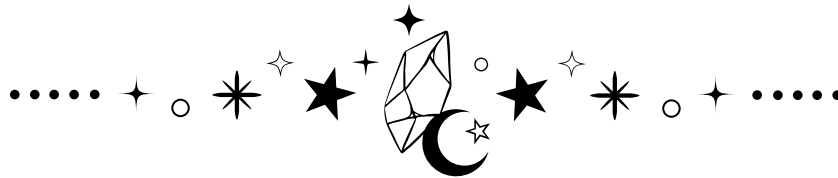


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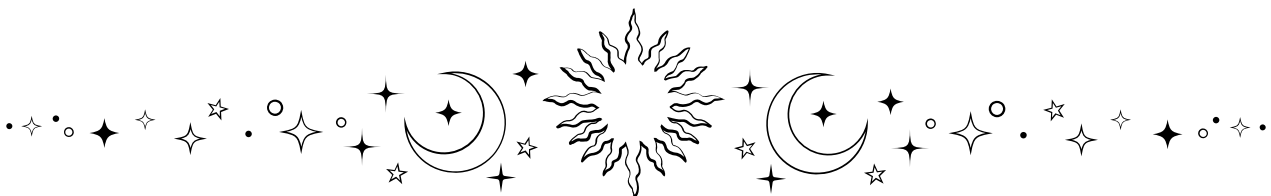


What Demystified Tarot Is About

At Demystified Tarot, we see tarot as a mirror – a psychological tool for clarity, emotional awareness, and personal transformation. You don't need psychic powers to read tarot. You just need curiosity, an open mind, and a willingness to grow.

This cheatsheet is designed to help you connect with the cards intuitively, while also grounding your interpretations in traditional meanings. We've highlighted how each card – upright and reversed – can support your self-reflection and insight into life's patterns.

Let this be your companion as you begin or deepen your tarot journey.



Major Arcana



What is the Major Arcana? The 22 Major Arcana cards represent significant life themes, transitions, and archetypal experiences. They are the “big picture” cards – showing where you are on your personal journey of growth and self-discovery.

0. The Fool (0)

- **Overview:** The Fool represents the beginning of a new journey. It invites you to embrace life with an open heart, curiosity, and trust. This card reminds you that not knowing everything is sometimes your greatest strength.
- **Upright:** New beginnings, innocence, potential, trust in the unknown, innocence
- **Reversed:** Naivety, fear of change, reckless choices, hesitation, foolishness

1. The Magician (I)

- **Overview:** The Magician empowers you to recognize the resources you already have. It's about confidence, intention, and skill. What you focus on grows – this card asks you to direct your energy wisely.
- **Upright:** Personal power, confidence, manifestation, using/having your tools
- **Reversed:** Manipulation, scattered energy, feeling unprepared

2. The High Priestess (II)

- **Overview:** This card symbolizes deep intuition and the wisdom that comes from quiet observation. It encourages you to go inward and trust your inner voice even when the outer world seems unclear.
- **Upright:** Intuition, inner knowing, silence, subconscious & feminine wisdom
- **Reversed:** Disconnection from intuition, secrets, self-doubt

3. The Empress (III)

- **Overview:** The Empress symbolizes abundance, sensuality, and the nurturing aspects of creation. She invites you to care for yourself and others with gentleness and to honor the creative cycles in your life.
- **Upright:** Creativity, nurturing, abundance, self-care, mother/pregnancy
- **Reversed:** Neglect, creative blocks, overgiving, insecurity

4. The Emperor (IV)

- **Overview:** The Emperor brings discipline and leadership. He supports your ability to set boundaries, create order, and take responsibility for your own growth and protection.
- **Upright:** Stability, authority, healthy boundaries, ego, boss-energy

- **Reversed:** Control issues, rigidity, imbalance in power

5. The Hierophant (V)

- **Overview:** This card represents the value of tradition, learning, and mentorship. It encourages you to reflect on your belief systems – and either learn from them or challenge them as needed.
- **Upright:** Structure, learning, tradition, spiritual guidance, values
- **Reversed:** Rebellion, questioning authority, redefining beliefs

6. The Lovers (VI)

- **Overview:** The Lovers card speaks to meaningful relationships and choices aligned with your values. It's not just about love – it's about integration and choosing wholeness.
- **Upright:** Alignment, meaningful connection, choice, values harmony
- **Reversed:** Disharmony, avoidance, misalignment, difficult decisions

7. The Chariot (VII)

- **Overview:** The Chariot is about inner strength, direction, and taking control of your path. It challenges you to stay focused and steer your energy with intention.
- **Upright:** Determination, willpower, success through focus, travel/movement
- **Reversed:** Lack of direction, inner conflict, scattered energy

8. Strength (VIII)

- **Overview:** Strength reminds you that true power is quiet, compassionate, and steady. It asks you to meet challenges with patience and self-trust rather than force.
- **Upright:** Courage, compassion, resilience, inner power, taming inner-demons
- **Reversed:** Self-doubt, avoidance, burnout, emotional imbalance

9. The Hermit (IX)

- **Overview:** The Hermit invites you to pause and go inward. It represents seeking answers within and trusting your inner light to guide your path.
- **Upright:** Solitude, introspection, wisdom, spiritual clarity, hermitting phase
- **Reversed:** Isolation, fear of being alone, withdrawal

10. Wheel of Fortune (X)

- **Overview:** This card symbolizes life's cycles and unexpected turns. It reminds you that nothing is permanent and change can bring new momentum – if you're open to it.
- **Upright:** Change, fate, new cycles, momentum, pass of time, right timing
- **Reversed:** Resistance to change, feeling stuck, bad timing

11. Justice (XI)

- **Overview:** Justice asks you to seek truth and take responsibility for your actions. It's a reminder of fairness, balance, and learning from the outcomes of your choices.

- **Upright:** Truth, fairness, accountability, cause and effect, karma
- **Reversed:** Bias, imbalance, avoidance of responsibility

12. The Hanged Man (XII)

- **Overview:** The Hanged Man invites a pause for new perspective. It teaches that surrendering control can lead to deeper insight and a shift in how you see a situation.
- **Upright:** Surrender, perspective shift, release, acceptance
- **Reversed:** Stagnation, indecision, resistance to let go

13. Death (XIII)

- **Overview:** Death is not literal – it's about transformation and renewal. This card marks a powerful ending that makes space for something new to emerge.
- **Upright:** Transformation, endings, letting go, rebirth
- **Reversed:** Fear of change, clinging to the past, delayed transitions

14. Temperance (XIV)

- **Overview:** Temperance is about harmony and the blending of opposites. It invites you to slow down, find balance, and trust the process of inner alignment.
- **Upright:** Balance, healing, integration, moderation, need for patience
- **Reversed:** Extremes, imbalance, impatience

15. The Devil (XV)

- **Overview:** The Devil shines a light on your shadows – the fears, habits, and desires that may be keeping you stuck. Awareness is the first step to freedom.
- **Upright:** Shadow work, unhealthy patterns, temptation, awareness of limitation, addictions
- **Reversed:** Liberation, reclaiming power, breaking free

16. The Tower (XVI)

- **Overview:** The Tower breaks down what's no longer stable. It's a card of necessary upheaval that clears the way for truth, growth, and rebuilding.
- **Upright:** Sudden change, breakdown of illusion, necessary upheaval, collapse of current world-view
- **Reversed:** Avoidance of disaster, fear of change, internal collapse

17. The Star (XVII)

- **Overview:** The Star brings hope and healing. After difficulty, it offers renewal, inspiration, and a sense that you're being guided toward something brighter.
- **Upright:** Hope, inspiration, calm after storm, spiritual guidance, healing, wish
- **Reversed:** Despair, lost faith, feeling off path

18. The Moon (XVIII)

- **Overview:** The Moon reflects your inner world, fears, and subconscious mind. It reminds you to honor your emotions and intuition, even when things feel unclear.
- **Upright:** Emotions, intuition, dreams, subconscious navigation, depression, secrets
- **Reversed:** Confusion, illusion, anxiety, emotional overwhelm

19. The Sun (XIX)

- **Overview:** The Sun brings warmth, joy, and optimism. It reminds you to celebrate your wins and let your inner light shine with confidence.
- **Upright:** Joy, confidence, vitality, positive clarity, gaining clarity, happiness
- **Reversed:** Temporary sadness, ego overconfidence, clouded joy

20. Judgement (XX)

- **Overview:** Judgement encourages honest reflection. It signals a time of awakening, accountability, and renewal – when you're being called to step into a fuller version of yourself.
- **Upright:** Reflection, awakening, second chances, life review, something coming back to your life from the past
- **Reversed:** Self-criticism, doubt, resisting inner call

21. The World (XXI)

- **Overview:** The World marks the successful completion of a cycle. It's a celebration of your growth, wisdom, and wholeness – and a reminder that new beginnings always follow.
- **Upright:** Completion, wholeness, fulfillment, mastery, end of a cycle
- **Reversed:** Incompletion, delays, lingering lessons, restlessness

Minor Arcana

What is the Minor Arcana? The 56 Minor Arcana cards reflect everyday experiences, thoughts, and emotions. They are divided into four suits – **Swords, Cups, Pentacles, and Wands** – each representing a different area of life. While the Major Arcana shows your big life path, the Minor Arcana zooms in on the day-to-day lessons and growth opportunities.



Suit of Swords (Air / Thoughts, Truth, Conflict, Clarity)

Ace of Swords

- **Overview:** A powerful mental breakthrough or realization. This card invites honesty, truth, and a fresh perspective.

- **Upright:** Clarity, truth, breakthrough, new idea, communication
- **Reversed:** Mental fog, confusion, dishonesty, self-doubt

Two of Swords

- **Overview:** A choice must be made — but you may be avoiding it. This card speaks to indecision and blocked emotions.
- **Upright:** Indecision, difficult choice, needing clarity, not seeing the whole truth
- **Reversed:** Emotional overwhelm, refusal to decide, avoidance

Three of Swords

- **Overview:** A moment of heartbreak or painful clarity. This card acknowledges emotional wounds — and encourages healing through truth.
- **Upright:** Heartbreak, grief, sadness, truth revealed
- **Reversed:** Healing, lingering pain, emotional release

Four of Swords

- **Overview:** Time to pause and recharge. This card invites you to rest and reflect after emotional or mental stress.
- **Upright:** Rest, recovery, retreat, introspection, time-out
- **Reversed:** Burnout, restless mind, resisting rest

Five of Swords

- **Overview:** Conflict or tension that may not be worth the cost. This card warns of ego battles and encourages self-reflection.
- **Upright:** Conflict, win at all costs, tension, mental struggle, self-sabotage
- **Reversed:** Regret, resolution, letting go of pride

Six of Swords

- **Overview:** Moving forward after difficulty. A mental shift is happening — often silently, but with healing intent.
- **Upright:** Transition, moving on, journey to calmer waters
- **Reversed:** Resisting change, baggage, emotional weight

Seven of Swords

- **Overview:** A card of strategy or deception. Are you being honest with yourself — or are you avoiding something?
- **Upright:** Strategy, secrecy, acting alone, deception
- **Reversed:** Coming clean, guilt, facing consequences

Eight of Swords

- **Overview:** Feeling trapped by your own thoughts. This card reminds you that many limitations are self-imposed.

- **Upright:** Doubt, perceived restriction, feeling stuck, mental prison
- **Reversed:** Realization, empowerment, breaking free

Nine of Swords

- **Overview:** Worry and anxiety may be overwhelming. This card highlights your mental burdens and invites self-compassion.
- **Upright:** Anxiety, insomnia, regret, mental overload
- **Reversed:** Healing thoughts, perspective shift, lessening fear

Ten of Swords

- **Overview:** A painful ending – but also a turning point. This card marks the closure of a mental cycle, with new perspective on the horizon.
- **Upright:** Betrayal, collapse, hitting rock bottom
- **Reversed:** Recovery, regeneration, new outlook

Note about Court Cards (Pages, Knights, Queens, and Kings)

In tarot, court cards represent people's energy. They may reflect you (the reader or querent), someone influencing you, or a dynamic you're embodying at the moment.

Sometimes, they're read based on their elemental qualities – Wands = Fire, Swords = Air, Pentacles = Earth, and Cups = Water – and may loosely relate to personality types or even zodiac signs.

But more often, they point to how someone is showing up energetically in a particular situation – as a student (Page), an active force (Knight), a nurturer (Queen), or a leader (King).

Page of Swords

- **Overview:** Curious and alert, the Page of Swords is a seeker of truth. This card brings fresh thoughts or the start of intellectual exploration.
- **Upright:** Curiosity, mental energy, questioning everything, student mindset, doing research
- **Reversed:** Gossip, overthinking, scattered thoughts, defensiveness, someone spying

Knight of Swords

- **Overview:** The Knight charges ahead with bold ideas. He acts fast – sometimes too fast – in pursuit of truth or a mental goal.
- **Upright:** Determination, quick action, strong opinions, mental momentum, incoming news
- **Reversed:** Impulsiveness, tunnel vision, burnout, verbal conflict

Queen of Swords

- **Overview:** The Queen blends intellect with discernment. She speaks truth clearly and cuts through confusion with insight.
- **Upright:** Clarity, independence, truth-telling, emotional intelligence through logic

- **Reversed:** Coldness, cynicism, overly critical, closed off

King of Swords

- **Overview:** The King of Swords leads with reason and mental mastery. He represents strategy, fairness, and mature judgment. He yields the Ace of Swords.
- **Upright:** Logic, authority, leadership through intellect, high standards
- **Reversed:** Ruthlessness, manipulation, misuse of knowledge, mental rigidity, emotional unavailability



Suit of Cups (Water / Emotions, Relationships, Intuition, Healing)

Ace of Cups

- **Overview:** A new emotional beginning. This card invites you to open your heart, embrace joy, and let feelings flow.
- **Upright:** New love, emotional opening, creativity from the heart, self-love
- **Reversed:** Emotional block, repressed feelings, missed opportunity

Two of Cups

- **Overview:** A card of connection and mutual respect. It signifies a meaningful relationship or heartfelt union.
- **Upright:** Partnership, unity, emotional bond, mutual support, soulmates, connecting to inner-self
- **Reversed:** Imbalance in relationships, broken connection, disharmony

Three of Cups

- **Overview:** Celebrate connection and community. This card encourages joy, friendship, and shared emotional support.
- **Upright:** Celebration, friendship, collaboration, sisterhood, third-party
- **Reversed:** Overindulgence, gossip, emotional isolation

Four of Cups

- **Overview:** Feeling emotionally flat or disconnected. This card invites you to notice what you may be overlooking.
- **Upright:** Apathy, emotional stagnation, contemplation, inner focus, dissatisfaction

- **Reversed:** Opening up, renewed interest, new emotional perspective

Five of Cups

- **Overview:** A card of grief and disappointment – but also a nudge to shift your focus. Healing begins when you're ready to see what remains.
- **Upright:** Loss, regret, grieved, emotional setback, fixation on the past
- **Reversed:** Acceptance, emotional recovery, forgiveness, letting go

Six of Cups

- **Overview:** Nostalgia and emotional memory. This card can signify inner child healing, joy from the past, or emotional innocence.
- **Upright:** Nostalgia, childhood, innocence, emotional roots, soulmates
- **Reversed:** Living in the past, emotional immaturity, clinging to what was

Seven of Cups

- **Overview:** So many emotional options – which one is true? This card highlights illusion, dreaming, and the need for clarity.
- **Upright:** Choices, fantasy/delusions, idealism, emotional overwhelm, opening up to new emotions, lack of realistic clarity
- **Reversed:** Clarity, decision, grounding your emotions in reality

Eight of Cups

- **Overview:** Walking away from something once meaningful. This card speaks to emotional evolution and inner truth.
- **Upright:** Departure, moving on, emotional growth, inner search
- **Reversed:** Avoiding change, fear of abandonment, staying stuck

Nine of Cups

- **Overview:** Emotional satisfaction and self-contentment. A reminder to be grateful for how far you've come.
- **Upright:** Fulfillment, contentment, wish granted, self-love
- **Reversed:** Overindulgence, superficial happiness, unmet desires

Ten of Cups

- **Overview:** Emotional wholeness and harmony. This card represents emotional fulfillment with yourself and others.
- **Upright:** Happiness, alignment, joyful connection, family harmony, happy-ever-after, our close circle
- **Reversed:** Strained relationships, unmet expectations, inner discontent

Page of Cups

- **Overview:** A gentle messenger of emotions. The Page of Cups signals emotional openness, creativity, or new feelings blooming.
- **Upright:** Intuition, emotional curiosity, beginnings in love or healing, shy love offering, also little miracles
- **Reversed:** Emotional immaturity, sensitivity, unrealistic daydreaming

Knight of Cups

- **Overview:** The romantic and idealist of the deck. This knight follows his heart and moves through life with emotional intent.
- **Upright:** Romance, inspiration, heart-led action, creative pursuit, offer coming out of someones heart
- **Reversed:** Moodiness, escapism, overpromising, chasing illusions

Queen of Cups

- **Overview:** Deeply intuitive and emotionally attuned. She listens inwardly and nurtures others with compassion and calm.
- **Upright:** Emotional depth, empathy, healing, wise inner guidance, loving and intuitive
- **Reversed:** Overwhelm, co-dependence, emotional confusion, burnout

King of Cups

- **Overview:** Emotionally mature and balanced, the King of Cups supports others without losing his center.
- **Upright:** Emotional leadership, compassion with boundaries, calm strength, emotional maturity
- **Reversed:** Emotional suppression, manipulative kindness, inner turmoil, withholding of emotions



Suit of Pentacles (Earth / Security, Career, Health, Material Foundations)

Ace of Pentacles

- **Overview:** A seed of prosperity or stability is being planted. This card invites you to embrace opportunity in a grounded, tangible way.
- **Upright:** New job, financial opportunity, physical health, manifestation, physical gift
- **Reversed:** Missed chance, instability, hesitation to commit

Two of Pentacles

- **Overview:** Juggling priorities, resources, or emotions. This card reminds you to maintain balance while navigating life's ups and downs.
- **Upright:** Balance or need of it, multitasking, time management, adaptability, choice
- **Reversed:** Overwhelm, disorganization, imbalance

Three of Pentacles

- **Overview:** Collaboration and shared goals. This card supports growth through cooperation, learning, and trust in each person's strengths.
- **Upright:** Teamwork, building, mentorship, recognition, creating foundations for something
- **Reversed:** Lack of harmony, solo struggles, miscommunication

Four of Pentacles

- **Overview:** A need to reflect on your relationship with security. Are you protecting what matters – or holding on out of fear?
- **Upright:** Stability, saving, healthy boundaries, holding on/ not letting go
- **Reversed:** Greed, fear of loss, emotional/financial rigidity

Five of Pentacles

- **Overview:** Hardship or lack may be clouding your perspective. This card calls you to ask for help and remember that support exists.
- **Upright:** Financial worry, scarcity mindset, isolation, bad health, being left out
- **Reversed:** Recovery, hope returning, support becomes visible

Six of Pentacles

- **Overview:** Giving and receiving with balance. This card teaches lessons in generosity, boundaries, and self-worth.
- **Upright:** Generosity, reciprocity, support, sharing resources, small income
- **Reversed:** Power imbalance, strings attached, overgiving

Seven of Pentacles

- **Overview:** A pause to evaluate your progress. This card encourages patience and checking whether your efforts align with your values.
- **Upright:** Investment, patience, slow progress, reflection
- **Reversed:** Impatience, poor planning, questioning your path

Eight of Pentacles

- **Overview:** Skill-building and steady effort. This card encourages dedication to your craft and long-term goals.
- **Upright:** Practice, work ethic, craftsmanship, improvement, putting in the work
- **Reversed:** Burnout, lack of passion, cutting corners

Nine of Pentacles

- **Overview:** Enjoying the results of your effort. This card signifies self-sufficiency, abundance, and earned comfort.
- **Upright:** Independence, prosperity, grace, self-worth, the "happy single" card
- **Reversed:** Overdependence, financial concern, undervaluing self

Ten of Pentacles

- **Overview:** Long-term stability, legacy, and grounded fulfillment. This card reflects what you're building for future generations.
- **Upright:** Wealth, family support, legacy, rooted success
- **Reversed:** Disconnection from values, instability, broken legacy

Page of Pentacles

- **Overview:** The Page is eager to learn and build. This card is about potential, especially around work, study, or wellness.
- **Upright:** New goals, steady effort, learning something practical, putting small efforts to start something small
- **Reversed:** Laziness, distraction, missed opportunities, lack of planning

Knight of Pentacles

- **Overview:** The steady and loyal doer. This knight gets things done, slowly but surely, through commitment and patience.
- **Upright:** Reliability, routine, slow progress, grounded focus, slow but steady efforts
- **Reversed:** Stubbornness, burnout, resisting change, stuck energy, boring personality

Queen of Pentacles

- **Overview:** She nurtures the material world with grace. The Queen of Pentacles balances home, work, and self-care.
- **Upright:** Practical nurturing, financial wisdom, resourcefulness, mother
- **Reversed:** Neglecting self, overworking, material insecurity, materialism

King of Pentacles

- **Overview:** A master of the physical realm. The King of Pentacles represents stability, long-term planning, and confident leadership.
- **Upright:** Abundance, security, responsible leadership, grounded success
- **Reversed:** Greed, material obsession, controlling behavior, stinginess



Suit of Wands (Fire / Action, Passion, Inspiration, Drive)

Ace of Wands

- **Overview:** A spark of inspiration or motivation. This card signals the beginning of a creative or passionate pursuit.
- **Upright:** New idea, passion, enthusiasm, creative energy, lust
- **Reversed:** Delay, lack of motivation, blocked inspiration

Two of Wands

- **Overview:** Planning your next step. This card represents choice and vision – the moment before action.
- **Upright:** Future planning, decisions, potential path, choosing direction
- **Reversed:** Fear of change, staying in comfort zone, indecision

Three of Wands

- **Overview:** Momentum is building. This card suggests progress and looking ahead with hope and intention.
- **Upright:** Waiting, expansion, foresight, progress, waiting for results/investment's return
- **Reversed:** Delays, doubt, frustration, lack of direction

Four of Wands

- **Overview:** A card of celebration and belonging. It marks stability, milestones, or feeling at home.
- **Upright:** Celebration, home, stability, joyful foundation, committed relationship
- **Reversed:** Instability, lack of harmony, postponing joy

Five of Wands

- **Overview:** Creative or competitive tension. This card reflects challenges, often arising from clashing ideas or ego.
- **Upright:** Conflict, competition, differing opinions, friction, fights
- **Reversed:** Avoiding conflict, inner tension, suppressed anger

Six of Wands

- **Overview:** Public recognition and personal victory. This card signals achievement and confidence.
- **Upright:** Success, victory, praise, confidence, winning
- **Reversed:** Self-doubt, overlooked effort, fear of failure

Seven of Wands

- **Overview:** Holding your ground and standing firm. This card speaks to resilience and personal boundaries.
- **Upright:** Defense, perseverance, standing up for beliefs, holding the high ground

- **Reversed:** Feeling overwhelmed, defensiveness, giving up

Eight of Wands

- **Overview:** Fast movement and communication. This card shows momentum and things falling into place.
- **Upright:** Speed, progress, quick results, news arriving, communication
- **Reversed:** Delay, miscommunication, scattered focus

Nine of Wands

- **Overview:** Persistence and endurance. You're close to the finish line, even if you feel exhausted.
- **Upright:** Resilience, grit, pushing through, caution, keeping your walls up
- **Reversed:** Burnout, paranoia, hesitation to trust

Ten of Wands

- **Overview:** Carrying a heavy load or too much responsibility. This card asks you to reflect on what you can let go of.
- **Upright:** Burden, hard work, overwhelm, obligation, exhaustion
- **Reversed:** Release, delegation, refusing support, collapse

Page of Wands

- **Overview:** This Page is excited about new passions or creative ideas. A card of spark, enthusiasm, and potential.
- **Upright:** Inspiration, bold curiosity, new path opening, personal growth, fun and open to new things
- **Reversed:** Recklessness, scattered energy, fear of starting, procrastination

Knight of Wands

- **Overview:** Bold and passionate, the Knight of Wands charges ahead – sometimes without thinking. His fire drives action.
- **Upright:** Motivation, adventure, risk-taking, bold expression, passionate (also in sexual way)
- **Reversed:** Impulsiveness, burnout, arrogance, quitting halfway, player (romantically speaking)

Queen of Wands

- **Overview:** Charismatic and empowered. She leads through passion and encourages others to shine unapologetically.
- **Upright:** Confidence, attraction, creative leadership, radiant energy, sexy
- **Reversed:** Jealousy, self-doubt, attention-seeking, burnout, 3rd party influence (in relationships)

King of Wands

- **Overview:** The visionary leader. The King of Wands commands attention and acts with purpose, inspiring others through boldness.
- **Upright:** Leadership, big-picture thinking, charisma, taking initiative, passionate in a healthy way
- **Reversed:** Ego, overcontrol, short-sightedness, misused authority