

0/22 THE FOOL

The Beggar, The Wildman, The Woodwose

Element: Air Planet: Uranus

Basic Meaning: Openness, Freedom, Fearlessness

Reversed: Folly, Madness, Delusion

With his ragged, though festive, clothes, bare feet enjoying the feel of the earth, and red feathers of lively spirit in his hair, The Fool reminds us of the unlimited possibility of every journey. He strides toward the unknown with his bundle and staff, his own personal burden of all he is, and all he has the potential to be within. His trusty dog is at his side to warn him of pitfalls.

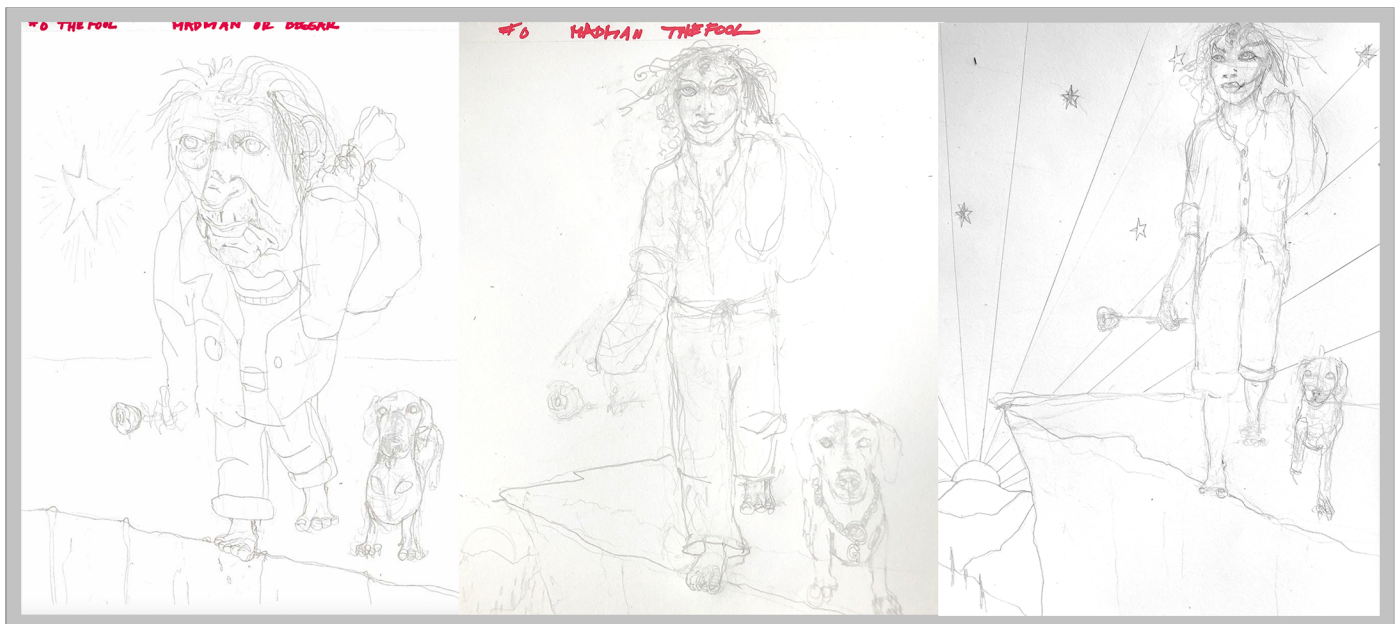
The Fool advises us to be open and unattached. He challenges us to question convention and authority, but also cautions that “it is cold outside the box”. He is the Holy Fool and ultimately, wiser than man.

We must remember that The Fool is at risk of a blind misstep off the cliff, or a tumble into the unknown, on the journey towards wisdom and self-knowledge. The Fool can fall prey to folly, madness, or just a simple lack of good sense. His naivety and delusions can result in loss, poverty, and deprivation. Unfinished, immature, and ignorant, he can be plagued with vanity, apathy, and negligence. Sometimes he is forlorn and abandoned.

But at his most positive, The Fool represents the great openness and possibility at the beginning of every journey and situation. He reminds us that we don't have to have the answers now, we just must be open to the learning.

He teaches us that sometimes, we have to release our demands and expectations, and just be wild and alive and free, with a lust for life and adventure. Vulnerable and spontaneous, he is an innocent soul, untainted by society and its failings.

He teaches us to hold in our hearts the potential for sublime fulfillment.



Preliminary sketches for The Fool

1 THE BATELEUR

The Magician, The Magus, The Mountebank

Element: Air Planet: Mercury

Basic Meaning: Skill, Potential, Transformation

Reversed: Chaos, Insanity, Manipulation

The Crown Deck's version of The Magician card is inspired by the Bateleur Eagle of Sub-Saharan Africa. It is the only member of its genus. It takes its name from the French word for street performers, similar to the Italian Mountebank. Its dramatic red face and feet, in conjunction with its remarkable aerial prowess, have contributed to its revered place in African mythology. Here he is shown with items representing all the suits of Tarot and the infinity symbol as a hat.

Unique and special, the Bateleur can use all the tools: Wands (fire/the will), Cups (water/the soul), Swords (air/the mind), and Coins (earth/the body). He points to heaven and earth, and is the divine manifested in the mortal. Infinity rests upon his head.

He has all the skills, focus, and potential to surpass the plausible. To be singular. To become one with oneself. The magician is center stage. Fueled by creative purpose, he achieves his desires through alchemical willpower. He is the source of power but he does not serve his ego, he is the conduit for spiritual inspiration made manifest.

He represents self-confidence, will power, and ability. He expands upon that talent with the free-association of a jazz musician and the open-mindedness of a mad scientist.

2 THE POPESS

The High Priestess, The Wise Woman

Element: Water Planet: Moon

Basic Meaning: Wisdom, The Inner Voice, Multitasking
Reversed: Conceit, Surface Knowledge, Ardor without Meaning

A symbol of secrets and hidden influence, The Popess is Saint Joan, a woman disguised as a man. Pomegranates and palms symbolize the fruitfulness of spiritual life. She wears the three-fold moon crown of Isis, representing the three stages of womanhood. The book in her hands is the story of our lives and the word of the Divine. The cross at her heart marks where the soul gathers impressions. She sits between the Pillars of Boaz and Jachin, that can also signify God and the Devil.

The Popess requires that we have self-guidance, and advocates that we are our own soothsayer. Deep contemplation gives significance and consequence to our thoughts, words, and deeds. It grants us access to our inner life and spiritual mystery.

After careful contemplation and meditation, stick to your own opinion. What you think and believe will become your reality. Thoughts influence actions. Cultivate the skill to perceive, sort, and understand your dreams, feelings, and intuition.

The Popess represents wisdom, secrets, mysteries, and the untold future. She advises us to honor our spiritual practice. She represents not permission to abandon the world, but instead to bring the Spiritual World into the Material.

She is youth, maturity, and age. She is the center path that mediates between masculine and feminine, positive and negative, dark and light. She is a reminder to find equilibrium between opposites, balance. Use compassion and intuition. Choose empathy and tenderness. Don't be afraid to feel.

3 THE EMPRESS

The Cosmic Mother, The Queen, The Benefactress

Element: Earth Planet: Venus

Basic Meaning: Feminine Power, Nature, Fertility

Reversed: Failure of Complex Systems, Barrenness, Destruction

The Crown Deck Empress holds the scepter of Venus, whose form is both the circle and the cross, the body and the soul. Her starry crown pulls from the heavens to shower the earth, and her throne rests in the wheatfield of her nourishing nature. The red robes are a sign of her passion, the gray heart on her shield signifies her calm and lack of prejudice.

The Empress rules over creativity, nature, and growth. She is fecund with life, ideas, and desire. Children, art, and nature are her domain. Remember that fruitfulness comes in many forms. She is the exquisite beauty of the natural world, the glory of the senses, the pleasures of the flesh, and expanse of the mystic mind.

She represents fertility, creativity, and abundance. She is divine feminine power; sexual, creative, and nurturing. She embodies action and leadership. She is the Benefactress, the gentle power, the power of the pussy, incarnate.

As she embodies Nature and Natural Law, she also possesses the tremendous violent power to correct imbalance, to rage and storm and destroy, ultimately recycling energies back into a nascent state.



Preliminary sketch for The Empress

4 THE EMPEROR

The Cosmic Father, The King

Element: Fire Planet: Mars
Zodiac: Aries

Basic Meaning: Masculine Power, Authority, Experience
Reversed: Immaturity, Impotence, Neglect

The Emperor, embodiment of masculinity, strength, and control, sits on his throne bedecked with four ram's heads, symbols of Aries and renewal. He holds the ankh, the key of life, stylized symbol of the male sex organ. He holds in his other hand a golden orb, symbol of eternity and abundance. His armor is testament to both his chivalrous nature and the arrogance of his power. The golden crown, his authority, acknowledging none higher, but also representative of his higher consciousness, the crown chakra.

He is law maker and regulator. Structure and control create security and stability. He protects and commands. His is the absolute authority and he correctly uses his power, wise and compassionate, without abuse. He is the irresistible, virile power to match the Empress' fecund nature.

He represents strong will and intellect. His is the realm of knowledge, discipline, strategy, and law. His deep psychological deduction eliminates errors arising from superficial interpretations.

He reminds us to find within ourselves the authority, the natural nobility, to act with confidence and competence.

5 THE POPE

The Hierophant, The High Priest, The Shaman

Element: Earth Planet: Venus

Zodiac: Taurus

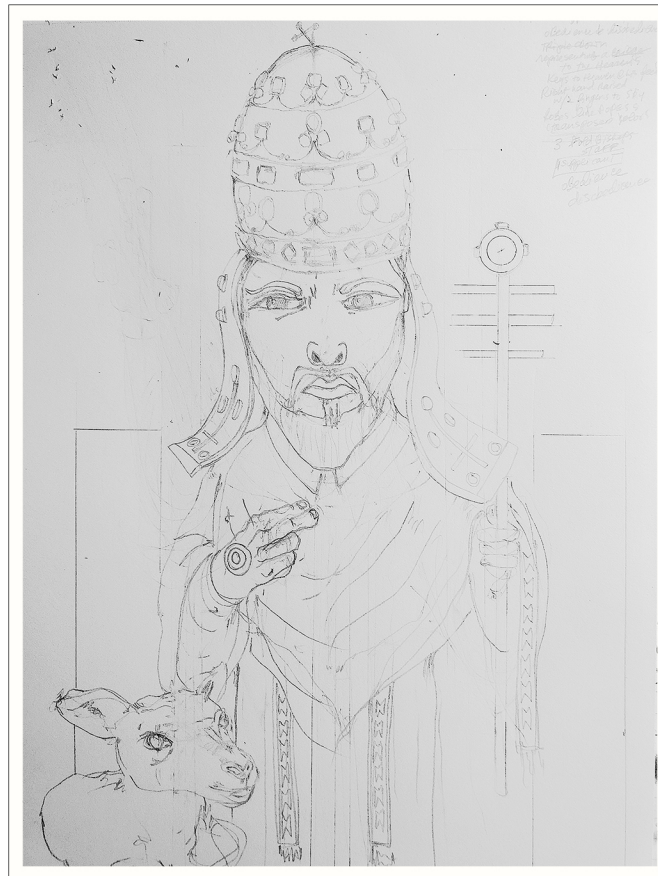
Basic Meaning: Divine Wisdom, Spiritual Authority, Tradition

Reversed: Misinformation, Chicanery, Rebellion

The Pope embodies wisdom, inspiration, and spirituality. Seated between the pillars of Law and Liberty, Obedience and Disobedience, he wears the triple crown symbolic of a bridge to God. The keys to heaven are at his feet, and his right hand is raised to heaven. He carries the three-fold bishop's staff, for he is the supreme shepherd. The sheep are the supplicants at his feet.

He is the spiritual authority and determines what is sacred. He is the balance between the intellect and the inner mind. He encourages deep thought, careful consideration, and rational debate before action. Contemplate the quandry that without tradition, there is no stable structure to rebel against!

He believes in the core value of being a meticulous student but tells us to find the path within ourselves. We cannot always expect to learn the truth from others, or books, or even to see it in the world outside us. The truth, the mystery, the miracles, are within ourselves, not without. We all have the divine spark which is holy in every human. If we reveal what is sacred inside us, we can be spiritual teachers to another. This imparts to us the importance of masters becoming mentors.



Preliminary sketch for The Pope

6 THE LOVERS

Element: Air Planet: Mercury
Zodiac: Gemini

Basic Meaning: Love, Union of Opposite Energies, Choice
Reversed: Perversion, Possession, Narcissism

The man holds the fire of life (willpower incarnate), and the woman's hair is twined with apples from of the tree of knowledge deeply rooted in the earth, in the laws of nature. The serpent coils around her and becomes a tattoo on her shoulder, indicating both wisdom and temptation. Though both nude, they shield and protect each other. The children, boy and girl, naked and innocent, but full of curiosity, sit before mysterious boxes. The boy has not opened his, is he afraid or wise? The girl has, and out flies an angel. Has she opened Pandora's Box, or set free untold potential?

The Lovers embody relationships, the dualism of joint creation and personal freedom. Love, affection, sexuality. Loyalty, commitment, the balance of self-love and surrender. Whether it is children or something else, a relationship must create in order to last. We must dive into them with a sense of wonder.

The Lovers reminds us of the sacred, electric polarities of life: male and female, nature and will, fire and earth, wisdom and folly. The marriage of opposites, the harmonious merging of the sacred and the profane, yin and yang, a prayer and a sacrifice.

Ultimately, The Lovers is about irreversible choice. You cannot unmake bad decisions. There are consequences to innocence lost. The expulsion from paradise and the return to it. The Lovers speak to the difficulties of balancing our attachments to the territory of the self with the necessity to serve, and give, and sacrifice, to be available for love.

7 THE CHARIOT

Element: Water Planet: Mercury
Zodiac: Cancer

Basic Meaning: The Path, Action, Triumph
Reversed: Apathy, Hesitation, Defeat

The red race car, a very choice chariot indeed; the rearing horses, ready to charge ahead; the laughing and crying moons in the canopy of stars, the harmony and discord of our soul's experiences set against the freedom of the night. The Chariot takes us on the path to our personal destiny.

We are propelled by conscious effort and the effects of Karma. The influence of the unconscious and the forging of our past map our route. The Chariot is both our armor and our drive to victory. It is our independence and our personal truth. It is our very personality.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. The Chariot is a call to action. It encourages momentum and the domination of all that would stop your forward progress. Face the wind. Step into it with courage and willpower. Have discipline and commitment, see your spot, find your line, attack the apex, use the momentum to speed forward on the difficult, but rewarding, road ahead.

Be fluid and receptive. Stay light on your feet and ready to move. Drive the road, don't let the road drive you.

8 STRENGTH

Fortitude, Lust

Element: Fire Planet: The Sun

Zodiac: Leo

Basic Meaning: Courage, Wildness, Harmony

Reversed: Weakness, Obeisance, Abuse

Beauty and the Beast. Little Red and the Wolf. She knows fear will not serve her, and so she ceases to be afraid. She places her hand between his jaws and plucks the burrs from his coat. Their salvation and their demise dependent upon each other's actions. It is a recognition of our strengths and weaknesses. Bravery in the face of adversity. Compassion and patience can often be the strength needed to overcome obstacles. We must build trust.

This card is sometimes called Lust. We have two centers of lust, our groin and our mind, wildness and wisdom. This aspect of our nature increases our vitality and appetite for life, our ecstasy. Our wildness is essential to our true nature and allows us to be whole. Deny it and lose a vital part of yourself. Your beast has all the instinct needed to survive. Neither can you control the beast, nor let it control you, rather you must work together to persist and thrive in the world. Channel your unfettered, untamed self to triumph over adversity and express it in your creativity. This card is about the energetic harmonics of the feminine soul and the masculine primal will.

We must accept ourselves fully to resolve the conflicts within us, then we have the strength to act in whatever way the situation demands. The vigor of our body and the centeredness of our mind allows us to endure. Focus on the moment, be present, stand.

9 THE HERMIT

THE SAGE

Element: Earth Planet: Mercury
Zodiac: Virgo

Basic Meaning: Solitude, Contemplation, Authentic Truth
Reversed: Attachment, Confusion, Inability to Answer Questions

The Hermit's gaze is directed toward both inward and outward contemplation. The six pointed star is the divine light that resides within us all and shines for us during dark times. The Hermit's star lights the path for those below.

The Hermit illustrates the need for quiet and solitude to contemplate and resolve the complex and confusing questions that plague us. They are both a seeker and a guide. They are unafraid of the treacherous path and the darkness within. They require all Action to be aligned to Authentic Truth.

The Hermit seeks to live life in the experience of something greater than themselves and the mundane. The relinquishment and sacrifice of worldly desires and objects is seen as a key to transcendental enlightenment and the highest possible state of bliss. Renounce the material to achieve the spiritual. Sacrifice without regret.

In our lives, this might be interpreted as relinquishing certain dearly held desires, the release of unimportant burdens, the need to find an independent pathway to the Spiritual, or simply the necessity of withdrawing momentarily from outside distraction to address existing problems. Sometimes we just need to get our lives sorted out and stop avoiding our issues.

Take a moment to live in Ritual, Cosmic Time, away from clocks and schedules, calendars and appointments. A moment to live in the Now and the Flow. Don't be afraid of being alone. Take the time and solitude to be relaxed and open with your fears, problems, and questions. Once you know them, take informed, empowered action.

10 ROTA FORTUNA

The Wheel Of Fortune, Fate, Chance

Element: Fire Planet: Jupiter

Basic Meaning: The Consistency of Change
Connections, Inevitability, Chance, Diversity, Multiplicity

The blindfolded Sphinx knows the impartial answers to all life's riddles. Rota Fortuna illustrates both change and the eternal returns inherent in cycles. The Sphinx (bull-earth, lion-fire, angel-air, eagle-water) and the wheel itself, with its alchemical characters (mercury, sulfur, water and salt) and rainbow of colors, are comprised of elementary parts that make the whole. Diversity and unity, the connections between all aspects of life.

Coincidences may not be that at all. The rim and hub of the wheel reminds us of the inner and outer worlds. Around "here", rolls "there". On the left of the wheel, the snake represents the life force descending to the earthly plane, and on the right, Anubis takes the souls upward to the afterworld. And on the hub perches the Sphinx, representing knowledge and strength, blindfolded for indiscriminate fairness.

Happiness must be recognized. It is a matter of enlightenment that allows us to see the opportunity in what fate provides.

The nature of this card means that there are truly no reverse meanings as the cycle is in constant revolution. Change is constant. Transformation is continual. What is down, rotates up, and what is up, rotates down. Continuously. This too shall pass. Adapt. Much of it is out of our control, but we still need to show up.

11 JUSTICE

The Scales

Element: Air Planet: Venus

Zodiac: Libra

Basic Meaning: Balance, Ethics, Fairness

Reversed: Delusion, Bias, Chaos

With her classical weapons of the intellect - the scales to evaluate and the sword to implement - Justice sits ready to bring order out of chaos. She is the judge and the rule of law. Her scales weigh and assess logic and emotion. Her sword metes out the judgment, the double edge, symbolizing impartiality. Her rich red robes are the color of lifeblood, of strong emotion. The third eye set in her headdress allows her access to higher intuition.

To educate yourself on all aspects and both sides of an issue is the best path to justice. Observe, listen, go beyond the words to the deeper truth to make an impartial decision. Be warned that the deeper truth can be very uncomfortable.

She reminds us that we all have to answer to something greater than ourselves. We must carefully and consciously weigh the costs of our grand passions. She makes us ask how we can take care of our own needs as well as the needs of others.

12 THE HANGED MAN

The Sacrifice, The Thief, The Traitor

Element: Water Planet: Neptune

Basic Meaning: Inversion, Pause, Surrender
Reversed: Useless Sacrifice, Martyrdom, Rigid Perspectives

It's easy to see the Hanged Man as a sacrifice but look deeper, consider another perspective. After all, that is his message. Serene, he hangs from the World Tree with his gaze on heaven, and the roots of the tree in the underworld. The hanging is of his own volition. He sacrifices emotion (the heart) and wealth (the coins) in his pursuit of spiritual wisdom. From his inverted position, the Hanged Man's view is of heaven and thus his perspective is heavenly and transcendental. The nimbus of his spiritual insight glows around his head. His is a ritualistic, shamanistic hanging to gain enlightenment. Fulfillment through sacrifice.

A surrender to a higher power can cause a reversal in our way of life. A surrender of our territory of self can lead to a deeper bond with another person.

Sometimes it is necessary to stand on our heads to examine our beliefs and gain a completely new perspective on our world. We may require this fundamental shift in our vision to attain deeper understanding.

Our passions can lead us to great suffering or to a great, uplifting ardor. The Hanged Man represents the pause, the respite, the gap, between contemplation and the resulting choice and action.

Surrender your illusion of control. Lie in the bed you have made. Consider how you contributed to your current situation. Only then can you move forward to act productively upon it.

13 DEATH

Element: Water Planet: Pluto & Mars
Zodiac: Scorpio

Basic Meaning: Change, Release, Endings
Reversed: Stagnation, Lethargy, Somnambulism

Death reminds us that all things must end. The image of the skeleton symbolizes the piece of our physical body that lasts the longest. His armor reminds us of Death's invincibility. The flower on his flag engages us to reflect on beauty, purification, and the immortality of the soul. Death spurs us to find the radiance and joy in life.

We must let go, and this liberates us. Remember that it is the Reaper that brings in the harvest. It is time to gain rewards. Pluck the fruit that is ripe and ready.

Nostalgia and outworn loyalties should not tie you down. This is not an excuse to hurt or reject them, but you can let them go. Endings and beginnings. Death and rebirth. Change. Make space for the new, as it is never too late to begin again.

Death warns us that we must have the strength to bring about necessary, sometimes radical, change. As a rule, the Death card does not mean physical death, rather it symbolizes change and transformation. It is the continuing cycle of Creation and Destruction, the end of one thing nourishing the beginning of another. The liberation to move forward to something new because we have nothing left to lose.

14 TEMPERANCE

Element: Fire Planet: Jupiter
Zodiac: Sagittarius

Basic Meaning: Improvement, Balance, Refinement
Reversed: Unrealistic Perfection, False Ideals, Bad Combinations

The sun of our higher self shines down on two disparate streams that fill our personal reserves and then overflow to mingle in a common reservoir. That pool waters a tree that reaches towards the sun and goals of improvement. The waters of our subconscious move through the dry lands of the material world and irrigate them. A path leading from stream to stream reminds us that it will always be a journey to bring the different, and sometimes conflicting, influences in our lives to a balanced confluence, to equilibrium, from which we can draw energetic power.

Temperance is about managing our resources, both the reservoirs within, and without, and reminds us that they must be replenished regularly in order to have success and happiness.

We continuously refine ourselves. Like a sword, we temper and hone in pursuit of perfection and balance. We are always, in some way, recreating ourselves. We do it through our interactions with others, and in our personal assessments of experience and information.

We must take the contractions of life in both hands and find their measure. Honestly assessing those contractions allows us to see the Truth, and that, as difficult as it may be, helps us achieve our objectives.

Both personally and for those we love, we must always move to improve ourselves, constantly honing, constantly polishing but always with patience, moderation and balance, lest we break the blade.

15 THE DEVIL

Element: Earth Planet: Saturn
Zodiac: Capricorn

Basic Meaning: Indulgence, Temptation, Control
Reversed: Meaningless Chaos, Perverse Resistance, Dysfunction

With their ambiguous genitalia, the hyenas represent the hermaphrodite, Baphomet, and the indulgence of all drives. They are chained and muzzled to prevent their baser impulses. The chains also represent our acceptance of material bonds. They are the chains that attach us to victim-hood and self-pity, the deprived child, mistreated with neglect. The hyenas are chained to the dysfunctional human shadows of a man and a woman, representing the devil's dominion over and enslavement of them through the indulgence of their vices, illustrated in the card by the cigarette smoking, booze drinking, gold and silver coveting and dueling pistols of violence. The horned skull represents everything in us which remains wild, original and unrefined - our primordial nature.

The Devil card represents indulgent, compulsive behavior, disfunction, and a "Do as thou wilt" ethos. Surrendering to the baser instincts of your own free will. The boundary of taboo has been breached.

The Devil can fuel creativity, passion, ideas, and imagination. Beautiful or repugnant, any can exalt him. Do your indulgences control you? Are you capable of resisting temptation, or do you find excuses to justify doing what you want?

Be honest in your self assessment, confront your raw desires, your gluttony, your lust. Admit to your addiction, manipulation, and impulses. Remove your mask. Face your faults, your own demons. We can only hope to rid ourselves of darkness once we have acknowledged it. We must shine light into the dark. Face the unknown and figure out how to house it.

16 THE TOWER

The House of God, The Devil's House

Element: Fire Planet: Mars

Basic Meaning: Destruction, Revelation, Revolution

Reversed: Powerlessness, Ruin, Disgrace

Has the Stone Tower been struck by lightning from the all-seeing eye, or by orgasm? The Crown, the cupola, the Mad Hatter's hat is knocked askew by the explosion. There is a loss of control by the old ruling structures and principles. A rain of fire and gold? Grace or destruction? Are the bodies falling or flying between heaven and earth? Are the hands there to catch or throw?

The lightening bolt of insight, illusions shattered, your ivory tower no longer protects you. Sudden change, the old ways must fall to make way for the new. Revolutionary transformation, radical change, you cannot resist it. The future is bursting into the present. Deal with it.

A release of great energies, catharsis, the liberation of destruction, inflamed with enthusiasm, losing balance, the burning away of pride and egotism. Any and all of these leading to a purification and a catalyst for change. Don't forget that the destruction of something results in the fall of some fortunes and the rise of others. Despair and Hope are two sides of the same coin.

17 THE STAR

Element: Air Planets: Uranus & Saturn
Zodiac: Aquarius

Basic Meaning: Spiritual Cultivation, Guidance, Illumination
Reversed: Egocentricity, Crudity, Inferiority

A nude woman, exultant. Her nudity represents her veracity, she has nothing to hide. The Star is the pure core of the soul, indestructible and inalienable. She is the Celestial Mandate.

The Star reminds us of our connection to the Divine. Our soul-self already has all the elements we need. The rest, all the put-ons and add-ons, could actually be blocking us.

Her illumination penetrates the darkness and strips the false away. She encourages clarity and reminds us to look for the purity at the core of all things. After all our struggles, her gentle gifts of an open heart, of igniting and uniting energy, of creation itself, are so very sweet.

Your connection to the Divine is your wellspring, the source of your dreams. Tap into it, and let the power and inspiration flow and nourish your creativity.

Contemplate. Be part of a larger realm than just your own space. When the star illuminates day as well as night, you will access your full splendor.

18 THE MOON

Element: Water Planet: Neptune
Zodiac: Pisces

Basic Meaning: Instinct, Intuition, Release
Reversed: Suppression, Delusion, Terror

The Dog - the tamed; the Wolf - the wild, the loyal and the feral, the dualities of human nature. The two towers are the gates of heaven, and the waters between represent all the possibilities that lay before us. The gold fireworks are the divine sparks of wandering souls traversing the great transition between heaven and earth.

The Moon's soft light insists that intuition must be your compass through the shadows. In the labyrinth of the unknown, instinct is your only guide. You must have the courage to follow it.

"The Moon card represents the ultimate test of a soul's integrity, where the membrane between the self and the unknown is removed, and the drop of individuality re-enters the ocean of being."

-Joey Albanese and Alice Card,
Zappallas, Inc, <https://www.tarot.com>

Navigating the unknown is the only way to arrive at a new level of awareness, growth and healing. Release the negative and achieve transformation. Know the difference between illusion and reality. The moon allows us to connect with the world beyond the veil and to learn from it. She gives us access to intuit the meaning of our dreams and subconscious, and to apply that knowledge from our feral selves to our civilized selves.

The Moon speaks to the Body, and the Body has its own unique, intuitive wisdom. Sometimes you must let nature carry you forward. Allow the nocturnal aspect of yourself some space, but don't lose all control of it. Cast off your awkwardness and howl at the moon.

19 THE SUN

Element: Fire Planet: Sun

Basic Meaning: Joy, Vitality, Energy
Reversed: Shame, Loneliness, Sickness

The Children play on the horse with open abandon and joy. The symbolism is simple, childhood innocence and purity and unabashed happiness. The strength and nobility of the horse carries them. The sunflowers represent nature in all its forms, and the sun rules over them with its collective knowledge. The 21 rays reflect the combined wisdom of the other Major Arcana. Nature accomplishing the function of God.

Take a childlike pleasure in your sheer existence. In the sun, your original nature can be revealed in health and safety. Let no one shame you. Allow the sun to resolve the tension between opposites.

The Sun gives strength, abundance and vitality. It is the source of power and energy. Health, ability, clarity, and confidence without ego. Optimism, positivity, childlike joy, abandonment, renewal, growth; these must be shared, for the sun warms all it touches. It channels the supreme heaven of the spirit, the true happiness of the intellect, the sacred union of the physical. Guard the sacredness of your domestic love - of family, home and hearth - in the sanctuary of your heart.

Be authentic with yourself and have no hidden motives. Honor your blessings.

20 JUDGEMENT

Element: Fire Planet: Pluto

Basic Meaning: Reflection, Evaluation, Awakening

Reversed: Blockage, Punishment, Repetition

The Angel blows his trumpet as God's messenger. He awakens the sleeping energies and brings the dead back to life. Men, women, and children emerge from their graves for final judgment. They are every personality you have ever been and every soul to which you have been deeply connected. The mountains are insurmountable and unavoidable; all must be judged.

Wake up!!!! This card symbolizes your power of self-motivation. Each and every day is Judgement Day. The inner critic must be clear about choice and consequence. We must be able to make the correct decision when the path splits in two.

We must bury the dead properly and be ready to receive the birth of the new day. One period of life ends making room for a dynamic new beginning. Make a critique of past actions and have an objective understanding of them. Judgement does not mean punishment, rather a balanced and truthful assessment. This must lead to clarity of motive in all future actions. Transition, renewal, redemption. Grow, transform, release.

Open yourself to the energies of all your former selves so that the gifts, talents, and lessons of the past can channel into the present and future. Keep flowing.

21 THE WORLD

Element: Earth Planet: Saturn

Basic Meaning: Totality, Completion, Fulfilment

Reversed: Fear, Stagnation, Narcissism

The dancing figure of a nude woman holds two wands: representing “I” and “You”. She is the symbol of balance and her dance is dynamic and ever changing. The laurel wreath, a circle of victory. It is the cycle never ending, a dynamo. It is congruence and completion. The Lion, Bull, Eagle and Angel - representative of the four elements - symbolize the harmony of all energy.

The World card is the sum of it all; the dynamic sympathy between your energies. the serene balance of all your contradictions. The Fool at the beginning and at the end of his journey.

We struggle, we persist, we evolve. We seek the unity of our inner and outer selves. With enlightenment comes the ecstatic realization that the individual is forever joined with the whole.

What has the World given you? What is it asking you to do with your gifts in return? We must see ourselves in others and in the world to understand our place.

The World says, “YES”, to the great cosmic dance. Dance the dance. Don’t let your ego foul your steps.