

Tarot Cards Meanings

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The Fool and The Magician

Optimism and Guidance

The inquirer starts a spiritual journey with enthusiasm and confidence. The magician shows how to use new opportunities and warns about dangers. The Fool's optimism is appeased by the Magician's caution and knowledge of the world.

The Fool (Le Mat) represents a new beginning and has great potential. This situation requires courage and some risk taking. The inquirer must accept all the consequences of this challenge. This card depicts a young and careless man that starts a journey apparently unaware of the fact that his next step can lead him in a precipice. We see here great new opportunities, confidence and idealism but also foolishness and recklessness.

Upright: Optimism, innocence, new beginning, spontaneity, serendipity, new start, journey, creativity, confidence.

Reversed: Risk, poor judgment, rushed decision, naiveté, unexpected problems.

The Magician (Le Bateleur) has the control of the four elements and of the material world.

He has great confidence in his capabilities to manipulate the matters to his advantage but he must be careful not to become arrogant and manipulative.

Upright: Achiever, ability to take decisions and creative action. Self-confidence. Using knowledge and abilities. Technology user. Adaptation, creativity.

Reversed: Indecision, blocked creativity, frustration, delays. Arrogance, overconfidence. Manipulation.

The High Priestess and The Empress

Intuition and Harmony

Both these cards may represent an important woman and the feminine side of the querent.

The **High Priestess** (La Papesse) indicates the intuitive abilities, hidden feelings and spiritual knowledge. Dreams and symbols help intuition and you might discover unexpected talents.

Learning is encouraged and some hidden knowledge may be unveiled. The world of symbols and dreams offers new possibilities of learning and your intuition will guide you to tell the truth from the deception.

Upright: Intuition. Spiritual power. Hidden influences. Mysteries. Premonitory Dreams. Subconscious knowledge. Sexless love. Changeable moods.

Reversed: Loosing contact with inner needs. Repressed feelings. Hidden enemies. Out of control emotions.

The Empress (L'Imperatrice) represents the fecundity and the harmony of the natural world. She is mother earth and she brings abundance and growth.

This card heralds a period of creativity and prosperity and is linked to the enjoyment of simple sensual pleasures. Emotional and material needs will be satisfied. The Empress announces good luck in a marriage and to those who start a family.

Upright: The mother. Creativity. Nourishment. Nurturing. Fruitful action. Prosperity. Abundance. Comfort. Marriage. Fertility.

Reversed: Blocked creativity. Frustration. Miscarriage, abortion, infertility. Loveless sex. Scarcity.

The Emperor and The Hierophant

Control and Order

These two cards represent the enforcement of order.

The Emperor (L'Empereur) embodies the discipline, willpower and the need to control the material world. The inquirer is in a position of strength, is self-confident and ambitious.

This card signifies the self control and ethical code needed to succeed. The Emperor is all about action and control of the situation but he needs inner strength to get where he wants. This card can also represent a person, powerful, authoritative and practical but, in the worst case bossy and oppressive.

Upright: The father. Power, control, order and stability. Rational thinking. An influential man. A Powerful person. A job promotion. Ambition. Self-control. Material wealth. Leadership. Stability. Logic. Social status.
Reversed: Lack of discipline. Immaturity. Refusal to grow up. Peter Pan complex. Repression. Power abuse

The Hierophant (Le Pape) is a spiritual guide, it represents the need for wisdom and philosophical research. The inquirer is in search of a superior knowledge and may need study and discipline to attain it.

Maybe a mentor is about to enter your life to give you a new direction. If a choice is required, think outside the box.

Upright: Tradition. Orthodoxy. Conventional wisdom. Wise counselor or mentor. Spiritual authority. Organized religion. Institutions. Teaching and learning. Religious ceremony, wedding.

Reversed: Dogmatism. Religious extremism. Fanaticism. Religious Fundamentalist. Rebellion against the rules. Bad counseling.

The Lovers and The Chariot Choices and Opposing Forces

The Lovers (L'Amoureux) card heralds the need of an important choice but not necessarily in your love life.

This card represents an important decision, it can be a choice between love and career or between two possible partners. It will be a difficult and possibly painful election and it will require all your caution and attention. You'll be able to find the right answer listening to your intuition more than your rationality.

Upright: Choice. An important decision. Union. Duality. Attraction. Romance and love. Commitment and marriage.

Reversed: Adultery. Wrong choices. Impatience. Infidelity. Difficult relationship. Divorce or separation. Unsolved conflict. Indecision. Jealousy.

An existing relationship may have to be reconsidered but if it survives this challenge it will come out stronger and more important than before.

With **The Chariot** (Le Chariot) card is stressed the need for self control and willpower because two strong, opposing forces must be kept under control.

The two horses represent vitality and they must be harmonized to proceed forward. If this difficult task is accomplished, you'll triumph and attain your goals.

Upright: Determination. Control. Balance of opposites. Focus. Progress. Ambition. Triumph over difficulties. Achievement. Motion. Transportation and vehicles.

Reversed: Lack of direction and ambition. Loss of control. Addiction. Waste of energy. Insecurity. Bossiness. Canceled or delayed travel.

The Justice and The Hermit

Balance and Meditation

The Justice (La Justice) reflects balance and moderation, a difficult situation has to be carefully considered before taking a final decision. A moral or legal victory can be expected. If a firm attitude is maintained, justice will prevail. Life is often unpredictable but at the end some form of justice can be seen.

Upright: Balance, equilibrium. Legal affairs. Arbitration. Order. Careful choices. Rationality. Legal agreements.
Reversed: Unfair trial. Delayed justice. False accusations. Difficult negotiations. Failing an exam.

When **The Hermit** (L'Heremite) appears, the inquirer might need a pause of reflection. Retiring from the outside noise and a moment of quiet solitude is in order.

Meditation, study and reflection will help spiritual growth. The Hermit's lamp will clarify some hidden truth and direct to the right path to follow. This card stresses the need of study and meditation to find inner peace and feel at ease with oneself.

The hermit can also represent a real person, an older, wiser man or woman may offer assistance and advice.

Upright: Meditation. Solitude. Contemplation. Patience. Self-discovery. Reassessment and planning. Retreat.

Reversed: Loneliness. Obstinance and refusal to listen. Self absorption and deception. Rejecting sensible advice.

The Wheel of Fortune and The Strength Beginning and Resources

The **Wheel of Fortune** (La Rue de Fortune) suggests a sudden turn of events and a new beginning and The Strength represents the inner resources we need to face new challenges.

The Wheel of Fortune tarot card is the forces that are beyond our control, the inquirer arrived at the end of a cycle and is about to face new realities. Unexpected changes are about to happen and the consequences of this upheaval are difficult to take in and even measure.

The changes could be about work or personal relationship but in any event it is time to let go of the past and proceed forward. New challenges and new opportunities are on the way.

Upright: Lucky change. Opportunity. Open door. Ups and downs of fortune. A fortunate event. The end of a phase and the beginning of a new one.

Reversed: Unlucky turn. Disappointment. Recession. Downside cycle. Resistance to change.

The Strength (La Force) tarot card tells us about inner confidence and determination. Controlled energy is needed to master a difficult situation or your personal demons. To make your projects reality you'll have to call all your resources of self-confidence and courage.

An unexpected surge of creative energies is about to propel you forward and you might discover unsuspected abilities. This new energy will reinforce your self-esteem and your capacity to tame complex situations and wild beasts.

Upright: Inner strength, honesty, loyalty and reliability. Self-confidence and discipline. Courage. Energy. Action. Recovery after an illness.

Reversed: Fear, insecurity, weakness. Illness. Self-doubt and lack of confidence.

The Hanged Man and The Death Pause and Transformation

These cards may worry the inquirer but in fact they herald change, not a tragic event.

The Hanged Man (Le Pendu), despite the sinister image, represents a static situation in which decision and action are suspended.

The inquirer is in a kind of suspended state, unable to modify his or her position. This uncomfortable situation is often accompanied by uncomfortable feelings of anxiety.

Maybe there is the need of a conscious and willing sacrifice to gain a superior benefit. The knowledge obtained with sacrifice could bring a spiritual betterment. Seeing things upside down or from a different angle can bring a new insight.

Upright: Suspension. Taking time. See things from a different angle.

Sacrifice for a higher good. Wisdom, contemplation. Patience.

Reversed: Meaningless sacrifice. Useless deprivation. A causeless martyr.

Apathy. Poor decisions. Inability to make necessary sacrifices. Refusing inevitable change.

The Death (La Mort) is not omen of tragic events, it heralds a new phase in your life. The inquirer may need courage to leave behind old and unsatisfying relationships or lifestyles.

There is the opportunity for change and a new life. The Death can symbolize a new start like a marriage or a new job. It is wise to accept the new challenge, embrace the change and let go of the past.

Upright: Transformation. Sudden and unexpected change. Entering a new phase of life. Liberation. Renewal and rebirth. Grieving a loss.

Reversed: Resistance to inevitable change. Inertia. Stagnation. Fear of change. Depression.

The Temperance and The Devil

Moderation and Frustration

The Temperance (La Temperance) suggests the need of a balanced and serene behavior with other people. It is important to be patient and understanding, moderation is the keyword.

Extreme positions and impulsive reactions can seriously damage the inquirer's relationships and progress. Blending differences, helping and being help is important for a satisfying social life.

This card encourages a moderate behavior, excessive spending or extreme lifestyles should be reconsidered. Positive change leads to a more balanced and happier life.

Upright: Moderation. Blending. Tolerance. Merging. Balance. Healing. Syntheses. Cooperation. Harmony. Artistic creativity.

Reversed: Extremism. Disagreements. Moodiness. Unleashed passions. Unbalanced emotions. Overindulgence and addictions.

The Devil (Le Diable) represents a situation that limits and frustrates the inquirer. It is important to remember that there is always a way out of any trap.

Sometimes we create our own prisons and acknowledging our own limitation can free us from the cage we made for ourselves. It is important to identify our mistakes or bad habits to get rid of them.

The challenge is to find the courage to reject unhealthy relationships or our own negative attitudes.

Upright: Greed. Lust. Indulgence and addiction. Obsessions and unchecked passions. Excessive attachment to the material world. Inordinate exuberance.

Reversed: Release. Positive attitude. Freedom from chains. Overcoming fears and phobias.

The Tower and The Star

Upheaval and Hope

The Tower (La Maison de Dieu) heralds a dramatic upturn. A period of confusion may lay ahead but from this chaos a new order will emerge. The change can be about the working life, about romantic relationships or living conditions but it will be sudden and unexpected. The consequences of this upheaval depend in great part on the capacity of the inquirer to react and to adapt to new situations.

You'll benefit from your ability to see things in a different perspective and to abandon situations that limit growth and improvement. Once the veil of illusions will be removed from your eyes, you'll be able to start with renewed awareness.

Upright: Collapse. Awakening, sudden revelation. Illumination. Shocking and unexpected change. Transformation. Loss of a safe heaven.

Reversed: Upheaval, chaos, disruption. Captivity.

The Star (L'Etoile) appears as a guiding light in the chaos. It is an omen of hope, good fortune and confidence in the future. This card can indicate recovering physical, mental or spiritual health.

Self-confidence and hope are restored and you begin to see the light at the end of a tunnel. Take heart in difficult times and follow the guiding light of the star, help and relief is on the way.

Upright: Hope. Optimism. Peace. Inspiration. Harmony. Protection, comfort and relief. Restoration. Healing.

Reversed: Unjustified pessimism, disappointment. Delays. Anxiety. Depression.

The Moon and The Sun

Illusion and Success

Both these cards represent some form of achievement.

The Moon (La Lune) is telling us that, after a time of confusion, we are ready to discover something hidden inside ourselves. Intuition, dreams and inspiration become important in your life but he or she must be aware of the possibility of self-deception: things are not always what they appear. The light of the moon is misleading and can create confusion and a state of uncertainty. By another hand this situation can bring great creativity if you are able to recognize and embrace your needs, dreams and intuitions.

Upright: Mystery, secrets. Illusion. Deception. Intuition, imagination and hidden emotions. Dreams.

Reversed: Lunacy. Deception. Depression. Illusions and daydreaming. Hidden motives. Trickery and insincerity. Nightmares.

The Sun (Le Soleil) heralds success and achievement. You are about to enjoy your accomplishments after hard work. Sunlight brings the energy, creativity and enthusiasm necessary to reach your goals. You'll have the necessary self-confidence to start new projects and enough strength to dare and fight for what you love.

A sunny influence shines also on marriage, love and career. The Sun promises a period of creativity, prosperity, success and achievements.

Upright: Happiness, vitality. Success. Fulfillment. Exuberance, joy and creativity. Friendship. Health. Energy. Marriage and children.

Reversed: Delay. Arrogance. Egotism.

The Judgement and The World

Opportunity and Reward

The Judgement (Le Jugement) represents the need to come to terms with the past to look ahead and progress. The inquirer must look at his or her life with detachment and evaluate it.

It is important to forgive our own mistakes and failures and, at the same time accept them as necessary to our growth. Only if we accept ourselves, we'll be able to overcome negative thoughts that limit our potential.

This card reminds us that we'll reap what we sow and if we acted correctly, we can expect our reward in a material or spiritual sense. The judgement can herald a physical or psychological renewal, you may recover your health or experience a spiritual awakening.

Upright: Rebirth, rejuvenation. A transition. Rite of passage. An important choice. Graduation.

Reversed: Delayed decision. Fear of change.

The World (Le Monde) is the end of the Fool's journey, it represents satisfaction and achievement. This card marks the end of a cycle and the beginning of a new phase.

You made your dreams reality or you may have reached a state of contentment and well being through difficulties and obstacles.

The World can also be read as the beginning of a new phase in your life with new challenges and opportunities for growth and improvement.

Upright: Completion, fulfillment. Triumph. Wholeness. Liberation. End of a cycle.

Reversed: Unfinished projects. Frustration.



LE PAPE.



L'ETOILE.



LE BATELEUR.



LE MAT.



L'EMPEREUR.



LA MAISON DE DIEU.



L'HERMITE.



LA FORCE.



L'IMPERATRICE.



LE MONDE.



L'AMOUREUX.



LE DIABLE.



LA MORT.



LA TEMPERANCE.



LA LUNE.



LE SOLEIL.



LE JUGEMENT.



LA ROUE DE FORTUNE.



LA JUSTICE.



LE PENDU.



LA PAPESSE.



LE CHARIOT.