, this is as a result of micro-managing or refusing to delegate your responsibilities to other staff members. You simply cannot do everything, and you must find ways to share the load with your colleagues and staff, who are no doubt eager to help out and take on more responsibility. You may also be engaging in time-consuming but unproductive activities, and as such you need to focus your attention on the 20% of activities that deliver 80% of the value, i.e. the 80/20 principle.

If you are searching for a new job, you may be too consumed in your current



work or other activities to give yourself sufficient time or space to find that new job. As such, your efforts are likely to be wasted, and you will struggle to find a new job opportunity.

In a career-related reading, the Ten of Wands reflects that you may enjoy manual labour and heavy lifting. You are not afraid of a bit of hard work and have the physical strength to cope with it.

In a financial reading, the Ten of Wands indicates that you have taken on too much debt and you are now almost drowning in this debt. If you do not act now, your financial situation is going to get worse. Seek the advice and guidance of a financial advisor or a debt counsellor to help you get out of this challenging situation.

## **Personality Types**

The Ten of Wands personality type is likely to be someone who is a micro-manager and who struggles to delegate effectively. They are often heard talking about the long hours they work and the huge workloads they have to deal with. However, we all know that life would be much easier for them if they could only delegate or re-prioritise their activities. This is also someone who takes on too much and who does not know when to stop or ask for help. If you see this personality genuinely struggling under the pressure, then offer a helping hand and do not take 'no' for an answer.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Ten of Wands can suggest that you are too consumed with other commitments and responsibilities that you do not have the time or space to find a new relationship. You will need to free yourself from those other responsibilities if you are serious about finding the right partnership and investing time into this.

In an established relationship, the Ten of Wands suggests that you, as a partnership, are overwhelmed by your responsibilities. You may have a young family that is demanding of your time and energy, or you may have multiple work commitments that take your focus away from your partner.

The relationship itself is now being seen as a burden or yet another thing that must be scheduled or prioritised. You are forgetting to enjoy yourself and need to take some quality time together.

Sometimes, the Ten of Wands can reflect a person who bends over backward to try and make a relationship work, and the other person is not even aware how much they are trying to carry the relationship.

## **Spirituality**

The Ten of Wands represents the spiritual paradox that with enlightenment comes responsibility. Your spiritual path will always lead to more work that needs to be done, but the positive aspect is that you are even more capable of handling it. Things get both harder and easier. You are also aware that with the completion of one cycle, you must then prepare for the next, which is likely to be an even greater task.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Ten of Wands can indicate backache, tension in the neck and shoulder region, headaches, and general health issues resulting from overwork and high levels of stress.

Given the heavy load that the man in the Ten of Wands is carrying, this card can quite literally indicate back pain or injury. Be particularly careful in how you lift heavy items or carry heavy bags on a regular basis. Take special care of your back and consider massage to relieve any tension.

Similarly, the Ten of Wands can indicate that stress is taking its toll on your body, and there are ways in which you can relieve some of this stress. Aim to bring more rest and relaxation into your life, and look at ways in which you can delegate some of your responsibilities in order to reduce stress.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ten of Wands + Hanged Man reversed – You may be acting the martyr by

taking on everything and not allowing others to help you.

Ten of Wands + Temperance – There is a need for greater balance and moderation in your life to maintain emotional and spiritual health, rather than taking on multiple commitments and responsibilities.

Ten of Wands + Wheel of Fortune – While you have to bear additional burden and responsibility now, you are very close to reaching your destination and being able to enjoy the fruits of your labour.

Ten of Wands + Judgement – You are accepting of your responsibilities and know that it is a necessary part of your life journey.

Ten of Wands + Five of Pentacles – Financial burdens, debt, and poverty are weighing you down, and you are only just getting by.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

Upright, the Ten of Wands reflects that you have taken on a heavy burden. Reversed, the Ten of Wands indicates that you are unnecessarily holding on to this burden when you do not need to. If you are feeling weighed down by your present circumstances, look at different ways you can lighten the load. Can you delegate certain tasks and responsibilities? Are you worrying about matters that do not concern you or cannot be changed? Do not become a martyr and take on more than you can realistically handle.

If you are going through a challenging time, then the Ten of Wands reversed indicates that this time will soon pass and you will feel less of a burden weighing on your shoulders.

You may be actively identifying those activities that do not bring you any value in your life, and you are starting to release yourself from these unnecessary responsibilities. You may even be going through a purging process, clearing out old clothes and selling old furniture, in order to de-clutter and simplify your life. You will benefit from better organisation and prioritisation at this time.

Sometimes, the reversed Ten of Wands indicates that you are avoiding responsibility and making it even more difficult for others who must take on your share. Thus, the saying, “You have made your bed, now lie in it,” is very appropriate for this card.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Ten of Wands reversed + Fool – You have adopted a carefree attitude and are living in the moment, rather than being weighed down by responsibility.

Ten of Wands reversed + Death – You are going through a purging process, releasing yourself of the burdens of the past and allowing yourself more freedom and space to welcome the new.

Ten of Wands reversed + Seven of Swords – You are avoiding responsibility, hoping that you will get away with it but it will eventually catch up with you.

# PAGE OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Enthusiasm, exploration, discovery, free spirit.

**Reversed:** Setbacks to new ideas, pessimism, lack of direction.



## QUOTES

“Right now you are one choice away from a new beginning – one that leads you toward becoming the fullest human being you can be.” – Oprah Winfrey

“Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary.” – Sir Cecil Beaton (Photographer)

“Get excited and enthusiastic about your own dream. This excitement is like a forest fire - you can smell it, taste it, and see it from a mile away.” – Denis Waitley (Author and speaker)

“Welcome every problem as an opportunity. Each moment is the great challenge, the best thing that ever happened to you. The more difficult the problem, the greater the challenge in working it out.” – Grace Spegare

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Page of Wands is a well-dressed young man who stands alone in the midst of a barren wilderness, talking out loud of his dreams and desires. This scene indicates that much of the Page’s creative energy is still very much only a potential or, at best, only an idea. He holds his staff upwards and looks to it with confidence. His shirt is covered with the design of salamanders, a mythical creature that is associated with fire and transformation.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Page of Wands is similar to the Fool in that he is a free spirit who represents change and new beginnings. He has a true passion for life, despite the fact that his understanding of this world is not yet fully developed. He has not yet been weighed down by the burdens of the material world, coming and going as he pleases, and usually encouraging change wherever he goes. He is

like the catalyst that inspires changes that might be impossible in any other situation.

The appearance of the Page of Wands indicates that you are experiencing a creative restlessness within you that is just waiting for some sort of expression, or, you may be on the verge of a of discovery or new phase of life. The Page of Wands represents the sudden creative spark that comes to you, suddenly and unexpectedly, and that starts you down the road of a new creative vision. Thus, he encourages you to express yourself and your individuality with light-hearted abandon. Listen to your unconscious mind and follow your creative urges, even if you are worried about being the lonely voice crying out in the wilderness. With persistence and a balanced perspective even the immature desires of the Page of Wands can be transformed into a beautiful, creative vision that can change the world.

Similarly, the Page of Wands indicates that you need to be positive and spontaneous but not overly impulsive. Your enthusiasm impresses others but if you become impatient or quick to anger or lose interest, you will put others off-side, and you will waste time in your creative projects.

With the Page of Wands, you are inclined to give anything and everything a go. If you are enthusiastic or passionate enough, you embrace the opportunity to start out on a new journey or project and see where it takes you. You do not necessarily have a solid plan in place, nor do you really know where you are headed but you do know that you are excited about the possibilities.

You are enjoying being busy and involved in various activities and projects. You like the freedom of being able to choose what you will work on today, and hopefully, it is different from what you worked on the day before.

Often, the Page of Wands is a messenger, bringing you inspiring or unexpected news, new information or a welcome surprise. It may be the birth of a child, a new and inspiring idea that a friend has, or a new opportunity for you to be involved in, to 'change the world' such as a community project. His news is nearly always positive and welcomed because it is often associated with change and creation.

The Page of Wands may also represent someone you know or who is about to

enter your life. He is a trusted friend who is devoted to your interests and will do everything he can to help you. His intentions will be honourable and genuine. He is here in your life to spark change, to help you see the world from a new perspective and to guide you towards a new approach. While you may look to this Page as an immature or child-like presence, he actually has a lot to offer you if you open yourself up to the possibilities that he shares with you.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Page of Wands shows that you have a thirst for knowledge, learning new things and exploring new territories. You see opportunities and possibilities everywhere to expand your knowledge and expertise and to grow your horizons. The more you learn, the more possibilities you have. If you are not already engaged in some form of learning and development, the Page of Wands asks you to look for ways to learn and develop and embark in a new direction. This is an excellent time to start a new creative project, whether it be writing a new book or beginning a new course. You may feel a little out of your depth because you are in an entirely new field but it will be highly motivating and inspirational for you.

The Page of Wands may also indicate that you are working with a bright, young individual who is very new to the industry or the working world. While you can see that they do not bring experience or depth of knowledge, you see the value in their ideas, and you believe you can benefit from their inspiration. The key is to maximise their enthusiasm by encouraging new ideas, rather than stifling them. This card may represent a new graduate or trainee.

In a career-related reading, the Page of Wands encourages you to consider a new career path or to develop a new skill set. Even if you are very experienced in one area, now is the time to branch out and try something new. If you are looking for work, this card can also be a positive sign that the right opportunity is close by. You may also be enticed into supporting a start-up or new business.

In a financial reading, the Page of Wands indicates enthusiasm to invest in a



new area. However, make sure you do your homework before rushing into a new financial opportunity to ensure that it will deliver longer-term results.

## **Personality Types**

The Page of Wands personality type often has a vivid and childlike imagination, though they may neither realise it is there or know how to develop it for creative purposes. This is someone who has a fresh outlook, a thirst for new ideas and a passion for life. They are not afraid to venture out into the world if there is the promise of a new opportunity. They are creative, inventive, innovative, courageous and enthusiastic. The Page of Wands personality is highly accepting of change and is often seen as a change agent or catalyst. He is also a faithful lover with almost unlimited passion and enthusiasm.

Physically, the Page of Wands is typically a young person with blond or red hair and blue eyes.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Page of Wands is a very positive sign. This card shows that you are eager to make a new start with a new relationship. You are seeking a relationship that is inspiring and motivating, one that will bring you a renewed sense of energy and vitality and that will continue to grow and develop you personally. You are looking to make a fresh start. That is, you have had relationships in the past that have not served you well, so you want to try something completely different now. You are also open to exploring new avenues to finding love, and you are willing to try new things. There may be an opportunity coming up when you will go on your journey of self-exploration and discovery, and this will be an opportune time to meet someone new. You may be starting a new job, or travelling overseas. It is a time when you are beginning to open yourself up to new opportunities and new experiences. You may not necessarily be expecting to meet someone but they seem to pop into your life quite suddenly. And often, this person will be younger than you with a lot of energy and passion!

In an established relationship, the Page of Wands suggests that you are

looking forward to future growth and development of the relationship. You feel that there is a lot of potential for the future together but with this being a Page, you are starkly aware that you are only at the start of that journey and there is a lot that needs to happen before you can be life-long partners. Nonetheless, you are willing to take that leap of faith and give this relationship all that you have. You have also come into the relationship with very little ‘baggage’ from the past.

If your relationship is struggling, the Page of Wands can reflect a need to adopt a new mindset and start in a new direction with this relationship. Watch how things change as you adopt a much more positive mindset and a renewed sense of energy and hope regarding the relationship. Have faith!

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Page of Wands indicates that you are starting a new journey of self- discovery and exploration. You have an open mind and are eager to learn new things about who you are and what life means to you.

## **Well-being and Health**

Healthwise, the Page of Wands suggests that you may be very keen and enthusiastic about starting a new health regime or learning about a new method. You are an avid learner and enjoy embarking on new journeys. There is a lot of energy around improving your health and well- being and trying whatever you can to bring about that change.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Page of Wands + Fool – You are starting out on a new journey of self- discovery and exploration, filled with new beginnings.

Page of Wands + Empress – You have found a way to express your creativity through your appreciation of nature and its beauty.

Page of Wands + Temperance – You are able to bring together the energy

and enthusiasm of the Page and temper it with the balancing, calming energy of the Temperance card.

Page of Wands + Seven of Pentacles – You have both the energy and passion of the Page combined with the long-term view of the Seven of Pentacles, bringing about sustainable success.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Page of Wands reversed suggests that you have tried a few new ventures or projects but these have not been particularly successful. You may have had a vision to start a new hobby or project, with the view that it would lead to bigger and better things but you soon realised that you had taken the wrong approach and it wasn't leading to the growth and development you had expected. You may have started to realise that you had not focused enough on what your goals and objectives were and that is why you were not reaching the outcomes you wanted. Luckily, you had not progressed too far along and were able to easily retreat from those projects with limited impact. Sometimes, too, these setbacks can be helpful in testing out new territories and exploring what will and will not work for you.

You may also find that your eagerness to start something new has been negatively impacted by complexities, obstacles, and opposition, which has resulted in a lack of motivation and indecisiveness about your path forward. You may also be fearful of whether you can get your project or idea up and running, or if you are just going to be weighed down by more responsibility and troubles.

The Page of Wands reversed can depict a person who is immature with a self-image problem. It could be someone who is mean-spirited and aggressive or someone who is helpless and always a victim. This is someone who never has anything good to say, is always pessimistic, and always brings everyone down. This person undercuts your enthusiasm and your self-confidence. Often, this is a superficial, lazy and arrogant person, one who is unwilling to make an effort and is uncooperative and impatient.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Page of Wands reversed + Eight of Cups – You have come to a point where you feel it is better to walk away from a failed creative project or relationship rather than trying to resurrect it.

Page of Wands reversed + Three of Pentacles reversed – You have to work with an inexperienced and sometimes lazy individual which is negatively impacting your productivity.

# KNIGHT OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Energy, passion, lust, action, adventure, impulsiveness.

**Reversed:** Haste, scattered energy, delays, frustration.



## QUOTES

“Risk is essential. There is not growth of inspiration in staying within what is safe and comfortable. Once you find out what you do best, why not try something else?” – Alex Noble (Artist)

“Live daringly, boldly, fearlessly. Taste the relish to be found in competition - in having put forth the best within you.” – Henry J. Kaiser (Industrialist)

“The road to happiness lies in two simple principles: find what it is that interests you and that you can do well, and when you find it put your whole soul into it- every bit of energy and ambition and natural ability you have.” – John D. Rockefeller III (Philanthropist)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Knight of Wands is seen riding upon his horse, which rears up in the intensity of the Knight’s quest for success. The Knight’s face bears the determination of one bound to succeed. The plumes from the Knight of Wands’ helmet and the decorative tassels hanging from his back and arms are the colour of flame and he, like the Page, wears a shirt covered with the symbol of the fiery salamander.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

Whereas the Page of Wands indicated the initial spark of a new idea, the Knight of Wands indicates the actual pursuit of that idea. There is significantly more action associated with this Knight, and he has a true commitment and energy to make sure his ideas are put into action. His courage is incredibly strong, and he has no fear of anything. He simply charges forth with his ideas and visions to make things happen. Thus, the Knight of Wands suggests that your confidence levels will rapidly increase and you will feel ready to take on the world with your vision. Tackle any challenges that stand in your way and always be ready to help others who

lack your determination and exuberance but who desperately need it.

The Knight of Wands is an 'act first, think later' type of guy. He is impatient and impulsive, with a love for action. The downside to the Knight of Wands is that while he is bursting with energy and enthusiasm, he has a tendency to rush into things without much consideration for the consequences of his actions. He sets off on his journey in haste and often fails to have a clear plan of attack, and this may negatively impact his chances of longer-term success. He is so focused on being the best and of fame and glory that he almost forgets to plan ahead and to keep sight of reality. The Knight of Wands can also come across as aggressive and overly ambitious. He is highly insistent even if others stand in his way, criticise him or challenge him.

When you encounter the Knight of Wands in a reading, it is important that you start your creative projects with great enthusiasm and energy, but you also temper this with a well-rounded, realistic and balanced view along with a well-considered plan that takes into account any future consequences of your actions. You need to show ambition and move from where you are now to where you know you should be to increase your effectiveness in the world. There is nothing wrong with ambition if it is channelled in the right way. Be a pioneer and take calculated risks.

The Knight of Wands may indicate an event that enters your life quickly and unexpectedly. Coupled with the Eight of Wands, you can expect to see a lot of change and action occurring around you, and you will no doubt be swept up by the restless, 'busy' energy whether you like it or not! An important matter is likely to enter your life and demand your attention until it passes. Rather than resisting it, make the time to give it your full attention. Often, the Knight of Wands can indicate a hasty change of residence, job or other living arrangement. You need to be ready to react quickly and go with the flow as resistance is useless.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, the Knight of Wands encourages you to take swift action and to turn your ideas into something. You have great strength and energy behind you, so channel this towards some productive activity to push

a project through or persist in what has been a challenging task to date. You may also find that you are more ambitious than usual, aiming to impress your superiors and to achieve high levels of performance. If you have already got a few runs on the board, this may be a good time to ask for a raise or a bonus.

Alternatively, you may encounter a Knight of Wands in your work. Again, this is someone who is very action-oriented, ambitious and courageous. They may be a welcome appearance, particularly if you need something done quickly, or an annoying distraction as they are incredibly persistent.

If you are searching for work, then the Knight of Wands encourages you to take quick action and to do everything you can to find the right job. This is not a time to be sitting back and waiting for the right opportunity to appear. Instead, you will need to put yourself out there and actively seek new opportunities. Provided your prospective employer is not threatened by your high-energy levels, you should do well to secure a job soon.

In a career-related reading, this card indicates that you are at the peak of your career progression. You have enough experience behind you, but you have not been in the industry so long that you have lost your passion. So, it is best to keep at it and show others that you are serious about your career progression. You may be suited to a competitive environment that is achievement-oriented and focused on high performance.

In a financial reading, the Knight of Wands can suggest that you are aggressively seeking out new opportunities to improve your finances. However, be mindful of impulsiveness or hasty decisions that may lead to your eventual demise.

## **Personality Types**

The Knight of Wands personality type is highly energetic, passionate, spontaneous, action-oriented and ambitious. Once he has his mind set on a goal, he will do everything possible to achieve that goal. This person is also likely to make a quick entry into your life, save the day, then move on to the next challenge or adventure. This suddenness hides a deep sense of honour as he is always ready to protect those who cannot defend themselves. However,



he cannot stand to stay in one place for long as there is always more to do and to achieve.

As a romantic partner, the Knight of Wands is sexually-driven and very passionate. He is sexy, seductive, charming and attractive, and is likely to woo you and sweep you off your feet, leaving you feeling very good about yourself.

## **Relationships and Love**

The Knight of Wands is a highly sexual and energetic character who embraces life and makes the most of its dynamic energy. He likes to flirt and impress and often provides a great time in terms of spontaneity, fun, and a bit of romance (or, perhaps more to the point, lust!). He may not be a long-term partner, but he is what you need for a bit of new action in your love life.

If you are looking for love, then the Knight of Wands suggests that you will soon meet a highly charged, sexual and attractive partner who is full of energy and loves to flirt. He or she is typically representative of a younger person who is keen for a bit of 'play time' and will thrive in the chase of winning you over. This is likely to result in a passionate encounter or even a short-term affair. This is a time when you can finally let your hair down and enjoy some 'no strings attached' fun.

In an established relationship, the Knight of Wands reflects the sexual chemistry that exists between you. Alternatively, it may be something you need more of in the relationship. Open your mind up to new ways of connecting with each other on a sexual level and do not be afraid to explore new territories. This card may sometimes indicate another person who has arrived on the scene and who is incredibly enticing due to their sexual energy. Look to other cards in the reading to confirm this.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Knight of Wands suggests that you are willing to take risks to accomplish your mission of spiritual growth. You will be enthusiastic about exploring new spiritual belief systems with great fervour.

However, be mindful that you do not get too carried away and end up quickly ‘brainwashed.’ Allow yourself some time to let it sink in before fully committing to it.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Knight of Wands can suggest that you may be prone to injury during high-intensity activities, such as sprains or falls whilst exercising. Additionally, the Knight of Wands can point to high levels of heat in the body, resulting in boils, dermatitis, rashes or inflammations.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Knight of Wands + Two of Cups – Your relationship will benefit from both an emotional and sexual connection.

Knight of Wands + Ten of Pentacles – You have the drive and ambition to make it all the way to the top in your career and to earn huge amounts of money.

Knight of Wands + Five of Swords – Be careful that you do not intimidate others with your drive and ambition and get them off-side.

Knight of Wands + Seven of Swords – You may be involved in a fiery and passionate affair, hoping that no one will find out.

Knight of Wands + Eight of Wands – The pace of life is moving very quickly, and you cannot avoid getting involved.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Knight of Wands reversed indicates delays and frustration, getting nowhere, and feeling anger at obstacles and at being denied what you want to have. This card, in the reversed position, represents a loss of personal power or the negative use of power. It can indicate that you are trying to camouflage

or compensate for your inability to control this situation. Accompanying emotions may involve a loss of self-esteem, and pessimism.

This Knight, when reversed, is impulsive, restless, impatient and lacking in foresight. He is so keen to just pursue his own interests or hurry things along that he fails to understand whether he will be successful or what the consequences of his actions will be. If this is you, you need to be very careful about not rushing into things without thinking it through first. Even if you are starting to get frustrated with a lack of action, you need to consider the consequences before doing something. If this is someone in your life, then it is best to steer clear of them for the time being. They need to make these mistakes in their life to learn and improve, and cannot necessarily be controlled or held back at this point.

The Knight of Wands reversed suggests that you are at risk of acting impulsively, doing or saying things that you may later regret. You want everything to be 'fixed' straight away and have everything working out just as it should, but you do not seem to be allowing yourself the time to think through what is best for you. Be careful, too, that you are not reacting instantly to everything that happens but that you give your circumstances some space and time before you take action. You may also find yourself feeling frustrated that certain factors are impacting your situation that you feel you cannot control. Again, remind yourself that there WILL be things that you can control and change as you want to.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Knight of Wands reversed + Seven of Cups – You have so many ideas and options running through your head that you are struggling to focus on just one or two and bring these to fruition.

Knight of Wands reversed + Four of Swords – You need to pause and contemplate your path forward before you take further action. Meditation and a calm mind will help you to see where you need to go next.

# QUEEN OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Exuberance, warmth, vibrancy, determination.

**Reversed:** Shrinking violet, aggressive, demanding.



## QUOTES

“Character contributes to beauty. It fortifies a woman as her youth fades. A mode of conduct, a standard of courage, discipline, fortitude and integrity can do a great deal to make a woman beautiful.” – Jacqueline Bisset (Actress)

“I’ve always thought that people need to feel good about themselves and I see my role as offering support to them, to provide some light along the way.” – Princess of Wales Diana

“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson (Poet and philosopher)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Queen sits upon her throne that is decorated with lions facing opposing direction, a symbol of fire and strength. In her left hand and behind her are sunflowers, symbolising life, fertility, joy and satisfaction. In her right hand is a wand which is beginning to blossom with life. In these positive aspects, the Queen of Wands represents fidelity, warmth, and sustenance. However, at her feet is a black cat, a symbol of the darker, lesser known side of this Queen. The black cat is an occult symbol and is associated with magic and sorcery. It expresses the independent nature of this Queen and her interest in occult powers and the energy of magic.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The Queen of Wands is the dominant feminine energy of the element of Fire. She is not afraid to demonstrate her power to others nor does she shy away from a challenge. She is, therefore, a strong leader who is focused on her desires, intending to get what she wants. Thus, the Queen of Wands indicates

that you are strong, independent and able to take care of yourself and sustain your creative vision, even in the face of adversity. You know what you want and how to get it, and you are masterful at engaging with others to achieve your goals. You are talented at staying fiercely determined and focused on your goals whilst being friendly and optimistic with those around you.

The Queen of Wands is highly energetic and leads a busy and active life. She radiates health and vitality and has an inner vibrancy that fills her with ongoing energy and inspiration. This Queen is a natural-born, intelligent leader who actively inspires others. She can be quite the ‘mover and shaker,’ influencing others through her vision, courage, and determination. She instils confidence within you and gives you the power and self-assurance that you can achieve anything that you set your mind to.

The Queen of Wands asks you to be bold and courageous in your undertakings and actions. Your creative energies are high, and you have a good sense of your life direction. You are highly optimistic, confident and full of ideas that you are ready to implement and share with others. You have an ability to express your passions with great authenticity and courage.

The Queen of Wands is a natural extrovert and enjoys being the centre of attention. She creates a powerful first impression and is a likeable individual who makes friends easily by being sweet, warm and charming. She wants to be ‘known,’ to be ‘someone.’ She has bountiful social and professional networks, and she draws people to her with her charisma and positive energy. She may have dreams of being a celebrity one day, whether it be within the entertainment industry, her chosen professional industry or her circle of friends.

The downside to the Queen of Wands is that she can sometimes be stubborn, particularly if she pursues an ambition or goal for too long and burns herself out in the process. Even the Queen of Wands is not invincible, even if she thinks she is! At times, she may also be deceptive, overbearing, irritable, righteous and even tyrannical, particularly if you get on her bad side. She also has a fiery, passionate personality with a quick temper. She may be known to get all worked up, yell and scream, and then give you a hug, all within the space of an hour.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

In a work-related reading, you may benefit by taking on the energy of the Queen of Wands. That is, you have an opportunity now to shine and to show others how inspiring and confident you can be. Leave fear and worry behind you, and instead focus on achieving your goals with positivity and determination. Bring others along with you, and always focus on providing positive reinforcement rather than negative criticism. Alternatively, this Queen may represent someone with whom you are working or a close mentor or boss. This is an exciting person to work with because her energy is abundant and she will make you feel good about your achievements.

As a career card, the Queen of Wands suggests that you may aspire to be an actress, singer or some other form of entertainer or celebrity. You may also enjoy a highly people-oriented role with a leadership component to it, such as a general manager, human resource manager, motivational speaker, or life coach.

In a finance reading, the Queen of Wands brings positive energy and assures you that your financial situation will be ok. You may even be considering starting up your own business in a way that allows you to generate income through your love of dealing with people.

## **Personality Types**

The Queen of Wands personality type is warm, sensitive, gentle and faithful, balanced by strength, determination, courage, and persistence. This person knows what they want in life, and they will go after it whenever they get the opportunity. Such a person cannot be swayed from their goals, no matter how strong the forces opposing them. She is independent but has a lot of friends. In fact, she is almost always the centre of attention of a large group. She is attractive to others through her charisma and enthusiasm, as well as her sensuality and sexuality. Typically, her physical appearance is characterised by an attractive face with blond or red hair and blue eyes.

## **Relationships and Love**

If you are looking for love, the Queen of Wands suggests that you are very happy to put yourself out there and to get involved in the social scene, hopeful of finding a potential partner. You are bursting with confidence, warmth, and vibrancy and you feel so good about yourself that you instantly attract others to you. They just cannot get enough of you because you also make them feel good about themselves! So, expect lots of attention and romantic opportunities coming your way. You may also find that you build up a lot of friendships and connections with people. It does not matter to you if you do not find 'the one' as you are enjoying the social interaction and the new connections you are making.

In an established relationship, the Queen of Wands is one of my favourite cards because it reflects the warmth and love present in a relationship and shows that you can have a deep friendship as well as a deep romance. You have a genuine desire to be the best person you can be so that this can be the best relationship possible for both of you. You just want good things to happen! This card shows you both enjoying each other's company and just having a good time together. There are no expectations; just a general 'glow' and appreciation for what you both have to offer.

If your relationship is struggling, the Queen of Wands may indicate that you have come to a realisation that you deserve better and going out on your own is not as daunting as you originally thought. This Queen is a very outgoing, confident and extroverted woman, who also has a wonderful self-sufficiency about her. She deeply respects her personal value and will make sure that her life is set up in a way that she can be her best. You may be feeling like you cannot be your best in this relationship and so you may be considering to go it alone and find someone else who is more deserving of your attention.

## **Spirituality**

In a spiritual reading, the Queen of Wands shows a true appreciation for all things spiritual and beautiful in this world. You are confident as you pursue your spiritual path, and may even inspire others as a result of the spiritual activities you are undertaking. This is your opportunity to share what you have learned with other people who you know will benefit from your success. You are also more likely to learn more about your spirituality when you are



interacting with others, perhaps in a spiritual study group.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the Queen of Wands is a very positive sign of health. Your energy levels and vitality are good, and you are feeling radiant. You may also be more likely to conceive during this time thus pregnancy is a possibility for you.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Queen of Wands + Empress – You may be highly fertile at this time and likely to conceive.

Queen of Wands + Queen of Cups – You make a wonderful, well-rounded partner as you combine your energy and enthusiasm with your emotional sensitivity and balance. This may also reflect a lesbian partnership.

Queen of Wands + Nine of Pentacles – You have reached a solid income level and can now enjoy a life of luxury thanks to your financial successes.

Queen of Wands + Queen of Pentacles – You are an astute business person with extensive networks that support your business.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The Queen of Wands reversed card describes a situation in which someone is behaving in a manipulative, pushy or selfish way. One of you seems to be in a chronically bad mood and is angry, resentful and jealous. You may find yourself being attacked or bullied, or behaving this way yourself. Perceptions are skewed, and information is being twisted into lies. Someone is demanding, controlling, petty and narrow-minded.

The reversed Queen of Wands can also indicate that you have recently lost your confidence in yourself and have become a shrinking violet. You shy

away from being in the limelight as you worry that others may think you are not the real deal anymore. You may have even had a recent fall from grace and are now slightly embarrassed about your reputation. What you need to do is restore faith and belief in yourself. Draw from that positive energy that usually lies within and know that you can combat anything once you set your mind to it.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

Queen of Wands reversed + Star reversed – You have a lack of faith and confidence in your abilities and are now shying away from the public eye.

Queen of Wands reversed + Five of Wands – You may be in a confrontational frame of mind, causing arguments and disagreements with those around you.

# KING OF WANDS

## KEYWORDS

**Upright:** Natural-born leader, vision, entrepreneur, honour.

**Reversed:** Impulsiveness, haste, ruthless, high expectations.



## QUOTES

“Self-determination has to mean that the leader is your individual gut, and heart, and mind or we’re talking about power, again, and its rather well-known impurities. Who is really going to care whether you live or die and who is going to know the most intimate motivation for your laughter and your tears is the only person to be trusted to speak for you and to decide what you will or will not do.” – June Jordan (Poet and novelist)

“Vision - It reaches beyond the thing that is, into the conception of what can be. Imagination gives you the picture. Vision gives you the impulse to make the picture your own.” – Robert Collier (Writer and publisher)

“When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project, all your thoughts break their bonds. Your mind transcends limitations, your consciousness expands in every direction, and you find yourself in a new, great, and wonderful world. Dormant forces, faculties and talents become alive, and you discover yourself to be a greater person by far than you ever dreamed yourself to be.” – Patanjali (Philosopher)

## **DESCRIPTION**

The King of Wands holds a blossoming wand in his hand, representing life and creativity. His throne and cape are decorated with the lion and the salamander, symbols of fire and strength. The salamanders biting their own tails represent infinity and the ongoing drive to move forward against all obstacles. His robe is bright orange like a flame, and his crown has the shape of tongues of fire.

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

### **General**

The King of Wands represents pure fire energy. Unlike the other Wands court cards, he is not so interesting in actual creation and creativity, or in dreaming up ideas and implementing them himself. Instead, he is more inclined to take

an idea and change the world to match his vision. As such he is a natural-born leader of all kinds of people, and he is very visionary. Once he sets himself a goal, he sticks to it and ensures that he can make it happen with the support of those around him. People naturally gravitate towards this King as they know he will get things done and will do it very well. He is a master, too, of being able to get other people to do his work for him and keep them on-side throughout the process.

The King of Wands looks forward to challenges because he enjoys the natural rush of adrenalin associated with solving a difficult problem and coming to a solution that will benefit not just one person but many people. In the process, he not only rids himself of his fear but that of others, by reassuring them that they shall all succeed. He is not all talk, either, and when the going gets tough, he is prepared to do the hard yards to see something through to the end. The King of Wands has a deep and innate respect for other people, and his compassion extends far. He knows how to bring out the best in others and to empower them to deliver his visions and goals, which he knows will be of benefit to the greater population.

The King of Wands is an indication that you are someone who is visionary and goal-oriented. You achieve a lot because you are very clear about your future direction and how you will get there. You do not waste your time on activities or relationships that you believe will lead no-where. You never just go with the flow; instead, you prefer to embark on a strong and direct course of action.

The King of Wands reminds you to lead your life with intent, vision and a long-term view. Know that even though you are experiencing challenges now, this is just a part of your journey to something much more positive. Eventually, you will see this time as just a little blip on the radar, and it will have simply served to make you stronger. Stay focused on your long-term goals.

The appearance of the King of Wands also suggests that an opportunity is presenting itself to you, and you now have the power to accept the opportunity and take on the challenge. You are the determining factor in this situation, and circumstances will navigate in the direction you steer them. Indecision or doubt will not be appropriate responses when clarity and

confidence are required. However, as you progress in this new role, it will begin to feel more comfortable.

The negative aspect of the King of Wands is that he can be arrogant and even aggressive in his pursuit of his goals. He may be conscious or unconscious of this. For example, most of the time he does not show enough restraint to know when assistance is not needed or wanted, and he can sometimes make things worse by doing what he thinks is the right thing. Furthermore, once successful, he may become easily carried away with his newfound status and grandeur. He shows determination and vision to accomplish his goals at any cost, and while he is often a respected leader, there can be instances where he is prepared to go above the heads of others to fulfil his dreams and agendas, potentially putting others off-side. This King can also become easily distracted by bigger and better things, and he can become so accustomed to attention that he can take other people for granted.

## **Career, Work and Finances**

If you are looking for work, the King of Wands encourages you to be bold and creative in your approach. Your prospective employers are looking for talented individuals who exude confidence, are natural-born leaders, and have the drive and ambition to accomplish major projects. Identify ways in which you can pitch yourself in this light, and you will increase your chances of success. The appearance of this King may also signify a mentor or career coach who can help you in your journey and who is more than willing to take you under his wing and use his networks to find you the right job.

In a work-related reading, the King of Wands suggests that you have assumed a leadership position and there is now the expectation that you will genuinely motivate and empower others in order to accomplish your goals. Alternatively, you are finding yourself working with a very inspiring leader who is able to bring the best out in you.

In a career reading, the King of Wands is the card of the CEO and business leader, and a visionary who is ambitious, successful, and dynamic. This card suggests that you are more inclined to take up a greater leadership role in your career and be more successful than in the past, maturing and growing

into a position that will serve you well for your future. He can also be an entrepreneurial type who gets to the top by taking risks and being creative and visionary. This card may also suggest the possibility of a business partner or employer that will better suit your needs than the ones you have now, by providing an environment that brings out the best in you.

The King of Wands is also known to be a political activist, an artist, or a race-car driver. Whatever he does for a living, you can be sure he is passionate about it. If you are trying to determine your future career path, ask yourself, “What do I feel passionate about?” As Joseph Campbell, author of the **Power of Myth**, writes, “Follow your bliss. Find where it is, and don’t be afraid to follow it... Doors will open where you would not have thought there would be doors, and where there wouldn’t be a door for anyone else.”

In a financial reading, the King of Wands can indicate that you are engaged with a charismatic figure in financial speculations, any area connected with negotiations, or buying and selling. Additionally, if you have ever thought about starting your own business, this can indicate that this is a very good time to begin.

## **Personality Types**

The King of Wands personality is reflective of a strong, charismatic and visionary individual. He may be very entrepreneurial, business-minded, and a true leader. This is the type of person who people are naturally attracted to because they radiate confidence and positive energy. This personality type is also very creative, self-expressive, domineering, showy, theatrical, and a risk-taker. He has power and influence and knows when to take action. He builds strong networks and creates harmonious relationships, often so that he is better placed to get the job done.

Physically, the King of Wands is an attractive older male, with blond or red hair and blue eyes. He is fit and athletic, and sexually passionate.

## **Relationships and Love**

Romantically, the King of Wands is attractive, generous and uplifting

company. His energy and vitality are very seductive, and he enjoys the intensity of intimacy and sexual passion. He will sweep you off your feet with wine and roses, and he knows how to romance women. The problem is, he may not hold on to them once he has them as he is always looking for the bigger, better deal. He reminds me of 'Mr. Big' from **Sex and the City!** So mature, so smooth, so charming, yet often so distracted and quite the womaniser!

If you are looking for love, you may encounter the King of Wands in your search. He certainly shows potential for the long-term but only after you have truly captured his attention and won him over. He may be older than you but is certainly not any less sexy or charming. Alternatively, the King of Wands may represent you as you approach new relationships, showing that you are drawing on your natural charm and charisma to woo others to you.

In an established relationship, the King of Wands reflects that there is a lot of sexual chemistry in the relationship and a strong and passionate connection. Your partner feels whole when with you and wants to be your mentor, guide, and teacher in life. He knows he has a lot to share with you and would like very much to be there by your side.

If you are struggling in a relationship, the King of Wands encourages you to be the 'adult' and to remain focused on your goals. You need to maintain a constructive frame of mind and to set some goals for the relationship for each of you to work on. This King can also represent a mentor, coach or advisor and suggests that it may be beneficial for you to see a psychologist or marriage counsellor at this point.

## **Spirituality**

An inner spiritual change is often indicated when the King of Wands appears. The King of Wands is a warrior of light who stands up for what matters, and his appearance in a reading is an indication for you to follow his lead. He believes that there is always room for improvement within the community and is driven to take the lead in creating this positive change. Consider how you can make a lasting impact on the community and improve humanity. Enjoy the King's power and authority but be sure to use it for productive



means. Take your responsibilities seriously, think of new ways to do things, and never stop believing in yourself.

## **Well-being and Health**

In a health reading, the King of Wands can indicate issues with hands or hips, frequent headaches, or even stroke. In his quest to control and accomplish many things at once, he may generate increased stress within his body and has a tendency to overdo things. So, rest and recuperation is a critical part of your health at this stage.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

King of Wands + Lovers – A deeply fulfilling relationship with a very charismatic and self-assured person that is likely to last for the long-term.

King of Wands + Six of Pentacles – You are inspired to bring your talents and leadership skills to the community for greater benefit.

King of Wands + Ten of Pentacles – Your strong leadership abilities will ensure long- term material success.

King of Wands + Page of Wands – Your ideas and vision are fresh and highly innovative, successfully bridging the gap between the initial spark of creativity and the drive to see it through to completion.

King of Wands + Three of Wands – This is an opportune time to consider overseas business ventures or joint ventures on a global scale.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS**

The King of Wands reversed personality type can make rash, hasty, and impulsive decisions. This person can be dominating, pushy, and overbearing at times. This is rarely done with malice or an intention to make someone else submissive; it is just a strong tendency that sometimes takes control. The

King of Wands type usually does not even realise when he or she crosses the line between being assertive and aggressive.

At worse, the reversed King of Wands typifies the most selfish, ruthless qualities of fire. He can denote a manipulative business contact who will use you as long as it serves his purpose. He may be a rival, competitor or unscrupulous opponent. In love, he represents a delightful flirtation that could wreak emotional havoc. He is only suitable for limited liaisons, holiday romances, or brief, passionate encounters. His flames are bright and warm but soon die down.

As an aspect of yourself, the reversed King of Wands can suggest that you have set your expectations of yourself too high and may struggle to achieve those expectations. As such, you may end up feeling like a failure because you have not been able to achieve what you want in both areas of your life. Set more realistic goals for yourself and know that you cannot do everything nor please everyone. There may also be times when you become frustrated with the lack of progress in your endeavours, particularly if this is being influenced by your dependence on others. You may find that some people are holding you back and preventing you from fully realising your dreams and goals. If this is the case, it is best to cut them loose as no amount of energy will change their perspective. You may also need to be a bit more lenient on others and accept that not everyone has as much energy and drive as you to achieve results. Accept what they have to offer and do not expect anything more.

## **Suggested Card Combinations**

King of Wands reversed + Ace of Swords reversed – There is an abuse of power, and instead, you are being driven by selfish goals and manipulation of others.

King of Wands reversed + Eight of Wands reversed – You want swift action, but many obstacles are standing in your way and preventing you from reaching your goals.

## **BONUS CHAPTERS 1-3:**

**1. TAROT AND NUMEROLOGY**

**2. READING WITH REVERSED TAROT  
CARDS**

**3. TAROT CARD COMBINATIONS**

# 1. TAROT AND NUMEROLOGY

Every card in a Tarot deck has a numerological association. These numbers are based on the principles of numerology and represent a material and spiritual evolutionary process that begins with the number 1 and ends with the number 9.

For the Pip Cards in the Minor Arcana (i.e. those cards from Ace to 10 in each of the four Suits), this is relatively straightforward. Aces are associated with 1, and then each card is numbered 2 to 10. For the tens, you can either treat it as a 10 or as a 1 (1+0).

Court Cards do not typically have a numerological association.

In the Major Arcana, you may need to add the single digits together to create the appropriate numerological association. For example, the Wheel of Fortune is labeled 10. To find its associations, you would add  $1+0=1$ . Its association is, therefore, 1.

## **USING NUMEROLOGY IN TAROT**

Numerology can be used to interpret a single card or an entire reading. Most traditional Tarot card interpretations already take into account the numerological association. For example, the Ace of Wands is about new beginnings and determination, while the Ten of Swords is about an ending. For a complete Tarot reading, Numerology can be used to detect certain themes by interpreting how many of each number appear in the reading. For example, the presence of three 4's in a reading indicates fruition or the manifestation of an idea along with a foundation where things can grow.

# **THE MEANINGS OF NUMBERS IN TAROT**

## **ONE**

New beginnings, opportunity, potential, drive, ideas, inspiration and aspiration. One deals with that which is about to take form. Many 1's in a reading indicates that a situation is about to begin or is in the early stages of development.

## **TWO**

Balance, duality, a crossroad or choice, partnership, assimilation, sharing, receptivity, diplomacy, gentle persuasion, application, agreement, and insight. Many 2's in a reading indicate a waiting period where there will be partial success, but more will be revealed later. It can also indicate a reconciliation or reunion.

## **THREE**

Initial achievement of goals, growth, creativity, abundance, expression, communication and friendships. The number 3 is the cementing factor of 1 and 2 and goes through to 4 to bring about that which is desired and envisioned. Multiple 3's in a reading indicate group activities or situations involving more than one person. They can also indicate delay but with the promise of future success.

## **FOUR**

Structure, foundation, stability, stagnation, manifestation, practical application, formation, concentration, organisation, and planning. It is the result of a well-built foundation and proper application. It is what comes as a result of desire and imagination (i.e. the energy of 1, 2 and 3). Many 4's in a reading indicate fruition or the manifestation of an idea along with a

foundation where things can grow.

## **FIVE**

Instability, conflict, loss, opportunity for change, new cycle, change, expansion, and recreation. In a reading, many 5's indicate change, challenge, and fluctuation. They also indicate material prosperity but spiritual poverty if not properly balanced.

## **SIX**

Communication, problem-solving, cooperation, balance, relaxation, adjustment, harmony, compassion, social consciousness, domesticity, love, care, comfort, and concern. Many 6's in a reading indicate adjustments in thoughts, attitudes or conditions. They also represent the ability to transcend difficulties.

## **SEVEN**

Reflection, assessment, motives, spirituality, wisdom, perfect order, observation, investigation, meditation, discovery, and knowledge. Seven represents faith—faith in the things that cannot be seen but nevertheless exist. Through life experience, understanding the ultimate truth develops, and faith in the unknown is attained. In a reading, many 7's indicate a period of introspection or solitude.

## **EIGHT**

Movement, action, change, rebirth, regeneration, re-evaluation, capability, spiritual fortitude, success, recognition, accomplishment, and attainment. Eight is associated with power that springs from within and enables one to accomplish that which one sets out to do. Many 8's indicate a positive change of mind or status.

## **NINE**

Fruition, attainment, bringing things to a conclusion, completion, fulfilment, selflessness, magnetism, idealism, and giver of wisdom or inspiration. Many 9's in a reading mean that situations or events are nearing completion or have just been completed and another plateau awaits.

## **TEN**

Completion, end of a cycle and renewal. 10 can also become 1 ( $1+0 = 1$ ) and therefore the 10's represent the same things as the Aces but on a higher level. Many 10's in a reading can indicate endings which will soon transform into new beginnings.

## 2. READING WITH REVERSED TAROT CARDS



Since I began reading the Tarot professionally, I have always used reversed Tarot cards. Tarot card reversals provide you with the opportunity to expand and deepen the insight drawn from your readings. Take 78 Tarot cards, reverse a random selection through your shuffling and suddenly you have doubled your Tarot deck to 156 different messages that you can draw from. It is easy to see how reversed cards can add a whole new layer to your Tarot reading.



Reversed cards can be interpreted in many different ways, and this is what makes their usage in a reading even more interesting. It moves the reading into a multidimensional space where there are light and shade, simplicities and complexities, highs and lows. It allows you, as the reader, to offer your client a balanced perspective that is targeted towards their specific situation, which will, in turn, help them to make the right decisions about their path forward. However, finding meaningful interpretations can be a challenge. Visit any of those free Tarot reading websites, and you will often find the descriptions of the reversed cards are peppered with dramatic words and phrases such as ‘deceit,’ ‘betrayal,’ ‘divorce,’ and ‘trickery and fraud.’ With these interpretations, it is little wonder why people fear reversed cards and often choose not to use them at all. Thankfully, there is a lot more to reversed cards than these sites let on.

To avoid anxiety-filled Tarot readings riddled with negative and dramatic interpretations of reversed cards, it is important to understand more about the many ways in which the reversed cards can be interpreted. In this way, you can effectively use reversed Tarot cards to provide your clients with deep insight, constructive feedback and advice, and renewed hope.

## **INTERPRETING REVERSED TAROT CARDS**

There are many methods of interpreting a reversed Tarot card—I have listed eight of what I believe are the most useful and common. These methods can generally be applied to each card of the Tarot deck.

### **TRADITIONAL MEANINGS**

When you first buy your Tarot deck, it will usually come with an LWB (Little White Book). In this book, you will find the traditional meanings of the Tarot cards, and if you are lucky, it will also include the meanings of the reversed cards. Traditional meanings are based on those originating in France in the 1700’s and were modified by later writers who used either the Etteilla or Marseilles-style decks. These meanings read very similarly to those that

you see on the free reading websites mentioned above. For example, the Three of Wands reversed – “Ulterior motives. distrust, treachery, deceit. Interrupter by misfortune. Reward for labours.”<sup>2</sup> My advice is to use the traditional meanings as a starting point. However, to create meaningful insight for your clients, you will most likely need to draw on the other methods outlined in this book.

## **THE OPPOSITE OF THE UPRIGHT CARD**

This is perhaps one of the most common (and simple) ways of interpreting reversed Tarot cards and involves simply taking the opposite of the upright meaning for that card. For example, the Ten of Pentacles upright, represents financial security, an established family home, and a successful career. The opposite of this is financial insecurity, a broken home or a job under threat due to restructuring. What you do need to be careful of is that this method may favour more negative interpretations and may needlessly emphasise fear and suspicion, rather than generating hope and faith. Look to the other cards in the reading to help the client find their way out of a potentially challenging situation.

## **THE ENERGY OF THE CARD IS INCREASED OR DECREASED**

In this method, the energy of the upright card is either strengthened or weakened. For example, the Ten of Swords upright signifies a painful ending, betrayal and being stabbed in the back. If the energy is weakened, the reversed Ten of Swords may indicate that a difficult period is over and the client is beginning to heal from past wounds. If the energy is strengthened, the client may be struggling to move on from a difficult period and continues to feel hurt and betrayed. Knowing whether the energy is increased or decreased will depend on the surrounding cards, feedback from your client and your gut instinct.

## **A NEED TO RETURN TO THE LESSON OF THE PREVIOUS CARD**

This method originates from Paul Fenton-Smith in his book **Mastering the Tarot** and is personally one of my favourites. It creates hope and a way forward for clients and is an easy way for new Tarot readers to interpret reversed cards. The basic tenet is that the client has not learned the upright meaning of the previous card and must, therefore, return to this lesson before they can move forward. For example, the Two of Pentacles reversed indicates that for the client to effectively manage their financial commitments, they need to return to the Ace of Pentacles and identify their financial goals and put into place appropriate plans to achieve those goals.

When an Ace appears reversed, you need to return to the Ten, and when the Fool appears reversed, you need to return to the World. For the court cards, the King returns to the Knight and the Queen to the Page, however, more often than not, reversed court cards reflect the negative characteristics of an individual.

## **BLOCKED ENERGY**

The energy of the upright card is blocked or repressed in some way. For example, the reversed Six of Wands can suggest that a lack of self-esteem and self-promotion is impacting your ability to be successful. And the reversed Five of Cups suggests that you are not allowing yourself to move on from a disappointing situation.

## **DELAYS**

Reversed cards can indicate delays related to the card itself. For example, the reversed Eight of Wands suggests that plans which were once fast-moving are now coming to a standstill, and you are beginning to feel frustrated. The Wheel of Fortune reversed indicates that a project or major change may feel imminent, but you are having trouble getting it started.

## **UNCONSCIOUS AWARENESS**

In readings where I ask the Tarot what lessons have been learned, I often interpret a reversed card in this position as the client not yet being

consciously aware of a particular lesson. In this sense, the energy of the card remains in the subconscious and has not yet been revealed to the client.

## **“NO”**

In a yes/no reading, a reversed card may simply mean ‘no.’

# **An Alternative Way to Reading Reversed Tarot Cards**

I’ll show you this alternative way of reading reversed Tarot cards that will add true depth and meaning to your Tarot readings—without the doom and gloom!

## **TAROT CARDS AS ENERGY**

Before we get into the technique, let’s get back to basics. At the core of it, Tarot cards are energy. That is, each card is an expression of energy in its many different formats.

For example, the Four of Swords is an expression of peace, rest, and contemplation. When we encounter the Four of Swords in our everyday lives, we experience it as energy that manifests in different ways—taking a break from work, spending some time thinking about a situation before acting, or getting more sleep.

Or take the Knight of Pentacles. He is an expression of following a routine, being consistent and sticking to it. Again, this energy can appear in our lives, either as a part of ourselves that is being expressed, or a part of someone else. It may manifest as the daily grind of 9-to-5 work, commitment to an exercise plan, or setting budgets.

So the Tarot cards represent pure energy, and our interpretation of the card is how that energy will manifest in our lives. Got it?

## **UPRIGHT TAROT CARDS ARE ‘EXTERNALLY EXPRESSED ENERGY’**

When I look at an upright Tarot card, I see it as ‘externally expressed energy.’ That is, the energy of that Tarot card is expressed outwardly into the world.

So, for the Four of Swords, you are letting others know you’re taking a break (you don’t just disappear into your own head).

Or, with the Knight of Pentacles, you are creating household budgets, or you are turning up to work every day.

Upright Tarot cards represent energy that is experienced in your external environment and your relationships with people and situations.

## **REVERSED TAROT CARDS ARE ‘INTERNALLY EXPRESSED ENERGY’**

If upright cards represent externally expressed energy, then reversed Tarot cards are ‘internally expressed energy.’ That is, energy that is held within ourselves or that is more private or even secretive.

The Four of Swords is no longer about taking a break from work, but finding peace within, and calming your inner thought process. Or, there may be a period of retreat, away from others and in private.

And the Knight of Pentacles reversed is no longer about showing up every day at work and following the routine, but creating personal routines and applying self-discipline to stay committed to those routines.

To make things simple, take the upright meaning of the Tarot card, and then add ‘self’ or ‘private’ to the interpretation.

For example, the Empress is about nurturing and, therefore, the reversed Empress is about self-nurturing.

Or, the Eight of Cups is about escape and, therefore, the reversed Eight of Cups is about a private escape (one that no one knows about).

See? It can be quite simple indeed!

What I love most about this technique is that there is no 'good' or 'bad' message (unlike the traditional reversed card meanings which focus on the opposite of the upright card meaning). It's simply where the energy is being felt.

This technique can also show where changes need to be made or where action needs to be taken. If your Tarot reading is mostly upright cards, then you know you're dealing with external situations and your relationships with others. If your Tarot reading is mostly reversed cards, then you know you're dealing with yourself, and any required actions or changes need to happen within you first.

## **EXERCISE**

It's time to give this technique a go! Grab your Tarot cards and split the deck into three piles. Turn one pile 180 degrees, so you're turning some of your upright cards into reversed cards. Then shuffle the deck again.

Now, do a simple 3-card Tarot reading, and hopefully, you'll get at least one reversed Tarot card in there. Take note of how the upright and reversed Tarot cards interact with each other and look for where the energy is either externalised or internalised. Think about where you can best focus your energy, based on these cards.

## **DECIDING WHICH METHOD TO USE AND WHEN**

You are now armed with a number of different methods to use for interpreting reversed cards but how do you select which method to use and when? Below are my tips to help you choose which method to use:

**Mentally agree to use one method only.** Tell the Universe prior to a reading how you are choosing to read reversals, (e.g. “I am going to interpret all reversals in this reading as blockages.”). This way, the Universe will present your message to you through the most relevant cards, given that you are interpreting them in a certain way.

**Go with your gut instinct.** Sometimes you just ‘know’ what the card refers to. Your intuition may be guiding you towards a specific interpretation, or you may be drawn to a combination of interpretations as listed above.

**Look at the other cards in the reading.** Look for themes across the different cards in the spread you are using. For example, the Four of Cups reversed combined with the Hermit may suggest that your client is spending too much time alone and shut off from the world around them. On the other hand, the Four of Cups reversed combined with the Nine of Cups reversed may indicate that your client has lost their connection with their inner selves and exterior opportunities are also unfulfilling.

**Experience.** Sometimes, it does just come down to experience. For example, I know now that whenever I see the Three of Cups reversed in a relationship reading, nine times out of ten, it indicates that there is a third person involved and it is usually the client who is that third person. To help you build your experience, seek feedback from your clients to understand how the cards are playing out in their lives. Do this not only during or directly after the reading but also a few weeks or months later. Find out how a particular card came to life for your client and understand what it looked and felt like. If you are still learning and not yet reading for others, use a Tarot Journal to learn from your personal experiences of the reversed cards. By doing either of these two things, you will be able to build a selection of ‘stories’ around each reversed card which you can then use in future readings.

## **EXERCISE**

**Step 1:** Randomly select a card from your Tarot deck. Apply each method to generate a variety of reversed meanings for that card (you may like to use your Tarot Journal for this activity). Synthesise your notes to form a concise interpretation of the reversed card.

**Step 2:** Come up with three different scenarios which may relate to the reversed card. For example, you select the Four of Swords reversed. One scenario might be that you worked yourself into the ground and did not allow yourself any time for rest or relaxation, and as a result, you ended up sick and off work for a week. Add these scenarios to your interpretation.

**Step 3:** For the next week, meditate on the energy of your selected reversed card and identify real-life scenarios which occur during this week that exemplify the card. Again, take note of these events in your Tarot Journal.



# 3. THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO TAROT CARD COMBINATIONS

Did you know there are over 3,000 different two-card combinations in the Tarot? I am not kidding.

And do you know what this means?

Rote learning 3,000 meanings is NOT an option!

Instead, it's essential that you learn how to interpret Tarot card combinations, not what all 3,000 combinations mean.

In this **Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Combinations**, I am going to save you time, energy, and tears by giving you my very best techniques for interpreting Tarot card pairs. These techniques will not only help you master Tarot card combinations; but they will also lay the foundation for highly accurate and insightful Tarot readings by giving you the skills to find meaningful connections in your readings.

I'll also give you examples along the way, to deepen your understanding of how to use (and master) these techniques. Now, while I provide examples, you need to know that these are not hard and fast meanings of the Tarot card combinations. They are simply possibilities. You need to use your judgement and intuition to decide what's right for your reading, situation, and question.

## **10 KILLER TECHNIQUES TO**

# INTERPRET TAROT CARD COMBINATIONS

## 1. KEYWORDS

If you're a Tarot beginner, start here! Creating Tarot card combinations with keywords and phrases is the simplest and easiest method.

### Here's how to do it . . .

Choose either one word or one phrase for each card. Put these together, and voila, you have a meaning for the Tarot card pair.

For example, the **Eight of Wands** (travel) + **Six of Cups** (childhood friendships) = travelling to meet childhood friends.

Or, the **High Priestess** (intuition) + **Eight of Pentacles** (skill-building) = developing your intuitive skills.

You can also mix and match the keywords and phrases that you typically associate with each card until you find a combined meaning that truly resonates.

## 2. NUMEROLOGY

All cards in the Tarot deck have a number associated with them. Look at the two card numbers within the pairing to discover the numerological significance of this combination.

### Here's how to do it . . .

If both cards share the same number, the significance of that number is enhanced.

For example, **Two of Cups** + **Two of Wands** reveal a focus on partnerships.

In this case, it might be a couple (Two of Cups) planning a future together (Two of Wands), based around their relationship together.

If both Tarot cards are numbered +/- of each other, then the cycle stage is important. If both cards are within the range of 1 to 3, it reflects the beginning of a cycle. If the cards are within the range of 4-6, it is the middle of a cycle, and if they are within the range of 7-10, it is the end of a cycle.

For example, the **Ace of Swords** (1) and the **Empress** (3) signifies the beginning of a cycle. Specifically, an idea or a thought (Ace of Swords) is coming into being (Empress). The Empress is 'pregnant' with this new idea or thought and is about to 'birth' it into the world.

If the Tarot cards are not close in number, then it may indicate movement from one phase to another, either in terms of progress (an increase in number) or regression (a decrease in number). I tend to read this from left to right in order to see if the number is increasing or decreasing.

For example, the **Two of Cups** + **Eight of Cups** show the development of a relationship. Despite a promising beginning to the relationship (Two of Cups), both parties may decide to go separate ways (Eight of Cups).

Change the order of the cards, and you get a different story. The Eight of Cups + Two of Cups show a developed relationship (8) turning into a newer relationship (2). This might be a sign that the end of one relationship opens up space for a new one to blossom. Or, it may be a sign that a struggling relationship is about to take a turn for the better.

### **3. SYMBOLISM**

Finding common symbols within a Tarot card combination can alert you to important themes associated with those symbols.

#### **Here how to do it . . .**

Look at both Tarot cards together. Is there a common symbol? Perhaps a castle? Clouds? Even a common colour?

(If you don't see a common symbol, then don't worry! Use another one of the techniques outlined in this guide instead.)

Now, what does this symbol mean to you? And what new information does it give you about the Tarot card combination?

For example, **Temperance** + **Judgement** both feature archangels. This may be a sign that your angels are looking after you and offer a sign of hope and faith during a difficult time.

Remember that symbols have common meanings and personal meanings. Common meanings are those that you find in books, websites, courses, etc. Personal meanings are those that are generated from your past experiences, your subconscious mind, and your intuition.

## **4. ELEMENTS**

The elements are most meaningful with the Minor Arcana. Each card in the Minor Arcana belongs to one of four suits, and each suit is associated with an element.

The Suit of Cups represents the element of Water.

The Suit of Pentacles represents Earth.

The Suit of Swords represents Air.

The Suit of Wands represents Fire.

When the Tarot card combination features two Minor Arcana cards, then the elements can help you interpret that combination.

### **Here's how to do it . . .**

If both Tarot cards share the same element, the energy of that element is enhanced. For example, Three of Pentacles + Eight of Pentacles = a focus on work, money and/or material things.

If each Tarot card shares a different element, combine the meanings of the elements.

For example, **Swords** (Air) + **Cups** (Water) = balancing the head and the heart. Or Swords (Air) + Wands (Fire) = dominant masculine energy (both Air and Fire are masculine) and bringing ideas (Wands) into action (Swords).

## 5. MAJORS & MINORS

Major Arcana cards tell a different story to Minor Arcana cards. So, look to see which group the two cards belong to in order to reveal whether you're dealing with a temporary issue or a major life theme.

### Here's how to do it . . .

If both Tarot cards are from the Major Arcana, then you know that this is about a karmic lesson or a major life theme.

For example, the **High Priestess** + **Hermit** = a period of deep introspection and soul-searching to connect with a Higher Power.

If both Tarot cards are from the Minor Arcana, then you know that this is about a temporary issue, situation or event.

For example, **Page of Cups** + **Three of Pentacles** = mentoring a young and creative person.

If one card is a Major Arcana card and the other is a Minor Arcana card, then the Major Arcana card tells you 'what' or 'why,' and the Minor Arcana card tells you 'how.'

For example, the **High Priestess** + **Three of Wands** = connecting deeply with your intuition (what) by creating a vision for the future (how).

## 6. COURT CARDS

The Court cards often leave many Tarot beginners stumped. Are they people,

personalities or situations? And if they are people, who are they? The client or someone else?

(My advice? Keep it simple and see Court cards as personalities or characteristics of a person. Sure, you can layer up other ways of interpreting the Court cards, but this is the easiest place to begin.)

### **Here's how to do it . . .**

If both Tarot cards are Court cards, then it's likely that this combination represents two people who are in a relationship with one another. Each Court card represents the most dominant personality that is being expressed within the relationship.

For example, the **Queen of Wands + King of Swords** = a confident, self-assured woman interacting with a dominant male in a position of authority.

Also, look at the Court position. That is, is it a combination of two Pages, or a Page and a King. This will give you insight into maturity, balance of power or stage of development.

For example, **Page of Wands + King of Pentacles** = a young apprentice partnered with an experienced businessman.

In some cases, the two Court cards may represent different aspects of the one person. You'll need to use your judgement and intuition to know when this is the best approach to use!

For example, the **King of Swords + Page of Cups** = a person who is ready to take action on their newfound creativity.

## **7. STRENGTHENING / WEAKENING**

Some Tarot cards are very polarising. They either scream "Watch out!" (think, Devil, Tower and the bad boys of Tarot) or they ooze with positivity (think, the Sun, Star and the good guys of Tarot).

It's important to look out for these seemingly negative and positive cards in a

Tarot card combination, as they will either strengthen or weaken the combination.

Remember, though, Tarot cards are neither wholly positive or wholly negative and there is always light and shade within each and every card.

### **Here's how to do it . . .**

If both cards are mostly positive or mostly negative, the energy is strengthened.

For example, the **Sun + Star** = huge success. Whereas Devil + Tower = dire outcomes as a result of addiction.

If one card is mostly positive and one card is mostly negative, the energy of both is weakened or, more accurately, balanced out. This kind of combination is showing you the light and shade of a situation.

For example, the **Sun + Tower** = a blessing in disguise.

## **8. PEOPLE INTERACTIONS**

This is where things get fun! If both Tarot cards feature people, look at how they interact with each other for a new layer of insight. Are they facing towards each other or looking away? What might this tell you about their relationship?

### **Here's how to do it . . .**

First, look for the people in both cards. How are they interacting with each other?

If they are looking away from each other, it may be a sign of tension or disengagement in the relationship. For example, the **Queen of Cups + Page of Wands** = a teenage son ignoring his mum!

If both are looking towards each other, it may be a sign of a balanced and connected relationship. For example, **Page of Wands + Queen of Cups** = a

healthy relationship between mother and son.

If both are looking to the right, it may be a sign of a combined focus on the future. And if both are looking to the left, it may be a sign of reflecting on the past.

Looking forward can be a sign of dealing with issues head on while standing with one's back turned can be a sign of ignoring the 'now' or wanting to escape.

Play with the different combinations and see your Tarot cards come alive with this fun technique.

## 9. UPRIGHT / REVERSED

If you use upright and reversed Tarot cards in your readings, then you'll find some interesting insights from these two-card combinations.

### **Here's how to do it . . .**

If both cards are upright, the energy is flowing easily, and there's more activity happening in the outer world.

For example, **Nine of Cups + Queen of Swords** = making decisions for the benefit of all.

If one card is upright and the other is reversed, there's a focus on both the inner and outer worlds. For example, **Nine of Cups + Queen of Swords reversed** = expressing contentment with personal decisions.

And if both cards are reversed, the energy may be blocked, or there's more activity happening in the inner, more private world.

For example, **Nine of Cups reversed + Queen of Swords reversed** = discontentment with personal decisions, or feeling privately content about the personal decisions you've made.

(Reversed cards a little out of reach at the moment? Learn how to interpret



reversed cards without the doom and gloom.)

## 10. FLOW

Looking for the flow between Tarot cards is one of my all-time favourite techniques. I've left it until last because it is also one of the more advanced techniques that requires a little 'free flow' on your end as the reader.

Flow is all about finding common symbols, people or themes within the cards and observing how these change or evolve from one card to the next.

### Here's how to do it . . .

First, find something that's common between the two cards. It might be a shared symbol, object, person, background, or even overall theme.

Next, look at how it changes from one card to the next. What new information does this give you about the Tarot card combination?

For example, in **Ten of Cups** and **Six of Cups**, one common element is the pair of children. In the Ten, the children are happily dancing next to their parents. In the Six, they are still happily playing, but now they are on their own. I might interpret this as kids growing up or an increased level of independence, yet still a sense of playfulness.

Here's another example – **Page of Cups** and the **Sun**. One common element is flowers. In the Page of Cups, the flowers are on the Page's tunic, and in the Sun, the flowers are towering above the wall and around the young child's head. This could be a sign of taking something that you have previously held close (the Page of Cups) and now making it more public (the Sun). Layer it up with the meanings of the cards, and it may be a sign that this combination represents taking your art into a public space, perhaps in a gallery or an exhibition, with lots of success.

See? You can have a lot of fun with this technique once you start to get into 'flow'!

So there you have it! Ten ways to interpret Tarot card combinations. As you

become more familiar with the techniques, you'll find yourself combining techniques to get multi-layered interpretations of the cards.

But how do you become so comfortable with Tarot card combinations that you could do them in your sleep?

## **How to Become a Tarot Card Combination Expert**

The key to becoming an expert at anything is to practise.

- ▷ So here's a quick and easy activity you can do each day to become a Tarot card combination expert:
- ▷ Set aside 5 or 10 minutes for your Tarot practise.
- ▷ Split the Tarot deck into two piles, each with the cards face down.
- ▷ Turn over the card on top of each deck, and you have your first Tarot card pair.
- ▷ Use any technique above (or a combination of techniques) and come up with a Tarot card combination meaning and write it down.
- ▷ Work through the other techniques for the same pair and see how your interpretations change or build upon one another.
- ▷ Circle 2-3 interpretations that make the most sense to you.
- ▷ Now, rinse and repeat.

If you want to keep it short and sweet, simply flip over the cards, come up with one combined meaning, then flip over another pair and keep going.

The benefit to doing all of this practise is not only will you master the Tarot card combinations, but you will be laying down the foundations for being able to tell the story in a Tarot reading because you now know how to find connections between the cards.

# A FINAL WORD FROM BRIGIT

Congratulations on making it to the end of the Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings! If you have successfully read each of the 78 Tarot card meanings, you will no doubt be an expert in interpreting and understanding the Tarot cards. Awesome job!

Before we come to the end of this Guide, I would like to share with you a few final thoughts to help you with your Tarot studies.

## **The Learning Cycle Never Ends**

With something as complex as the Tarot, you never stop learning. In fact, as I was writing this Guide, I was amazed at how much I learned in the process that I can now apply to my Tarot readings and also to my life in general. Whether you are just starting out with the Tarot, or you consider yourself a Tarot expert, know that you can always learn something new. I strongly encourage you to continue developing your knowledge of the Tarot by reading widely, practicing regularly, and developing your own interpretations of the Tarot cards.

To truly master the Tarot card meanings and create an intuitive and personal connection with the Tarot cards, check out my online Tarot program, **Master the Tarot Card Meanings** (<https://www.biddytarot.com/courses/master-the-tarot-card-meanings/>).

To learn to read Tarot with confidence for yourself and others, check out **Read Tarot with Confidence** (<https://www.biddytarot.com/courses/read-tarot-with-confidence/>).

To connect deeply with the Major Arcana cards and manifest their powerful energy in your life, check out my audio program, **Soul Meditations** (<https://www.biddytarot.com/tarot-guides/soul-meditations/>).

And to develop your Tarot reading skills and connect with your Tarot tribe, join **The Biddy Tarot Community** (<https://community.biddytarot.com/join>) —an online learning community for aspiring Tarot readers.

## **Develop Your Own Tarot Card Meanings**

It is one thing to read and learn about the Tarot card meanings from a book, but to bring that knowledge to life, it is vital that you begin to create your own

Tarot card meanings. With this in mind, I have developed the **Tarot Card Meanings Workbook** (<https://www.biddytarot.com/tarot-guides/workbook/>). The Workbook supports you in working through each Tarot card and developing your very own guide to the Tarot cards. It follows a similar format to the **Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings** but with space to enter your own meanings and interpretations of the cards.

## **Don't Give Up**

Know that learning Tarot can be a major life journey. Don't expect to become an expert overnight but know that with continued practise and learning you can only become better. At times, you may feel as if it is all too hard. If this is the case, take a break, re-energise yourself, and then when you feel more enthusiastic, come back to the cards. Never give up!

## **Practise, Practise, Practise**

The best way to become a confident and intuitive Tarot reader is to get as much practise reading Tarot as possible.

Sure, you can start by reading Tarot for friends and family. But if you really

want your Tarot reading skills and intuition to sky-rocket, it's essential you practise reading Tarot with total strangers.

That's why I created the **Free Tarot Readings** platform inside The **Biddy Tarot Community**—a safe and supportive place where you can practise reading Tarot for strangers in exchange for experience and feedback.

## **Believe in Yourself**

At some point in your Tarot studies, you may decide that you would like to become a professional Tarot reader, earning an income from your Tarot readings. It can take a huge leap of faith to go from reading for free for friends and family to reading for a fee for strangers. My advice is to just do it, and believe in yourself! You will be amazed at how much you already know and the value and insight that you can bring into the lives of others. Remember that confidence will take you far.

## **Stay Connected**

Let's stay connected! Here's how:

**Biddy Tarot** – [www.biddytarot.com](http://www.biddytarot.com)

**Biddy Tarot Community** – [community.biddytarot.com/join/](http://community.biddytarot.com/join/)

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Wishing you the very best on your Tarot journey,

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