



Peintures Du Monde *Tarot*

This 1st edition 84 card tarot deck is a compilation of public domain artwork from the 1700's and 1800's. I have attempted to match a visual with each of the 78 tarot card's personal meaning for myself. I am including this book as a starting point and to clarify some of the cards that might not be obvious but encourage you to use this deck with the Rider-Waite Smith system and/or intuitively. I am not a writer so please keep that in mind when reading.

Hopefully this deck reads beautifully for you!
Many Blessings <3

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Major Arcana

Fool

Looking expectant and hopeful she sets out on a journey. In contrast her bejeweled head shows the past she had grown accustomed to while her bared chest shows her walking in her own power, truth and strength no matter what unexpected dark clouds behind her might conjure up. She has seen this before as the live ouroboros on her neck symbolizes. This is just the first step in many first steps in many journeys across time.

Upright: Beginnings, innocence, spontaneity, happiness, optimism, free spirit, tenacity, curiosity, steadfastness, joy, fortitude, impulsiveness

Reversed: Naivety, foolishness, wasting energy, unstable time, carelessness

I Magician

She has cast the circle... manifestation shall begin! She knows what she co-creates for she initiated its beginning.

Upright: Manifestation, recognizing one's own potential, imagination, self confidence, freedom, evocation

Reversed: Slight of hand, deception that creates loss, manipulation, apathetic, uncommitted, blocked

II High Priestess

She is the doorway to all you wish to know. The gatekeeper who cares not if you venture further, but ignore her at your own peril. She shares freely but will not hold your hand down the pathway.

Upright: Intuition, higher powers, duality, shrouded in mystery, quiet and deep knowing

Reversed: Vanity, lack of spiritual connections, ignorance, zealot, shallowness, lack of foresight

III Empress

Gazing upon all she has gathered under her reign she knows there is much to be done still. There are crops to grow or the people will go hungry. Temples built to grace the sky and connect to the Gods. There are roads to build for trade for prosperity. While walls are necessary to keep marauders out and her people safe. Much to do, and she will see it done.

III Empress A

Though she only wear a simple crown of buds and leaves it is not what she is clothed with that signifies her nurturing stature. She is the Mother and all animals wild and tame flock to her. She gives life, abundance and care.

Upright: Fertility, growth, maternal care, beauty, nature, grace, achievements of goals, connection to Gaia, protection, bold creation, feminine power, project completion/success, sensuality

Reversed: Dependency on others, shallowness, lack of harmony, loss of personal power, lack of affection, infidelity, uncertainty, anxiety, dissatisfaction

IV Emperor

“There are only two forces in the world, the sword and the spirit. In the long run the sword will always be conquered by the spirit.”

Strategic minds move men across grassy slopes as if the world were a match of chess. Borders shall expand, ah yes the world shall know the Emperor's influence and might.

Upright: Authority, structure, competitiveness, worldly power, self awareness, control and coordination, skillful execution

Reversed: Misuse of power, ineffectiveness, egotism, brutality, loss or dislike of authority

IV Hierophant

Much can be gained by simply reading a book but actions must follow any knowledge gained.

The doorway between this world and the next can be bridged via the Hierophant. He gives us the structure and order we need, we only need but open our minds to the truths he speaks.

Upright: Religion, institutions, learning, traditions, conformity, structure, routine, ritual, ceremony, compassion, guidance, seeker of truth

Reversed: Control, poor counsel, restrictions, propaganda, forced conformity, rigidity, closed-mindedness

VI Lovers

Who says only flesh and blood may feel love? It only took a kiss and a wish for Pygmalion and his statue surely were a perfect union.

VI Lovers A

Sometimes the most obvious lovers are right under your nose, a simple hand gesture, a slight touch or a quick gaze of lust is all you might be privy to see.

Upright: Love, union, partnership, relationships, duality, a choice between two paths, a choice, fulfillment of desires

Reversed: Separation, imbalance, confrontation, non committal, loss of love, suspicions, jealousy

VII Chariot

The horses are tethered but not agreeable on which direction to go. The horseman struggles to bring them both in line to move in the direction he wishes to go. Will he succeed and race towards his goal or shall they trample him underfoot?

Upright: Triumph over obstacles, drive, ambition, determination, progress, movement, travel, victory, focus, self disciplined

Reversed: lack of control, stagnation, delay, opposition, car trouble, canceled trip, untamed aggression, envy, imbalance

VIII Strength

The lady and lion both look lovingly into each other's eyes. Her compassion has won the lion over, her gentle nature encourages it to purr rather than any aggressive action it might otherwise take.

Tame, oh no he is not but he and she are one through understanding the other. She has faced her lion have you faced yours?

Upright: Strength, gentleness, patience, healing, courage, instinct, ability, mastery, generosity

Reversed: Weakness, self doubt, pessimism, lack of will power, surrender to impulse, overbearing, cowardice, fear

IX Hermit

Deep within this monk has gone. He has withdrawn and is content to pursue his path without the guidance of others.

Upright: Soul searching, introspection, philosophy, meditation, withdrawal, mysticism, privacy

Reversed: misfit, loneliness, isolation, extreme withdrawal, distrust, refusal of counsel

X Threads of Fate (Wheel of Fortune)

Clotho spun the "thread" of human fate, Lachesis dispensed it, and Atropos cut the thread.

Upright: Fortune, chance, cycle of life, opportunity, destiny, Karmic change, unexpected change, unforeseen joy, happiness, forward movement

Reversed: bad luck, out of control, failure, unexpected setback, reversal, delay

XI Justice

Her eyes search deep within your soul and measure your worth. The cup and rod meet out your reward. She has her own rules but she is always fair and dispenses without malice or bias. Make sure you have planted what you intend to reap.

Upright: Fairness, justice, karma, cause and effect, restoration of balance, honesty, reason

Reversed: Injustice, imbalance, dishonesty, hypocrisy, abuse of power, flawed conclusions

XII Revelation (Hanged Man)

Be still and peer into the deep pool of water... what do you see? What truths lie just beyond your own reflection?

Upright: Reversal, letting go, going silent, suspension, surrender, quiet meditation, restraint, initiation, detachment, withdrawal, self examination

Reversed: Attitude of always right, self-sabotage, narrow-minded, martyrdom, limbo

XIII Death

"I think I'm quite ready for another adventure" Said Bilbo Baggins as he boarded the last ship to leave Middle Earth. **Upright:** Death, rebirth, endings, mortality, transformation, severing ties, embracing and acceptance of the inevitable, closure, peace in finality

Reversed: Lethargy, fear of change, mental exhaustion, futile resistant to change, loss of hope, decay, inertia, depression

XIV Temperance

A balanced life is full of self control. Sometimes this includes approaching things with moderation and restraint with conflicts. Other times our focus and energy are required to complete a task or goal. On the surface she appears calm and serene in actuality she is meeting out her revenge in a controlled manner. She is both in light and shadow in both her extremes.

Upright: Temperance, self control, balance, moderation, harmony, synthesis, patience, quiet awareness,

Reversed: Imbalance, excess, temper, one-sided relationship, disharmony, polarity

XV Self Ruin (The Devil)

Pandora's box, beautiful, enticing and yet a chaotic sometimes destructive force can leap from it's depth.

Upright: Bondage, obsession, materialism, temptation, addictive behavior, violence, sexuality, trapped, shadow, fear, lies, over indulgence, lack of discipline

Reversed: Abuse, addiction, violence, evil, breaking free, reclaiming your power, detachment

XVI Upheaval (The Tower)

Chaos and open warfare has come upon this city as the citizens run and flee in the billowing smoke. What was once a sprawling metropolis of marble statues glistening in the sunlight as soft sandaled citizens whisked across manicured lawns is now ablaze. Within minutes the city will be in ruin while bodies are lining the streets as the invading army walks off with their spoils. Days later the survivors wander among the rubble and bury their dead. Wiping the sweat from their brow they stack stone upon stone and start building their new city with protective walls where the old once stood.

Upright: Sudden change, upheaval, adversity, downfall, destruction, disaster, chaos, ruin, awakening, freedom, escape, self deception, loss of security

Reversed: Fear of change, prolonged upheaval, trapped in a pattern, financial losses, delusional, tyranny

XVII Star

A headdress wreathed in stars surrounds the goddess Maia, one of Pleiades, the eldest and the mother of Hermes.

Upright: Hopeful, spiritual connections, faith, healing, cleansing, renewal, guidance, peace, tranquility, promises, wishes, potentiality, optimism

Reversed: Lack of faith, hopelessness, discouragement, dashed hopes, unfulfilled wishes, despair, self-pity, pride, set back

XVIII Moon

The goddess Diana shoots her mighty arrow into the sky as the moon rises for the evening.

Upright: Intuition, dreams, illusion, imagination, mystery, secret motives, hidden truths, magical creativity, fantasy, deception

Reverse: Instability, impatience, self deception, confusion, unhappiness, hidden forces, trickery, escapism

XIX Sun

Completely at peace this woman lies in an afternoon nap soaking up the sun rays as it warms her skin through the lush silk folds of her brilliant orange translucent dress. In this moment in time and space she is comfortable, secure and radiates happiness for all to see.

Upright: Happiness, bliss, joy, fun, warmth, positivity, good health, vitality, good fortune, glory, energy

Reversed: Ego, false impressions, vanity, misjudgment, drought, partial success, delayed happiness

XX Redemption (Judgement)

Having helped Theseus, Ariadne was cast aside on the shore as she slept as Theseus made his way out to sea abandoning her. Bacchus observing this injustice redeemed her.

Upright: Judgement, rebirth, absolution, awakening, enlightenment, redemption, forgiveness, calling, absolution, renewal

Reversed: Doubt, a voiding change, unhealed wound, lack of forgiveness, delay, guilt, stagnation

XXI The World

"Whatever you ask, I will give thee up to half of my kingdom."

On top of the world, swirling to the sound of the music Salome pauses only a brief a moment to give her request. She has no doubt it will be fulfilled.

Upright: Completion, integration, accomplishment, fulfillment, success, cosmic consciousness, endings and beginnings, celebration, center of attention

Reversed: False starts, stagnation, incomplete work, lack of closure, disappointing outcome, lack of fortitude, failed attempt

Wands

Ace of Wands

Upright: Desire, courage, confidence, invention, energy, enterprise, will, passion, drive, strong beginnings

Reversed: Lazy, delay, dissatisfaction, lack of energy, impotence, a missed opportunity

2 of Wands

Upright: Planning, goals, intentions, business proposal, a choice between equal opportunities, optimism, great energy, confidence

Reversed: indecision, confusion, lack of vision, unexpected failure, excessive hesitation

3 of Wands

Upright: Optimism, expectations, Law of Attraction, prepared, culmination, return on investment, focus, foresight, dedication, success

Reversed: Ambivalence, disharmony, unrewarded work, naive expectations, disappointment

4 of Wands

Upright: Celebration, holiday, party, gathering, honoring someone or something, marriage, home, community

Reversed: Transition, faux happiness, plans go awry, distraction, obstacles

5 of Wands

Upright: Disagreement, conflict, competition, debate, group efforts, strong personalities, differing opinions, lack of leadership

Reversed: Pettiness, inaction, fights, aggressiveness, willfully causing trouble,

6 of Wands

Upright: Victory, triumph, honor, achievement, recognition, pride, public ceremony, great news, charisma, adoration

Reversed: Failure, being overlooked, excessive pride, false praise, betrayal, disloyalty

7 of Wands

Upright: Defending, protecting, valor, courage, bravery, resolve, unshakable conviction, triumph against the odds

Reversed: Defensiveness, overreacting, easily offended, indecision

8 of Wands

Upright: Speed, swiftness, events set in motion, rapid force, potentiality, messages, travel, communication

Reversed: Chaos, confusion, delay, frustration, inertia, jealousy, lethargy

9 of Wands

Upright: Protecting, defending, loyalty, stamina, work to be done, strength, discipline, standing your ground

Reversed: Hopeless cause, martyrdom, disloyalty, wasted energy

10 of Wands

Upright: Overburden, obligations, numerous opportunities, responsibilities, duties, lack of balance hindering growth, stress

Reversed: Physical exhaustion, avoiding responsibilities, inability to delegate leadership, cynicism

Page of Wands

Upright: Creative energy, enthusiasm, exploration, messenger of good news, fresh ideas, new beginnings, naive risk, optimism

Reversed: Pessimism, setback, lack of direction, promiscuity, immaturity, laziness, instability

Knight of Wands

Upright: Energy, passion, lust, adventure, speed, impulsiveness, action, confidence, fierce loyalty

Reversed: Haste, scattered energy, delays, frustration, narcissism, unreliable, bully

Queen of Wands

Upright: Charismatic, compassion, warmth, generosity, gracefulness, optimistic, independent, creative projects, communication

Reversed: Aggressive, demanding, overbearing, short tempered, jealousy

King of Wands

Upright: Natural leader, visionary, generous, loyal, charming, passionate, encouraging, charismatic, expansiveness

Reversed: Impulsiveness, rash, haste, ruthlessness, narrow-minded, high expectations, controlling, intolerant, arrogance

Cups

Ace of Cups

Upright: Love, compassion, creativity, enlightenment, giving and receiving, empathy, a new emotional connection

Reversed: Unreciprocated love, tainted happiness, false love, despair

2 of Cups

Upright: Partnership, marriage, lovers, attraction, sympathy, passion, commitment, harmonious relationship

Reversed: Separation, dissent, divorce, deceit, lack of harmony

3 of Cups

Upright: Celebration, joy, beauty, grace, friendship, community, good fortune, party

Reversed: Excess, selfishness, famine, promiscuity, overindulgence

4 of Cups

Upright: Meditation, contemplation, apathy, reevaluation, imaginary problems

Reversed: Taking actions, seeing possibilities, new relationship, new experiences

5 of Cups

Upright: Loss, regret, disappointment, despair, bereavement, flaws or imperfections

Reversed: Acceptance, forgiveness, worries, recovery

6 of Cups

Upright: Nostalgia, harmony, reunion, childhood memories, innocence, simple pleasures

Reversed: Naivety, unrealistic and exaggerated nostalgia, clinging to the past

7 of Cups

Upright: Choices, fantasy, illusion, imagination, wishful thinking, limitless possibilities

Reversed: Temptation, diversions, false hopes, in decisions, self delusion

8 of Cups

Upright: Escapism, disappointment, abandonment, withdrawal, walking away, searching for a new path, embracing the unknown, letting go of things that no longer serve you

Reversed: Hopelessness, aimless drifting, fantasy, restlessness, paralysis

9 of Cups

Upright: Satisfaction, contentment, comfort, happiness, enjoying the pleasures in life, good karma

Reversed: Greed, boastful, smug, materialism, vanity, superficial

10 of Cups

Upright: Harmony, marriage, family, happiness, security, romantic fulfillment

Reversed: Manipulation, broken home, broken marriage, loss, disruption

Page of Cups

Upright: Creativity, messenger of creative beginnings, imagination, unexpected inspiration, child-like curiosity, joy

Reversed: Emotional immaturity, creative block, selfishness, self doubt, deception, pouty

Knight of Cups

Upright: Romance, love, charm, graceful, emotional, idealism

Reversed: Unrealistic, jealous, moodiness, "rose tinted glasses"

Queen of Cups

Upright: Love, calm, compassion, creativity, empathy, nurturing, devotion, intuition

Reversed: Codependency, passive aggressive, moody, emotional insecurity, volatility

King of Chalices

Upright: Generosity, emotional balance, control, responsible, compassionate, gentle power,

encourages arts and culture, dignity

Reversed: Emotional manipulation, moodiness, selfish use of power, deceptive, explosive temper

Coins

Ace of Coins

Upright: Manifestation of goals, prosperity, wealth, luxury, gratitude, abundance, health, comfort

Reversed: Lack, lost of resources, missed opportunity

Two of Coins

Upright: Balancing act, struggle with finances

Reversed: Too many choices, disorganization, debt

Three of Coins

Upright: Collaboration, team work, success from hard work

Reversed: Miserliness, disregarded skill, lack of teamwork

Four of Coins

Upright: Frugal, fear of a loss, security, control,

Reversed: Greed, materialism, self protection

Five of Coins

Upright: Financial burdens, worry, isolation

Reversed: Spiritual poverty, destitution, lack of success

Six of Coins

Upright: Having more than enough, prosperity, patronage

Reversed: Debt, selfishness, careless planning

Seven of Coins

Upright: Growth, patient, culmination after hard work, rewards, almost completion

Reversed: Lack of growth, stagnation, bankruptcy

Eight of Coins

Upright: Craftsmanship, apprenticeship, use of skills

Reversed: Grindy work, professional stagnation, perfectionism, boredom with work

Nine of Coins

Upright: Independence, wealth, prosperity, gratitude, grace

Reversed: Loneliness, theft, financial set back, self doubt

Ten of Coins

Upright: Profitable, family, feeling whole, completeness, sharing wealth with loved ones, comfort

Reversed: Broken family, financial troubles, waste of resources, unfavorable odds

Page of Coins

Upright: Messenger about prosperity, focus, dedicated, well prepared or trained

Reversed: Buying into others idea of prosperity vs your own, lack of progress and planning, focus on short term vs longevity

Knight of Coins

Upright: Stability, dependable movement in your finances, perfectionism, stoic

Reversed: Mundane, boring, unadventurous

Queen of Coins

Upright: Warmth, generosity, stability, nurturing, enjoys the comforts of life

Reversed: Suspicious, narrow-minded, overbearing, glutton, fear

King of Coins

Upright: Loyal, dependable, cautious, successful, prepared for opportunities, stable

Reversed: Missed opportunities, greedy, materialistic, miserly, not very adaptable

Swords

Ace of Swords

Upright: Victory, mental clarity, headstrong, determination, fresh approach, ambition

Reversed: Confusion, chaos, lack of clarity

Two of Swords

Upright: Choices, decisions of equal value, stalemate

Reversed: Confusion, overload, treachery

Three of Swords

Upright: Heartache, sorrow, grieving, distraught

Reversed: Optimism, forgiveness, releasing pain

Four of Swords

Upright: Meditation, peace, contemplation, retreat, withdrawal, recovery

Reversed: Restlessness, lack of progress, seclusion

Five of Swords

Upright: Betrayal, vindictiveness, conflict, malice

Reversed: Dangerous ambition, hollow victory

Six of Swords

Upright: Releasing and moving forward, gradual change, transitions, transcending

Reversed: Unable to move on, resistance to progress

Seven of Swords

Upright: Thievery, trickery, fear, resourcefulness, over confidence, secrets, stealth

Reversed: Mental challenges, needing counsel

Eight of Swords

Upright: Confusion, lost, mentally trapped, self-doubt, self-imposed restrictions

Reversed: Release, change, liberation

Nine of Swords

Upright: Fear, anxiety, imagined or inflated concerns, worry

Reversed: Hopelessness, torment, distrust

Ten of Swords

Upright: Done, completion, betrayal, endings, transformation, defeat, finality, pain

Reversed: Recovery, regeneration, Phoenix

Page of Swords

Upright: Messenger of information, mental risk taker, talkative, curious, perceptive

Reversed: Haste, cunning, immature, cruel

Knight of Swords

Upright: Action, Opinionated, ambitious, aggressive, cunning

Reversed: Violent, apathy, thoughtlessness

Queen of Swords

Upright: Calculating, brilliant mind, beauty, wisdom, directness, perceptive

Reversed: Overbearing, biting tongue, sarcasm, cold hearted, intolerant

King of Swords

Upright: Structure, balance, intellectual power, rational

Reversed: Tyrant, abuse of power, mean, willfully hurt others

Happy Squirrel

Sometimes happiness means “belonging” to another. Generously fed, groomed and well taken care of is this Squirrel.

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