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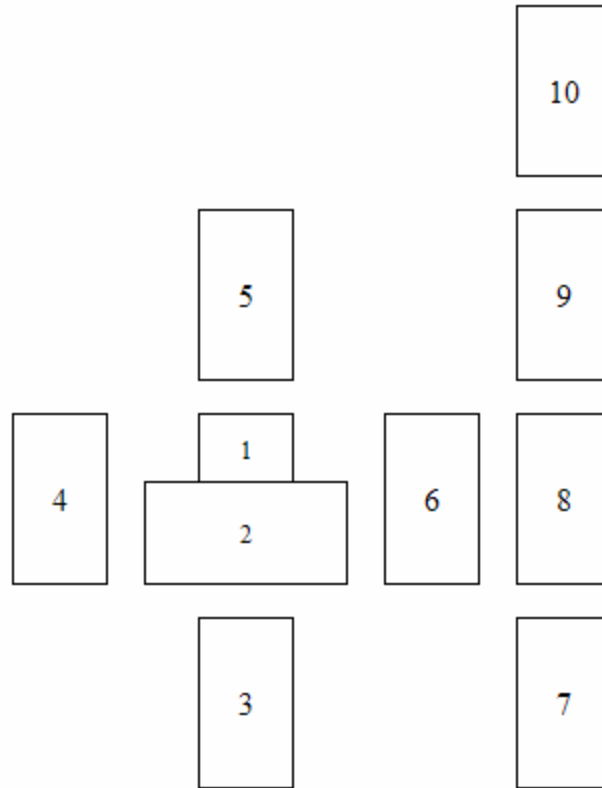


Divinity and Reverse Interpretations



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The Celtic Spread



- 1 - PRESENT POSITION.** Atmosphere in which the questioner is presently working and living. Shows the area of influence in which the questioner presently exists and the atmosphere in which the other currents are working.
- 2 - IMMEDIATE INFLUENCE.** Shows the nature of the influence or immediate sphere of involvement or obstacles which lie just ahead.
- 3 - DISTANT PAST FOUNDATION.** Shows the broad and basic events and influences which existed in the past and upon which the present events are taking place. It is the basis of fact already passed into actuality and which is embodied within the questioner.
- 4 - RECENT PAST EVENTS.** Shows the most recent sphere of influence or events which have just passed or which are just passing. This card may also represent distant past influences exerting recent past influences of an inordinately strong nature.
- 5 - GOAL or DESTINY.** Shows the ultimate goal or destiny of the questioner. Indicates the best that can be accomplished by the questioner based upon the existing circumstances. May also represent the questioner's aim or ideal in the matter within his present frame of reference.

- 6 - FUTURE INFLUENCE.** Shows the sphere of influence that is coming into being in the near future in a broad sense.
- 7 - THE QUESTIONER.** Shows the questioner in his present position or attitude within the circumstances surrounding him. Attempts to place the questioner in proper perspective.
- 8 - ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS.** Shows the questioner's influence on other people and his position in life. Reveals those tendencies and factors which exist with respect to other persons which may have an effect on the questioner.
- 9 - INNER EMOTIONS.** Shows the inner hopes, fears, anxieties and hidden emotions of the questioner, including those thoughts that will come to the mind of the questioner in the future. May also reveal secrets which the questioner keeps from other people and ulterior motives which concern the questioner.
- 10 - FINAL RESULT.** Shows the culmination and result which will be brought about from all the influences as revealed by the other cards in the layout provided events and influences continue as indicated.

THE MAJOR ARCANA (22 cards)



0. The Fool

This card signifies folly. Thoughtlessness. Extravagance. Immaturity. Foolishness. Irrationality. Insecurity. Frivolity. Spontaneity. Pleasure. Levity. Lack of discipline. Inconsideration. Exhibitionism. Rashness. Frenzy. Unrestrained excess. Ridiculous expenditure or act. Carelessness in promises. Inattentiveness to important details. Beginning of an adventure. Infatuation. Indiscretion. Craze. Passion. Obsession. Mania. Tendency to start a project without carefully considering all the details. Initiative. Enthusiasm. Reluctance to listen to advice from other people. The person drawing this card should be careful not to be tempted by that which appears better than it really is. Care must be taken to avoid foolishness and to make the right decision instead of taking the easy way out.

Reverse Meaning:

Faulty choice or a bad decision. Indecision. Apathy. Halting or hesitating instead of proceeding diligently ahead. Lack of confidence.



1. The Magician

Originality and creativity. The ability to utilize one's capabilities in order to accomplish a task. Imagination. Self-reliance. Spontaneity. Skill. Willpower. Self-confidence. Dexterity. Ingenuity. Flexibility. Craft. Guile. Masterfulness. Self-control. Trickery. Misleading deception. Slight of hand. Bewilderment. Unity of thought and emotion. Ability to choose one's own actions. Determination to see a task through to completion. Capable of influencing other people.

Reverse Meaning:

Weakness of will. Indecision. Ineptitude. Insecurity. Disquiet. Delay. Lack of imagination.
The use of one's skills for destructive ends. Willpower applied to evil ends.



2. The High Priestess

Wisdom. Sound judgment. Sagacity. Common sense. Learning. Understanding. Serenity. Enlightenment. Objectivity. Penetration. Education. Ability to teach and instruct others. Foresight. Intuition. Comprehension. Perception. Self-reliance. Hidden emotion. Emotionlessness. Inability to share. Lack of patience. Uncomfortableness. Spinster. Platonic relationships. Tendency to avoid emotional entanglements. Occasionally talks too much. Sometimes too practical. A good teacher.

Reverse Meaning:

Ignorance. Shortsightedness. Lack of understanding. Selfishness. Acceptance of superficial knowledge. Improper judgment. Shallowness. Conceit.



3. The Empress

Feminine progress. Action. Development. Fruitfulness. Fertility. Attainment. Accomplishment. Interest in the day-to-day details of daily life. Mother. Sister. Wife. Marriage. Children. Feminine influence. Material wealth. Evolution. Sometimes subterfuge. Female guiles. Harassment. Spendthrift. Nagging. Capable of motivating others. A leader. Makes decisions founded upon all the facts in hand. The motivation behind a successful partner or husband. Business woman. Level-headed. Practical. Decisive. Intuitive.

Reverse Meaning:

Vacillation. Inaction. Lack of interest. Lack of concentration. Indecision. Delay in accomplishment or progress. Anxiety. Frittering away of resources. Loss of material possessions. Infertility. Infidelity.



4. The Emperor

Worldly power. Accomplishment. Confidence. Wealth. Stability. Authority. Indomitable spirit. Leadership. War-making tendencies. A go-getter. Paternity. Father. Brother. Husband. Male influence. Direct pressure. Conviction. Domination of intelligence and reason over emotion and passion. Strength. Patriarchal figure. Firmness. Attainment of goals. Desire to increase domination in every direction. Strong masculine development. Worthy of exercising authority. A person who is knowledgeable and competent. Willing to listen to counsel but then follows one's own convictions.

Reverse Meaning:

Immaturity. Ineffectiveness. Lack of strength. Indecision. Inability. Weak character. Feebleness. Failure to control petty emotions.



5. The Hierophant

Ritualism. Ceremonies. Mercy. Humility. Kindness. Goodness. Forgiveness. Inspiration. Alliance. Compassion. Servitude. Inactivity. Lack of conviction. Timidity. Overt reserve. Captivity to one's own ideas. A person to whom one has resource. Conformity. A religious or spiritual leader. At times this person is inept in adapting to new circumstances and changing conditions. Tendency to cling to former ideas and principles even if outdated. A person with a deep sense of historical importance and a sincere appreciation for past heritage.

Reverse Meaning:

Overkindness. Foolish exercise of generosity. Susceptibility. Impotence. Vulnerability. Frailty. Unorthodoxy. Renunciation. Unconventionality.



6. The Lovers

Love. Beauty. Perfection. Harmony. Unanimity. Trials overcome. Confidence. Trust. Honor. Beginning of a possible romance. Infatuation. Deep feeling. Tendency towards optimism. Oblivious to possible consequences. Letting oneself go. Freedom of emotion. The necessity of testing or subjecting to trial. Struggle between sacred and profane love. Putting to the proof. Examining. Speculating. Yearning. Tempting. Possible predicaments. A person deeply involved in the emotions and problems of a friend or relative. An affair of meaningful consequence.

Reverse Meaning:

Failure to meet the test. Unreliability. Separation. Frustration in love and marriage. Interference by others. Fickleness. Untrustworthiness. Unwise plans.



7. The Chariot

Trouble and adversity, possibly already overcome. Conflicting influence. Turmoil. Vengeance. Success. Possible voyage or journey. Escape. Fleeing from reality. Rushing to decision. Riding the crest of success or popularity. Perplexity. Need for supervision. One must be attentive to details. Urgency to gain control of one's emotions. This card suggests that one can achieve greatness when physical and mental powers are maintained in balance and effectively put to work. Determination to mix hard work with times of productive solitude.

Reverse Meaning:

Lack of success. Defeat. Failure. At the last minute to lose something otherwise within your grasp. Sudden collapse of plans. Conquered. Overwhelmed. Failure to face reality.



8. Strength

Strength. Courage. Fortitude. Conviction. Energy. Determination. Resolution. Defiance. Action. Awareness of temptation and the mental and physical abilities to overcome them. Confidence. Innate ability. Zeal. Fervor. Physical strength. Matter over mind and, alternatively, mind over matter, depending on the circumstances. Accomplishment. Attainment at considerable peril. Conquest. Hidden forces at work which are challenged. Heroism. Virility. Strength to endure in spite of all obstacles. Tireless efforts. Triumph of love over hate. Liberation.

Reverse Meaning:

Weakness. Pettiness. Impotency. Sickness. Tyranny. Lack of faith. Abuse of power. Succumbing to temptation. Indifference.



9. The Hermit

Counsel. Knowledge. Solicitude. Prudence. Discretion. Caution. Vigilance. Circumspection. Self-denial. Withdrawal. Regression. Recession. Desertion. Annulment. Insincerity. Expressionless. A loner or person incapable of participating with another person. Misleading. Misguided. Tendency to withhold emotion. Fearful of discovery. Failure to face facts. Possessor of secrets which may or may not be revealed. Tendency to complacently dwell within this wealth of knowledge as something worthwhile without seeking to utilize the information towards some goal or application.

Reverse Meaning:

Imprudence. Hastiness. Rashness. Prematurity. Foolish acts. Incorrect advice. Failure caused by result of dullness. Overprudence resulting in unnecessary delay. Immaturity.



10. The Wheel of Fortune

Destiny. Fortune. Fate. Outcome. Felicity. Godsend. Special gain or unusual loss. Culmination. Conclusion. Result. Approaching the end to a problem. The influences affecting the outcome of a problem. Good or bad depending upon influences of other nearby cards. Inevitability. Unexpected events may occur. The entire sequence of Wheel suggests the course of things from beginning to end. Advancement for better or worse. Progress. That which was, is, and shall be remains the same unless one is alert to unexpected opportunity.

Reverse Meaning:

Failure. Bad luck. Broken sequence. Unexpected bad fate. Interruption or inconsistency due to unexpected events. Outside influences not contemplated which adversely affects the spirit.



11. Justice

Fairness. Reasonableness. Justice. Proper balance. Harmony. Equity. Righteousness. Virtue. Honor. Virginity. Just reward. Sincere desire. Good intentions. Well-meaning actions. Advice. Self-satisfaction. The eventual outcome, whether favorable or unfavorable, will truly be fair for the person concerned. Equilibrium. Poise. Impartiality. Capable of perceiving temptation and avoiding evil. A person who responds favorably to the good nature of others. A considerate person. Someone who doesn't take unfair advantage of a situation.

Reverse Meaning:

Bias. False accusations. Bigotry. Severity in judgment. Intolerance. Unfairness. Abuse.



12. The Hanged Man

Life in suspension. Transition. Change. Reversal of the mind and one's way in life. In a passive sense, apathy and dullness. Boredom. Abandonment. Renunciation. The changing of life's forces. The period of respite between significant events. Sacrifice. Repentance. Readjustment. Efforts may have to be undertaken to succeed towards a goal, which still may not be reached. Regeneration. Improvement. Rebirth. The approach of new life forces. This is the time to condition oneself towards new experiences. Surrender. Lack of progress. A pause in one's life. Outside factors having strong influence. You may sacrifice yourself too much. Your sacrifices may go unappreciated.

Reverse Meaning:

Lack of sacrifice. Unwillingness to make the necessary effort. Failure to give of oneself. Preoccupation with the ego. False prophecy. Useless sacrifice.



13. Death

A clearing of the way for new efforts. Transformation. Unexpected change. Loss. Failure. Alteration. Abrupt change of the old self though not necessarily physical death. The ending of a familiar situation or friendship. Loss of income or financial security. Beginning of a new era. Illness, possibly even death. Since great change may take place, this card, therefore, could mean a birth of new ideas or development of new expectations.

Reverse Meaning:

Stagnation. Immobility. Slow changes. Partial change. Inertia. Narrowly missing a serious accident or escaping from death or disaster.



14. Temperance

Moderation. Temperance. Patience. That which can be accomplished through self-control and frugality. Accomodation. Harmony. The mixing or bringing together into perfect union. Management. Compatibility. Fusion. Adjustment. Good influence. Fortunate omen. Consolidation. Putting into successful combination. Ability to recognize and utilize the material and intellectual manifestations available to oneself. Possibly a person without excessive tendencies. Well-liked. Highly regarded. Mother image. Father image. Worldly image. Exuding confidence. Possibly too temperate and moderate to achieve a goal presently out of reach and requiring considerable aggressiveness.

Reverse Meaning:

Discord. Disunion. Conflict of interest. Hostility. Inability to work with others. Difficulty in understanding others. Impatience. Sterility. Frustrations.



15. The Devil

Subordination. Ravage. Bondage. Malevolence. Subservience. Downfall. Lack of success. Weird experience. Bad outside influence or advice. Black magic. Unexpected failure. Seeming inability to realize one's goals. Dependence upon another person which leads to unhappiness. Violence. Shock. Fatality. Self-punishment. Temptation to evil. Self-destruction. Disaster. Astral influence. The tearing apart of one's self-expression to such an extent that the person becomes ineffectual. An ill-tempered person. Lack of humor except at another's expense. Lack of principles. Unethical.

Reverse Meaning:

Release from bondage. Throwing off shackles. Respite. Divorce. Recognition of one's needs by another person. Overcoming insurmountable handicaps. The beginning of spiritual understanding. The first steps toward enlightenment. Overcoming the fear of one's own self.



16. The Tower

Change, in a complete and sudden manner. A breaking down of old beliefs. Abandonment of past relationships. Severing of a friendship. Changing of one's opinion. Unexpected events. Disruption. Adversity. Calamity. Misery. Deception. Bankruptcy. Termination. Havoc. Breakdown. Downfall. Undoing. Ruin. Divorce. Loss of security. Loss of love and affection. Setback. Terrible change. Breakthrough into new areas.

Reverse Meaning:

Continued oppression. Following old ways. Living in a rut. Inability to effect any worthwhile change. Entrapped in an unhappy situation. Imprisoned.



17. The Star

Hope, faith and inspiration. Bright prospects. Mixing of the past and present. Promising opportunity. Optimism. Insight. Good omen. Spiritual love. Ascending star. Astrological influence. Culmination of knowledge and work from the past and present. Results which will soon come to pass from energies expended. Fulfillment. Satisfaction. Pleasure.

Reverse Meaning:

Unfulfilled hopes. Disappointment. Pessimism. Bad luck. Lack of opportunity. Stubbornness. Bullheadedness. Imbalance. Conclusion of an unsatisfactory business experience or social friendship.



18. The Moon

Deception. Envy. Jealousy. Prejudice. Obscurity. Trickery. Dishonesty. Danger. Disillusionment. Error. Caution. Warning. Bad influence. Ulterior motives. Insincerity. False friends. Selfishness. Deceit. Double dealing. Craftiness. False pretenses. Disgrace. Slander. Liable. Being taken advantage of. An insincere relationship. Superficiality. Unknown enemies. The meeting of many divergent influences. Falling into a trap. Being misled. Failure to avoid the dangers which surround. The chance of making an error is very great. The many different surrounding influences will combine into new pressures and impressions.

Reverse Meaning:

A minor deception recognized before damage is done. Trifling mistakes. Overcoming bad temptations. Gain without paying the price. Taking advantage of someone.



19. The Sun

Satisfaction. Accomplishment. Contentment. Success. Favorable relationships. Love. Joy. Devotion. Unselfish sentiment. Engagement. Favorable omen. A happy marriage. Pleasure in daily existence. Earthly happiness. The contentment derived from extending oneself to another human being. A good friend. High spirit. Warmth. Sincerity. The rewards of a new friend. Pleasures derived from simple things. Achievement in the arts. Liberation. Appreciation of small favors. Ability to accept life as it comes and to live contentedly.

Reverse Meaning:

Unhappiness. Loneliness. Possibly a broken engagement or marriage. Cancelled plans. Triumph delayed although not necessarily completely lost. Clouded future. Lack of friendship.



20. Judgement

Atonement. Judgement. The need to repent and forgive. The moment to account for the manner in which we have used our opportunities. The possibility that present conduct towards other people is unfair and unkind. Rejuvenation. Rebirth. Improvement. Development. Promotion. The desire for immortality. The possibility exists that someone is taking unfair advantage of you and will be sorry in the future. Legal judgement in one's favor. The outcome of a lawsuit or personal conflict. One should carefully consider present actions as they affect other persons. Success will come easier if you are honest with yourself.

Reverse Meaning:

Delay. Disappointment. Failure to face facts. Indecision. Divorce. Procrastination. Theft. Alienation of affection.



21. The World

Attainment. Completion. Perfection. Ultimate change. The end result of all efforts. Success. Assurance. Synthesis. Fulfillment. Capability. Triumph in undertakings. The rewards that come from hard work. The path of liberation. Eternal life. The final goal to which all other cards have led. Admiration of others. The outcome of events in spite of other signs. This is a very favorable card, especially if surrounded by other favorable cards.

Reverse Meaning:

Imperfection. Failure to complete the task one starts. Lack of vision. Failure. Disappointment.

THE MINOR ARCANA (56 cards)

The Suit of Wands

Wands generally represent enterprise and growth. Progress. Advancement. Animation. Invention. Energy. These cards also represent modest and humble people. This is the suit of the laborer and worker.



King of Wands

An honest and conscientious man. Mature. Wise. Devoted. Friendly. Sympathetic. Educated. A gentleman. Generally married. Fatherly.

Reverse Meaning:

Severity. Austerity. Somewhat excessive and exaggerated ideas. Dogmatic. Deliberate.



Queen of Wands

A sympathetic and understanding woman. Friendly. Loving. Honorable. Chaste. Practical. Full of feminine charm and grace. Capable of meaningful expression and love. Gracious hostess. Sincere interest in other persons.

Reverse Meaning:

Jealousy. Deceit. Possible infidelity. Unstable emotions. Fickleness. Resistance. Obstacles. Opposition.



Knight of Wands

Departure. A journey. Advancement into the unknown. Alteration. Flight. Absence. Change in residence.

Reverse Meaning:

Discord. Interruption. Unexpected change. Quarreling. Breakup of personal relationships. Rupture. Discontinuance.



Page of Wands

A faithful and loyal person. An envoy. Emissary. Entrusted friend. A stranger with good intentions. A consistent person. A bearer of important news.

Reverse Meaning:

Indecision in proceeding. Reluctance. Instability. Unable to make decisions. A gossip. Bearer of bad tidings. A person who may break your heart. Displeasure.



Ten of Wands

Overburdened. Excessive pressures. Problems soon to be resolved. Striving to meet a goal or to maintain a certain level or position. Possibly using power for selfish ends.

Reverse Meaning:

Difficulties. Intrigues. Duplicity. Treachery. A traitor. Deceiver. Subterfuge. Some losses will occur.



Nine of Wands

Expectation of difficulties and changes. Awaiting tribulation. Hidden enemies. Deception. Discipline. Order. A pause in a current struggle.

Reverse Meaning:

Obstacles. Adversity. Problems. Delays. Displeasure. Calamity. Disaster. Barriers to overcome. Ill health.



Eight of Wands

Swift activity. Sudden progress or movement. Speed. Hastily made decisions. Too rapid advancement.

Reverse Meaning:

Thorns of dispute. Jealousy. Harassment. Quarrels. Discord. Delay. Stagnation. Domestic quarrels.



Seven of Wands

Success. Gain. Overcoming obstacles and challenges. Surmounting overwhelming odds. Advantage. Victory.

Reverse Meaning:

Consternation. Anxiety. Embarrassment. Indecision. Hesitancy causing losses. Uncertainty. Perplexity. Doubt.



Six of Wands

Conquest. Triumph. Good news. Gain. Advancement. Expectation. Desires realized. The results of efforts.

Reverse Meaning:

Indefinite delay. Fear. Apprehension. Disloyalty. Superficial benefit. Inconclusive gain.



Five of Wands

Unsatisfied desires. Struggle. Labor. Endeavors. Violent strife. Conflict. Obstacles.

Reverse Meaning:

Trickery. Contradictions. Complexity. Involvement. Caution against indecision.



Four of Wands

Romance. Society. Harmony. Newly acquired prosperity. Peace. Tranquility. The fruits of labor. Rest after peace.

Reverse Meaning:

Loss of full tranquility. Unfulfilled romance. Insecurity. Tarnished beauty. Incomplete happiness.



Three of Wands

Practical knowledge. Business acumen. Strength. Enterprise. Negotiation. Trade. Commerce. Undertaking.

Reverse Meaning:

Assistance with an ulterior motive. Treachery. Cessation of adversity. Beware of help offered.



Two of Wands

Mature individual. Ruler. Attainment of goals and needs. Boldness. Courage in undertakings. A dominant personality.

Reverse Meaning:

Sadness. Trouble. Restraint caused by others. Loss of faith. Unexpected surprise.



Ace of Wands

Creation. Beginning. Invention. Start of an undertaking. Fortune. Enterprise. Gain. Inheritance. Birth of a child. Beginning of a meaningful experience. An adventure. Escapade.

Reverse Meaning:

False start. Cloudy outlook. Unrealized goal. Decadence. Empty existence. Vexation. Cancellation of plans.

The Suit of Cups

Cups generally represent love, happiness, gaiety and joy. The Cups hold water, which is a symbol of pleasure and happiness. These cards represent passions and deep feeling. This is the suit of the humane person.



King of Cups

Responsibility and creativity. Learned man. Professional. Businessman. Lawyer. Artist. Religious man. Scientist. A considerate man. Kindly. Reliable. Responsible. Liberal in manner. Interested in the arts and sciences. Generous.

Reverse Meaning:

Artistic temperament. Double-dealing. Dishonesty. Scandal. Loss. Ruin. Injustice. A crafty man without virtue. Shifty in dealings.



Queen of Cups

A warm-hearted and fair woman. Poetic. Beloved. Adored. Good friend and mother. Devoted wife. Practical. Honest. Possesses loving intelligence. Gift of vision.

Reverse Meaning:

Inconsistency of honor. Possible immorality. Dishonesty. Unreliability. Vice. Not to be trusted.



Knight of Cups

An invitation or opportunity may soon arise. Arrival. Approach. Advancement. Attraction. Inducement. Appeal. Request. Challenge. Proposal. Proposition.

Reverse Meaning:

Subtlety. Artifice. Trickery. Deception. Fraud. A sly and cunning person. A person capable of swindling.



Page of Cups

A studious and intent person. Reflective. Meditative. Loyal. Willing to offer services and efforts towards a specific goal. A helpful person. A trustworthy worker.

Reverse Meaning:

Inclination. Deviation. Susceptibility. Temporary distraction. Seduction. A flatterer.



Ten of Cups

Home. Abode. Happiness. Joy. Pleasure. Peace. Love. Contentment. Good family life. Honor. Esteem. Virtue. Reputation.

Reverse Meaning:

Loss of friendship. Unhappiness. Family quarrel. Pettiness. Rage. Combat. Strife.
Opposition. Difference of opinion.



Nine of Cups

Success. Material attainment. Advantage. Well-being. Abundance. Good health. Victory.
Difficulties surmounted.

Reverse Meaning:

Mistakes. Material loss. Imperfections. Misplaced truth. False freedom. Opposition.
Differences. Dispute.



Eight of Cups

Discontinuance of effort. Disappointment. Abandonment of previous plans. Shyness. Modesty.
Abandoned success.

Reverse Meaning:

Happiness. Effort continued until full success is attained. Festivity. Joy. Gaiety. Feasting.



Seven of Cups

Fantasy. Unrealistic attitudes. Imagination. Daydreams. Foolish whims. Wishful thinking. Illusionary success.

Reverse Meaning:

Desire. Determination. Strong willpower. A goal nearly attained. Intelligent choice. Desire. Will. Resolution.



Six of Cups

Memories. Past influences. Things that have vanished. Childhood passed. Nostalgia. Faded images. Longing.

Reverse Meaning:

The future. Opportunities ahead. Coming events. New vistas. Plans that may fail. That which will shortly arrive.



Five of Cups

Partial loss. Regret. Friendship without real meaning. Marriage without real love. Imperfection. Flaw. Inheritance. Incomplete union or partnership.

Reverse Meaning:

Hopeful outlook. Favorable expectations. New alliances. Affinity. Return of an old friend. Reunion.



Four of Cups

Weariness. Aversion. Disgust. Disappointment. Unhappiness. Bitter experience. Stationary period in one's life.

Reverse Meaning:

New possibilities. New relationships. New approaches to old problems. New acquaintance. New knowledge.



Three of Cups

Resolution of a problem. Conclusion. Solace. Healing. Satisfactory result. Fulfillment. Compromise.

Reverse Meaning:

Excessive pleasures. Overabundance. Superfluity. Loss of prestige. Delays. Unappreciation.



Two of Cups

Love. Friendship beginning or renewed. Passion. Union. Engagement. Understanding. Cooperation. Partnership. Marriage.

Reverse Meaning:

Unsatisfactory love. False friendship. Troubled relationship. Divorce. Separation. Crossed desires. Opposition. Disunion. Misunderstanding.



Ace of Cups

Great abundance. Fulfillment. Perfection. Joy. Fertility. Opulence. Fullness. Happiness. Productiveness. Beauty and pleasure. Goodness overflowing. Favorable outlook.

Reverse Meaning:

Change. Alteration. Erosion. Instability. Sterility. Unrequited love. Clouded joy. False heart. Inconsistency.

The Suit of Swords

Swords generally represent courage, boldness, force, strength, authority, aggression and ambition. These cards represent activity, progress and accomplishment for good or bad, sometimes misfortune and disaster. This is the suit of leaders and warriors.



King of Swords

An active and determined man. Experienced. Authoritative. Controlled. Commanding. A professional man. Lawyer. Doctor. Engineer. Highly analytical. Justice. Force. Superiority. A person having many ideas, thoughts and designs.

Reverse Meaning:

A person who may pursue a matter to ruin. Cruelty. Conflict. Selfishness. Sadism. A dangerous or wicked person. One who causes unnecessary disturbance and sadness. Perversity.



Queen of Swords

Sharp. Quick-witted. A keen person. Intensely perceptive. A subtle person. May signify a widow or woman of sadness. Mourning. Privation. Absence. Loneliness. Separation. One who has savored great happiness but who presently knows the anxiety of misfortune and reversal.

Reverse Meaning:

Narrow-mindedness. Maliciousness. Bigotry. Deceitfulness. Vengefulness. Prudishness. A treacherous enemy. An ill-tempered person.



Knight of Swords

Bravery. Skill. Capacity. The strength and dash of a young man. Heroic action. Opposition and war. The headlong rush into the unknown without fear. The surrounding cards will indicate the influence around the Knight in his gallant pursuit.

Reverse Meaning:

Incapacity. Imprudence. Dispute or ruin over a woman. Impulsive mistakes. Conceited fool. Simplicity. Disunion.



Page of Swords

A person adept at perceiving, discerning and uncovering the unknown or that which is less than obvious. The quality of insight. Vigilance. Agility. Spying. A discreet person. An active youth. A lithe figure alert and awake to unknown dangers.

Reverse Meaning:

Revealed as an imposter. Unforeseen. Illness is also possible. Powerlessness in the face of stronger forces. Lack of preparation.



Ten of Swords

Ruin. Pain. Affliction. Sadness. Mental anguish. Desolation. Tears. Misfortune. Trouble. Disappointment. Grief. Sorrow.

Reverse Meaning:

Benefit. Profit. Temporary gain. Improvement. Passing success. Temporary favor. Momentary advantage.



Nine of Swords

Misery. Concern. Quarrel. Unhappiness. Miscarriage. Anxiety over a loved one. Worry. Despair. Suffering.

Reverse Meaning:

Doubt. Suspicion. Slanderous gossip. Shame. Scruple. Timidity. Shady character. Reasonable fear.



Eight of Swords

Crisis. Calamity. Conflict. Domination. Imprisonment. Turmoil. Bad news. Censure. Criticism. Sickness. Calumny.

Reverse Meaning:

Treachery in the past. Difficulty. Hard work. Depressed state of mind. Disquiet. Accident. Fatality.



Seven of Swords

New plans. Wishes. Efforts through uncertainty. Attempt. Endeavor. Hope. Confidence. Fantasy. Design.

Reverse Meaning:

Arguments. Quarrels. Uncertain counsel or advice. Circumspection. Slander. Babbling.



Six of Swords

A trip or journey. Travel. Voyage. Route. Attempt through difficulties. Expedient manner. Success after anxiety.

Reverse Meaning:

Stalemate. Unwanted proposal. No immediate solution to present difficulties. Confession. Declaration.



Five of Swords

Conquest. Defeat. Destruction of others. Degradation. Adversaries may arise. Revocation. Infamy. Dishonor.

Reverse Meaning:

Uncertain outlook. Chance of loss or defeat. Weakness. Possible misfortune befalling a friend.
Seduction. Burial.



Four of Swords

Respite. Rest after illness. Repose. Replenishment. Solitude. Exile. Retreat. Temporary seclusion. Abandonment.

Reverse Meaning:

Activity. Circumspection. Precaution. Economy. Guarded advancement. Desire to recover what is lost.



Three of Swords

Absence. Sorrow. Disappointment. Strife. Removal. Dispersion. Diversion. Opposition. Separation. Delay.

Reverse Meaning:

Distraction. Confusion. Disorder. Error. Mistake. Incompatibility. Separation. Mental anxieties. Loss. Alienation.



Two of Swords

Balanced force. Harmony. Firmness. Concord. Offsetting factors. Stalemate. Affection.

Reverse Meaning:

Duplicity. Falsehood. Misrepresentation. Disloyalty. Dishonor. Treachery. False friends. Lies.



Ace of Swords

Great determination. Strength. Force. Activity. Excessiveness. Triumph. Power. Success. Fertility. Prosperity. Deep emotional feeling. Love and vehemence. Championship. Conquest.

Reverse Meaning:

Debacle. Tyranny. Disaster. Self-destruction. Violent temper. Embarrassment. Obstacle. Infertility. Hindrance.

The Suit of Pentacles

Pentacles generally represent material and financial matters. This may take the form of money, occupation, material gain, business development, etc. These cards represent deep sensitivity and involvement. This is the suit of the merchant and tradesman.



King of Pentacles

An experienced and successful leader. A person of character and intelligence. Business acumen. Mathematical ability. Loyal friend. Reliable in marriage. Successful businessman. Wise investments. Affinity to acquire money and valuable possessions.

Reverse Meaning:

Corruption. Using any means to achieve the desired end. Vice. Avarice. Unfaithfulness. An old and vicious man. Peril. Danger. Thriftless.



Queen of Pentacles

Prosperity and well-being. Wealth. Abundance. Luxury. Opulence. Extreme comfort. Generosity. Security. Liberty. Magnificence. Grace. Dignity. A rich person but generous and charitable.

Reverse Meaning:

False prosperity. Suspense. Suspicion. Responsibilities neglected. Vicious person. Untrusting person. Fearful of failure.



Knight of Pentacles

A mature and responsible person. Reliable. Methodical. Patient. Persistent. Ability to conclude a task. Laborious. Organized. Capable. A dependable person.

Reverse Meaning:

Stagnation. Carelessness. Inertia. Lack of determination or direction. Narrow-mindedness. Limited by dogmatic views. Idleness.



Page of Pentacles

Deep concentration and application. Study. Scholarship. Reflection. Respect for knowledge. Desire for learning and new ideas. A do-gooder. Bearer of news.

Reverse Meaning:

An unrealistic person. Failure to recognize obvious facts. Dissipation of ideas. Illogical thinking. Rebelliousness. Wastefulness. Loss. Unfavorable news.



Ten of Pentacles

Prosperity. Riches. Security. Safety. Family. Ancestry. Inheritance. Family matters. Home. Dwelling.

Reverse Meaning:

Poor risk. Bad odds. Possible loss. Hazard. Robbery. Loss of inheritance. Dissipation. Gambling.



Nine of Pentacles

Accomplishment. Discernment. Discretion. Foresight. Safety. Prudence. Material well-being. Love of nature.

Reverse Meaning:

Threat to safety. Roguery. Dissipation. Danger. Storms. Bad faith. Possible loss of a valued friendship or a treasured possession.



Eight of Pentacles

Apprenticeship. Craftsmanship. Fast to learn. Candor. Frankness. Modesty. Handiwork. Personal effort.

Reverse Meaning:

Lack of ambition. Vanity. Conceit. Disillusionment. Usury. Hypocrisy. Flattery. Intrigue.



Seven of Pentacles

Ingenuity. Growth. Hard work. Progress. Successful dealings. Money. Wealth. Treasure. Gain.

Reverse Meaning:

Anxiety. Impatience. Uneasiness. Imprudent actions. Loss of money. Unwise investments.



Six of Pentacles

Generosity. Philanthropy. Charity. Kindness. Gratification. Gifts. Material gain.

Reverse Meaning:

Avarice. Selfishness. Envy. Jealousy. Ungiving of one's self. Bad debts. Unpaid loans.



Five of Pentacles

Material trouble. Destitution. Loss. Failure. Error. Impoverishment. Mistress. Lover. Affection.

Reverse Meaning:

Reversal of bad trend. New interest in matters. Overcoming ruin. Disharmony in marriage or love interests.



Four of Pentacles

Love of material wealth. Hoarder. Usurer. Skinflint. Miser. Ungenerous person. Inability to share.

Reverse Meaning:

Setbacks in material holdings. Obstacles. Opposition to further gain. Suspense or delay. Spendthrift.



Three of Pentacles

Great skill in trade or work. Mastery. Perfection. Artistic ability. Dignity. Renown. Rank. Power. Cooperation with others.

Reverse Meaning:

Sloppiness. Mediocrity. Lower quality. Money problems. Commonplace ideas. Lack of skill. Preoccupation.



Two of Pentacles

Difficulty in launching new projects. Difficult situations arising. New troubles.
Embarrassment. Worry. Concern. Vacillation.

Reverse Meaning:

Literary ability. Agility in handling matters. Simulated enjoyment. Enforced gaiety. Letter.
Message. Missive.



Ace of Pentacles

Perfection. Attainment. Prosperity. Felicity. Great wealth. Riches. Bliss. Ecstasy. Gold.
Valuable coins or artifacts. Treasures. The combination of material and spiritual prosperity.

Reverse Meaning:

Prosperity without happiness. Misused wealth. Wasted money. Corruption by money.
Miserliness. Greed. Fool's gold.