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TAROT

IN JUST 30 MINUTES

by Chris Lloyd

**Designed to put “tarot” beginners
in the fast track straight away.**

This is a “no nonsense” book that quickly gets you reading the popular “Celtic Cross” tarot card spread like a true professional using just the main picture cards (major arcana). Every stage is fully explained. This book includes a unique index system that allows you to quickly find the tarot cards meaning based on its position in the spread. It condenses 35 years experience into a simple set of rules that have been proven to work.

To start with you will just read out aloud what I have written for you. But my hope is that you will quickly learn to use your own intuition and adapt the meanings to suite the situation. Eventually with time you should not need this book and you will feel confident enough to pursue tarot further and call yourself a true professional.

This book assumes you already have your own tarot card deck that includes the main picture cards (major arcana). To use my index system properly they should also be numbered in traditional tarot numeric order. Either by roman numerals or standard numbers. By example this book uses the “Rider Waite” pack although, any other compatible tarot card deck will suffice.

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This book includes a unique index system that allows you to quickly find what you are looking for and start reading tarot cards straight away.

Before you start you may firstly like to read the introduction. It provides a useful background on tarot.

After that familiarise your self with the menu tabs on the right of this page. To quickly find what you want flick through the book until the section you wish to read is displayed in black. Then open the page to see the contents.

The pages marked with roman numerals provide the tarot cards overall “divinatory” meaning and my interpretation based on its location in the “Celtic Cross”spread.

All genuine tarot cards are numbered in a standard manner and there meanings are the same even if the cards name is not. For example the “the hierophant” can also be called “the pope”, “the high priest” or even “Jupiter” depending on which tarot deck you use. This is due to the symbolic meanings that the tarot card designer chose at the time.

If you are unlucky enough to have tarot cards that do not conform to the card number meanings provided here then I suggest that you buy a proper pack such as the “Rider Waite” deck that this book is based on.

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About Tarot Card Readings

Tarot is intended to help you to get in touch with your inner intuition enabling you see the clients situation and circumstances more clearly. It can be considered to be a form of fortune telling or counselling depending on your beliefs. In my opinion I think the most important quality of a good tarot card reader is life experience and empathy. If you believe that you are psychic then your natural abilities will be enhanced using the cards.

However, you do not have to be a psychic to read tarot cards very well. I am not psychic and have never pretended to be, although many think I am. The truth is that I am just a good tarot card reader. **The secret of a good tarot card reading is the ability to understand the relevance of the cards and what they are trying to say to you.**

This book tells you this. The card meanings are quickly found using a simple index system based on their position in the “Celtic Cross Spread” and the card itself. The meanings are what I would say to a client. They have taken many years of experience to learn and work for me.

However, you should always consider that peoples, situations vary greatly. For one person, disaster may mean that the washing machine has broken down for others it could be much worse. It is important that you see your reading in context and it should not be taken literally at face value. Tarot cards are merely symbols. They represent the current emotions and events that surround the client at this moment in time.

When doing a reading with a client it is important to build up a rapport with them. If they are only interested in their love life ask. If they tell you great, if not just carry on. By the end of the reading they will be a lot more open and you can always ask the question again. It is not that important if they do tell you or not, but you can give them more detailed advice if you understand the context of the query they are asking.

Some things can only be learnt with time and as much as this book will get you into the fast track very quickly there is no substitute for experience. Put simply do not be scared of doing readings and using your own judgement. I have provided the card meanings but it is up to you to use your own judgement when talking to the client. To start with you may just read out aloud what I have written. But my hope is that you will quickly start to use your own intuition and adapt the meanings to suite the situation. Eventually with time you should not need this book and you will feel confident enough to call yourself a true professional.

A word of advice

Try not to do tarot card readings for anyone who is under 18 years old, emotionally unstable or holds strong religious beliefs. I also strongly recommend that you limit your clients reading to no more than one at a time and do not get involved with multiple readings. Learn to walk before you can run.

It is also important to understand that tarot cards have a life of their own and you cannot guarantee that the reading will always be a happy one for the client. Should this happen then ensure that your client does not get despondent. Rather discuss the situation and consider how these events can be avoided. I always make this point clear before I start and if this worries them I suggest that they do not have their cards read.

The History Of Tarot Cards

The truth is that nobody knows where tarot cards came from. The first recorded mention of tarot cards is found from a 14th century Italian text. How they originated before that time is anyone's guess.

I have been reading tarot cards since the age of 15 years. My mentor was a visiting Romany gypsy and maybe you would like to hear her version of the tarot story that was passed on to me.

It all started long ago in Egypt where the wise priests new all the secrets of life. However, their time was coming to an end. The barbarians were knocking on the door and they knew that all of their knowledge would be lost forever. The wisest of the wise got together and pondered on how to pass their knowledge on to future generations so that their secrets would not be lost. But, just how would they do this knowing that the invading barbarians were only interested in gambling, fun or worse. After much, debate they decided to write these secrets in a coded book of life. This would take the form of a card game that could be used for fun or gambling. Each card would be numbered so that they could be placed in the correct order to have a significant meaning from the start of spiritual life up to the end.

This is just one version of how the deck of tarot cards was born. But I like it!

Of course the original designs of the deck have long vanished and have been changed and adapted over the years but the original meanings have survived. The most important aspect of tarot cards is their numbering order that is normally done with roman numerals. No matter what deck you have it should conform to these rules. If not then it is breaking with tradition. Some new age card designers do this. Who am I to argue but, their cards may not work with my traditional based system.

Today, a full deck of tarot cards comprises of 22 main picture cards (Major Arcana) and 56 minor cards (Minor Arcana). The "Major Arcana" picture cards are the ones that we associate with Tarot when we see a TV program or film. The Minor Arcana is split into 4 sections wands, cups, swords and coins and have also developed into the normal pack of playing cards that we are all familiar with today.

Note: It surprises most people to learn that a normal deck of playing cards is derived from Tarot's Minor Arcana. The only difference being that the Knight court card has been removed from the four suits. Coins substituted for diamonds, wands for clubs, swords for spades and cups for hearts. One of the main picture cards is also included, this is the fool now commonly known as the joker. It is no wonder why many people can use a normal deck of cards to tell you your fortune as well as playing poker.

Over the years, philosophers from many religious and occult backgrounds have looked at the tarot and produced various different spreads (layouts) for tarot reading mainly based on numerology and the elements. The most popular now being the "Tree of Life" the "Horse Shoe" and of course the "Celtic Cross".

The “Celtic Cross” Tarot Spread

You will be learning the “Celtic Cross Tarot Card Spread”. This is by far the most popular and oldest tarot card spread used in tarot card readings today. The layout is simple, yet extremely powerful and only requires the “Major Arcana” tarot cards.

Nobody really knows how or when it originated. Yet it has stood the test of time and is still the most popular Tarot card spread used to date.

Historically many suggest that the Celtic Cross Spread had it's origins in Ireland, where the “real stone cross” had a circle linking the four perpendicular spokes, reflected by (cards 3-6). The four cards on the right (7-10) are called the Staff, similar to the stones that used to sit upright, connecting the sky to the earth. The stones represented the path through which one can move upwards and aspire to the spiritual aspects of life.

The main foundation cards (1-2) identify the main query. In most cases this is about the clients current situation although, it does not have to be. They could quite easily meditate on the world's pollution problem as they shuffle the cards and this would represent the query and be reflected in the reading. In this respect the client may be considering their love life, the start of a new business adventure or anything else that is on their mind as the cards are being shuffled.

The “Celtic Cross” tarot reading is usually just read with the major picture cards (Major Arcana) and not the whole tarot deck. The reason for this is that it is based on the cycle of life. Unlike other tarot card spreads I consider it essential to make sure that the cards are placed in the correct numeric order (0-21) before they are handed to the client.

The cards now form the book of life as it was intended to be. As the client meditates on their question/s and shuffles the cards they are altering this “book of life” to reflect their current position on life's journey. The more times it is shuffled the more it adapts to the client's unique situation.

You will find many different versions of the “Celtic Cross” spread, all valid. Many professional tarot card readers have their own way of working with the tarot. Some readers even create their own tarot cards based on astrology, numerology or the occult. It works for them. I myself am no exception and after many readings found that they were much more accurate when I reversed the “Future” card with the “Past” card. This put the future on the left side of the spread, which from an occult point of view is the correct side for future prediction. The order in which the cards are read may also vary with other readers but the meanings are generally the same. Another issue revolves around “reverse meanings”. Some tarot card readers make a big thing about this. Do not worry about it. As the cards are given out in number order and are presented the correct way up I believe that this issue is not important when reading the “Celtic Cross” spread. Any number of factors can lead to a card being upside down. If someone mixes the cards instead of shuffling them many will be! Why should they be penalised with a negative answer just because they cannot shuffle?

If you meet another tarot card reader that disagrees with your layout or method, then just tell them you do it your way and it works for you.

The “Celtic Cross” tarot reading only requires the major picture cards (major arcana) not the cups, wands, swords or coin suits. They are called the “minor arcane”. Go through your pack of tarot cards and keep only the picture cards that are numbered 0-21 and have names like “Justice”, “The Star” to form a new pack making 22 in total. The numbers are normally shown in roman numerals.

If you are not sure then look at the pages in this book with roman numerals. They are the cards I am talking about.

**Have you got your pack of tarot cards ready?
Then let’s learn how to read tarot
in just 30 minutes from now.**

Preparing the tarot cards for shuffling.

It is now essential that the (major arcana) tarot picture cards are placed in number order before being passed to the client for shuffling. If you do not do this then the reading will not be an honest one. All the cards are numbered in roman numerals so it is not that difficult. If you do not know roman numerals then see the conversion chart below.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV	XVI	XVII	XVIII	XIX	XX	XXI

Handing the cards over for shuffling.

Assuming that you have checked the “major arcana” deck is in number order it is now time to hand your cards to the client for shuffling. By shuffling I mean shuffling or mixing. Sometimes the person does not know how to shuffle but they can mix them on the table. **The shuffling process is the most important part of any tarot reading.** Before you give the client the cards explain what you have done and why they need to shuffle the cards.

This is how I go about it and what I say.

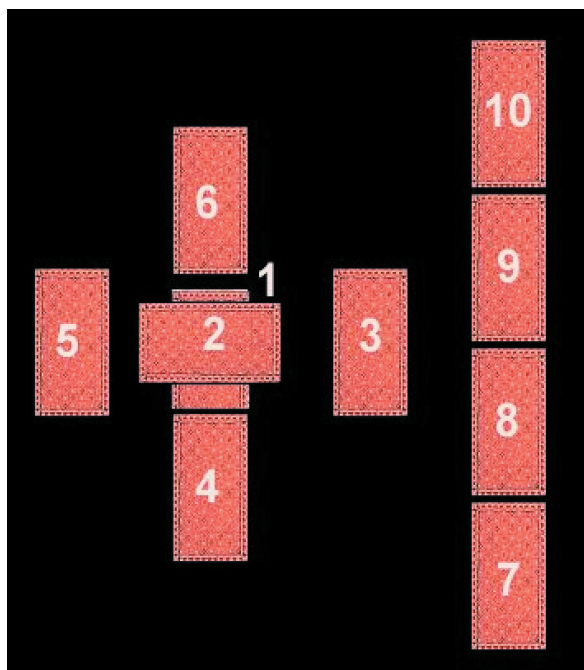
As you can see I have placed all of the cards in number order (show them). This represents the book of life as it should be. When you shuffle the cards you are altering this book of life to suite your current circumstances. While you do this it is important that you concentrate on the question that you wish to ask. Only when you feel happy that you have shuffled the cards enough do you then hand them back to me. Only you will know when this is right for you. Take as long as you like, but please understand that it is extremely important other people do not disturb or distract you while shuffling. If this happens it will break your concentration and result in a poor reading. Do you understand everything I just told you!

Only when they say “yes” do you pass them the cards face down. Traditionally this is done with your left hand.

Laying out the cards to form the “Celtic Cross” spread.

Once your client is happy they have finished shuffling, you can take the cards back from them. Traditionally this is with your left hand.

Simply take the top card and place it upright in position 1. Then take the next card and place it on top and across the first card to make a central cross (position 2). After this place each card from the top of the deck and place it upright in the numerical positions shown 3-10.



When you have finished laying out the tarot cards you are ready to start your reading.

Starting your reading.

You start at position one and work your way around to the final position ten.

Before turning any cards over show them which one you are about to read and explain the meaning of the cards position. See “The Celtic Cross Position Numbers & Meanings” page opposite. This explains the meaning of each position in the reading.

Traditionally the first two (foundation) cards are turned face up at the same time. The rest are turned over individually as you progress to them in the number order specified.

To find the meaning of the tarot card for any given position in the spread you select the “roman numeral” page number of the card. For example if the card is “Strength VIII” you would go to page VIII. If the card is located at position 3 in the spread you would then look down the “Strength” card page and read the meaning for this card in that position number [3].

End of reading & final summary

The secret of a really good tarot card reading is the ability to combine the cards together to form an overall story or pattern of events that relate to clients current circumstances.

This is called a final summary. In most cases the cards individual meanings will be enough.

However, I strongly recommend that you spend a little time at the end of the reading trying to visualise an overall picture of what the cards are trying to say to you. At first this can seem daunting but with practise and experience the “tarot stories” as I call them get easier to read. Let’s be honest if the first foundation card was “the lovers VI” crossed by “the moon XVIII” (look them up) it is not hard to work out what this story is about.

The Celtic Cross Spread

Position Numbers & Meanings

[1] The Questioner

This card is a main foundation card of the reading and represents what is at issue at this moment in time. It addresses any desires or aspirations that you might have. The problems that concern you or the hopes that you wish to fulfil.

[2] Around You

This card is also a main foundation card and describes situations that are currently helping or interfering with your progress. These can be real or created in your mind. In most cases you are already aware of them. If not then look around, you may be missing something.

[3] Past

This card provides an insight into past events or decisions that have lead up to what's happening now. They can be very recent or way back depending on the relevance of the question/s you asked. The past provides a key to the future. Learn by your mistakes or successes.

[4] Present

This card represents the repercussions of any events, decisions or actions that you are currently taking. Examine this card carefully for confirmation, insight or additional planning that you may need to do. This is the foundation that your future will be built on.

[5] Future

This card is the probable future outcome should you continue on this path. It is not set in stone. You are in control. Consider the consequences of this card whether it is good or bad. It's not to late to alter these events if you so desire.

[6] Your Goal

This card represents the best that you can achieve. It is a future that you wish to aspire to or the negative results of mistaken actions. Consider what you will really accomplish if your current desires are fulfilled and how they may also affect those around you.

[7] Your Self

How do close friends or family perceive you in your current situation. How do they think you are handling the questions raised and issues at hand? This is the real you reflected in the mirror of your question.

[8] Outside Influences

This card describes current people or events that you have no control over, but they have a direct bearing on the questions that you have asked. It can represent support, opportunities or issues and problems that need to be addressed.

[9] Your Inner Self

This card portrays your hopes and fears and how you are currently feeling. You may be happy but fear things will change or you could be troubled and seeking the answer to your problems. If you are feeling down always allow hope to win out over fear.

[10] The Outcome

This is the answer to your inquiry and it is the most probable outcome given the path that you are taking. Study it carefully in relation to the other cards, especially the future, your goal and outside influences. Nothing is yet determined but it often it speaks the truth and you may not want to listen. If this is the case consider how taking a different direction now may avoid this ending.

The Fool (0)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

The start of life's circle and a new beginning or adventure. A journey into the unknown that will be exciting and fun. Any trials along the way will make you a more experienced and perhaps wiser person. Acting spontaneously, with no consideration for the consequences or those around you.

Keywords

Optimism, spontaneity, fearlessness, excitement, fun, thoughtlessness, lack of responsibility, impulsiveness, folly, immaturity, foolishness, irrationality, frivolity, delirium, wasteful expenditure or silly act. A real maverick or eccentric with a lust for life.

The Fool (0)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

[1] The Questioner

You are getting involved in new areas that you have little experience of. It may seem different or even exciting but your rash and impulsive behaviour could easily cause problems and success will be based more on luck than wisdom.

[2] Around You

Events around you seem to be based on impulsive or rash decisions. Look out for those that think they know what they are doing but really have no idea. You could easily be lead astray if you don't watch out.

[3] Past

You did not really know what you were getting into, but it seemed like a good idea at the time. Your actions were impulsive and rash. Let's hope events turned out OK!

[4] Present

Be very careful of making rash or impulsive decisions or doing something you may later regret. It could be that things work out OK, but you really must consider your actions more carefully until you gain more experience.

[5] Future

You really do need to get to grips with the important issues around you and not just keep ignoring them because they bore you. Events may turn out well and if this is the case then feel lucky rather than smug.

[6] Your Goal

You really do not care about those around you. You just need to have fun and excitement in your life. Even when you get what you want, your only concern is where do I now go from here to keep myself entertained.

[7] Your Self

You really are not acting yourself. It's good that you are having fun and doing new things but friends worry for you and where you may be going.

[8] Outside Influences

Events around you are unpredictable. You are expected to join the crowd and be exciting, successful and fun. There is no room for serious conversation, failure or your personal thoughts and problems. If you need help look else where. If not have fun while the party lasts.

[9] Your Inner Self

All you want is life to be exciting and fun. People around you just do not understand. Ok, so there may be some problems. Tomorrow is another day and it can be sorted out then. Or, maybe it is now time to change and start considering events around you more seriously. What do you think?

[10] The Outcome

After all that you have been through and done what have you learned? It seems that you are still at the beginning when you should be at the end. If things work out it is more due to luck than wisdom.

The Magician (I)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

The ability to make up your own mind and gain influence over others for gain. To think on your feet and bluff your way through any situation. Be careful of who you place your trust in, there offers may just be an illusion or rash promise.

Keywords

Initiative, success, originality, spontaneity, imagination, skill, self-control, independence, enterprising, confidence, new beginnings, trickery, deception.

The Magician (I)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

[1] The Questioner

You are using all your skills of persuasion and manipulation to achieve the results that you are looking for. You are a skilled adversary and nobody should take you lightly. Only a contestant more cunning and experienced could block you from your desires.

[2] Around You

Events or situations around you are trying to conform you into thinking their way. This is a cunning game of manipulation. If you do not match like for like then you could easily lose.

[3] Past

You could always think on your feet and handle any situation that came your way, but did you get what you want in the end?

[4] Present

Success seems to be within your grasp. You are on the verge of obtaining your goal. Just keep your head and use your creative instincts to continue being one step ahead. Maintain the pressure, it is at this stage that you could make it or break it.

[5] Future

Your knowledge and experience will grow. You will be respected for your ability to successfully handle any threats or problems that come your way and always land on your feet.

[6] Your Goal

You wish to become an expert and obtain the knowledge that you need, to achieve your goal. Once you are at the top, who could then question your abilities and persuasive arts.

[7] Your Self

You have the ability to turn defeat into victory. Nobody worries about you, they know that you will always come through. A great friend who is respected but not always trusted.

[8] Outside Influences

Watch out! They know just how to manipulate you to get what they want and they will use any trick in the book to do it. If you are not sure what to do, get good advice from a trusted friend before committing yourself to anything.

[9] Your Inner Self

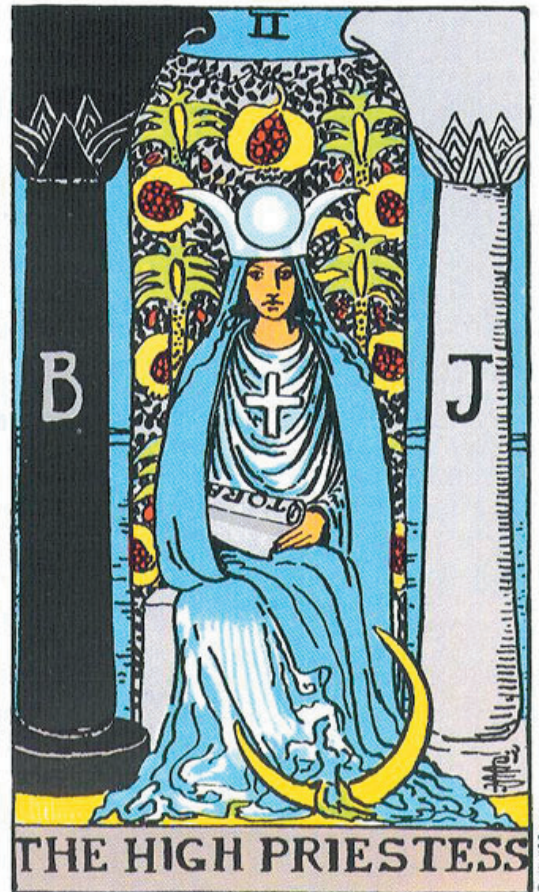
You are constantly trying to calculate the next move in much the same manner as a chess player or thinking of new ideas that can help you achieve your goal.

[10] The Outcome

It's still not time to sit around, you have to keep the momentum going. Keep doing what you are good at and make sure that your friends/colleagues stay on your side. As usual keep your head screwed on and always stay ahead of the competition.

The High Priestess (II)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Wise counsel and advice that's perceptive and be objective at the same time.
Hidden secrets you wish to be revealed. Trust your instincts and let your intuition decide.

Keywords

Knowledge, education, foresight. intuition. understanding. intelligence. comprehension, wisdom. enlightenment. sound judgment. mystery, psychic ability, secretiveness, hidden obstacles or knowledge.

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The High Priestess (II)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

[1] The Questioner

Your path is that of enlightenment and the gaining of wisdom. This is a time to learn the secrets that you need to succeed or develop. Your accomplishments can wait a while longer. You need to prepare first. Only if you feel ready to meet the challenges that face you should you start to venture back into the material world.

[2] Around You

Be careful that you do not get too involved with the more esoteric matters that are going on around you. This can be confusing and result in apathy where positive action needs to be taken.

[3] Past

You made decisions based on your inner wisdom and intuition. Let's hope that you were correct and did not encounter any negative powers that you wouldn't naturally envisage. These could easily upset your aspirations.

[4] Present

It's a time to look into yourself, or talk to wise friends that you trust. It is important to have a good sense of direction before making any decisions. It will not be long before you find the key to your future.

[5] Future

You are very conscious of the influences that surround you. It is important that you now put them in context to find the truth behind the scenes and use your natural ability to identify the correct course of events that need to be taken.

[6] Your Goal

Yours is a spiritual path. You have the desire to seek meaning to mystery, learn knowledge and obtain hidden secrets. Material wealth is not your main aim but remember the bills still have to be paid.

[7] Your Self

Friends, family or colleagues always approach you for advice, before asking anyone else. You are an understanding person to be trusted and provide that inner wisdom they are seeking.

[8] Outside Influences

You are receiving helpful advice or knowledge that is addressing the issues at hand. This is probably a good friend or councillor. However, beware of interfering people that seem to know it all, but really don't understand the problems. They can cause real problems.

[9] Your Inner Self

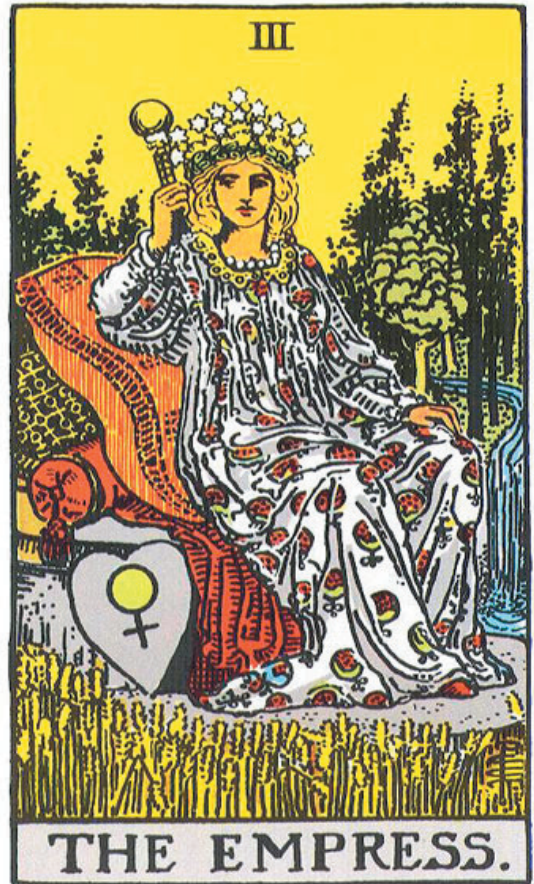
You intuitively know what is happening around you even if it is on a subconscious plane. You already know what to do or maybe you are considering the future consequences of actions that have to be taken.

[10] The Outcome

You need to sit down for a while and figure out your next move. You have gained much wisdom and learned many secrets that you need to succeed or develop. It's now time to consider where you go from here.

The Empress (III)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Level headed leadership. One who motivates others to succeed in gaining material wealth and offers emotional security - love. Beware of people who are over protective or resort to emotional blackmail to get what they want.

Keywords

Attainment, harmony, nature, prosperity, joy, love, artistic ambition, fruitfulness, accomplishment, achievement, marriage, love, reassurance, prosperity, domestic upheaval, emotional blackmail, over-protectiveness

The Empress (III)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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[1] The Questioner

You are taking on the main responsibility for the emotional happiness and welfare of those around you or yourself. You are a natural leader that people look up to and respect. If anyone can control the events in hand and come out on top it is you.

[2] Around You

Domestic problems or political intrigue are at work. Do not upset those around you that are important and make sure that you come out looking good. If you are in a relationship, then this can also mean that you have to work extra hard to consider the feelings and concerns of those close to you.

[3] Past

Yours was a central role. As the head of your pride their welfare and emotional happiness was your number one responsibility. It was up to you to make sure that everything was provided for.

[4] Present

You are looking good and seem to be winning over. Expect that your current goals will be achieved whatever they are. This is a time to get your point over and take control of events around you. Use your natural charm.

[5] Future

It has taken time, but now you are reaping the rewards. The ambitions that you aspired to are coming into fruition and you feel much more comfortable with your position.

[6] Your Goal

All you desire is to ensure that you are self contented and fulfilled. You want to create a perfect environment that ensures your respect and material positions are secured. Loyalty of those around you is expected, as they owe you for the sacrifices that you have taken to achieve this end.

[7] Your Self

You are a wonderful person. You are looked up to and respected. Everyone knows that you have their best interests in mind and are a strong emotional rock to lean on. Although, sometimes you can be a bit overpowering and domineering.

[8] Outside Influences

This could be the start of a new and wonderful relationship or you could be suffering from some sort of emotional blackmail, you feel obliged to conform with the situation because you do not want to upset someone around you that you have respect for.

[9] Your Inner Self

You seem determined to succeed and achieve what you most desire. Maybe, you are worried about those around you and feel that you are letting them down. Or maybe, you are thinking about the next dinner party to ensure your dominant position within a circle of friends or colleagues.

[10] The Outcome

Your emotional and material needs have been satisfied. You have obtained the result that you wished for and deserve the respect you now command for accomplishing it. If you are considering a family or success in business then this is a very positive omen.

The Emperor (IV)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Represents worldly power and the realization of your goals. It can also represent a strong personal influence such as a father, partner or person of authority such as a boss who will stand by you and support you. Beware of people in positions of power in your life using bullying tactics or issuing legal procedures.

Keywords

Competence, proficiency, skill, leadership, wealth, power, stability, perseverance, endurance, authority, legal action.

The Emperor (IV)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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[1] The Questioner

You are a leader and have the ability to control the events and situations around you. Success, power and material gain is the only option for you and you will not be defeated in your ongoing quest to achieve it.

[2] Around You

Be very careful. There are some powerful influences around you that should not be played with lightly. Don't just lie down and let them walk all over you and don't be a fool and treat this situation with contempt or lack of respect. Make sure you have planned your actions before making a move.

[3] Past

You were firmly in control. Those around you, looked up to you for both guidance, financial support and without your firm leadership this could not have been made possible.

[4] Present

It looks like you have got yourself into the right position to succeed and accomplish your aims yet again. The only thing you have to worry about is that unknown quantity that could just upset the day.

[5] Future

Plans that you started have now nearly come to a conclusion and as always your good leadership and skill has won over the day. You can rest assured that your kingdom will still be intact.

[6] Your Goal

Spiritual gain is not your inspiration. You would rather have respect, position and power. This is not easily gained but you are on the road to achieving it and who knows what this will bring to you. Remember that money is not happiness but it is security.

[7] Your Self

You are very respected for your skill, authority and achievements. Those close around you, owe you their loyalty and will always stand by you. At their peril do friends, family or colleagues cross you. If they do they had better be prepared for your judgement.

[8] Outside Influences

Most likely you will be receiving good advice or even financial help from a close friend or colleague that is willing to back you in your endeavours. On the other hand, it could mean that you face legal procedures, debt recovery or someone that is using their position to force you to concede to their demands.

[9] Your Inner Self

It's hard to be at the top, you are always wondering when someone will take over your crown. On the other hand, you may be wondering how you can get it?

[10] The Outcome

If power, position and material wealth is what you seek then this is a very good omen. You have had your fair shares of trials and tribulations but your time will come and all of your ambitions will be realised.

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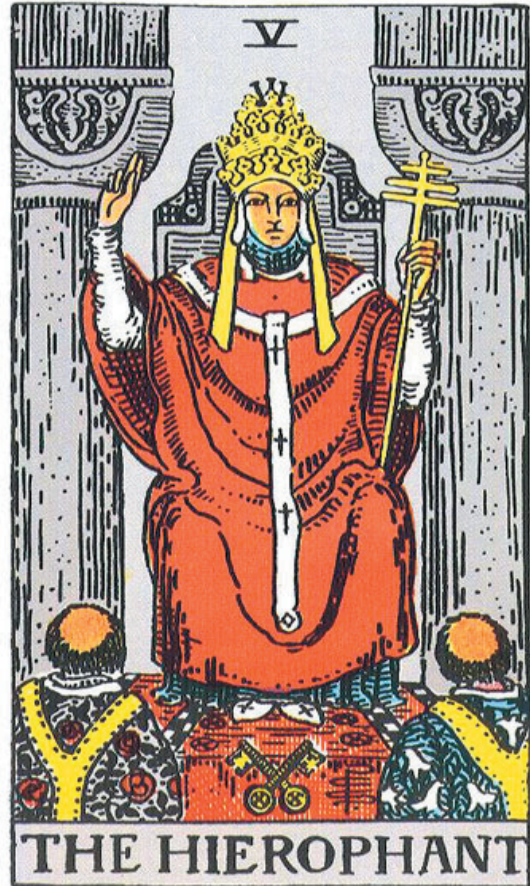
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The Hierophant (V)

Also known as Pope, High Priest, Jupiter

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Represents a stable influence, security and adherence to moral principles even when it is difficult to do so.

But beware of feeling stifled by others wanting you to conform to their expectations and more conventional traditional values.

Keywords

Mercy, humility, kindness, goodness, forgiveness, leniency, compassion, advice, wise counsel, spiritual consolation, knowledge, faith, conformity, tradition, responsibilities.

The Hierophant, Pope, High Priest, Jupiter (V)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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[1] The Questioner

You are respected for your fair judgement and traditional council. Although, life around you can change, you will never give up your principles if that is the price. This can sometimes make you stubborn where new ideas are concerned.

[2] Around You

You are dealing with bureaucracy, conformity and traditional values that can be very restrictive and even hold up or stop what you are doing. It will take time and patience to get things moving.

[3] Past

You always seemed to stick with the tried and tested concepts of life. A decent, wise and kind person in your own right, although you could not see the point of new ideas and concepts if they did not conform to your traditional values. This may have caused problems with younger fresher minds around you.

[4] Present

You are very skilled and wise at what you do but have no time for new ideas. Maybe this is working for you or maybe it is a time to let young ideas have their say?

[5] Future

No matter what, you will always stick to your principles even if it is at your own expense. You will do it your way or not at all. This is not a recipe for forward movement but then does it really matter?

[6] Your Goal

Material gain is not what you aspire to. You are looking for order, conformity, stability, and find these qualities in traditional values. You aspire to be wise and well educated and always try to lead your life and others towards this path.

[7] Your Self

You are respected for your high principles. Although, your inability to budge on issues or new ideas sometimes makes you look stubborn and can lead to conflicts with opposing minds.

[8] Outside Influences

Events or influences, are advising you to conform and stick with tried and tested ideas. This may be just what you need or the last thing that you want to hear.

[9] Your Inner Self

You have a very firm idea of what is right and wrong. As new situations develop this can sometime lead to conflicts of clarity within your traditional beliefs.

[10] The Outcome

No matter what life throws your way you will never really change. You are secure with your beliefs and now set in your ways. Many times you will be asked for your wise and honest council although they may not always agree with you.

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The Lovers (VI)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Lovers can mean that love is going to enter your life but in most cases it symbolizes a choice between duty versus your heart's desire. If you don't take the risk you will never know. You may already be in a relationship or emotional situation where hard decisions have to be made. Beware it can also mean intense temptation and being unfaithful to your own conscience.

Keywords

Desire, new lover, relationships, physical attraction, love, sex, commitment, affection, harmony, lust, moral lapse, temptation, indecision, separation, failed love affair, emotional loss.

The Lovers (VI)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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[1] The Questioner

Your heart is ruling your head and your desires are all that seem important. It may be a relationship that is causing this, but more likely a decision that has to be made between what you know to be morally right and what you really want.

[2] Around You

Strong emotional influences such as a relationship are diverting your attention away from the everyday events in your life. This could be that you are in love or you may be suffering from jealousy, envy, emotional loss or the breakdown of a relationship.

[3] Past

Decisions in life are not always logical and your heart definitely ruled your head. A decision was made and you are now living with the consequences of your past desires.

[4] Present

Your heart is set on its course and logic has gone out of the window. You are intent on pursuing your desires no matter what the outcome.

[5] Future

Your hearts desires have been fulfilled and you are enjoying the close ties of a new relationship or new phase in your life. This is a time of happiness and commitment. However, in certain circumstances it can also mean emotional loss or the breakdown of a relationship. If you are already in a loving relationship watch out for the Tower or Moon in your previous cards.

[6] Your Goal

You seek to find the happiness of your hearts desire. In most cases this is commitment to a happy, loving relationship with a partner. It can also mean the realisation of an ambition such as buying a new home or starting a new job that makes you happy.

[7] Your Self

You are on an emotional high and acting impulsively chasing your hearts desire. This is a time when those close to you will judge you for your actions.

[8] Outside Influences

Strong emotional influences are forcing you to make impulsive decisions based on your hearts desire rather than your head. Take care, there is nothing like a lover scorned.

[9] Your Inner Self

Matters of the heart are on your mind constantly. This could be a decision that has to be made regarding someone close to you. If you have suffered a loss then beware of negative thoughts such as jealousy and revenge.

[10] The Outcome

You are a romantic at heart and will find happiness, love and joy if not with a new love then those that are already around you and support you. Beware of influences that try to destroy this natural beauty with logic and discipline.

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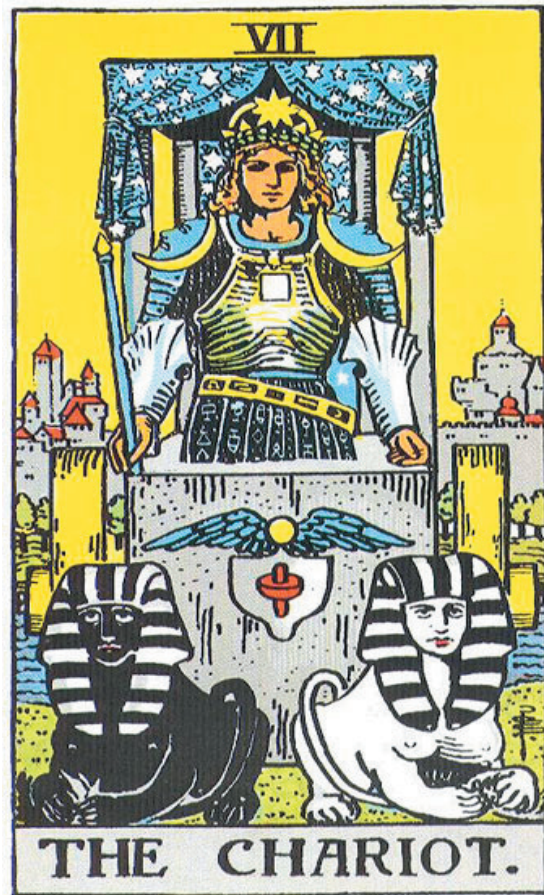
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The Chariot (VII)

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General Meaning

You have built up your self- belief and confidence for the struggle ahead and you are now ready challenge your obstacles head on. With perseverance victory will be your reward. It can also mean that there is good news coming your way. Beware of situations or people that are constantly putting you down.

Keywords

Change, self-belief, assertiveness, good news, ordeal, obstacle, great effort, overwhelming odds, conquest, victory, triumph. greatness, rage, tyranny, arrogance, delays, frustration.

The Chariot (VII)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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[1] The Questioner

The time for debating is over. It's now time to take positive action and meet your problems head on. Once this course of action starts there is no turning back but if you keep going and persevere victory should be yours. In certain cases the Chariot can also mean embarking on a journey to resolve problems or issues that have arisen.

[2] Around You

Strong influences are challenging your position. Now is a time of action not debate, get ready to answer back or you could quickly find yourself out on a limb.

[3] Past

You built up your self- belief and confidence to face up to the problems around you. This was a time when you stood up for yourself and the goals that you wished to achieve. In certain cases the Chariot can also mean embarking on a journey to resolve problems or issues that have arisen.

[4] Present

You are set on your course and challenging the problems that may be in your way. Your mind is set and nothing is going to divert you away from your mission. This may also indicate that a journey needs to be taken.

[5] Future

It's no good sitting back and hoping that things will sort themselves out. Sooner or later you will have to take positive action to start resolving the issues at hand. Plan your strategy now and get ready for your future campaign. Do this and good news could be on its way.

[6] Your Goal

Start to build up your self -belief and confidence in order to achieve your goal and face the events that need resolving. Its no good just sitting in the middle. Positive and decisive action needs to be taken to gain your victory.

[7] Your Self

You are a very positive and determined person that lets nothing get in their way. On the down side you may sometimes be considered arrogant, self centred or even a little bit tyrannical.

[8] Outside Influences

Events around you have suddenly changed and are now moving very quickly. This could be good news or your position may be under threat and you need to respond to the issue fast or you could very soon find yourself being left behind.

[9] Your Inner Self

You are planning your next move for the strategy that is currently on your mind. How will my opponent react? How do I achieve victory? What could go wrong?

[10] The Outcome

Evens will lead up to decisive and positive action being taken by you. You may have tried the alternatives but they have not provided the results that you wished for. It indicates that changes or a journey need to be taken to resolve issues.

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Strength (VIII)

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General Meaning

Gaining control over the circumstances surrounding you by physical or mental effort. To cope with extreme pressure and win through in the end. It signifies triumph over challenges in your relationships, career or even defending yourself against jealousy, ignorance and oppression.

Keywords

Courage, energy, determination, physical strength, spiritual power, willpower, patience, triumph, fortitude.

Strength (VIII)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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[1] The Questioner

You are strong willed and able to handle the pressures that life brings on to you. You are used to controlling awkward events and situations that come along and do not fear what comes your way.

[2] Around You

You are under a lot of pressure and events may seem insurmountable. Build up your inner strength or find strong allies to match like for like.

[3] Past

Past events have not always been easy for you, but you have always managed to control the circumstances surrounding you by physical or mental effort, and battle through life's challenges. You are not a person to be taken lightly.

[4] Present

You are taking control over the events around you and ensuring that your aims and goals are clearly understood by those around you.

[5] Future

You have established yourself as a person that is not to be taken lightly and deserves respect. Anyone who moves against you will know that they have a battle on their hands.

[6] Your Goal

You need to build up your self-confidence, willpower and determination. Once this is achieved then you will be in a position to handle the problems and situations that surround you and gain the control over your life that is so important to you.

[7] Your Self

You have a strength that people are attracted to. You are admired and respected because they know that you can provide results. On the down side those around you may also fear you as a submissive force that is imposing on them.

[8] Outside Influences

You are under pressure from a strong and powerful influence that you cannot match. It would be nice to think that they are on your side but if not then seek allies that can help you match this force.

[9] Your Inner Self

To maintain your position you have to maintain your strength. What if it is challenged by someone or something more powerful than you. How do you adapt?

[10] The Outcome

Life poses many problems but you are very capable of handling whatever comes your way and getting the result that you desire. Just don't make too many enemies on the way.

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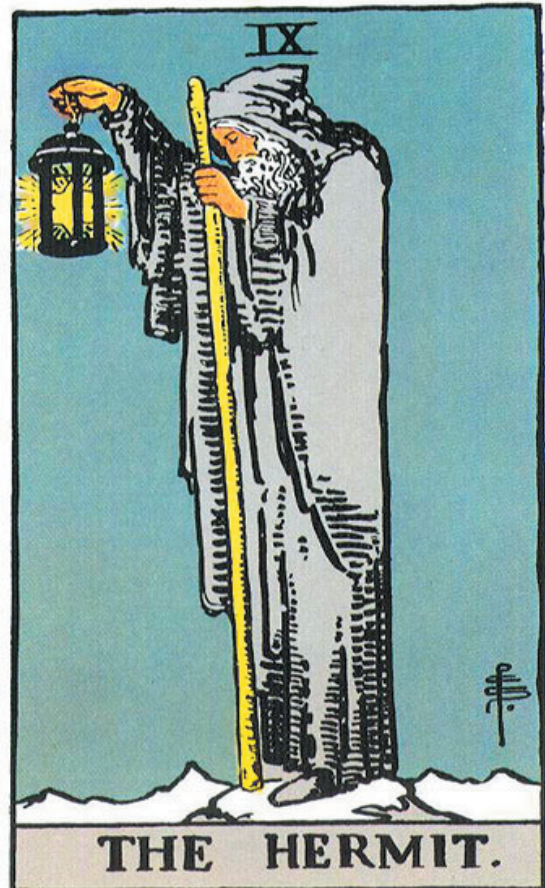
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The Hermit (IX)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

You tend to step aside from the normal everyday hustle and bustle to reflect on where you are going and to look for inner strength and wisdom. This may also be a time of convalescence and rest. It can also mean a refusal to accept reality in favour of your own secluded world. Advice should be taken from someone you trust before making hasty decisions.

Keywords

Introspection, solitude, guidance, advice, patience, obstinacy, suspiciousness, arrogance.

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The Hermit (IX)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

[1] The Questioner

You are taking time off from the normal hustle and bustle of the world around you. This is a time to get things in perspective, to work out what is really important and find the right path for you.

[2] Around You

You seem to be fighting a losing battle with influences around you that really do not care about your problems. They are much more interested in their own situation than yours.

[3] Past

You were a quiet and reclused person that liked your own space. You just wanted to be left alone to pursue your own interests and to find your own way. But reality is always just one step around the corner.

[4] Present

You have retreated from the current issues around you. You need to reflect on the consequences of your actions and find the right direction. Remember, while you are doing this, those events are still going on, so don't leave it too long or you may be out of it permanently.

[5] Future

You have had enough and just want to get away from it all. You really do not care what is going on around you and wish to be left alone to sort out your own problems.

[6] Your Goal

You just want to be left to your own devices. If you are an inventor, author or spiritually minded person that is seeking inner wisdom, then this is great. If not then you need to address the events around you that have caused this decision and find the answers that you seek.

[7] Your Self

It's really hard for people to understand you. You have your own agenda that is hard to understand. Why not try and explain, or is it just not worth bothering?

[8] Outside Influences

You feel that is time to re-evaluate your situation and an opportunity has arisen that will provide you with the escape that you need. This could be a quite break, or staying with a friend to get away for a while.

[9] Your Inner Self

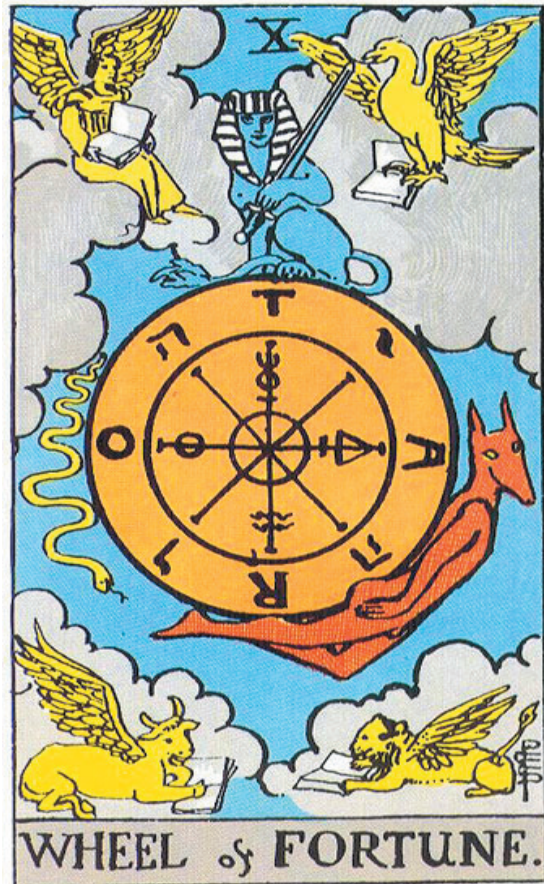
You seem to be losing a grasp on reality and concentrating on issues that are not relevant to your present circumstances. You really do not want to know and are burying yourself in your own fantasy world.

[10] The Outcome

Life is getting just too much to handle. You need to escape, find a direction that you want to pursue and get things in perspective. Try a quiet holiday and clear your thoughts.

The Wheel of Fortune (X)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

The correct course of events cannot be altered. The wise option here may be to just let destiny take its course. On a plus side it represents good fortune and luck coming your way. However, as the wheel turns around it can also mean misfortune and unpleasant surprises. Do you feel lucky?

Keywords

Good fortune, luck, fate, destiny, advancement, games of chance, Unexpected windfall, temporary bad luck, unpleasant surprises.

The Wheel of Fortune (X)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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Card Layout

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[1] The Questioner

There are certain times when you are not in full control and your destiny is in charge. This is such a time where events have already been decided and what will happen will. It can also be a good omen that luck is coming your way.

[2] Around You

Influences and events around you are taking their natural course and no matter what you do they will have an impact on your life. Call it good or bad luck, it depends on the outcome.

[3] Past

Destiny took its course for you and you are a great believer in luck. You tended to let things work out for themselves and see what happens.

[4] Present

You are taking actions that are not based on fact but rather gut feeling. This is called a gamble. The odds may be in your favour but there is no guarantee of success.

[5] Future

The outcome of events are so complicated that you cannot possibly expect to foresee the result of your actions. The wheel of fortune looks favourably on those that feel lucky, but there is no guarantee. However, good news may be on it's way.

[6] Your Goal

You are looking for a shortcut or quick fix to your situation. Maybe you will win the lottery or maybe you won't. You like to leave your life to fate rather than take control.

[7] Your Self

You never plan anything and constantly hope that your lucky number will turn up one day. Maybe it will and maybe it won't. But those around you have to keep the wheels going.

[8] Outside Influences

Depending on the cards around you and how you feel the wheel of fortune here usually means good news, luck or fortune is on its way to you soon.

[9] Your Inner Self

Life for you is not stable and you are not in control. To rely on luck may be all you have. It may be exciting when you win but it can also be sickening when you loose.

[10] The Outcome

Lucky, lucky, lucky. You seem to land on your feet. This is not due to your efforts it is just lucky. You are now at the end of this cycle and starting a new one. Do not always assume that you will be so lucky again.

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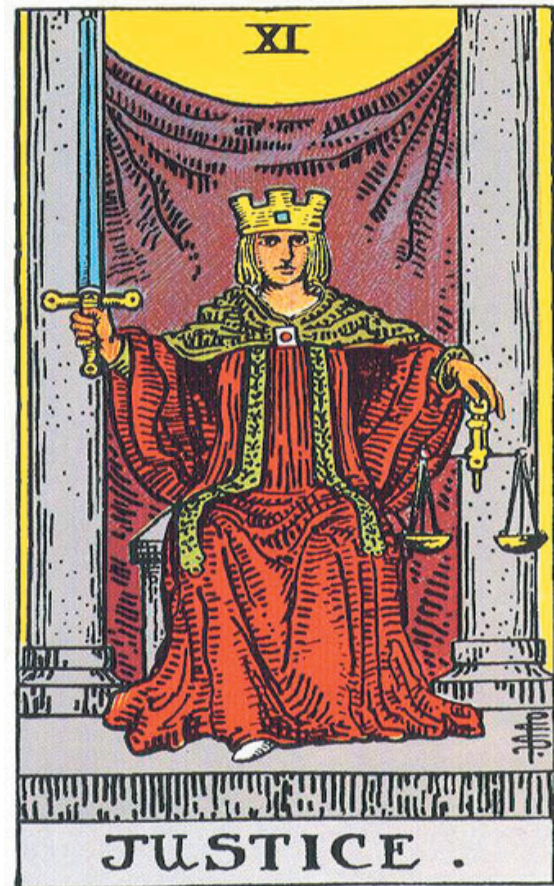
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Justice (XI)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Justice represents fairness and equilibrium in all dealings with people. Reward for past efforts or the righting of a wrong that has been done to you or another person in the in the past. If you have a clear conscience there is nothing to fear. But, remember the sword can fall both ways.

Keywords

Fairness, reason, neutrality, balance, sensibility, righteousness, virtue, integrity, goodness, honour, arbitration, punishment.

Jusice (XI)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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Card Layout

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[1] The Questioner

Repercussions from the past are now catching up with you. You are now in the position to exact justice on those that have done you wrong or receive judgement if you are the wrong doer.

[2] Around You

You may have created bad feelings or made some enemies in the past. They are now looking to get their just rewards from you. If you are innocent then you have nothing to fear. If not then its now time to resolve the problem.

[3] Past

You have learned that if you get things wrong or wrong is done to you then there are consequences. If not then you need to come to terms with an event or situation that happened to you. It is still on your mind and is a barrier that is stopping you from evolving and may even become an obsession.

[4] Present

Your actions are being closely viewed by those around you. They expect a fair answer to the questions posed or promises made or you may find conflict is ahead of you

[5] Future

Your good intentions, genuine actions and skilful planning will be justly rewarded in the success that you deserve. However, justice is a double-sided sword and folly, incompetence and rash behaviour also has its reward ending in the form of failure.

[6] Your Goal

You have been wronged and all you want is to see that the instigator is justly punished. This may take time and you need to gather evidence. Once it is seen, then justice can take it's course and you can bury this burden.

[7] Your Self

You deserve what you get and we will support you, but don't expect too much sympathy from us if you were wrong.

[8] Outside Influences

The facts have been viewed and you are now at the receiving end of the scales of justice. This may be a time of relief or worry depending on which side of the scales you are on.

[9] Your Inner Self

Life is not always fair and this can sometimes be very upsetting, You need to plan your argument and show that you have been wronged. Or maybe you are worrying about the consequences of your past actions and the punishment that is coming your way.

[10] The Outcome

In the end you will get what you deserve and is due to you. You can only take out what you put in. If this scale of justice is out of balance then expect to pay the debt of your past expenditure.

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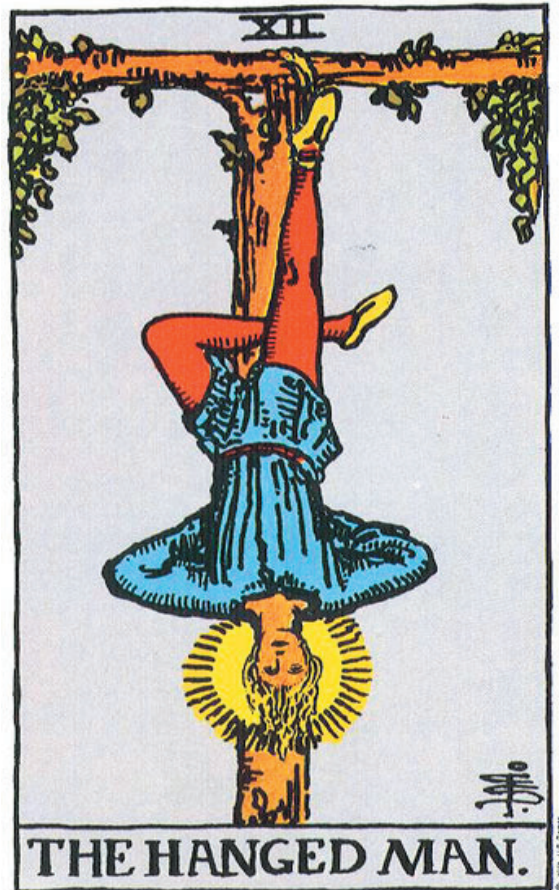
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The Hanged Man (XII)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Life in suspension. Things are not working to plan and this is a time of reflection to consider the missed opportunities and circumstances that brought you to this point and where to go from here. In certain cases it can mean ill health. Also watch out for people using emotional blackmail to gain your sympathy.

Keywords

Transition, reflection, rebirth, deliverance, release, abandonment, improvement.

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The Hanged Man (XII)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

[1] The Questioner

What have you done to deserve being where you are now. This was never your intention. It is a time to reflect on your mistakes and make sure that when times change you will never repeat them again.

[2] Around You

Your life seems to be pre-occupied with the mistakes, blunders and failure of those around you. It's good to help, but don't let them drag you into their problems too far, it could rub off on you.

[3] Past

You know what it is like to be in a turmoil where there seems to be no way out of the situation that you are in. This was a time of reflection and the start of a new beginning. Lets hope that you have learned by your mistakes and do not regress back to those dark days.

[4] Present

No matter what you do everything seems to go from bad to worse. Stand back for a while and contemplate on what is going wrong before you try and fix it.

[5] Future

No matter what you do you seem to be surrounded by incompetence, stupidity and lack of foresight. What could go wrong did go wrong. You have got to address these problems before you can go anywhere. Better planning now can avoid this.

[6] Your Goal

You have to identify what the causes and problems are that keep resulting in your failure to achieve. Only when you realise your mistakes can you possibly hope to go forward.

[7] Your Self

You have got yourself in a right mess this time, but it will not last forever. Let's hope that you learn by your mistakes and start go forward when times change.

[8] Outside Influences

You really do not need this hassle. Maybe it is problems with friends, family or work that just will not go away or you could have got involved with the wrong crowd and are now beginning to regret it.

[9] Your Inner Self

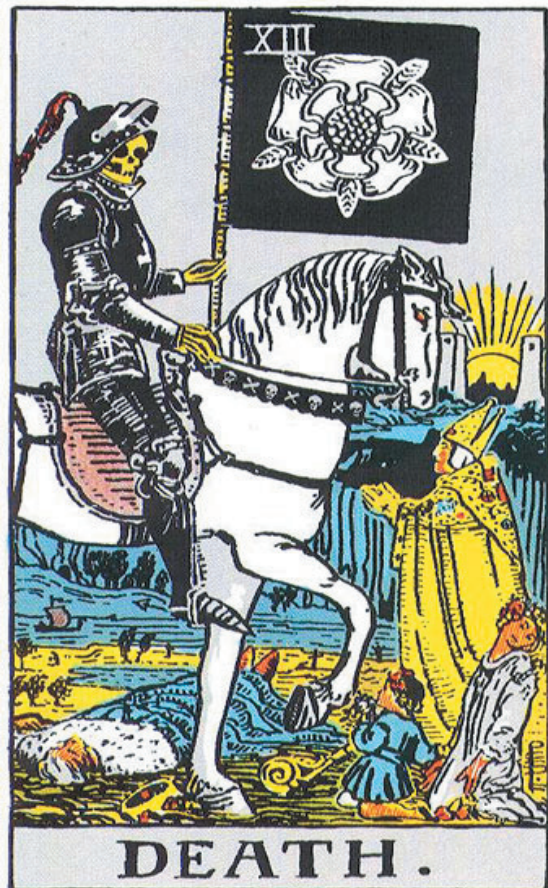
You are worried about the situation that you are in and wondering how you can get yourself out of it. Do not despair. It is also time of reflection and new beginnings.

[10] The Outcome

Your actions are leading you into a situation that you do not want to get in to. It will creep up slowly before you realise it is to late. Now is the time to ensure that this does not happen.

Death (XIII)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Mostly indicates clearing away the old to make way for the new. It is a time of transformation and a fresh start. Very rarely if ever does it actually mean death although it can sometimes indicate shocking or unexpected events or changes may be about to occur such as separation, illness or financial loss especially when associated with the "Tower" card.

Keywords

Endings, transformation, clearance, sudden change, alteration, new beginnings.

Death (XIII)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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Card Layout

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[1] The Questioner

You are undergoing a great change in your life. It could be instigated by you or events that you have no control over. It is the end of that old era and the start of a new one. Let's hope that it will turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

[2] Around You

You are being forced to accept that change is inevitable. This may not be what you want but nevertheless it has to be faced up to.

[3] Past

You have had to undergo great changes in your life. These could be by choice or events that you could not influence. No matter what, it was a new start for the better I hope.

[4] Present

Events out of your control may force you to radically change. If not then its time for you to get rid of the old baggage and start a new beginning. No matter what, a fresh approach is the best course of action.

[5] Future

Events will take their course but expect great changes to take place. You will find that the future is very different from what you expected.

[6] Your Goal

The only way to achieve your aspirations is to completely start again. Re-evaluate what you are and what you would like to become. Get rid of the old things that you don't like and start a new beginning as soon as possible. Remember, only with death can a new birth begin.

[7] Your Self

You have experienced a lot and are undergoing a change in your life. Old friends may not understand you anymore but you will find new ones that do.

[8] Outside Influences

Outside events or influences are forcing you to make big changes or you could be suffering from a loss. You may not be happy with this but no matter what, you need to face the facts. Life goes on.

[9] Your Inner Self

Death, the end of an era and the start of another. The fear of the unknown is enough to scare anyone but maybe the reality is a blessing in disguise.

[10] The Outcome

No matter what is currently going on around you now or in the near future great changes are on their way. The outcome that you imagine now will not be the outcome that you eventually arrive at.

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Temperance (XIV)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

It indicates a time of peace and harmonious relationships or maybe you need to apply self-control, moderation and a sense of balance to handle volatile situations. It can also be a warning against decisions made from haste or impatience. Watch out for friends or family that can upset this harmony with their problems.

Keywords

Harmony, health, moderation, compromise, peace, self-control, friendship, compatibility, quarrels, domestic strife.

Temperance (XIV)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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[1] The Questioner

You are currently quite happy and in harmony with those around you. If something does flare up then your natural self-control can quickly diffuse the situation to bring about a positive result.

[2] Around You

You know that it is a time for decisive action and decisions need to be made but, those around you are not prepared to upset the peace and calm that they are currently experiencing. They lack your foresight and this can lead to quarrels, impatience and possible domestic strife.

[3] Past

Your past indicates times of happiness and harmony, when things did go wrong you were able to use your self-control to diffuse the situation and bring it back on course.

[4] Present

You have a natural calming effect on those around you and even when events get out of control you can quickly diffuse the situation and get things back on track.

[5] Future

Events may be chaotic now but, with self-control this will calm down and it will not be too long before happiness and harmony returns back into your life.

[6] Your Goal

With self-control and patience your life will eventually stabilise and you will begin to enjoy a time of harmonious relationships and peace. The key here is moderation and not taking things to excess.

[7] Your Self

You are well-balanced calm and a peaceful person who does not take things to excess. You are an excellent moderator where disputes are concerned.

[8] Outside Influences

Your life may be wandering a little bit towards excess, and events or circumstances around you are putting pressure on you to calm down and moderate your actions.

[9] Your Inner Self

Put things into perspective and don't worry too much about events that are going on around you. It's time to calm down and bring some self control back into your life. If those around you are causing problems then use your natural skills of moderation to bring back harmony around you.

[10] The Outcome

With patience and moderation your future will stabilise and you can look forward to a time of happiness, harmony and peace.

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The Devil (XV)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

The triumph of evil over good. To gain at the expense of others. The strong having power over the weak. It can represent that your actions are motivated by negative influences such as temptation, addiction, greed, lust or power. Alternatively, you may be the victim and suffer from lack of control, subordination, weakness, and now find yourself trapped in a situation you never intended to get into.

Keywords

Bondage, entrapment, lust, greed, ignorance, anger, tyranny, obsession, enslavement, addiction, subordination, violence, evil influence

The Devil (XV)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

Shuffling

Card Layout

Start Reading

[1] The Questioner

When The Devil appears here, it is a helpful indicator for you to change course whilst you still can. It warns against the destructive consequences of actions motivated by such things as greed, lust, temptation, addiction and power. Where relationships are concerned you may be involved with someone that is no good and exerts control or a bad influence over you.

[2] Around You

It is easy to fall for the temptations of greed, lust and power. Beware of easy fixes and the promises of instant happiness there is always a price to pay and you may be getting involved with something that you will regret in the future.

[3] Past

The devil warns against the destructive consequences of your past actions motivated by such things as greed, lust, temptation, addiction and power. Where relationships are concerned you may have been involved with someone that was no good and exerted a bad influence or control over you.

[4] Present

This can be a good sign that you are gaining control, or at least awareness, of your weaknesses or addictions. On the other hand it may indicate that your course of action has been decided by you and that the end justifies the means.

[5] Future

At first the temptation was just too much to resist, but now you have got yourself into a situation that is hard to get out of. You may no longer be in control of events and could also be under the influence of others who just use you. Change course now while you still can.

[6] Your Goal

It is hard to imagine why anyone would like to achieve this goal.

It suggests that you're prepared to do anything to achieve your desires for lust, greed, power or revenge. The end justifies the means or it's only business would be your motto.

[7] Your Self

You may be charming at first but when people get to know you they begin to see your dark side and wish that you would just go away.

[8] Outside Influences

You are being pushed into a situation that is hard to get out of, or dealing with the wrong crowd and you know it is not good for you. It's hard to resist the pressure but if you give in you will regret it.

[9] Your Inner Self

You are likely to be a victim and suffer the subordination of being controlled or manipulated. It's a situation that you have no control over and wished that you never got into.

[10] The Outcome

The temptation for greed, lust, or power has got the better of you or maybe you are suffering from the consequences of an addiction such as smoking, gambling or worse. If you are thinking of getting into a new relationship then beware it may not end up the way you imagine and could be bad news for you in times to come. Make sure that you really get to know the person before making a commitment.

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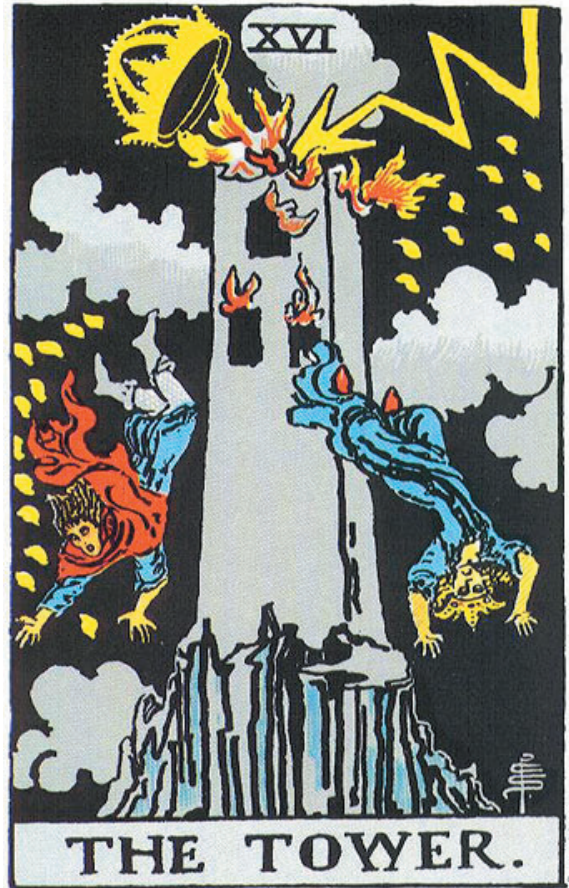
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The Tower (XVI)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

A sudden change or shocking event that was totally unexpected, forces you to re-evaluate your situation. You need to recover from a material or emotional upset and seek new directions. This is not a very nice card when associated with the devil or death. Remember that it is only a symbol and use your own judgement as to its meaning. In most cases it is minor.

Keywords

re-evaluation, necessary change, a blessing in disguise, destruction.

The Tower (XVI)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

Shuffling

Card Layout

Start Reading

[1] The Questioner

Events in life are never certain or fair and this card suggests that you are either now, or very shortly, going to be on the receiving end of a sudden and unexpected change or false accusation that will be disruptive and cause you to re-evaluate your situation.

[2] Around You

Everything going on around you seems to be a disaster waiting to happen. If fast action is not taken then it will. Watch out for the danger signs and make sure that you are not around when it does.

[3] Past

Events were proceeding normally until a sudden and unexpected change in circumstances occurred. You needed to re-evaluate your situation and start to make the necessary changes as a result of the disruption.

[4] Present

Be careful the path you are on now could quite easily lead to unexpected disaster and the consequences could be devastating. Make sure that all things are taken into consideration before doing anything.

[5] Future

The consequences of your actions or events that surround you will lead to a sudden and unexpected change in your situation, causing you much disruption. On a good note it could force new directions that will be more beneficial in the long term.

[6] Your Goal

You need to get over the events that have caused you emotional or material upset. This is a chance to start again and in the long run it could be a blessing in disguise.

[7] Your Self

No matter what you do you never seem to get it right and those around you just see you as a walking disaster area that is to be avoided.

[8] Outside Influences

Unforeseen events outside of your control are imposing on your life. Examples of this could be a company that folds and leaves you bad debt or family/ friend that is suffering from a crisis and they need your help to get back on their feet.

[9] Your Inner Self

You fear that events cannot last and will suddenly change for the worse or you have recently suffered a severe emotional loss or experience that has put you into a depression.

[10] The Outcome

No matter what you do the events around you are against your chances of success and will most likely end up in disaster. It is not too late to change your course and hopefully avoid this eventual conclusion

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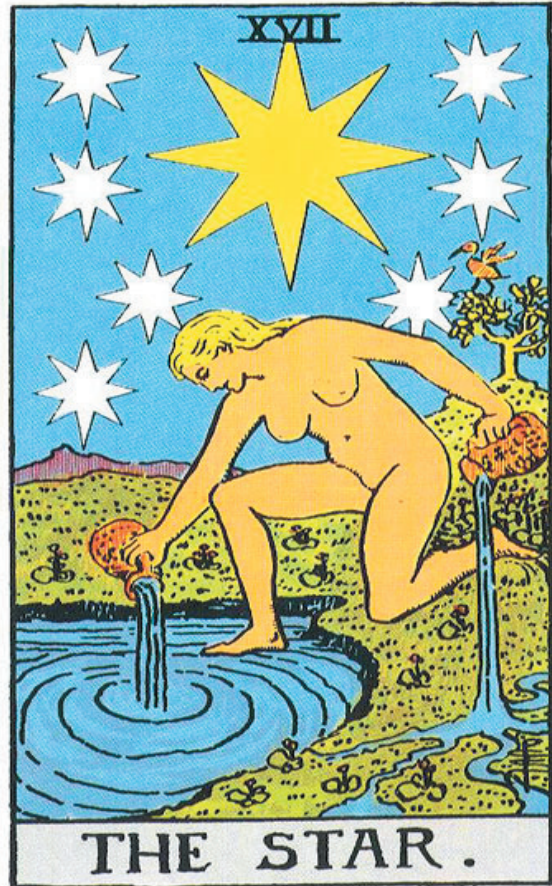
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The Star (XVII)

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General Meaning

Indicates bright prospects for the future and a renewal of faith in life. It represents good times ahead in many areas such as artistic or educational endeavours, travel, health and if you are considering a new relationship or enterprise the Star is an excellent omen.

Keywords

Hope, wishes coming true, good health, spiritual awareness, promising opportunities, Inspiration, bright prospects.

The Star (XVII)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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Card Layout

Start Reading

[1] The Questioner

The Star represents insight into the future, optimism and hope, renewal of faith. It's a good time for many things such as educational endeavours, travel, health and spiritual development. If you are considering a new business idea or relationship this is a very good omen.

[2] Around You

New and exciting opportunities are being made available to you. This is your chance to try something new. All you have to do is reach out and take advantage of the moment.

[3] Past

You could always see the bright side in anything. You looked forward to the future and would never give up hope that things would turn out in the end. Yours was the path to a rich and wonderful life.

[4] Present

You feel fresh vitality and have a restored faith in life. Everything seems to be going well for you. At last you can see the light at the end of the tunnel and just know that things are going to turn out fine.

[5] Future

At last the events around you are beginning to turn in your favour. You just know in yourself that everything will now turn out for the best and the future is looking bright.

[6] Your Goal

You wish to regain vitality and restore your faith in life. You may have been going through some bad times and now wish to regain your positive outlook on life that seems to have been lost somewhere. Its now time to look forward to good times and not dwell on the past.

[7] Your Self

You are a wonderful person to be around and always bringing a smile and warm glow to those around you. Your positive outlook makes you a great companion or partner.

[8] Outside Influences

Events around you bring new opportunities and the promise that current problems can be solved. Its an omen of hope and that your situation is now going to improve. Don't let them slip by you.

[9] Your Inner Self

You should now begin to feel at ease and happier within yourself. The future is looking bright and everything now seems to be working out. Your faith in life restored.

[10] The Outcome

Events will turn out just fine. Your hopes and aspirations will be fulfilled and you can look forward to a bright, successful future where your dreams can come true.

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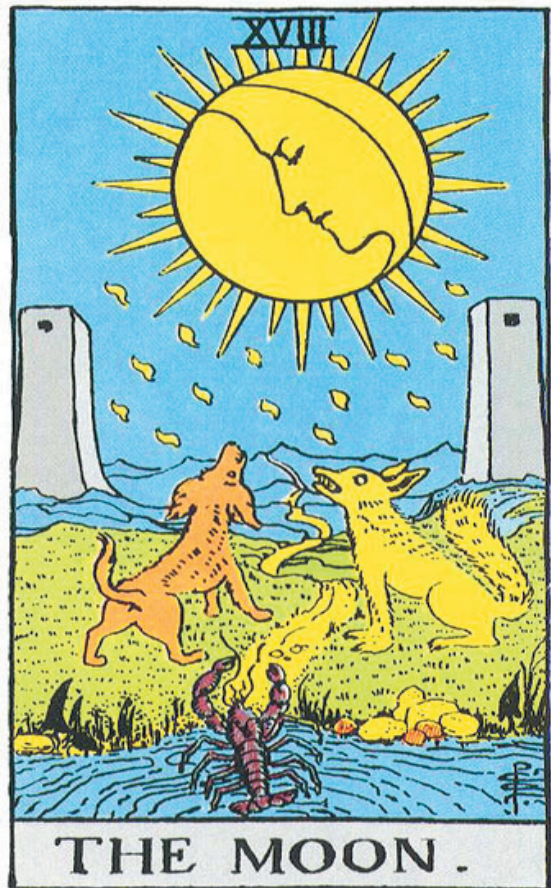
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The Moon (XVIII)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

Everything may seem fine and normal but be aware there are forces working against you. This card indicates treachery, deception and unknown danger. Someone may be trying to, or has succeeded in, taking advantage of you or the situation that you are in. It may also indicate misunderstandings and confusion so get the facts before taking action.

Hey! Also watch out for silly accidents.

Keywords

Trickery, insincerity, dishonesty, deceit, false pretence, danger, scandal, infidelity, false friends, unknown enemies, misunderstandings.

The Moon (XVIII)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

Shuffling

Card Layout

Start Reading

[1] The Questioner

Be careful, although everything at this moment may seem fine, hidden forces are plotting behind your back. There are hidden dangers. Treachery is in the air. Watch out for your business colleagues or those close to you. They may have a smile on their face but who knows what they are really thinking.

[2] Around You

Be careful, events that are going on around you may seem fine and innocent but if you look more carefully all is not what it seems to be. Don't trust anyone, part with your money or make any hasty decisions until you know all of the facts.

[3] Past

Life seemed to be going along as normal until you found that secrets were being held from you. You felt betrayed and let down or even worse met with an incident that left you feeling bitter.

[4] Present

To obtain your goal you may not be completely truthful about the facts in order to carry out your plans. If it works then you may get away with it, but if you are caught, watch out.

[5] Future

Beware, the best-laid plans can go wrong if you are deceived by those you trust. It's not your fault that everything seemed fine but the result is the same. Keep an open eye and watch out for the hidden danger signs.

[6] Your Goal

You are intent on obtaining your goal and are quite prepared to deceive those around you that you trust to do it. A good example of this would be an illicit love affair.

[7] Your Self

You are all smiles at first but with time people discover you cannot be trusted. Those that do often learn they have made a mistake.

[8] Outside Influences

Events around you seem to be taking a turn for the worse. People you thought you could trust now seem to be taking advantage of your situation. This is a time where you find out who your friends really are.

[9] Your Inner Self

You intuitively know that something is wrong but cannot put your finger on it. Keep an open eye, but do not do anything rash until you have the facts. It may be just a misunderstanding or unfounded fear. But, then again?

[10] The Outcome

Events will eventually lead to hidden secrets being revealed. This will be seen as a deception. Trust and respect will be hard to regain. It's not too late to change your course of action if you are the instigator. Also, watch out for silly accidents.

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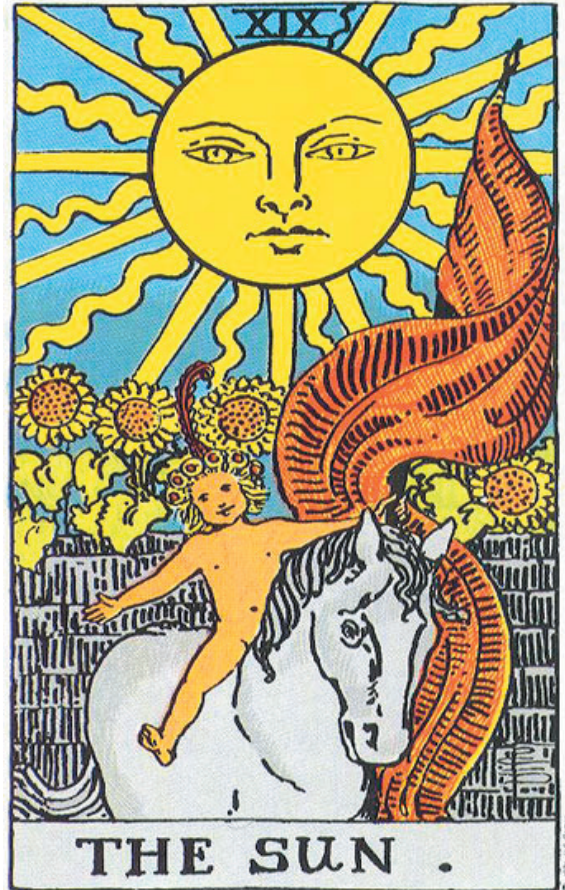
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The Sun (XIX)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

This represents the care free worries and vitality of youth, the joy of accomplishment, happy times, fun with friends and family or an agreeable relationship. Hold onto it and don't let anyone or anything spoil it for you.

Keywords

Happiness, greatness, enlightenment, vitality, good health, love, fulfilment, satisfaction, accomplishment, contentment, success, triumph, pleasure, engagement, joy, true love, material wealth.

The Sun (XIX)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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Card Layout

Start Reading

[1] The Questioner

You are now enjoying the rewards of your accomplishments. It is a time to relax and not worry about events going on around you. Have fun with those that are close to you. This is a happy period in your life.

[2] Around You

You have an opportunity to get away from the stress and hassle. It is time to take a break and enjoy the company of those that are close to you. Revitalise yourself and freshen up for the ongoing game of life

[3] Past

You know what it is like to experience happiness and be free of worries. It was a time to enjoy life and relax from your hard work to realise your desires. You were content and life was good.

[4] Present

Your major concern at the moment is to ensure the continuing happiness and joy that surrounds you. It may be tempting to take on new challenges, but if everything is working why fix it?

[5] Future

It is the end of one of your life's cycles. Your accomplishments have been realised. It is now a time to relax and not worry about events going on around you. Have fun with those that are close to you. This will be a happy period in your life until the next cycle starts.

[6] Your Goal

Peace, happiness, tranquillity and time to spend with those that are close to you. A time to enjoy the benefits of your efforts and have fun. Who would not want this as their goal in life?

[7] Your Self

You are respected and admired for your accomplishments. You deserve your happiness and will be in good company. Although, some that have not had your fortune may be envious.

[8] Outside Influences

This is time to take a break and join in with the happy occasion. You are being pressured to have fun and get away from your problems. Are you going to argue?

[9] Your Inner Self

You feel joy, happiness and fulfilled. You are at last recognised for your efforts and are benefiting from the reward of your accomplishments. You know you should enjoy it while it lasts.

[10] The Outcome

Your accomplishments are successful and your reward is justified. It's now time to relax and not worry about events going on around you. Have fun with those that are close to you. This is what you have always been aiming for. Enjoy it while it lasts.

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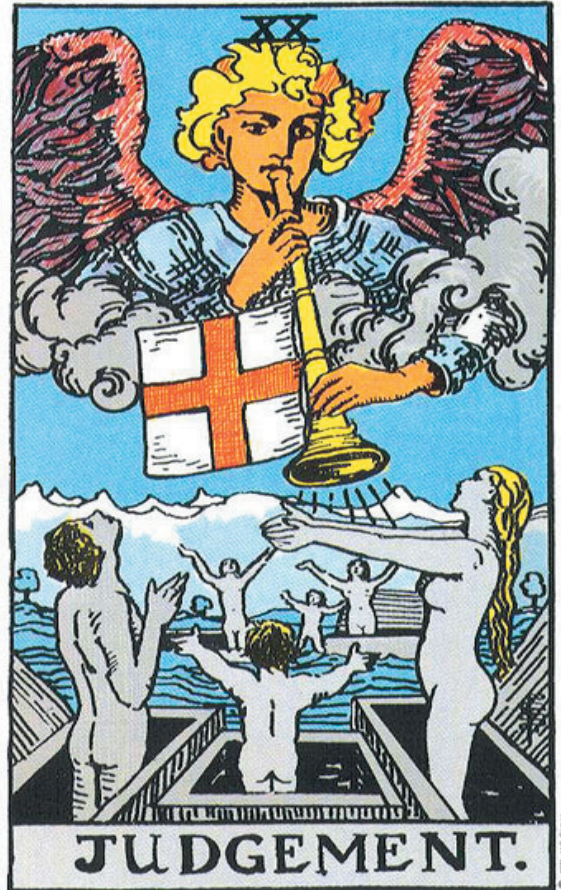
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Judgment (XX)

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General Meaning

It's time to take stock of your life and account for past behaviour and actions. You will be judged accordingly. It's time to decide if you are on the right path. If not, take this opportunity to alter your course or future events may turn against you. Legal matters and judgments may also be an issue.

Keywords

Judgement, rebirth, inner calling, absolution, restart, accepting past mistakes/ actions, forgiveness, end of repression, reconciliation, decision, salvation, redemption.

Judgment (XX)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

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Card Layout

Start Reading

[1] The Questioner

This is a time where those around you or you yourself need to evaluate your past actions. It is a time of appraisal and the judgement can fall both ways. If you are on the right course you will be rewarded if not then expect some form of retribution to be exacted upon you.

[2] Around You

You are being judged by those around you, either truly or falsely. You now need to deal with their decisions and take the appropriate actions.

[3] Past

You were either fairly judged or not, for your actions at that time by those around you. The consequence of this decision and the events that then took place are still on your mind.

[4] Present

Your actions are being judged by those around you. If you get things right then everything will turn out in your favour if not then there may be problems ahead.

[5] Future

The result of your efforts will be judged by those around you. If you have achieved the desired goal then they will move you forward. If you fail, the best you will get is a second chance.

[6] Your Goal

You need to be appreciated by your higher peers for your efforts and expect that your reward should reflect your contribution, or you have been wronged and expect justice to be served after final judgement.

[7] Your Self

Those around you are not sure of your intentions or motives. They will not let you in until they understand you better and begin to trust you.

[8] Outside Influences

You have been judged and appraised by those around you. Depending on their verdict events will either improve or not. Examples; asking for a bank loan, forgiveness by a partner, court/financial proceedings.

[9] Your Inner Self

You are worried that others are judging you and you hope that they make the correct decision or you are worried about the consequences of past actions.

[10] The Outcome

Events are leading up to your judgement. You will be required to justify your actions. Where you will either be accorded your just reward or the justice that you deserve. Now is a good time to reflect over the tarot reading I have given you.

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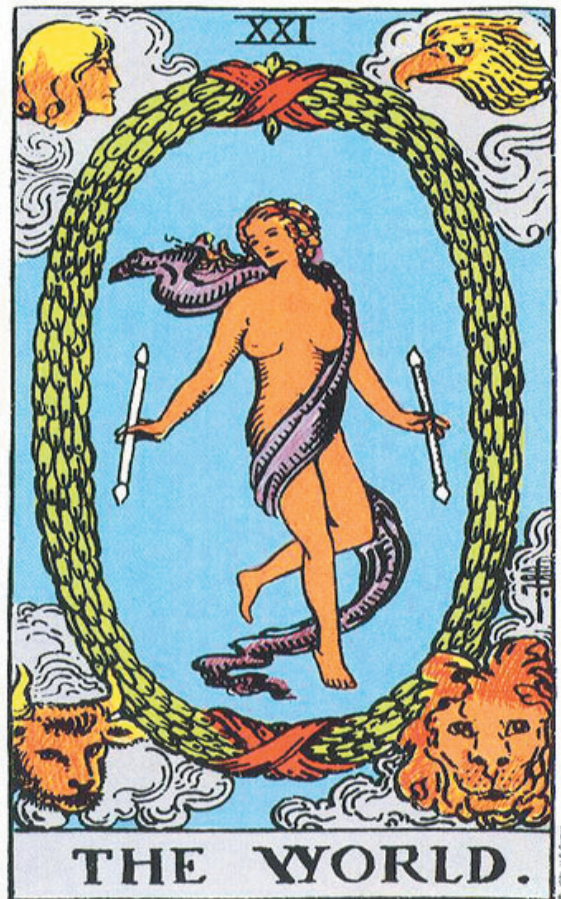
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The World (XXI)

This card may look different depending on the tarot deck you have but its meaning is the same.



General Meaning

The current circle of life has come to the end. A project or goal ends in triumph and you feel at one with the world and those around you. This is a time of enjoyment, relaxation, travel, being with loved ones and spoiling yourself with the material things you've been wanting. Enjoy it while it lasts as the circle may start to turn again. This card represents "Completion" to the cycle of life and can have spiritual meanings. Where loss of a close friend or family member is concerned it can represent moving on to a higher plane of existence.

Keywords

Fulfilment, completion, satisfaction, joy, wholeness, success, a happy ending, completion, attainment, conclusion, perfection and fulfilment.

The World (XXI)

Position meanings in the Celtic Cross spread

Shuffling

Card Layout

Start Reading

[1] The Questioner

A project or goal ends in triumph and you feel at one with the world and those around you. This is a time of enjoyment, relaxation, travel, being with loved ones and spoiling yourself with the material things you've been wanting.

[2] Around You

Opportunities are presenting themselves that will at last allow you to accomplish your ambitions. It is a perfect opening for you and just the lucky break that you have been waiting for to prove yourself.

[3] Past

You completed the targets that you set yourself and attained your ambition. You were fulfilled and at one with the world around you. Nobody can take that accomplishment away from you.

[4] Present

Your project or goal is nearing the end and you will attain the fulfilment and admiration that you deserve for a successful conclusion to your efforts.

[5] Future

You have attained your goal and have successfully completed the task/s that you set yourself. This is now a time for enjoyment, relaxation, travel, being with loved ones and spoiling yourself.

[6] Your Goal

You seek fulfilment, admiration and enjoyment from your accomplishments. Quality time to relax, travel, be with loved ones and spoiling yourself with the material things you've wanted is the only reward that you wish for yourself.

[7] Your Self

You are respected for your achievements and are a joy to be with. You are relaxed and at one with the world and those around you.

[8] Outside Influences

Events or circumstances around you are suggesting that it's time to take it easy and enjoy yourself. There is much more to living than just worries and work. When are you going to have fun, relax, travel or be with loved ones and spoiling yourself with the material things that you are working for.

[9] Your Inner Self

You are content, happy and at one with the world. This is a time of happiness enjoy it.

[10] The Outcome

Events will come to a perfect conclusion. It is a success that cannot be taken away from you and is the perfect ending to your aspirations and efforts. Now is the time to enjoy your accomplishments have fun, relax, travel, be with loved ones and spoiling yourself with the material things that you worked so hard for.

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