

Introduction

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

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

The Deck

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

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

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

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

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

Spreading the Cards

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

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

Three-Card Spread

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



Past



Present



Future

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

Tips

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

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

The explanations in this booklet refer to the card being "upright" or "reversed". After shuffling, drawing, and turning over the cards, some may be upright while others will be upside

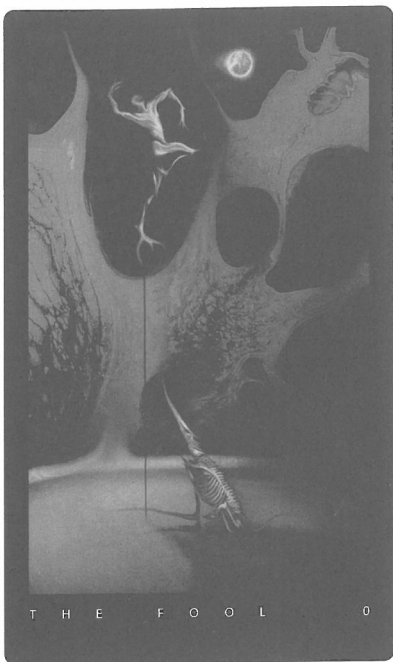
down (or reversed). Reversed cards turn the meaning "upside down."

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

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

The Major Arcana

The Fool (0)



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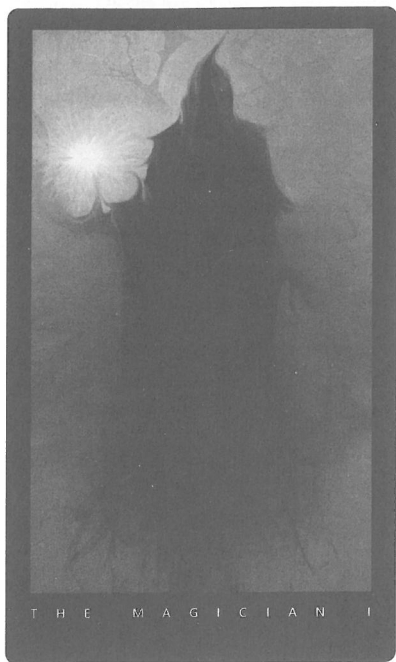
Meaning: The Fool represents a leap of faith, the beginning and ending of the Major Arcana journey we all take through life. We are the Fool; therefore, the Fool archetype is about curiosity and open-mindedness, going with the flow of life, and managing our way through the unknown.

Symbolism: The figure is dancing and leaping through the air while a skeletal animal watches from below. The dancing energy represents the Fool's carefree nature and exuberance for life.

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

Reversed: foolishness, gullibility, and ignorance

The Magician (I)



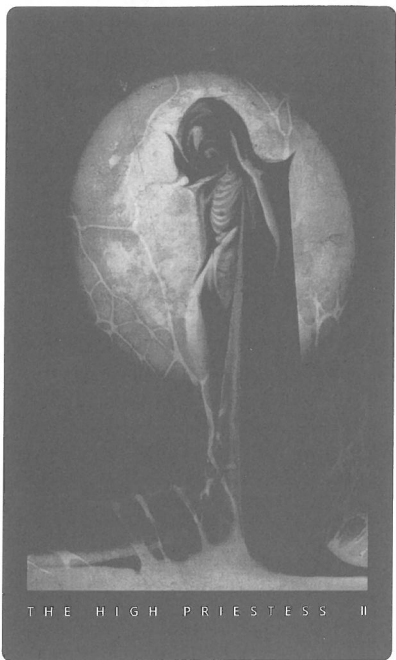
Meaning: The Magician represents choices and creative problem-solving, a connection between imagination and reality. The Magician archetype is the first encounter for the Fool, indicating that we all must make crucial decisions on our life journey.

Symbolism: The hooded figure uses his magical power to bring light into the darkness. The light is necessary for the figure to solve problems, fix what is broken, and make rational choices.

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

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

The High Priestess (II)



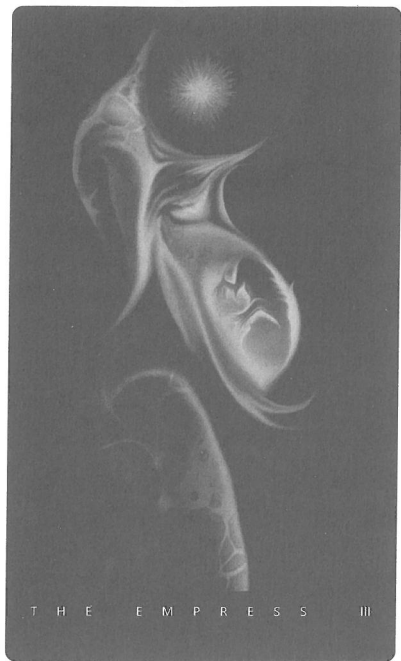
Meaning: The High Priestess represents the knowledge and enlightenment that we attain by overcoming difficulties. The High Priestess archetype is the second encounter for the Fool, indicating that we must learn how to trust our intuition, and when to seek guidance from others.

Symbolism: A female figure stands in front of a full moon with half of her body exposed and the other half covered. Her face is a swirl of black and white energy. These visuals symbolize her connection to the light and the darkness, to positive and negative energy.

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

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

The Empress (III)



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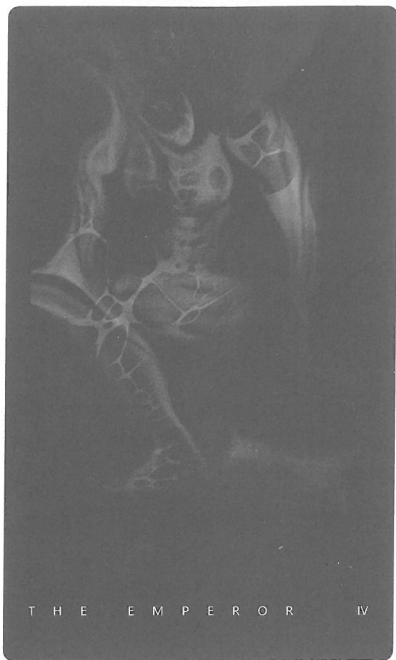
Meaning: The Empress represents the feminine divine, the essence of beauty, abundance, and nourishment. The Empress archetype is the third encounter for the Fool, teaching you about the natural world, how to care for the world, how to nurture yourself, and how to care for others.

Symbolism: A female figure prepares to swallow the light in order to nourish her child. Even in darkness, the light is necessary for life. She does what is necessary to grow and protect her unborn offspring.

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

Reversed: Hardships, scarcity, bareness, and neediness

The Emperor (IV)



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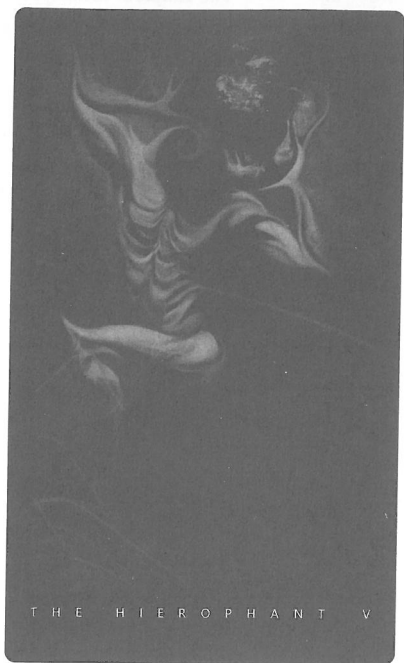
Meaning: The Emperor represents the masculine divine, the essence of command, order, and power. The Emperor archetype is the fourth encounter for the Fool, teaching us how to establish order from chaos, how to shape the natural world to our needs, and how to build civilization.

Symbolism: A powerfully built figure rises through the darkness, displaying physical strength and mental fortitude.

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

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

The Hierophant (V)



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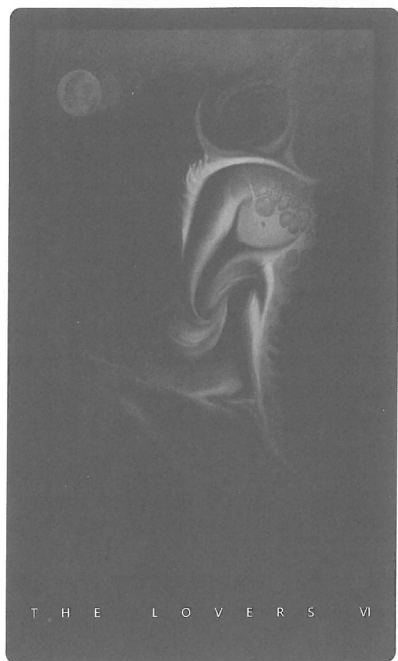
Meaning: The Hierophant represents wisdom attained through scholarship and exploring the world, the knowledge and potential wisdom we attain in our effort to make sense of life. The Hierophant archetype is the fifth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we need to go beyond intuition and emotion, and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

Symbolism: A figure whose head is bursting with so much knowledge and power that he has to use both hands to contain his wisdom until he can fully process what he has learned and will share with others.

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

Reversed: arrogance, elitism, hypocrisy, and charlatanism

The Lovers (VI)



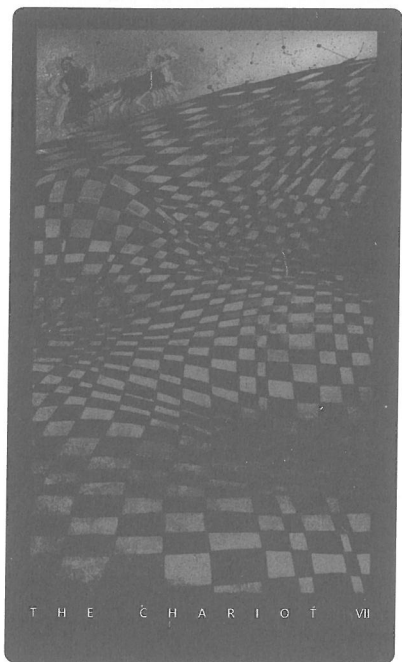
Meaning: The Lovers represents partnership, especially a profound connection with someone that is both intimate and romantic. The Lovers archetype is the sixth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we cannot fully experience life until we connect with someone intimately and deeply.

Symbolism: Two figures embrace one another, merging their energies together in a sacred and sexual union.

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

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

The Chariot (VII)



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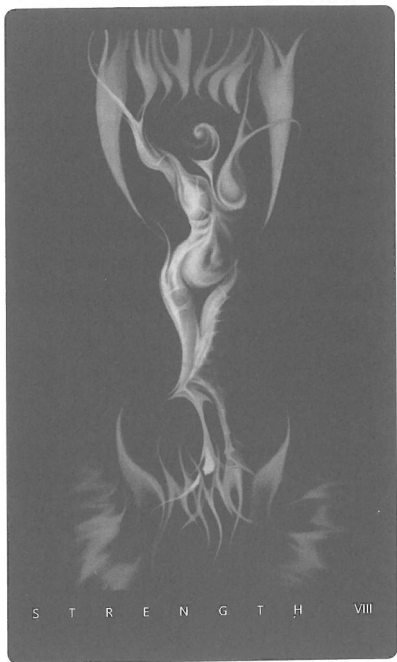
Meaning: The Chariot represents willpower and drive; the intense focus we need to establish our identities and stand out in important and useful ways. The Chariot archetype is the seventh encounter for the Fool, teaching us how important it is to have conviction and intensity in our lives.

Symbolism: A warrior rides a chariot across uneven terrain pulled by black and white stallions. They traverse the landscape going ever higher, undaunted by any challenges.

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

Reversed: anger, delay, indecision, and interference

Strength (VIII)



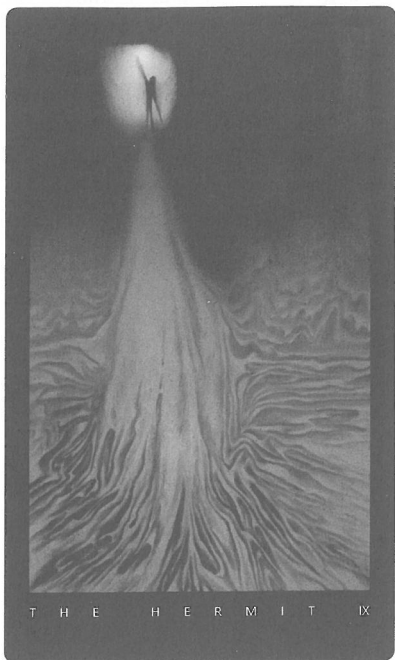
Meaning: Strength represents our fortitude to live life, overcome struggles, and persevere; the journey through life will require strength to live fully and completely. Strength, as an archetype, is the eighth lesson for the Fool, showing us that life is a marathon and not a sprint. We must find the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

Symbolism: A powerful female figure connects and sustains the energy from above with the energy from below. She is a conduit between the two.

Upright: power, courage, compassion, and gentle strength

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

The Hermit (IX)



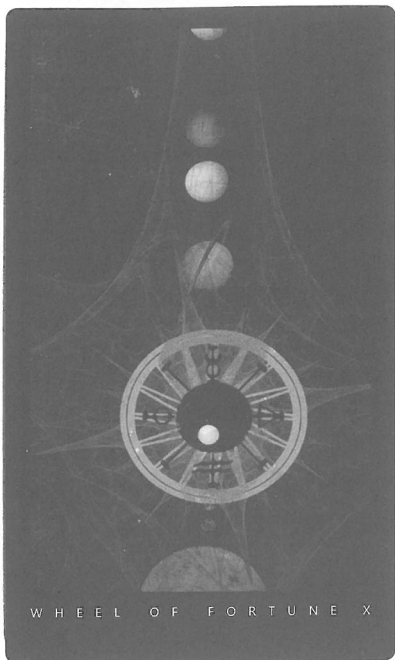
Meaning: The Hermit represents our individual pursuit for personal truth in a world of competing truths. The Hermit archetype is the ninth encounter for the Fool, teaching us that sometimes we must detach from the flow of life to discover ourselves, and bring what we learn in isolation back to the world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

Symbolism: A lone figure reaches the highest peak of knowledge, bathed in the bright light of personal and eternal wisdom.

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

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

Wheel of Fortune (X)



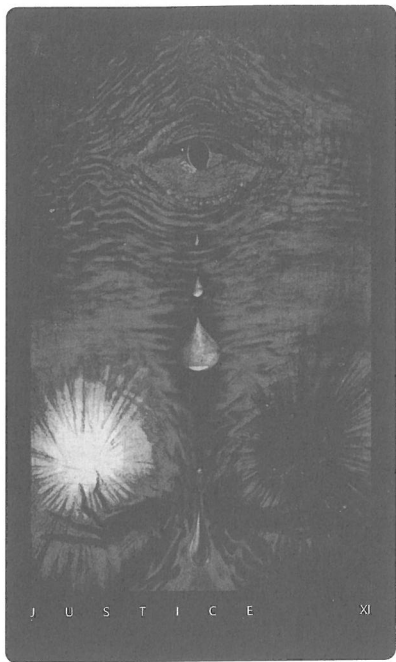
Meaning: The Wheel of Fortune represents experiences and circumstances outside our control. The Wheel of Fortune archetype is the tenth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we exist in a dance between fate and free will. This card teaches the lessons of Fate, the external world, and how others with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

Symbolism: A celestial alignment is coming into place to activate the wheel, a moment of recurring destiny that is part of the cycle of the universe.

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

Reversed: misfortune, powerlessness, and unpleasant circumstances

Justice (XI)



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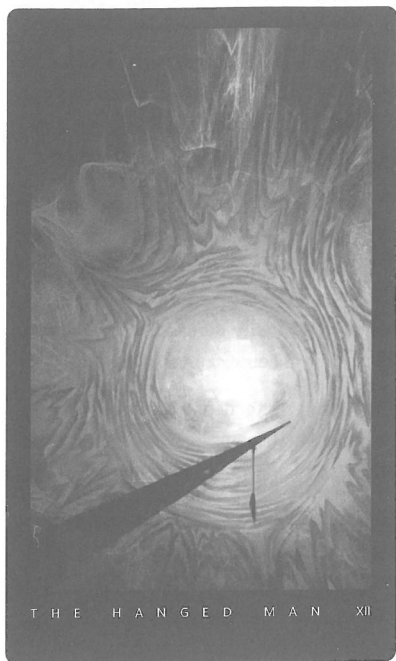
Meaning: Justice represents detached decision-making, logic, and the power of knowledge outside emotions. Justice, as an archetype, is the eleventh teacher for the Fool, showing us the importance of objectivity and analysis for determining outcomes and making important decisions. Life can be fair if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

Symbolism: An ancient being with a cycloptic eye, holds light and darkness in each hand while tears fall; it weeps over the imbalance between the two energies, which continually demand reconciliation. The celestial being can never rest.

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

Reversed: injustice, missing information, indecision, and bureaucracy

The Hanged Man (XII)



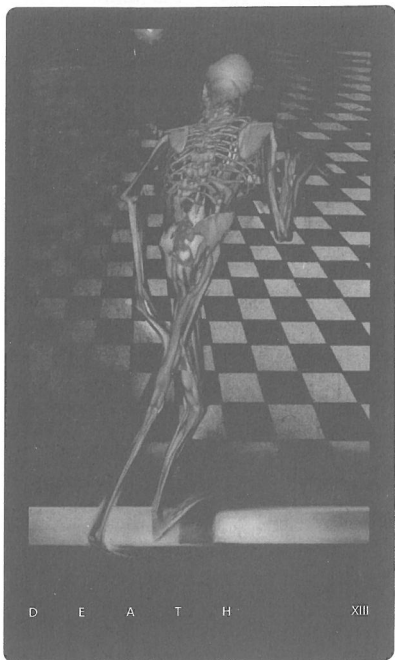
Meaning: The Hanged Man represents knowing sacrifice, when we realize we must accept a short-term difficulty for a long-term gain. The Hanged Man archetype is the twelfth encounter for the Fool. It shows the importance of devotion, surrender, and sacrifice as ways forward, which are just as powerful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

Symbolism: A figure hangs upside down from a structure so he can see the pure light of universal power and knowledge. He realizes his small place in the vastness of the cosmos.

Upright: knowing sacrifice, change in perspective, and patience

Reversed: helplessness, impatience, confusion, and selfishness

Death (XIII)



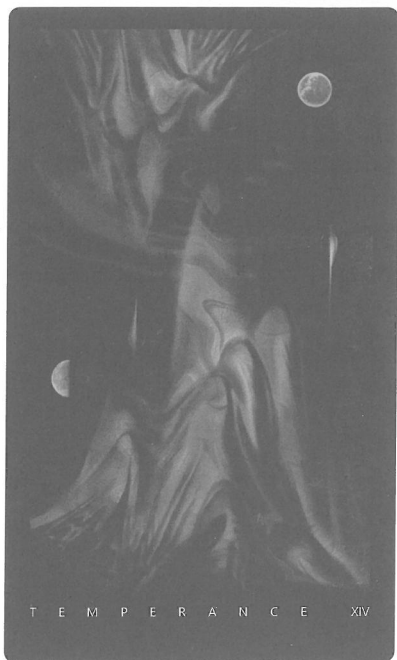
Meaning: Death represents endings in the cycle of life, and the power of regeneration. Death, as an archetype, is the thirteenth encounter for the Fool, reminding us that life is finite. This helps us appreciate how well we are doing in our pursuit of life experience and soul growth.

Symbolism: A skeletal figure walks into a tunnel which will transition her from life, to death, and on to another life.

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

Reversed: arrogance, depression, hopelessness, and severe grief

Temperance (XIV)



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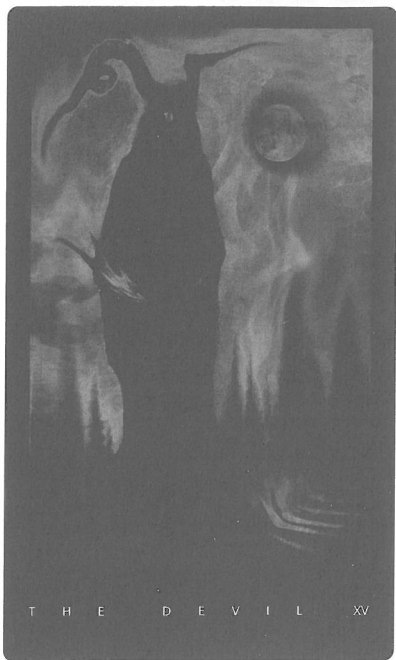
Meaning: Temperance represents the balance and equilibrium that has the chance to develop with greater life experience. Temperance, as an archetype, is the fourteenth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we all need to step back occasionally and assess where we are and determine if we are in balance.

Symbolism: Energy rises and descends to mix and merge. A half-moon and full moon represent the flowing cycle of lunar transformation that repeats endlessly.

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

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

The Devil (XV)



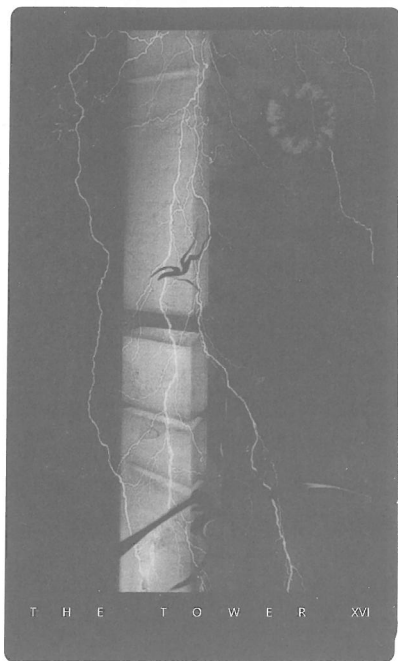
Meaning: The Devil represents consequences we face as our choices become more and more significant the farther into life we travel. The Devil archetype is the fifteenth encounter for the Fool, teaching us that we are responsible for our lives and our choices. If we make selfish choices that harm others,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

Symbolism: A dark figure walks the land searching for souls to collect and corrupt. The moon has a dark energy around it, indicating the negative influence of the figure.

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

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

The Tower (XVI)



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

Symbolism: Figures fall from a monolithic structure as energy rips through the atmosphere around the tower.

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

The Star (XVII)



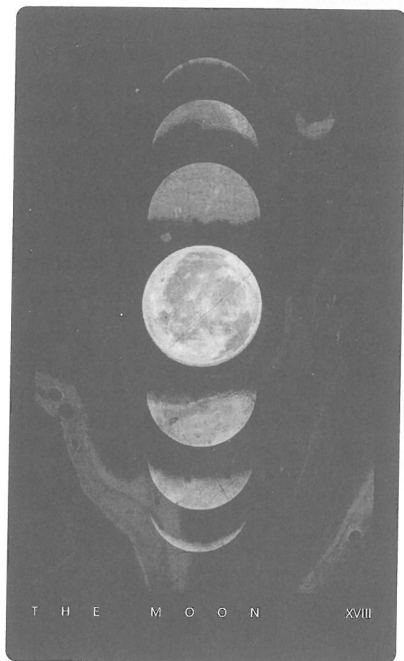
Meaning: The Star represents hope and vision for the future. What do we see as our life purpose, and how do we get to it? The Star, as an archetype, is the seventeenth encounter for the Fool, indicating that we all need hope and optimism about the future. We need to have dreams to enjoy this life.

Symbolism: A beautiful star lights the sky, sending energy tendrils out into the cosmos as strings of hope that pierce the darkness.

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

Reversed: doubts, confusion, delusion, and despair

The Moon (XVIII)



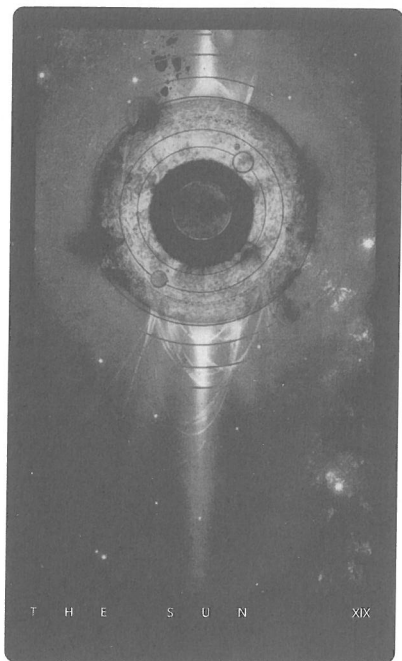
Meaning: The Moon represents the feelings we need to explore and express. The Moon, as an archetype, is the eighteenth encounter for the Fool; it illuminates our deepest feelings so we can understand the emotional framework that gets reinforced, suppressed, and shaped by our family and close relationships.

Symbolism: The phases of the moon represent the changing emotions humans experience as part of numerous cycles, both monthly and yearly.

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

Reversed: delusion, nightmares, negative emotions, and despair

The Sun (XIX)



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

Symbolism: A dying sun prepares to consume its solar system and emits the last of its light, creating space for a new sun to form in the future.

Upright: revelation, greatness, vitality, and truth

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

Judgement (XX)



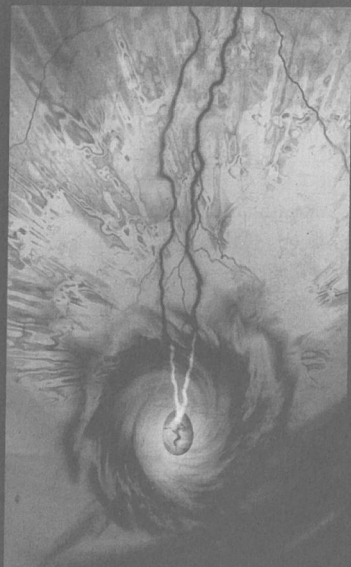
Meaning: Judgment represents significant and life-changing decisions, as well as the judgments from the world around us. Judgement, as an archetype, is the twentieth lesson for the Fool, teaching us the need to use all we have learned from others and the lessons we need to make the most important choices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

Symbolism: A hand reaches up from the ground into another world, seeking to be welcomed. If the judgment is not in its favor, it will be destroyed.

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

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

The World (XXI)



T H E W O R L D XXI

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

Symbolism: A cosmic egg is struck open by bolts of energy and releases the gestating universe inside, representing an ending and a new beginning.

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

Reversed: stagnation, failure, and final obstacle

The Minor Arcana

The Suit of Wands

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

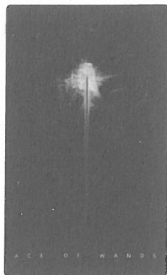
Ace

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

Symbolism: A spark of light illuminates the darkness at the tip of a magic wand.

Upright: inspiration and spark.

Reversed: lacking energy, and hinderance.



Two

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

Symbolism: A figure carries one wand while approaching a second one, which represents a new adventure.

Upright: determination, and confidence.

Reversed: fear, and indecision.



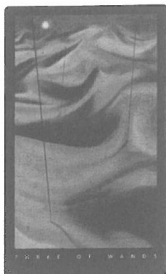
Three

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

Symbolism: Three staffs mark the safe passage across the desert sands to your goal.

Upright: adventure, and optimism

Reversed: delays, and broken promises



Four

Meaning: Gather friends and family and celebrate together.

Symbolism: Celestial stairs mark a clear path up into the sky and towards your guiding light and joyous celebration.

Upright: celebration, and socializing

Reversed: unfinished work, and no time to celebrate



Five

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

Symbolism: Figures battle one another as a test of strength and courage.

Upright: conflict, or competition

Reversed: poor leadership, and trouble-making



Six

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

Symbolism: A figure stands triumphant as six wands light up around him to mark his victory.

Upright: victory, and desires fulfilled

Reversed: public humiliation, and failure



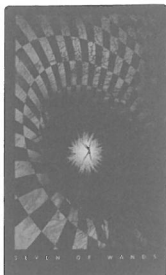
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Meaning: You are right; hold your ground. Any lack of integrity will be your downfall.

Symbolism: A figure in the center of the vortex lights the way for others and keeps the dark matter from collapsing.

Upright: courage and valor

Reversed: treachery, and lack of conviction



Eight

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

Symbolism: A figure races down the path using the bright energy trail to light her way, so she can run at top speed.

Upright: intensity, and drive

Reversed: frustration, and confusion



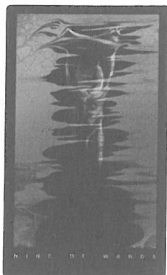
Nine

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

Symbolism: A figure remains steady in the face of adversity, resolved to set an example to others.

Upright: loyalty, and discipline

Reversed: disloyalty, and stubbornness



Ten

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

Symbolism: Ten wands casting shadows on the other side of rough terrain let the figure know that the journey will be difficult.

Upright: obligations, and devotion

Reversed: exhaustion, and oppression



Page

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

Symbolism: A figure carrying a wand is alight with energy he has not yet learned to contain.

Upright: enthusiasm, and creativity

Reversed: unpredictability, and foolishness



Knight

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

Symbolism: A warrior rides a stallion filled with energy to take him through the darkness.

Upright: driven, and passionate

Reversed: headstrong, and reckless



Queen

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

Symbolism: A powerful woman displays her energy confidently as a beacon in the darkness.

Upright: confident, and honorable

Reversed: insecure, and vindictive



King

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

Symbolism: A powerful figure burns with black fire, symbolizing command of all forms of energy.

Upright: role model, and independence

Reversed: selfishness, and impatience



The Suit of Cups

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

Ace

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

Symbolism: A single cup, with energy hovering above the rim, prepares to catch water droplets, which will fill the cup with power.

Upright: new love and new emotional connection

Reversed: misplaced feelings towards someone, and emotional immaturity



Two

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

Symbolism: Two energy figures intertwine and the female/male symbols link in a burst of energy above them. They each bring a cup to the relationship.

Upright: attraction, and connection

Reversed: unrequited love, and rejection



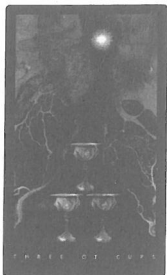
Three

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

Symbolism: Three cups form a small pyramid while a single burst of light hovers in the distance; it shows the way through the darkness.

Upright: celebration, and sharing

Reversed: overindulgence, and discord



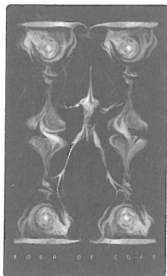
Four

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

Symbolism: Four cups form a perfect balance around the figure in the middle, offering a safe container that will provide protection.

Upright: rest, and meditation

Reversed: boredom, and isolation



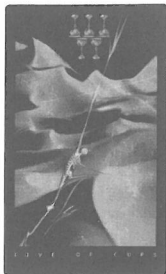
Five

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

Symbolism: A figure reaches for five cups, three are upside down and two are upright; the landscape is barren. There is more adversity than hope, but there is still some hope.

Upright: disappointment, and sadness from loss

Reversed: depression, and despair



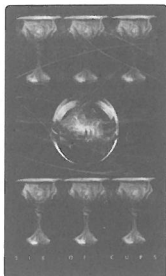
Six

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

Symbolism: A figure walks toward an energy pulse, inside a sphere, surrounded by six cups. There is positive energy with all six cups upright.

Upright: happy memories, and the positive legacy of childhood

Reversed: unhappy memories, and the negative legacy of childhood



Seven

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

Symbolism: A female figure stands on seven cups, considering the choices she must make, before moving into the vibrating energy in front of her.

Upright: choices, and motivations

Reversed: wishful thinking, and inaction



Eight

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

Symbolism: A figure runs across water under an orb of light; he is running from something and running towards something.

Upright: letting go, and moving on

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



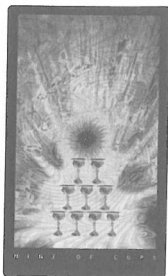
Nine

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

Symbolism: Nine cups form an almost perfect triangle, and energy expands out into the darkness from the power and joy of these cups.

Upright: contentment, and self-satisfaction

Reversed: arrogance, and selfishness



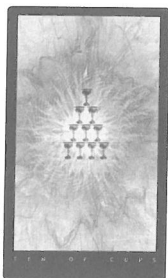
Ten

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

Symbolism: Ten cups form the full and perfect pyramid; the energy illuminates the entire card.

Upright: mature love, and blessed union

Reversed: disagreements, and unhappiness in relationship



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

Symbolism: A merman floats in the dark matter, open to all feelings and emotions.

Upright: imagination, and charisma

Reversed: emotionally stunted, and confused



Knight

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

Symbolism: A figure rides a horse that is walking on water; they are on a quest to find their passion and purpose.

Upright: romance, and seeking what you love

Reversed: possessive, and clingy



Queen

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

Symbolism: A female figure has octopus tentacles at the bottom of her card and a cup balanced on her head, representing her ability to commit to and balance emotional situations.

Upright: nurturing and emotionally supportive

Reversed: passive aggressive, and overly sensitive



King

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

Symbolism: A powerful male figure has half a face of flowing water; he is able to understand the needs of others and takes his responsibilities seriously.

Upright: influential, and responsible

Reversed: narcissistic, and cruel



The Suit of Swords

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

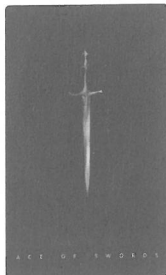
Ace

Meaning: Time to make decision; consider a new way of thinking; use logic regarding the situation or relationship.

Symbolism: A single sword floats in the darkness; its sharp clarity is a source of light.

Upright: new thoughts, and logic

Reversed: ignorance, and misinformation



Two

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

Symbolism: Two black swords provide balance for a figure that relies on them for support.

Upright: an important decision, and need for logical resolution

Reversed: self-deception, and obstinance



Five

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

Symbolism: Five swords line the top of the card with the one in the middle replacing the head of the figure, leaving the whole being unbalanced.

Upright: defeat, and argument

Reversed: despair, and distrust



Six

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

Symbolism: Three swords above pointing west and three swords below pointing east provide balance to the energy of the in-between.

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

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



Three

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

Symbolism: Three swords appear around a figure split in two, revealing a source of light that can only be released by the separation of the whole.

Upright: sorrow, and cognitive dissonance

Reversed: self-pity, and anxiety



Four

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

Symbolism: Four swords hover above a meditating figure who is resting and contemplating.

Upright: rest and contemplation

Reversed: burnout and stress



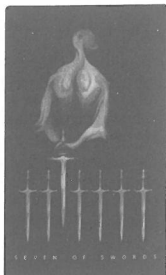
Seven

Meaning: Time to take your ideas and thoughts elsewhere, and you may need to do so quietly and secretly.

Symbolism: A figure holds a sword behind his back, either stealing it or keeping it secret; the remaining six swords make the disappearance of one harder to notice.

Upright: secrecy, and stealth

Reversed: theft, and deception



Eight

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

Symbolism: A female figure is bound between eight swords, four on each side, representing restriction and the trapped mind.

Upright: trapped and restricted

Reversed: victimhood, and hopelessness



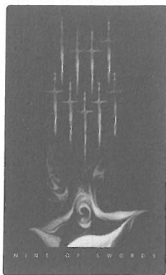
Nine

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

Symbolism: Nine swords hover above a figure clutching its head in anguish; there is fear and worry present.

Upright: warning, and foreboding

Reversed: torment, and cruelty



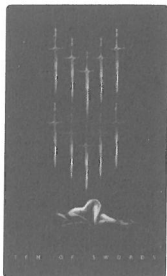
Ten

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

Symbolism: A prone figure lies beneath ten swords descending upon it; there is no hope of escape.

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

Reversed: destruction and ruin



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

Symbolism: Half of the face of the figure is swirling away as he either loses the integrity of his shape or is coming into his form.

Upright: curious, and excited

Reversed: easily distracted, and unfocused



Knight

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

Symbolism: A warrior rides his steed, which is rearing above a single sword, which will help him on his quest.

Upright: clarity, and decisiveness

Reversed: brash decision-making, and fanaticism



Queen

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

Symbolism: A female figure flows in and out of existence as a symbol of the ever-flowing energy of thought.

Upright: strategic and just

Reversed: cold hearted and insensitive



King

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

Symbolism: The wise face of an elder hovers above a single sword; he is the symbol of decisiveness.

Upright: the final decision-maker and judge

Reversed: intimidating, and argumentative



The Suit of Spheres

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

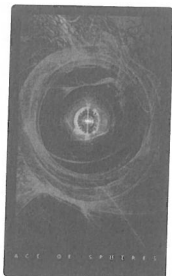
Ace

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

Symbolism: A single sphere illuminates the darkness planting a seed of light.

Upright: investment, and getting started

Reversed: delay, and difficulty getting started



Two

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

Symbolism: Two spheres revolve around one another, churning energy in the darkness.

Upright: adaptability, and activity

Reversed: interference, and stagnation



Three

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

Symbolism: Three spheres function as wheels on a cycle that allows a figure to both rise above the mundane and travel the darkness.

Upright: creativity, and teamwork

Reversed: missing skill, and incompetence



Four

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

Symbolism: A figure clutches a single large sphere, representing what he has. Three spheres hover above him, indicating unrealized potential.

Upright: conservation, and cautiousness

Reversed: miserliness, and hoarding



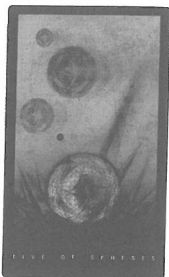
Five

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

Symbolism: One of the five spheres crashes into the darkness while the other four continue their flight.

Upright: debt, and illness

Reversed: loss of resources, and persistent health problems



Six

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

Symbolism: Six spheres hover in the darkness; they represent the accumulated potential of the figure in the darkness, while two palms press against the card showing his fate.

Upright: shared wealth, and a valued role in community

Reversed: stinginess and greed



Seven

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

Symbolism: Seven spheres drop from a tree, exhibiting the abundance of energy hovering over a volatile landscape.

Upright: long-term planning, and dedicated persistence

Reversed: lack of vision, and wastefulness



Eight

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

Symbolism: A powerful figure expertly juggles eight spheres, showing his mastery of the process.

Upright: craftsmanship, and expertise

Reversed: deception regarding skill, and laziness



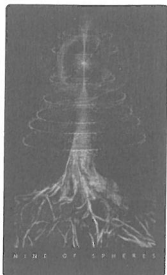
Nine

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

Symbolism: The single sphere is the product of eight rings of energy; the energy is ethereal at the top and grounded at the base.

Upright: financial independence, and empowerment

Reversed: egotism and pride



Ten

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

Symbolism: Ten spheres move over the landscape of the dark realm, showing the abundance of energy and the power of interconnection.

Upright: long-term gains, and inheritance

Reversed: missed opportunities, and burdensome obligations



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

Symbolism: A figure with a single sphere for a head uses the energy to light his way through the darkness.

Upright: apprenticeship, and practice

Reversed: lack of ability, and lack of ambition



Knight

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

Symbolism: A figure is merged with his steed above a sphere embedded in the landscape. It is a source of power that needs his protection.

Upright: goal-driven, and reliable

Reversed: stubborn, and misdirected



Queen

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

Symbolism: A woman with intricate energy flowing through her head into the darkness above meditates on the sphere approaching her.

Upright: stability, and necessity

Reversed: instability, and desires leading to debt



King

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

Symbolism: A male figure with an intricate web of energy above his head contemplates the sphere before him.

Upright: power, and prosperity

Reversed: corruption, and excess

