Major Arcana

Name	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning
The Fool	beginnings, freedom, innocence, originality, adventure, idealism, spontaneity	reckless, careless, distracted, naive, foolish, gullible, stale, dull
The Magician	willpower, desire, being resourceful, skill, ability, concentration, manifestation	manipulation, cunning, trickery, wasted talent, illusion, deception
The High Priestess	unconscious, intuition, mystery, spirituality, higher power, inner voice	repressed intuition, hidden motives, superficiality, confusion, cognitive dissonance
The Empress	divine feminine, sensuality, fertility, nurturing, creativity, beauty, abundance, nature	insecurity, overbearing, negligence, smothering, lack of growth, lack of progress

Major Arcana (cont)

The Emperor	stability, structure, protection, authority, control, practicality, focus, discipline	tyrant, domineering, rigid, stubborn, lack of discipline, recklessness
The Hierophant	tradition, social groups, conventio-nality, confor-mity, education, knowledge, beliefs	rebellion, unconvent-ionality, non-conformity, new methods, ignorance
The Lovers	love, unions, partnerships, relationships, choices, romance, balance, unity	disharmony, imbalance, conflict, detachment, bad choices, indecision
The Chariot	success, ambition, determina-tion, willpower, control, self-discipline, focus	forceful, no direction, no control, powerless, aggression, obstacles
Strength	courage, bravery, confidence, compassion, self-conf-idence, inner power	self-doubt, weakness, low confid-ence, inadequacy, cowardice, forcefulness

Major Arcana (cont)

The Hermit	self-reflection, introspection, contemplation, withdrawal, solitude, search for self	loneliness, isolation, recluse, being anti-social, rejection, returning to society
Wheel of Fortune	change, cycles, fate, decisive moments, luck, fortune, unexpected events	bad luck, lack of control, clinging to control, unwelcome changes, delays
Justice	justice, karma, consequence, accountability, law, truth, honesty, integrity, cause and effect	injustice, retribution, dishonesty, corruption, dishonesty, unfairness, avoiding accountability
The Hanged Man	sacrifice, waiting, uncertainty, lack of direction, perspective, contemplation	stalling, disint-erest, stagna-tion, avoiding sacrifice, standstill, apathy
Death	transformation, endings, change, transi-tion, letting go, release	fear of change, repeating negative patterns, resisting change, stagnancy, decay

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Major Arcana (cont)

Temperance	balance, peace, patience, moderation, calm, tranquillity, harmony, serenity	imbalance, excess, extremes, discord, reckle-ssness, hastiness
The Devil	oppression, addiction, obsession, depend-ency, excess, powerless-ness, limita-tions	indepe-ndence, freedom, revelation, release, reclaiming power, reclaiming control
The Tower	disaster, destruction, upheaval, trauma, sudden change, chaos	averting disaster, delaying the inevitable, resisting change
The Star	hope, inspir-ation, positi-vity, faith, renewal, healing, rejuvenation	hopele-ssness, despair, negativity, lack of faith, despondent
The Moon	illusion, intuition, uncertainty, confusion, complexity, secrets, unconscious	fear, deception, anxiety, misunders-tanding, misinterpret-ation, clarity, unders-tanding

Major Arcana (cont)

The Sun	happiness, success, optimism, vitality, joy, confidence, truth	blocked happiness, excessive enthusiasm, pessimism, unrealistic expectations, conceitedness
Judgement	self-eval-uation, awakening, renewal, purpose, reflection, reckoning	self-doubt, lack of self-awar-eness, failure to learn lessons, self-l-oathing
The World	completion, achiev-ement, fulfilment, sense of belonging, wholeness, harmony	lack of closure, lack of achiev-ement, feeling incomplete, emptiness

These cards follow a storyline that tells of the spiritual travels taken from the innocent wonder of The Fool to the oneness and fulfilment of The World. In other words, these cards tell the story of humanity's spiritual evolution into enlightenment and individuation.

Minor Arcana (Wands)

Name	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning
Ace of Wands	inspiration, creative spark, new initiative, new passion, enthusiasm, energy	delays, blocks, lack of passion, lack of energy, hesitancy, creative blocks

Minor Arcana (Wands) (cont)

Two of Wands	planning, first steps, making decisions, leaving comfort, taking risks	bad planning, overanalysing, not taking action, playing it safe, avoiding risk
Three of Wands	momentum, confidence, expansion, growth, foresight, looking ahead	restriction, limitations, lack of progress, obstacles, delays, frustr-ation
Four of Wands	community, home, celebr-ations, reunions, parties, gatherings, stability, belonging	lack of support, instability, feeling unwelcome, transience, lack of roots, home conflict
Five of Wands	conflict, competition, arguments, aggression, tension, rivals, clashes of ego	end of conflict, cooperation, agreements, truces, harmony, peace, avoiding conflict
Six of Wands	success, victory, triumph, rewards, recognition, praise, acclaim, pride	failure, lack of recognition, no rewards, lack of achievement

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Minor Arcana (Wands) (cont)

Seven of Wands	protectiveness, standing up for yourself, defending yourself, protecting territory	giving up, admitting defeat, yielding, lack of self belief, surrender
Eight of Wands	movement, speed, progress, quick decisions, sudden changes, excitement	waiting, slowness, chaos, delays, losing momentum, hastiness, being unprepared
Nine of Wands	last stand, persistence, grit, resilience, perseverance, close to success, fatigue	stubbornness, rigidity, defensiveness, refusing compromise, giving up
Ten of Wands	burden, responsibility, duty, stress, obligation, burning out, struggles	failure to delegate, shouldering too much responsibility, collapse, breakdown
Page of Wands	adventure, excitement, fresh ideas, cheerfulness, energetic, fearless, extroverted	hasty, impatient, lacking ideas, tantrums, laziness, boring, unreliable, distracted

Minor Arcana (Wands) (cont)

Knight of Wands	courageous, energetic, charming, hero, rebellious, hot tempered, free spirit	arrogant, reckless, impatient, lack of self control, passive, volatile, domineering
Queen of Wands	confident, self-assured, passionate, determined, social, charismatic, vivacious, optimistic	demanding, vengeful, low confidence, jealous, selfish, temperamental, bully
King of Wands	leadership, vision, big picture, taking control, daring decisions, boldness, optimism	forceful, domineering, tyrant, vicious, powerless, ineffective, weak leader

Associated with the element of fire, the suit of wands represents passion, inspiration and willpower. The wands imbue their users with primal energy, for it is through them that the cycle of creation can begin. Because of their ability to bring energy into any situation, they are also associated with action, ambition and making plans.

Minor Arcana (Cups)

Name	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning
Ace of Cups	love, new feelings, emotional awakening, creativity, spirituality, intuition	coldness, emptiness, emotional loss, blocked creativity, feeling unloved, gloominess
Two of Cups	unity, partnership, attraction, connection, close bonds, joining forces, mutual respect	separation, rejection, division, imbalance, tension, bad communication, withdrawal
Three of Cups	friendship, community, gatherings, celebrations, group events, social events	gossip, scandal, excess, isolation, loneliness, solitude, imbalanced social life
Four of Cups	apathy, contemplation, feeling disconnected, melancholy, boredom, indifference, discontent	clarity, awareness, acceptance, choosing happiness, depression, negativity
Five of Cups	loss, grief, disappointment, sadness, mourning, discontent, feeling let down	acceptance, moving on, finding peace, contentment, seeing positives

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Minor Arcana (Cups) (cont)		
Six of Cups	nostalgia, memories, familiarity, healing, comfort, sentimentality, pleasure	stuck in past, moving forward, leaving home, independence
Seven of Cups	choices, searching for purpose, illusion, fantasy, daydreaming, wishful thinking, indecision	lack of purpose, disarray, confusion, diversion, distractions, clarity, making choices
Eight of Cups	abandonment, walking away, letting go, searching for truth, leaving behind	stagnation, monotony, accepting less, avoidance, fear of change, staying in bad situation
Nine of Cups	wishes coming true, contentment, satisfaction, success, achievements, recognition, pleasure	unhappiness, lack of fulfilment, disappointment, underachievement, arrogance, snobbery
Ten of Cups	happiness, homecomings, fulfilment, emotional stability, security, domestic harmony	unhappy home, separation, domestic conflict, disharmony, isolation

Minor Arcana (Cups) (cont)		
Page of Cups	idealism, sensitivity, dreamer, naïveté, innocence, inner child, head in the clouds	emotional vulnerability, immaturity, neglecting inner child, escapism, insecurity
Knight of Cups	idealist, charming, artistic, graceful, tactful, diplomatic, mediator, negotiator	disappointment, tantrums, moodiness, turmoil, avoiding conflict, vanity
Queen of Cups	compassion, warmth, kindness, intuition, healer, counsellor, supportive	insecurity, giving too much, overly-sensitive, needy, fragile, dependence, martyrdom
King of Cups	wise, diplomatic, balance between head and heart, devoted, advisor, counsellor	overwhelmed, anxious, cold, repressed, withdrawn, manipulative, selfish

The suit of cups rules over all that is associated with emotions, the unconscious, creativity, and intuition. They frequently talk about relationships, whether romantic or otherwise, and one's imagination and inner world. They are associated with the element of water, which becomes a frequent visual theme within this suit.

Minor Arcana (Swords)		
Name	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning
Ace of Swords	clarity, breakthrough, new idea, concentration, vision, force, focus, truth	confusion, miscommunication, hostility, arguments, destruction, brutality
Two of Swords	stalemate, difficult choices, stuck in the middle, denial, hidden information	indecision, hesitancy, anxiety, too much information, no right choice, truth revealed
Three of Swords	heartbreak, separation, sadness, grief, sorrow, upset, loss, trauma, tears	healing, forgiveness, recovery, reconciliation, repressing emotions
Four of Swords	rest, relaxation, peace, sanctuary, recuperation, self-protection, rejuvenation	recovery, awakening, re-entering world, release from isolation, restlessness, burnout
Five of Swords	arguments, disputes, aggression, bullying, intimidation, conflict, hostility, stress	reconciliation, resolution, compromise, revenge, regret, remorse, cutting losses

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Minor Arcana (Swords) (cont)		
Six of Swords	moving on, departure, leaving behind, distance, accepting lessons	stuck in past, returning to trouble, running away from problems, trapped
Seven of Swords	lies, trickery, scheming, strategy, resourcefulness, sneakiness, cunning	confession, conscience, regret, maliciousness, truth revealed
Eight of Swords	trapped, restricted, victimised, paralysed, helpless, powerless, imprisonment	freedom, release, taking control, survivor, facing fears, empowered, surrender
Nine of Swords	fear, anxiety, negativity, breaking point, despair, nightmares, isolation	recovery, learning to cope, facing life, finding help, shame, guilt, mental health issues
Ten of Swords	ruin, failure, bitterness, collapse, exhaustion, dead end, victimisation, betrayal	survival, improvement, healing, lessons learned, despair, relapse

Minor Arcana (Swords) (cont)		
Page of Swords	curious, witty, chatty, communicative, inspired, vigilant, alert, mental agility	scatterbrained, cynical, sarcastic, gossipy, insulting, rude, lack of planning
Knight of Swords	assertive, direct, impatient, intellectual, daring, focused, perfectionist, ambitious	rude, tactless, forceful, bully, aggressive, vicious, ruthless, arrogant
Queen of Swords	honest, independent, principled, fair, constructive criticism, objective, perceptive	pessimistic, malicious, manipulative, harsh, bitter, spiteful, cruel, deceitful, unforgiving
King of Swords	reason, authority, discipline, integrity, morality, serious, high standards, strict	irrational, dictator, oppressive, inhumane, controlling, cold, ruthless, dishonest

The swords is the suit of intelligence, logic, truth, ambition, conflict and communication. It is associated with the element of air. In readings, these cards focus on the faculty and power of intellect, which like the swords themselves, are double-edged.

Minor Arcana (Pentacles)		
Name	Upright Meaning	Reversed Meaning
Ace of Pentacles	new opportunities, resources, abundance, prosperity, security, stability, manifestation	missed chances, scarcity, deficiency, instability, stinginess, bad investments
Two of Pentacles	balancing resources, adaptation, resourcefulness, flexibility, stretching resources	imbalance, unorganised, overwhelmed, messiness, chaos, overextending
Three of Pentacles	teamwork, shared goals, collaboration, apprenticeship, effort, pooling energy	lack of cohesion, lack of teamwork, apathy, poor motivation, conflict, ego, competition
Four of Pentacles	possessiveness, insecurity, hoarding, stinginess, stability, security, savings, materialism, wealth, frugality, boundaries, guardedness	generosity, giving, spending, openness, financial insecurity, reckless spending

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Minor Arcana (Pentacles) (cont)

Five of Pentacles	hardship, loss, isolation, feeling abandoned, adversity, struggle, unemployment, alienation, disgrace	positive changes, recovery from loss, overcoming adversity, forgiveness, feeling welcomed
Six of Pentacles	generosity, charity, community, material help, support, sharing, giving and receiving, gratitude	power dynamics, abuse of generosity, strings attached gifts, inequality, extortion
Seven of Pentacles	harvest, rewards, results, growth, progress, perseverance, patience, planning	unfinished work, procrastination, low effort, waste, lack of growth, setbacks, impatience, lack of reward
Eight of Pentacles	skill, talent, craftsmanship, quality, high standards, expertise, mastery, commitment, dedication, accomplishment	lack of quality, rushed job, bad reputation, lack of motivation, mediocrity, laziness, low skill, dead-end job

Minor Arcana (Pentacles) (cont)

Nine of Pentacles	rewarded efforts, success, achievement, independence, leisure, material security, self-sufficiency	being guarded, living beyond means, material instability, reckless spending, superficiality
Ten of Pentacles	legacy, roots, family, ancestry, inheritance, windfall, foundations, privilege, affluence, stability, tradition	family disputes, bankruptcy, debt, fleeting success, conflict over money, instability, breaking traditions
Page of Pentacles	ambitious, diligent, goal oriented, planner, consistent, star student, studious, grounded, loyal, faithful, dependable	foolish, immature, irresponsible, lazy, underachiever, procrastinator, missed chances, poor prospects
Knight of Pentacles	practical, reliable, efficient, stoic, slow and steady, hard-working, committed, patient, conservative	workaholic, laziness, dull, boring, no initiative, cheap, irresponsible, gambler, risky investments

Minor Arcana (Pentacles) (cont)

Queen of Pentacles	generous, caring, nurturing, homebody, good business sense, practical, comforting, welcoming, sensible, luxurious	selfish, unkempt, jealous, insecure, greedy, materialistic, gold digger, intolerant, self-absorbed, envious
King of Pentacles	abundance, prosperity, security, ambitious, safe, kind, patriarchal, protective, businessman, provider, sensual, reliable	greed, materialistic, wasteful, chauvinist, poor financial decisions, gambler, exploitative, possessive

The pentacles is the suit of all things worldly and material. Though we will immediately think of the pentacles as relating to financial matters, we also can understand them as being associated with security, stability, nature, health, and prosperity. The pentacles are of earth element.

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