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INTRODUCTION

This guide provides a simple explanation of the meaning of each card in the classic Tarot deck. However, reading cards is not just about explaining meaning but interpreting that meaning in the context of your life. That's a gift that all of our 7th Sense readers possess – otherwise, they wouldn't be 7th Sense readers.



The composition of the Tarot deck

There are 3 parts to a Tarot Card deck:

The Major Arcana Tarot card meanings connect to laws of the Universe

The Tarot archetypes represented in the Major Arcana (group of cards) are pictures that represent life and the stages and experiences we all go through.

The Minor Arcana Tarot card meanings reveal events that naturally occur due to laws of human nature

Minor cards describe the people, events, feelings and circumstances we encounter on our personal journey. They represent events that are within the control of the individual and indicate how you do something.

The Court Cards

These are contained within the Minor Arcana. The Page, Knight, Queen and King act as a bridge between the Major and Minor Arcana by describing various archetypal personality types.



THE MAJOR ARCANA

The Major Arcana in Tarot (22 Cards)

The Major Arcana are in some ways the most important cards in the Tarot deck.

A high number of Major Arcana cards in a spread indicates that it is now a time of high importance for the questioner.

THE FOOL

THE EMPRESS

THE HIGH PRIESTESS

THE LOVERS

JUSTICE

STRENGTH

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

DEATH

THE TOWER

THE MOON

JUDGEMENT

THE MAGICIAN

THE EMPEROR

THE HIEROPHANT

CHARIOT

TEMPERANCE

THE HERMIT

THE HANGED MAN

THE DEVIL

THE STAR

THE SUN

THE WORLD



MAJOR ARCANA



THE FOOL

A new phase of life begins, a risk must be taken, a need to abandon the old and start something new. New experiences, personal growth, development. The discovery of talents.



MAJOR ARCANA



THE MAGICIAN

A person or possibilities. New skills are available, potential is growing, opportunities and adventures unfolding.

Success in everything by utilising the skills, tools and resources that are available.



MAJOR ARCANA



THE EMPRESS

The Mother of fertility and growth.

New things about to enter a situation,
there may be a birth coming or a new path in life.

Marriage / Relationship / Pregnancy / Patience /
Motherhood.



MAJOR ARCANA



THE EMPEROR

A need to make something solid, to solidify an idea, to build something with a firm structure. Authority / Control / Dominance. Man of power, an employer or a domineering male.



MAJOR ARCANA

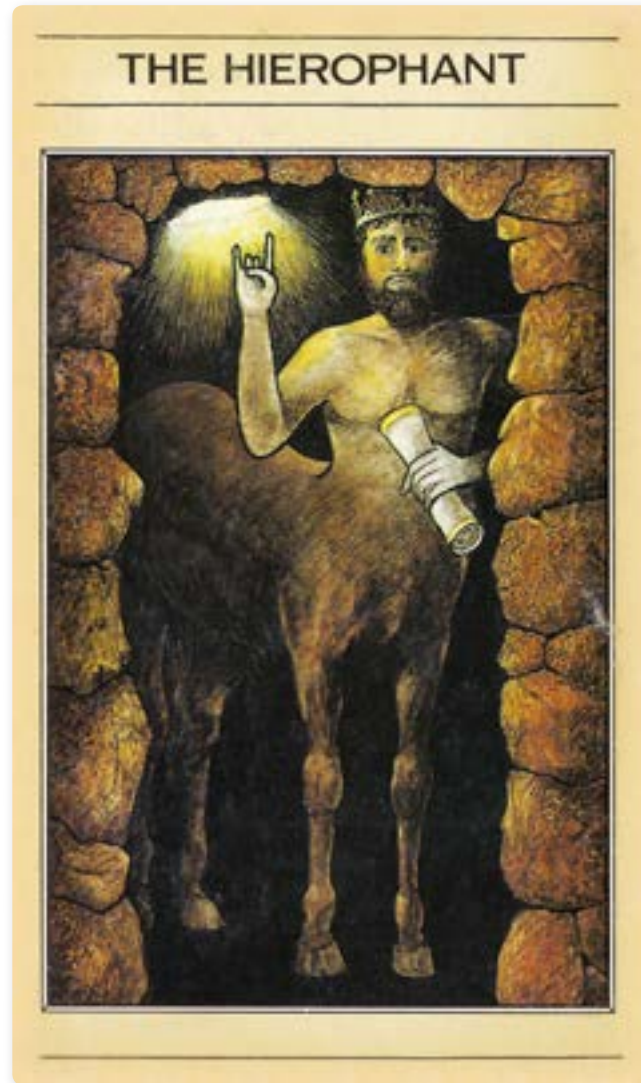


THE HIGH PRIESTESS

A time for reflection, allowing secrets to be revealed, showing potential abundance as yet unfulfilled. Pay attention to your dreams and intuition. Where the magician is all about possibilities, the High Priestess is all about truly understanding those possibilities.



MAJOR ARCANA



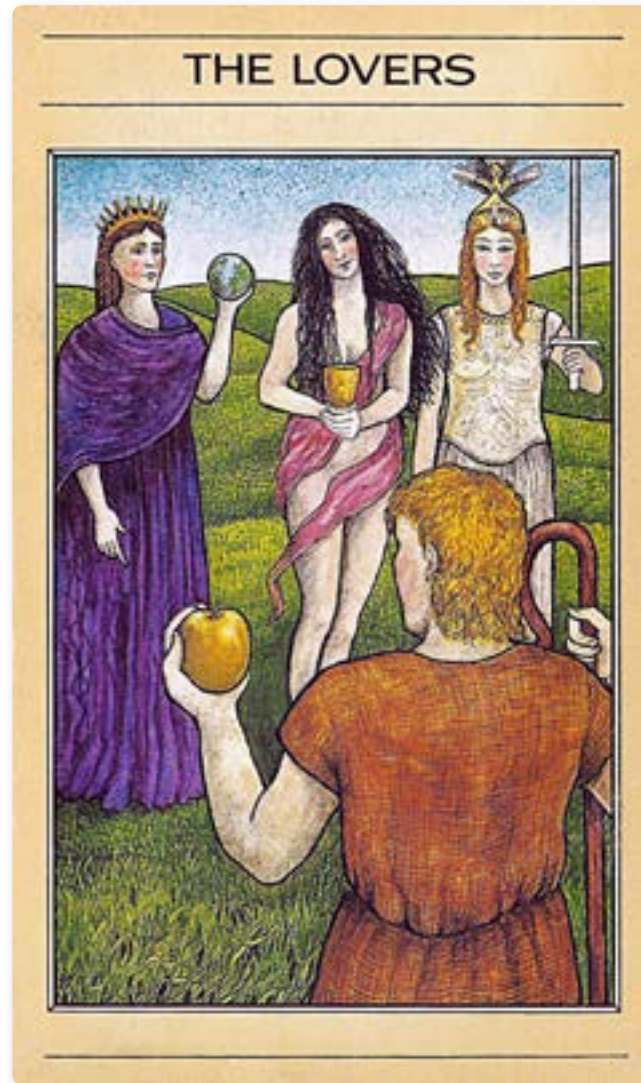
THE HIEROPHANT

Need for spiritual purpose, the search for a personal philosophy. Increased studying and learning. Humility/Teaching/Getting through deeply frightening and difficult situations.

This card can sometimes suggest marriage or a serious turn towards religion.



MAJOR ARCANA



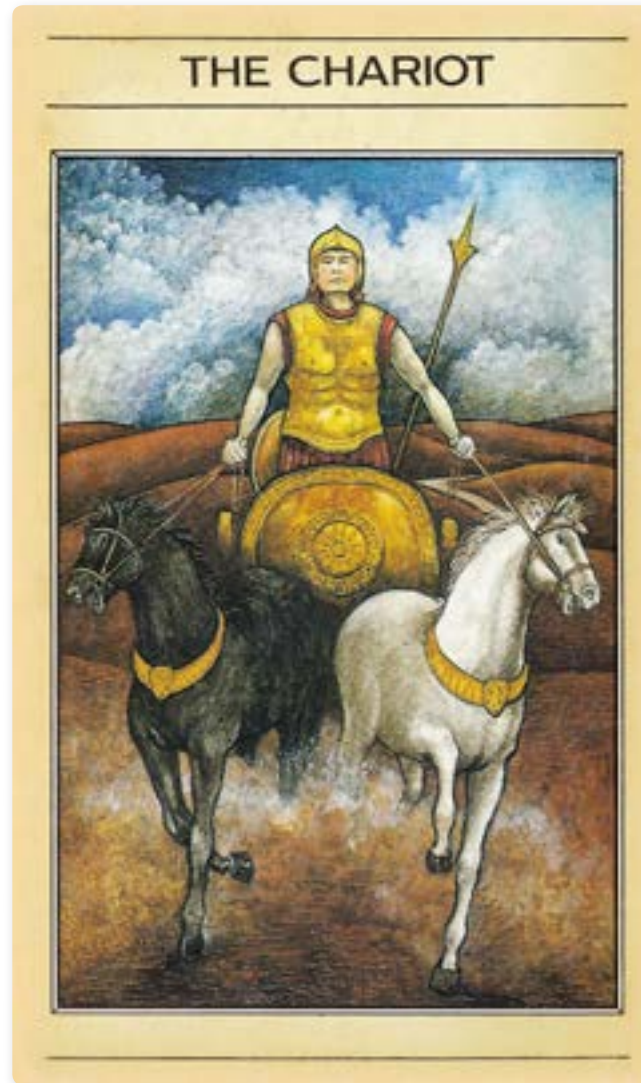
THE LOVERS

A love affair with a trial or choice attached.

This card indicates that these decisions or choices are incredibly important and significant so it is essential that you choose the right path. True partnership. The card is all about choices, intuitively rather than by the use of intellect.



MAJOR ARCANA



CHARIOT

Conflict within / Struggles and battles / Potential for victory / Resolution of quarrels / Moving forward / Overcoming opposition through confidence / Control and Determination / Trip.



MAJOR ARCANA



JUSTICE

Need for clarity of mind, impartial judgement and a balanced intellect. Legal matters needing attention (marriage license, divorce decree, financial arrangement). The fairest decision will be made. You are being called to account for your actions and will be judged accordingly.



MAJOR ARCANA



TEMPERANCE:

Harmony within relationships.

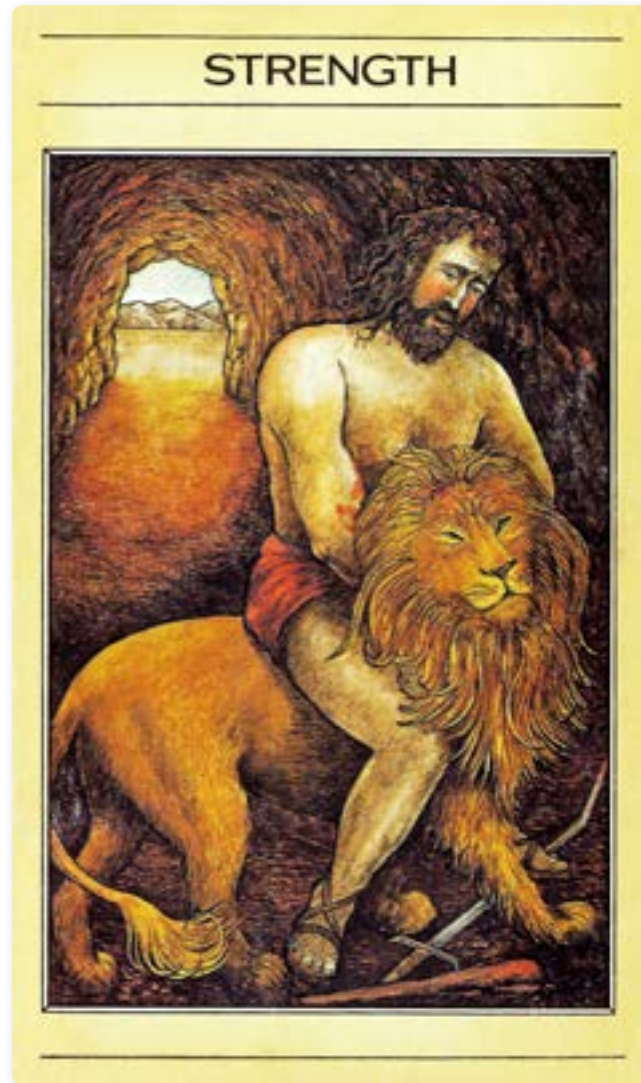
Happy marriage or partnership.

Adaptation, coordination and tempering external influences.

Balance / Patience / Moderation.



MAJOR ARCANA



STRENGTH

Facing the things or the truth in a situation that you have been putting off for too long. Overcoming your fears.

Courage / Inner Will / Optimism.



MAJOR ARCANA



THE HERMIT

A time for withdrawal, silent meditation and solitude. Patience is needed to confront one's inner world. Could be someone who likes to or needs to work alone.



MAJOR ARCANA

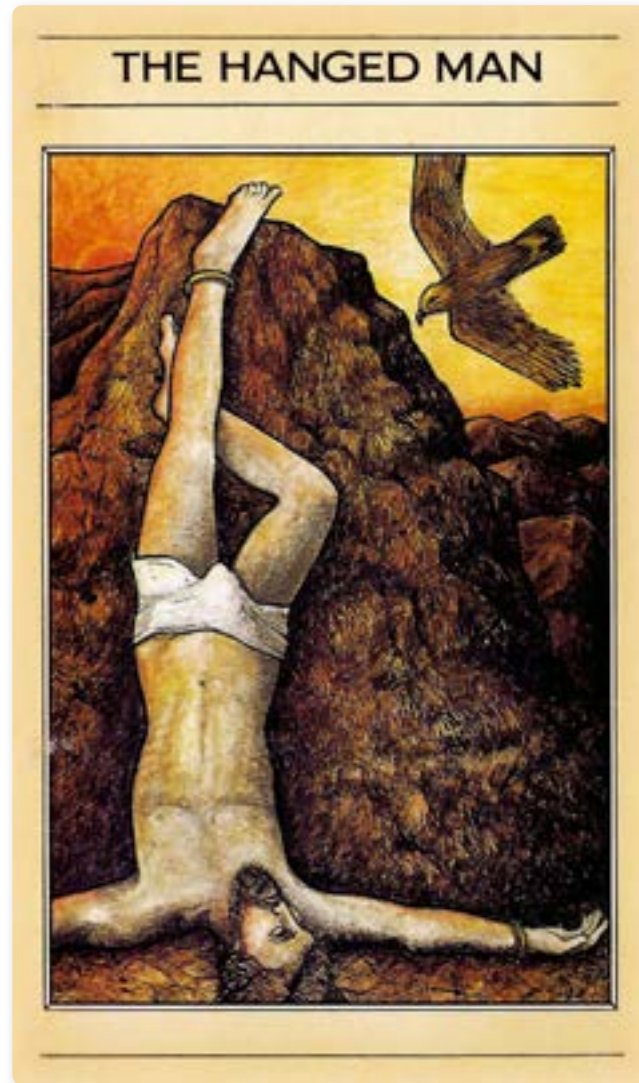


THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Change in fortune, new beginnings, a new chapter in life starting. The Wheel makes a new turn. Remain optimistic and have faith in the Universe that it will take care of the situation.



MAJOR ARCANA

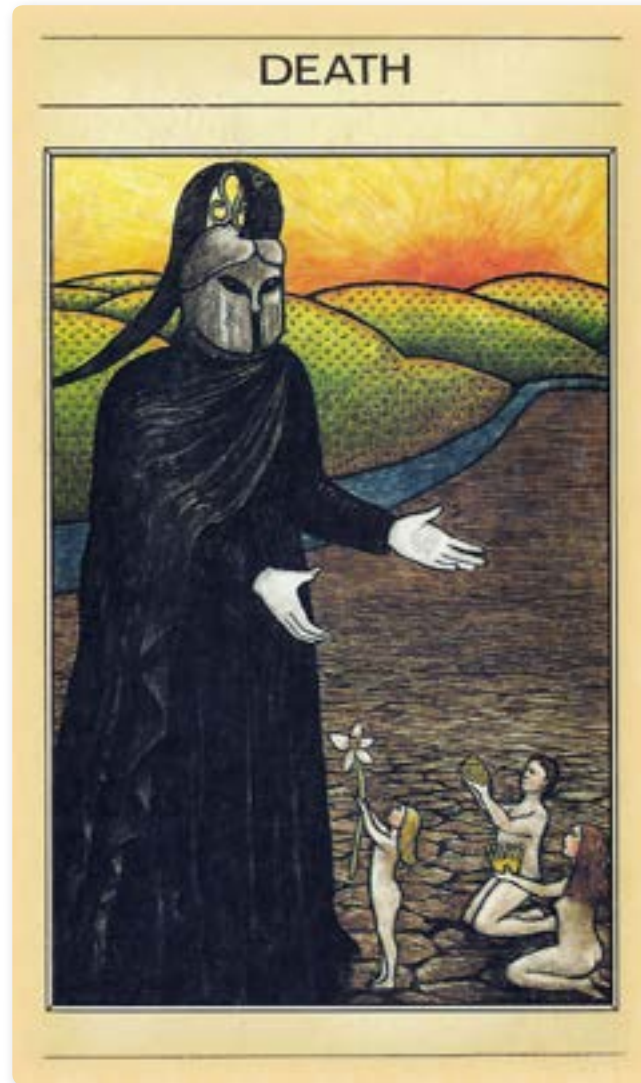


THE HANGED MAN

Sacrifice must be made to gain something of greater value. It is all about waiting, in order to allow new possibilities to arise. Vulnerability / Selflessness / New Perspectives. A willingness to adapt to changed circumstances is the main theme of this card.



MAJOR ARCANA



DEATH

The most misunderstood card in the deck.
The end of something which has been lived out, transformation, new beginnings to follow.
Death indicates a time of significant change and transition.



MAJOR ARCANA



THE DEVIL

A confrontation with the inner world. Facing fears and inhibitions can foster growth. The Devil reflects actual addictions and dependencies in your life, such as alcoholism, drug-taking, unhealthy relationships, overspending., etc. Breaking of habits and ceasing to dance to the devil's tune.



MAJOR ARCANA



THE TOWER

Breaking down existing forms, changing false structures and finding true values. Change around the home or emotionally challenging periods - a time of great upheaval. It symbolizes conflict and overall disruption of life, but for the greater good.

It's about facing things you have been reluctant



MAJOR ARCANA



THE STAR

to deal with. It could lead to good or bad things, but this action needs to be done.

Fluctuation, uncertainty, confusion.



MAJOR ARCANA



THE MOON

Time of passivity rather than action.

The Moon is a card of psychic forces, so let go of your conscious mental blocks and allow your intuition to guide you.

Optimism, time of passive action, energy



MAJOR ARCANA



THE SUN

in abundance, a time of clear vision.

It is about embracing your destiny and giving it everything you have got. Happiness / Success / Good health. This card relates to achievement, at work or through studies. Travel to a warm or tropical climate.

Time for reaping rewards for past actions,



MAJOR ARCANA



JUDGEMENT

and reaching conclusions. You have reviewed and evaluated your past experiences and have learned from them. “Rebirth” or renewal of the self, changes to the better: getting well after a long sickness, or finding a new career or spiritual path.

Success, achievement, attainment,



MAJOR ARCANA



THE WORLD

the realization of a goal or the completion of a cycle. This card can indicate world travel. Feeling of being welcome anywhere you go.



THE MINOR ARCANA

The Minor Arcana (Including the Court Cards)

The Minor Arcana: (covering preoccupations, activities and emotions) highlights the more practical aspects of life and can refer to current issues that have a temporary or minor influence.

If a Tarot reading is predominantly made up of the Minor Arcana Tarot cards, you are dealing with issues which will not necessarily have a lasting influence on your life.

The Court Cards: Within the Minor Arcana are the Court Cards - Page, Knight, Queen and King. These cards most often represent people: ourselves, our thoughts, people in our lives and personalities, a level of maturity.

They may relate to behaviour or situations in some cases. PAGES conceive ideas, KNIGHTS act upon ideas, QUEENS nurture ideas and KINGS develop ideas to an established and stable state.



THE MINOR ARCANA SUIT

What the suit cards represent:

CUPS - Feelings and Emotions

WANDS - Imagination and Creativity
and work issues

SWORDS - Stresses and Worries
of Everyday Life

PENTACLE - Body and Material
Needs and Finances



THE CUPS CARDS



CUPS

Feelings and Emotions



CUPS



ACE OF CUPS

Upsurge of feelings and emotion, new relationships. Love affair, the birth of a child.



CUPS



TWO OF CUPS

Commitment to romance, partnership or friendship (early days, “blind love”).



CUPS

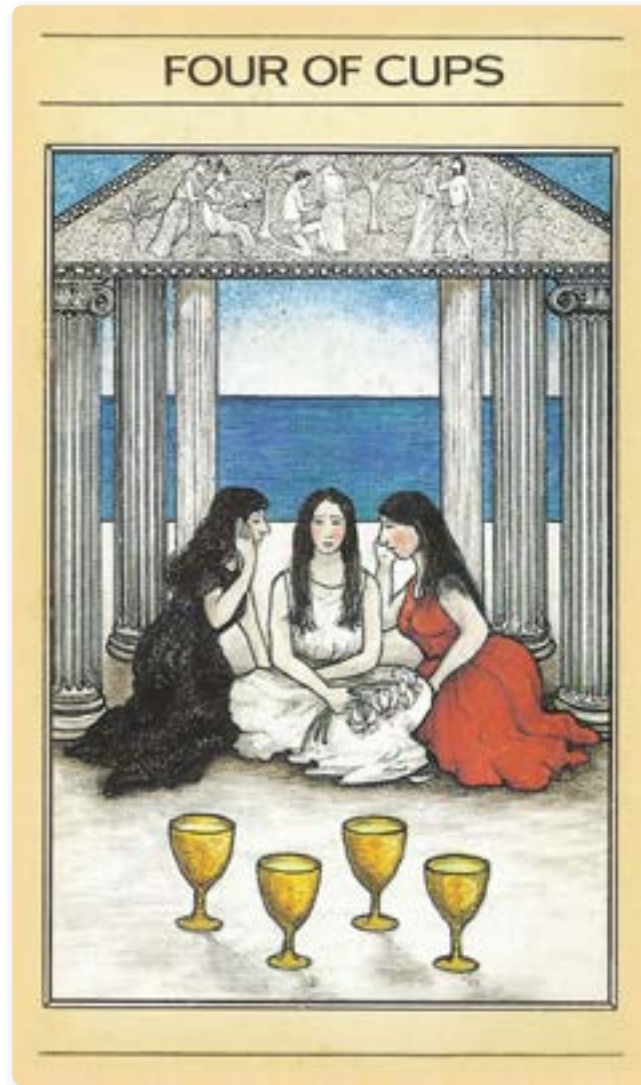


THREE OF CUPS

Celebration. A stage for rejoicing.
The commitment to a future has been made.



CUPS

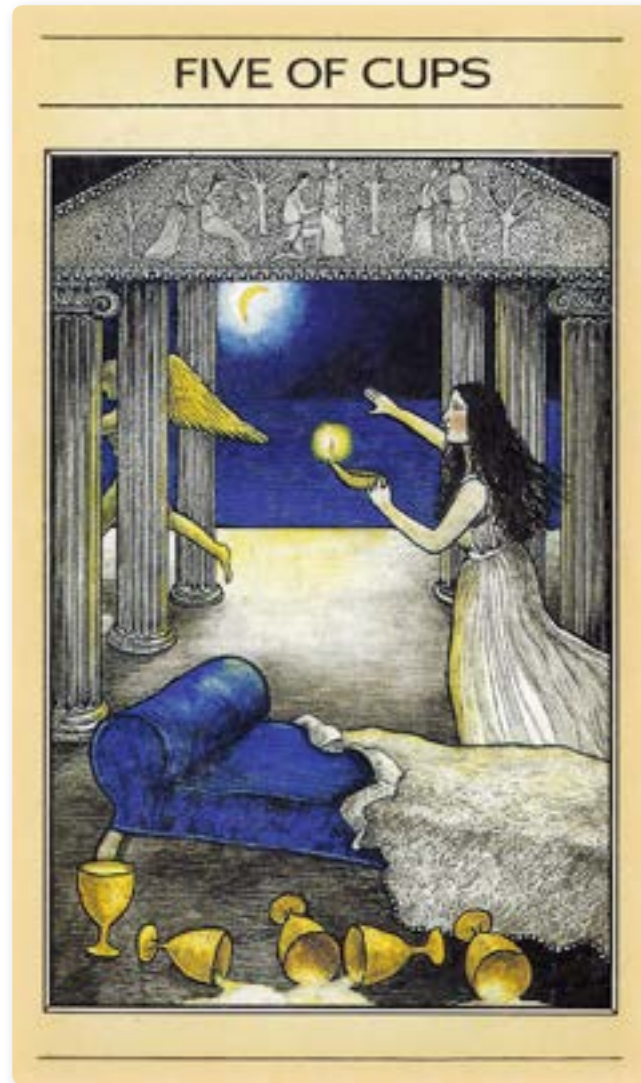


FOUR OF CUPS

Self-absorbed. Content with things as they are.
Unwilling to be moved from this portion.



CUPS



FIVE OF CUPS

Regret over past actions, loss or betrayal in love.
Separation, but all is not lost.



CUPS



SIX OF CUPS

Past effort may bring present rewards
or an old lover may reappear.
Sentimental time.



CUPS



SEVEN OF CUPS

A choice to be made with many options open.
Careful decisions must be made. Act.
There is a risk of illusion. You need to avoid
escapism protect yourself against unclear thinking.

Leaving past behind. Letting go,



CUPS



EIGHT OF CUPS

no matter how much energy has been put into something. Walk away. Follow your dream card.

A wish of paramount importance will come true.



CUPS



NINE OF CUPS

Great emotional joy.

Happiness and contentment, with a sense



CUPS



TEN OF CUPS

of permanence and future purpose.
It often suggests starting a family.
The sense of harmony.

Birth of new feelings, fragile new beginnings



CUPS



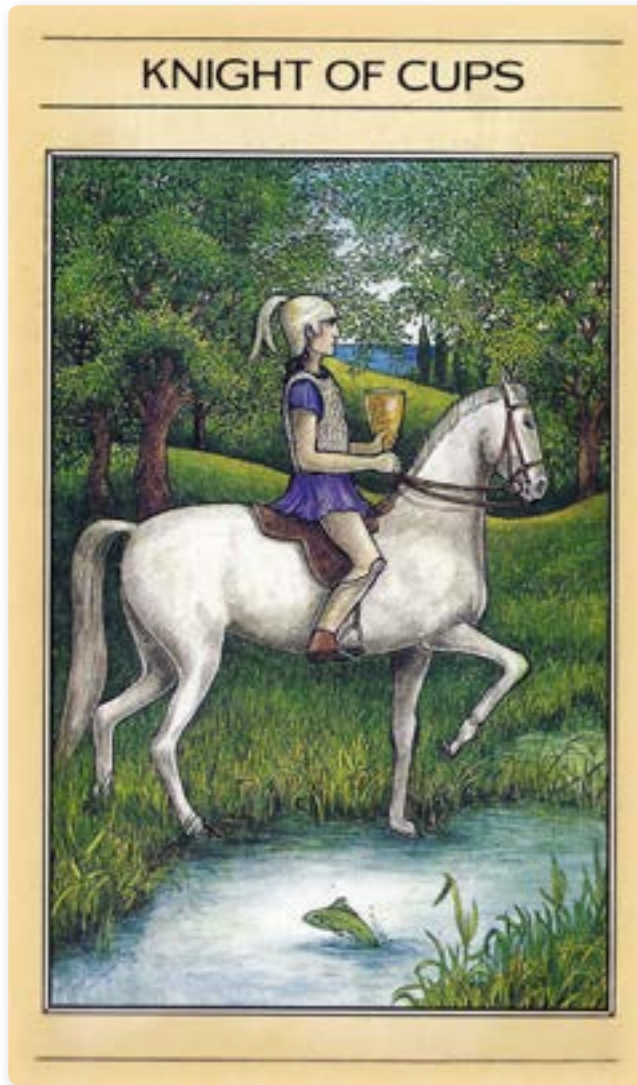
PAGE OF CUPS

in the world of emotion. “New Phase”-
birth of a child, new relationship, engagement.
Show your feelings; listen to your inner voice.
Take a fresh perspective on a difficult issue
and approach that situation with benefit
of the doubt and love.

Spirit of romance. A gentle, caring lover



CUPS



KNIGHT OF CUPS

and friend. Sensitive and affectionate. Thoughtful. Chivalrous. Creative and artistic.

The Knight of Cups may suggest a proposal is coming.

A person who possesses a strong perceptive nature



CUPS



QUEEN OF CUPS

and deep desire to learn about the inner world.
Mature Female. Follow your heart.
Peace and Harmony. Go with the flow.

Meeting with caring, concerned, nurturing



CUPS



KING OF CUPS

person or it may be that you have to develop some of the maternal, protective qualities within yourself. Emotional balance.



THE WANDS CARDS



WANDS

Imagination and Creativity and work issues



WANDS



ACE OF WANDS

An upsurge of creative energy, drive and energy.
Great potential for success.



WANDS



TWO OF WANDS

Intuitive choice. Two possibilities, equally good.
Firm plans must be formulated.



WANDS



THREE OF WANDS

A stage of initial completion of a creative project. New ideas forming. New forces of energy being generated.



WANDS



FOUR OF WANDS

A time to pause for celebration after hard efforts (holiday, period of rest and relaxation).
“The Marriage Card”.



WANDS



FIVE OF WANDS

A time of struggle, petty obstacles constantly appear and cause difficulties. Open conflict. Certain issues cause a lot of tension and confusion.



WANDS



SIX OF WANDS

Public acclaim, promotion, recognition for work and effort (winning a scholarship, gaining a qualification, getting a lead role, publishing a book or success in any other chosen field).



WANDS

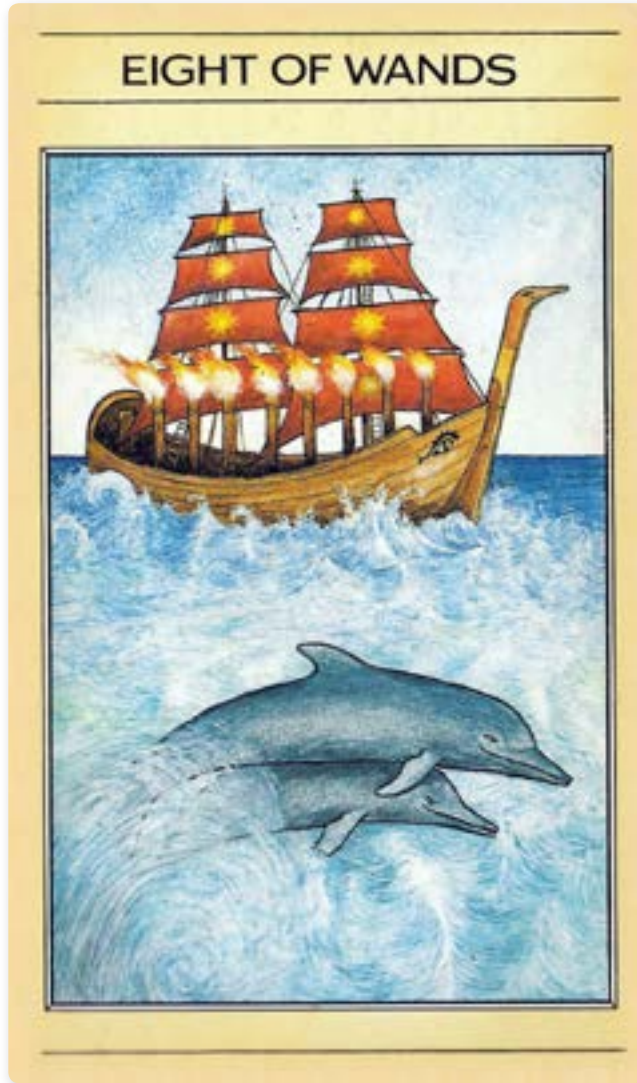


SEVEN OF WANDS

The stage after the public recognition.
Stiff competition must now be faced.
Hold you ground. Renewed determination
and courage are necessary.



WANDS

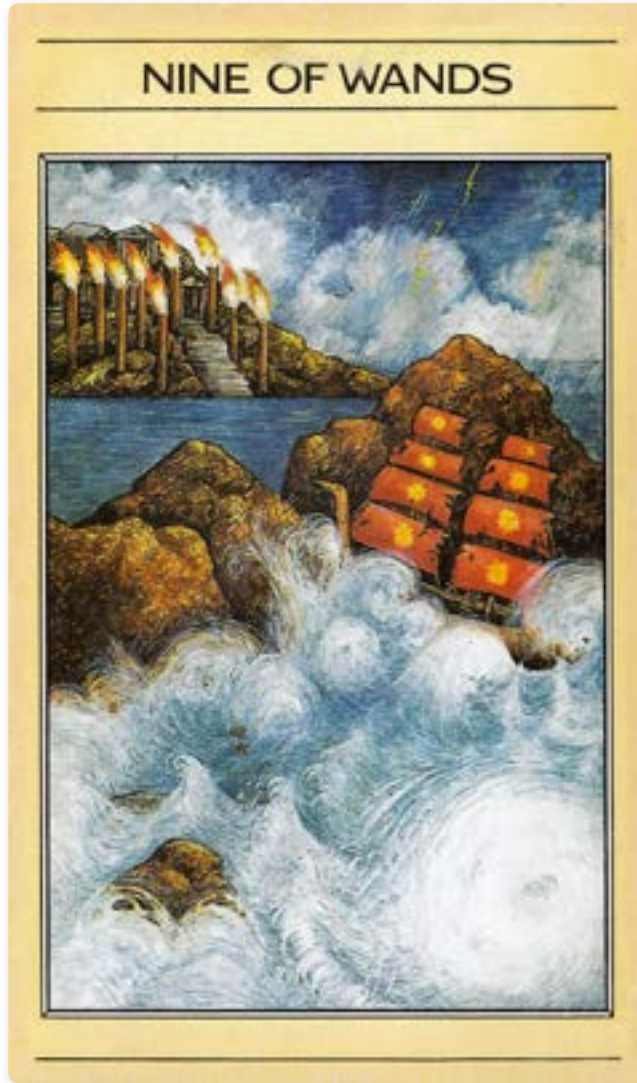


EIGHT OF WANDS

A period of fruitful progress after a delay or struggle. Everything is on your side.



WANDS



NINE OF WANDS

Strength in reserve can provide enough energy to win the battle, although resources seem exhausted. Push hard.



WANDS



TEN OF WANDS

There is danger implied in taking on more than one can cope with. Inadequate awareness of our limitations.



WANDS



PAGE OF WANDS

The bearer of good news, a desire or stirring of creative growth. Free spirit. Follow creative urges, be spontaneous. "New Phase" in which your creative world must be developed.



WANDS



KNIGHT OF WANDS

Spirit of Adventure, move of home or country. Exciting and unreliable young man. Time to develop exuberant and adventurous qualities. Passionate, spontaneous.



WANDS



QUEEN OF WANDS

The person embodying creative, imaginative and intuitive powers or through development of these qualities within yourself. Strong Leader. Exercise, be active. Social Network. The Queen of Wands' characteristics often lead to the performing arts.



WANDS

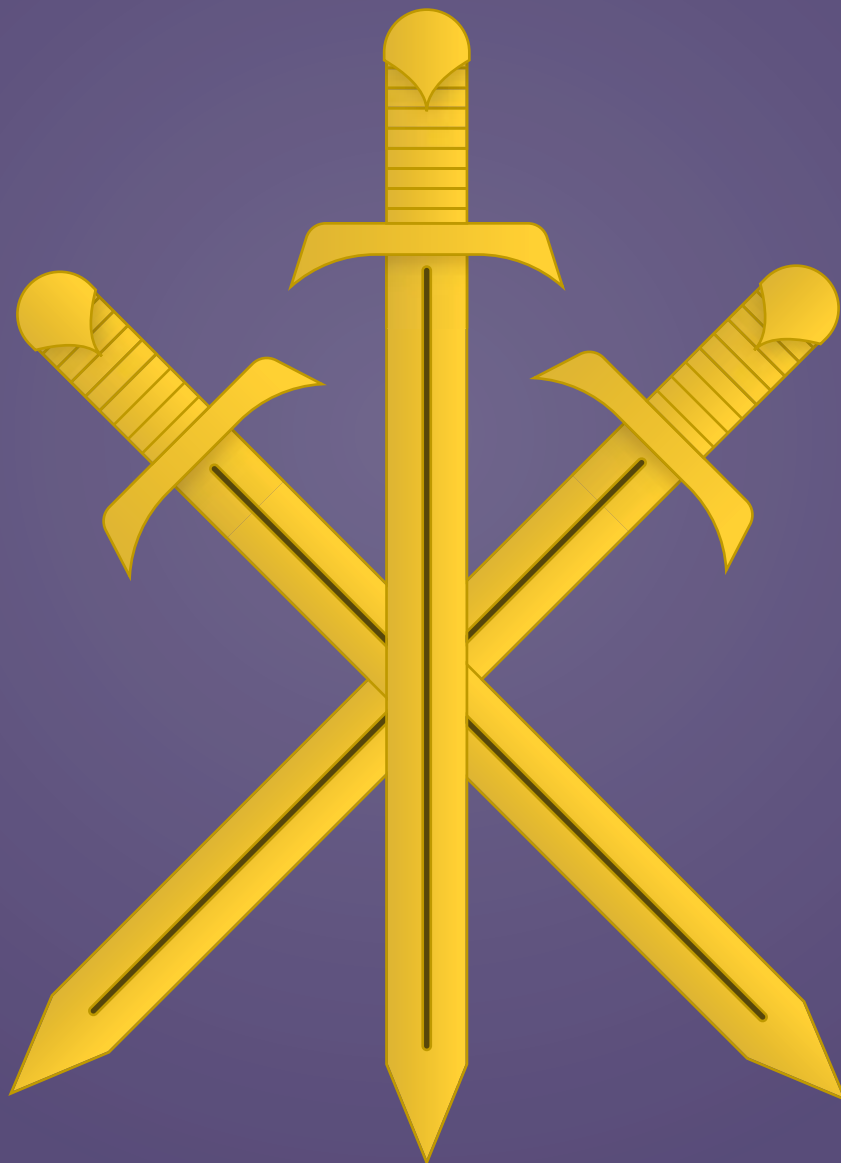


KING OF WANDS

Meeting a fiery, impulsive, enthusiastic person or it may mean that you yourself will have to develop some of the optimism and exuberance he possesses. Creative power. He enjoys starting new projects, but does not always finish up.



THE SWORDS CARDS



SWORDS

Stresses and Worries
of Everyday Life



SWORDS



ACE OF SWORDS

Inevitable and irrevocable change. Awakening of mental powers which may cause conflict at first but are ultimately conducive to growth and development.



SWORDS

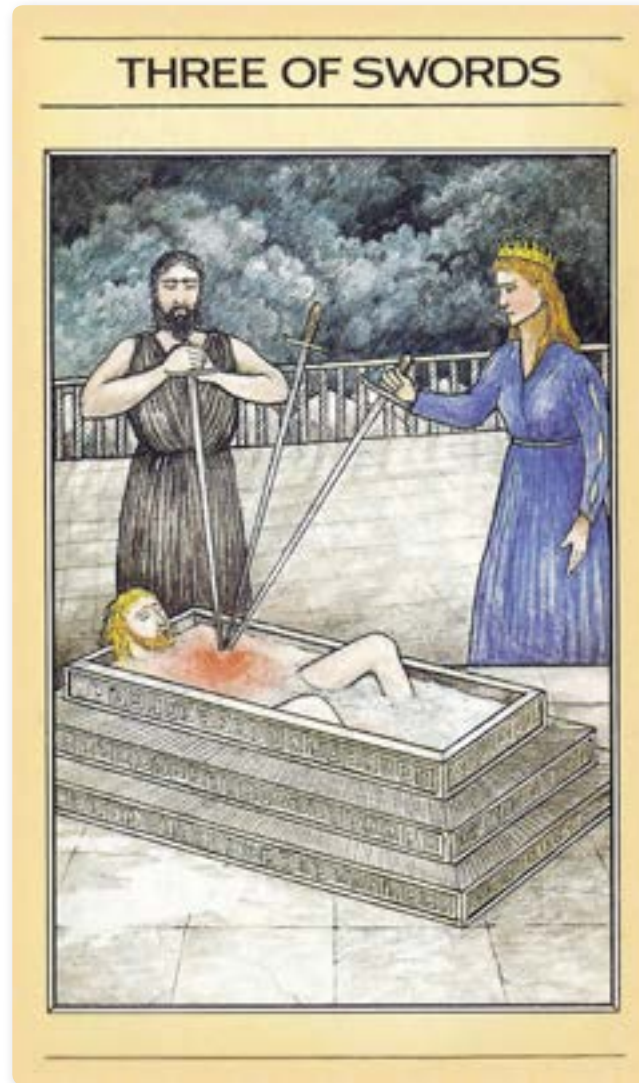


TWO OF SWORDS

Stalemate; nothing can move or change, a situation of great tension, deep hostility, yet nobody mentions it. An impasse has been reached.



SWORDS



THREE OF SWORDS

Quarrels and conflict, a period of stormy weather for relationships. The card implies that something sad or painful must be allowed to work itself out. Heart-break.



SWORDS



FOUR OF SWORDS

A need for rest or retreat after stress,
a time for convalescence after tension.



SWORDS



FIVE OF SWORDS

Pride must be swallowed, limitations accepted, before further progress can be made. We have to work within the framework of that situation.



SWORDS



SIX OF SWORDS

A card of harmony. A period of calm after great anxiety, release of tension, a peaceful journey towards smoother waters (sometimes physical move away from unpleasant surroundings).



SWORDS



SEVEN OF SWORDS

A need for evasion and avoidance of direct confrontation in order to achieve objective. Use brain, tact, diplomacy, rather than brawn and aggression



SWORDS



EIGHT OF SWORDS

A fear of moving out of a situation of bondage, paralysis. (Indicates a situation of tension similar to Two of Swords. In this case, however, the choices are perfectly conscious).



SWORDS



NINE OF SWORDS

A time in which the mind is tormented by fears of impending doom. Nightmares and fantasies trouble the mind, even though the facts do not match the fears.



SWORDS



TEN OF SWORDS

The end of a painful situation or state. There emerges an ability to see a situation realistically. Once something is ended, the way is cleared for a fresh start. Clear break.



SWORDS

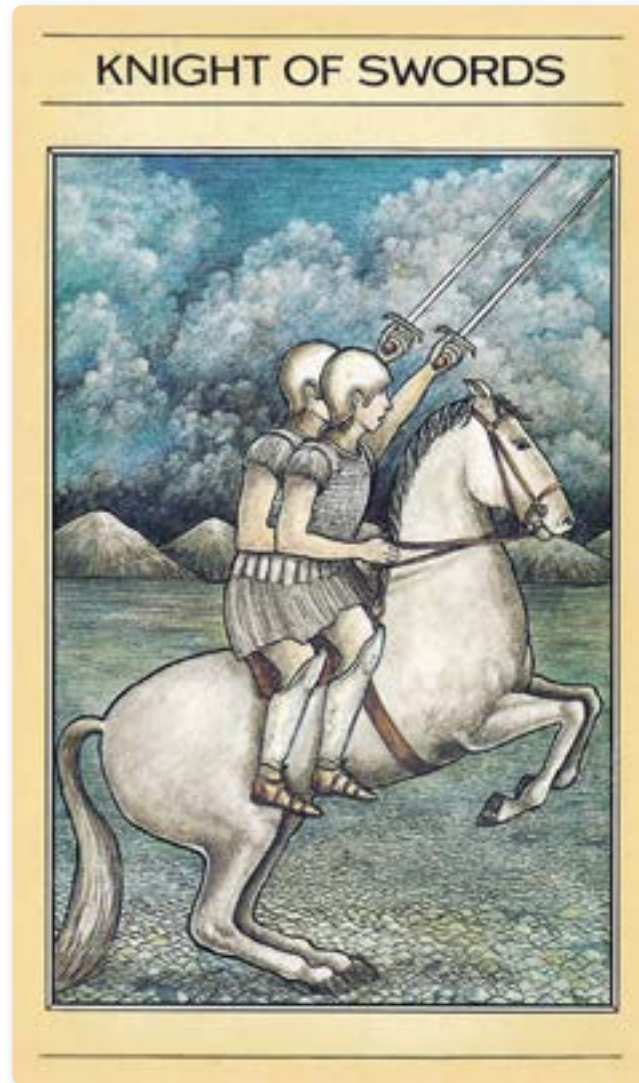


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“New Phase”, mentally active period.
Go for it. Beginnings of intellectual
development; gossip or idle talk
may cause disruption.



SWORDS



KNIGHT OF SWORDS

Time of communication and mental development, new idea or vision.
Mind-expanding, progressive period.
Great ambition, determination and strength to succeed no matter what.



SWORDS

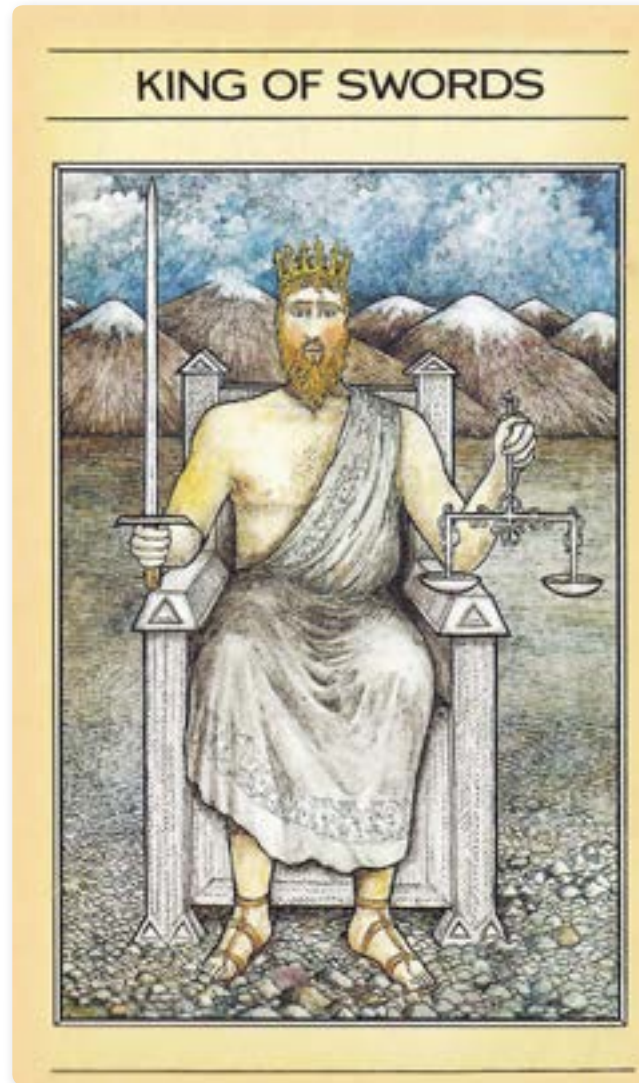


QUEEN OF SWORDS

The sternness of a mature intellect which is devoid of emotion. Difficult decisions. Keep clear head, be independent in thought and judgement. Use facts and logic. Face up to the truth. Don't let yourself be fooled.



SWORDS



KING OF SWORDS

Meeting an intelligent and charming, high principled person. Symbol of intellectual power and authority. Professional advisor. Develop logic and reasoning powers.



THE PENTACLES CARDS



PENTACLES

Body and Material Needs and Finances



PENTACLES



ACE OF PENTACLES

Material achievement is possible, financial aid may be available for the beginning of new enterprise.



PENTACLES



TWO OF PENTACLES

Change and fluctuation in financial matters, but harmony within the change. An optimism and enthusiasm which balances out anxieties about financial affairs. Finances, luck.



PENTACLES



THREE OF PENTACLES

A satisfactory time. Initial completion of work, a basic structure is built which still requires the finishing touches.



PENTACLES



FOUR OF PENTACLES

There is danger in clinging too tightly to what one has earned. Nothing is lost, but nothing can be gained. Miserliness (usually money) can be extended to the realm of feelings.



PENTACLES



FIVE OF PENTACLES

Financial loss and hardship. Loss of luck / health.
Loss on a deeper level; of esteem,
of faith in oneself / life.



PENTACLES



SIX OF PENTACLES

Help from a generous friend or employer, a situation in which there is money or good fortune to be shared.



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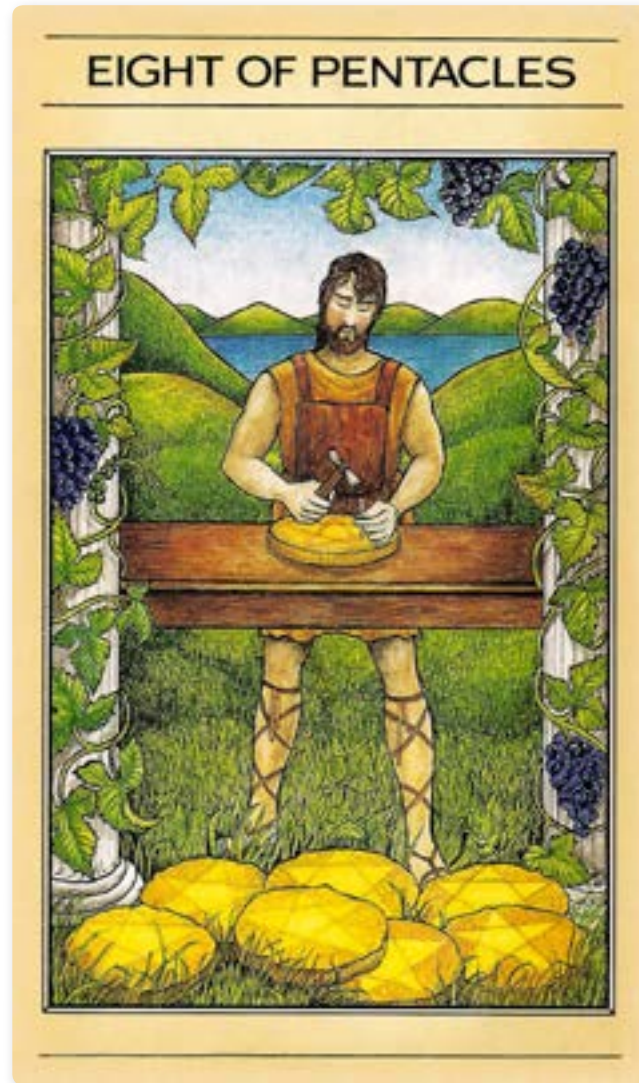


SEVEN OF PENTACLES

A difficult decision must be made, between material security and uncertain new opportunities. This is a card about patience and letting things ripen.



PENTACLES



EIGHT OF PENTACLES

The apprentice, training or starting out anew in another profession.



PENTACLES



NINE OF PENTACLES

A card of great satisfaction and pleasure, reward for effort, material benefits.



PENTACLES



TEN OF PENTACLES

Financial stability and foundation
for home and family.



PENTACLES



PAGE OF PENTACLES

Beginning awareness of the value of material sense; slow development. Consider further study. Start saving money for future. Apply careful planning in order to manifest your dreams and achieve your goals. You need to remain focused on the practical and tangible elements.



PENTACLES



KNIGHT OF PENTACLES

Spirit of determination and earthy practicality is due to enter your life. A person of integrity. Someone who can be counted on.



PENTACLES



QUEEN OF PENTACLES

Represents prosperity and security. Meeting with an affectionate, generous, sensuous person. Mother figure. Finances are definitely improving, business success. Take a sensible approach, be resourceful and practical. Maintain “down to earth” attitude. Create balance.



PENTACLES



KING OF PENTACLES

Meeting wealthy, ambitious, materially-oriented person or you may need to develop some drive for material gain within.



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