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Major Arcana Cheat Sheet



The Major Arcana

The Major Arcana forms the foundation of the Tarot deck and consists of 22 cards. They are the "movers and the shakers" of the Tarot deck. "bigger picture" stuff. They represent a path to spiritual self-awareness and depict the various stages we encounter as we search for greater meaning and understanding throughout life. Your patterns at that moment. They hold deeply meaningful lessons.



The Major Arcana

The Fool

Upright

New beginnings, new adventures or journeys, innocence, carefree, courage and optimism, faith in ourselves and life

Reversed

Failure to follow your instincts, not taking a chance due to fear, being reckless or foolish, risk taking, being stuck or uninspired, not in the real world



The Magician

Upright

Power, skill, ability, possibility, available tools, action, manifestation, good with hands, as above so below, master of illusion, trickster, inspiration to create, energy channelled in a specific direction, turn things/ideas into reality

Reversed

Weakness, lack of Will, depression, mental instability, destructive use of power, con-artist, unable to make or get what is needed/wanted, manipulation



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The High Priestess

Upright

Intuitive, knowing, inner wisdom, mystery, Higher Power, unconscious truth, psychic, duality of life

Reversed

Introverted, secrecy, a loss of self, loss of wisdom, exposed secrets



The Empress

Upright

Fertility, pregnancy, growth, mother, Mother Earth, understanding gained through emotion, femininity

Reversed

Rejecting your emotions, suppressing your desires, poverty, no desire to grow, rejection, abandonment, dependency on others



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The Emperor

Upright

Masculine, Government, intuition, a uniform, father, authority figure, power of society, solid foundation

Reversed

Dominating, inflexibility, immaturity, inability to make harsh decisions and follow them through, control freak



The Hierophant

Upright

Religion, conformity for approval by others, a Specialist in their field, tradition, Christian Trinity, education, inner sense of obedience, Spiritual Wisdom

Reversed

Gullibility, lost in superficial ideas, not accepting responsibility of truly finding own way, danger of becoming superstitious, challenging the status quo



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The Lovers

Upright

Union, love, bonds, relationship, marriage, harmony, alignment, the other half of ourselves

Reversed

Destructive love, unhealthy relationship, romantic problems, danger of marriage break up, quarrels over children, imbalance, seeking connection to self



The Chariot

Upright

In the driver's seat of your life/situation/circumstance, vehicle, driving, victory success, will power

Reversed

Sudden collapse of a project, out of control, facing disaster, unethical victory, lack of direction, loss of means to get where you are going



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Strength

Upright

Courage, gentle strength, compassion, ability to face life especially in times of change, eagerness, hope, spiritual power over material power

Reversed

Inner strength, self-doubt, weakness, overwhelmed and pessimistic, torment from within, passions becoming the enemy, a need to meditate



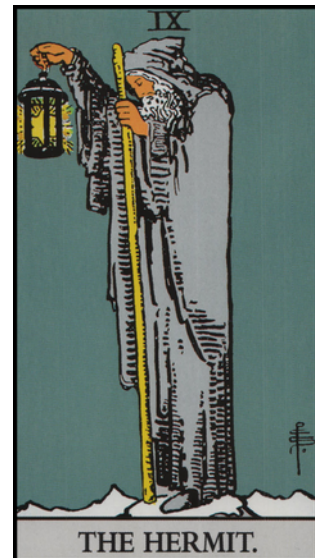
The Hermit

Upright

Wisdom, inner knowing, inner self, guidance, introspection, being alone, lonely, withdrawal from outer concerns, self-development, maturity and knowledge, soul searching

Reversed

Refusal to grow old, immaturity, phobias, fears, paranoia, "Peter Pan"



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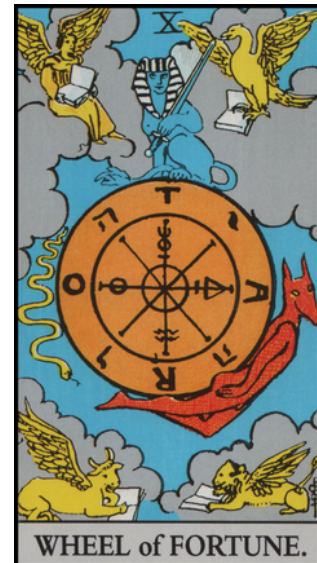
Wheel of Fortune

Upright

Not all of the logistics have lined up as yet, changes, unknown, luck, karma, destiny, turning point, cycles

Reversed

Struggle against events, a new awareness of responsibility, breaking of cycles, maybe a turn for the worse, bad luck



Justice

Upright

Legal matters, the law, documents, good outcome, fairness, karma, truth, cause and effect, a lesson learned, well balanced mind

Reversed

Injustice, unfairness, dishonesty, bad treatment, lack of accountability, legal complications, bias



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The Hanged Man

Upright

Situation requires a new perspective, hold ups and delays, indecision, sacrifice, martyrdom, a pause, letting go

Reversed

Fighting yourself, doing what others expect, people pleasing, resistance to spiritual influences, stalling



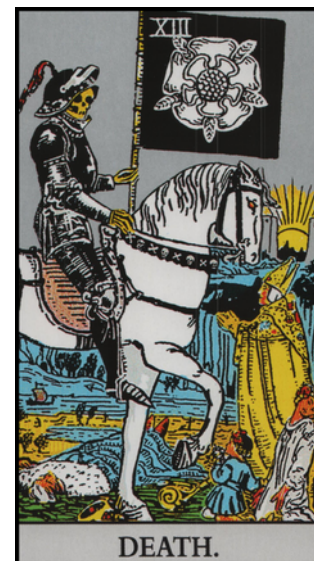
Death

Upright

New beginnings, birth, life, change, endings, transition, fear of change, clearing away old habits, new life emerging

Reversed

Stuck in old ways, sluggish, boring, depression, the ego preventing awareness, inner purging and transformation



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Temperance

Upright

To go with the flow, subconscious, dreams, balance, moderation, patience, blending of activities and feelings to produce harmony, coordination, good management, purpose

Reversed

Imbalance, lacking inner awareness, a need to calm down and avoid extremes, life has become fragmented, competing interests, separation



The Devil

Upright

Unhealthy relationship, mental health concerns, questioning one's sexuality, bondage, addiction, materialism, unhealthy thinking, anger, restriction, shame, guilt, controlling obsession, a slave to your desires, black magic, desire, force

Reversed

Attempt to break loose from a bad relationship, move toward liberation, awareness of an unacceptable situation, beginning of spiritual understanding, a physical healing, indecision, exploration of one's shadow



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The Tower

Upright

Upheaval, change, uncertainty, shaken foundation, revelation, flash of enlightenment, awakening, breakup of relationships in anger or violence, clearing away of an intolerable situation, disruption, overthrow of current ways of being or modes of life

Reversed

Milder versions of the upright position, not allowing the full experience of change and understanding to occur, not releasing all that is repressed, imprisonment, personal transformation



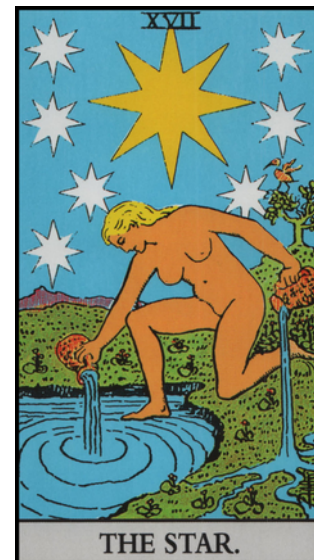
The Star

Upright

Vulnerability, hope, consciousness renewal, inspiration, ideas coming back, healing, wholeness, energy freed, inner calm, peace, creative energy, a wish, good health

Reversed

Impotence, fear, insecurity, masked arrogance, closed channels, tired and depressed, stubbornness, doubt, lack of faith, disconnection



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The Moon

Upright

Psychic ability, intuition, creativity, feminine energy, mystery, fear, shadow self-emerging, anxiety, lies, deceit, distortion, dreams, imagination

Reversed

Very disturbed emotions, inner confusion, giving up, not allowing the calming side to emerge, peace gained but at a cost, repressed emotion



The Sun

Upright

Happiness, joy, success, children, laughter, positivity, love, vitality, enlightenment, "where there is light, there is no darkness" – bright times, freedom, beauty in life, good marriage, happy reunions, pleasure in the simple life

Reversed

Hard to see the good things, a need to work to realise that joy is present, future plans are clouded, loss of valued objects, inner child, mild depression or feeling down



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Judgement

Upright

Karma, judgement, right place right time, rebirth, inner calling, "it is what it is", a push from within to make an important change, a need to recognise the old self has changed, a change that is destined to occur, life has changed and the only choice is to follow, awakening

Reversed

Recognising the change but not knowing what to do, inner critic fear of the unknown, self-doubt, failure to find happiness in old age, fear of death, weakness, keep a careful eye on health-related issues, disillusionment



The World

Upright

Completion of a cycle, accomplishment, integration, free, success, achievement, satisfaction, energy is constantly flowing, TRAVEL, wholeness, dance of life, triumph

Reversed

Stagnation, slowed growth, fear of change, refusal to learn, stubbornness



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