

WANDS : SPIRIT

The wands suit relates to the element of Fire, which is spark of life and animates all matter

Associated with gusto and life force. Excitement, exploration, creative pursuits. Passion as well as grandiosity and impulsiveness.

They represent

- Intuition
- Vision
- Inner knowledge
- Deep understanding
- Spirituality
- Mystery of being human
- Vitality
- Creative projects
- Spiritual activities
- Passion for career

CUPS : LOVE

The cups suit relates to the element of Water, describes the fluid and feeling level of our existence

Associated with the emotional realm. Connection, love, dreams and wishes. Happiness as well as sorrow and vulnerability.

They

- Hold and nurture the essence of hope, desire and inspiration
- Relate to our ability to flow with and adapt to undercurrents of life
- Attune to unconscious process
- Refer to emotional quotient in a relationship
- Hold ideas

SWORDS: KNOWLEDGE

The Swords suit relates to the element of Air & represent mental arena.

Associated with the mental realm. Rationality, logic, communication. Useful thoughts as well as anxieties and fears.

They Represent

- Intellectual understanding
- Logic
- Reason
- Conscious process
- Communication
- Struggle and conflict

Swords cut and severs like the mind does

PENTACLES: POWER

The cups suit relates to the element of Pentacles and represent commerce and earthly arena

associated with the material realm. Physicality, the body, work, environment. Abundance as well as scarcity and greed.

Include

- Money
- Career
- Livelihood
- Home
- Possessions
- Physical health
- Making way in the world and handling physical existence
- Survival

COURT CARDS

So now let's talk about what court cards really are. Why do they exist, and what do they contribute to the deck as a whole? Court cards are either specific people, personality traits, approaches to life or situation and events.

THE FOUR RANKS

age and gender in the courts, are only metaphors. For example, a page has a childlike approach to life but does not always represent a literal child. A queen can be biologically male, and a king can be biologically female.

Page: the “youngest” of the courts. Has an explorative, playful relationship with the suit's energies. May still have a lot to learn about the suit, but on the other hand often interacts with the suit in fresh and unbiased ways.

Knight: the “teenager.” Prone to shift erratically within the suit's energy – sometimes showcasing that energy in proactive ways, the next moment in unbalanced ways.

Queen: the “inwardly mature adult.” The queen embodies the traits of her suit and radiates that energy from the inside out. She leads by example, through her intentions and beliefs.

King: the “outwardly mature adult.” Projects the energy of his suit outwards, imposing it upon the world. He leads through action and by setting external guidelines.

THE KINGS

The Kings reflect maturity and action. Traditionally, they can be understood as being the leader and know how to take charge when necessary.

The King of Cups – represents emotional maturity and the ability to be diplomatic and thoughtful in situations.

The King of Pentacles – represents enterprise and abundance. With this card, it is time to act to ensure prosperity!

The King of Swords – signifies logic, structure, and the ability to plan ahead.

The King of Wands – reflects bravery and innovation.

THE QUEENS

The Queens of the deck are similarly mature but have a greater sense of protection and care. They have the ability to connect with those in need and support others.

- The Queen of Cups – represents love, kindness, and care.
- The Queen of Pentacles – signifies security, balance, and a social consciousness.
- The Queen of Swords – represents hope, clarity, and support. With this card, we can rationally see the love and positivity that is around us.
- The Queen of Wands – reflects passion and sensuality.

THE KNIGHTS

The Knights are the teenagers of the court cards, that they are passionate, but also a little bit erratic! They will often appear when action is needed.

- The Knight of Cups – this is often seen as one of the most romantic cards of the Tarot deck, as it represents passion and the need to follow your heart.
- The Knight of Pentacles – represents determination, hard work, and improvement.
- The Knight of Swords – reflects bravery, confrontation, and accomplishment.
- The Knight of Wands – reflects adventure and the need to shake things up a bit!

THE PAGES

These cards have youthful energy, full of curiosity and excitement. They are seeing the world through child-like eyes, experimenting with life, and discovering what is around them.

- The Page of Cups – represents idealism and the need to connect with your inner child. It may also predict love news.
- The Page of Pentacles – signifies focus, progress, and loyalty. It may appear to predict news in regard to money or work.
- The Page of Swords – represents new ideas, confidence, and fairness.
- The Page of Wands – reflects enthusiasm, good news, hope, and ambition.

WANDS COURT IN THE REALM OF SPIRIT

KING OF WANDS



SUPPORTER: SPIRITUAL ELDER

- Holds the vision of existence
- A spiritual elder
- Spiritual teacher
- Sage, guru, shaman, visionary, guide, the all-wise one.
- Provides illumination or shines light on a situation with spiritual knowledge.
- Has intuitive understanding or direct knowledge of the workings of the spiritual words

CRITIC : ULTRA ORTHODOX

- Can be a cult leader who has become enamoured of physical body, money, or power
- Abuses his or her position of authority
- Imposes his or her spiritual viewpoint upon others
- Spiritual vision is narrow, limiting, and exclusive
- Can sidetrack us from further spiritual growth

RESOURCE : SPIRITUAL VISION

- Perceive realities beyond our our physical senses
- Ability to see auras and nonphysical being
- Ability to communicate from other realms
- Enables us to understand existence in the context of a greater plan

CHALLENGE: ILLUSION

- Fantasy regarding our spiritual mission
- Delusions in believing
- Psychological disorder
- the challenge is to pierce through the veil of illusion and ego inflation to come to a realistic understanding and acceptance of our role

QUEEN OF WANDS



SUPPORTER: SEER

- Holds the vision of self
- Uses his or her self-awareness to help us toward self-knowledge
- Treads the inner path ahead of us.
- Knows us deeply and holds a mirror for us to see our reflection
- A talented intuitive or psychic

CRITIC : PRETENDER

- Acts from pretence and falsity
- Takes advantage of his or her intuitive abilities to manipulate others for personal gain
- Can receive misinformation and projections
- Blocks the path to self-knowledge
- Includes liar, soothsayer, deceiver, or charlatan

RESOURCE: SELF-KNOWLEDGE

- Reflects our consistent effort to discover what lies beneath the persona we present to the world
- Helps to perceive our underlying motives, illusions, and core truths and to express our inner essence.
- Helps to write a journal, dream work, or artistic expression to access Self-Knowledge.
- Speaks of our intuition and inner vision and the understanding of our physical nature

CHALLENGE : SELF-DECEPTION

- Pretending to be
- Acting from a false self
- Convinced ourselves we are someone we are not
- Parts of ourselves are we unaware of
- Egoism of self

KNIGHT OF WANDS



SUPPORTER: LIGHT BRINGER

- Brings lightness to our life through humour, inspiration, optimism, and creativity
- Humour brings health. We feel better after a good laugh
- People in our life who heal us spiritually or lighten our moods
- Introduces surprise, excitement, and unpredictability into our lives
- Tendency to see things differently, change our views, and ask us to lighten up.
- Alters our direction, and may be someone whose purpose is directed by an inner vision

CRITIC: TRICKSTER

- Master of illusion
- Avoids making promises
- Who slips away when we try to hold him or her accountable
- Slippery, elusive, and manipulative

RESOURCE: CREATIVITY

- New ideas and follow through with their implementation
- Being in touch with creativity
- Increases our energy
- Gives us purpose, and can strengthen our ability to heal others and ourselves
- Connection to emotional and spiritual healing - Music, art, dance

CHALLENGE: BOREDOM

- Frustrated, blocked, or without adequate creative outlets,
- End up feeling bored
- Impatient with those around us
- Our attitude, feelings, or physical energy might be limiting our ability to have fun, be creative, or enjoy our physicality
- Find a source of inspiration and start a creative flow

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SUPPORTER: CHILD

- Expresses profound truths in simplicity and wisdom
- Can enlighten and inspire us with his or her idealism
- Youthful curiosity and zest for life

CRITIC : REFUSES TO GROW

- Refuses to grow up and accept the responsibilities of life
- Can cause us to take on more than our share of responsibility
- Can be seduced into his or her fantasy world
- Examine how we set limits with others and with ourselves.

RESOURCE : PLAY

- Inherent ability to play
- Playing sports or games, working a jigsaw puzzle, reading a novel, going to the movies, eating popcorn, coloring, baking cookies, and listening to music with friends are ways to access this resource

CHALLENGE: IMMATURITY

- Avoiding responsibility in order to have fun
- Building castles in the air and wishful thinking
Lack of worldly experience that affects our ability to make sound decisions
- Unrealistic hopes or desires around relationships

CUPS COURT IN THE REALM OF LOVE

KING OF CUPS



SUPPORTER: BENEFACTOR

- Loves unconditionally, no matter what we do or say
- Benefactor's love for us is unfailing
- Grandparents, parents, or off spring, counsellor or therapist

CRITIC: BETRAYER

- Violates our trust
- Breaks an implied promise to remain true and loyal
- Betrayal can hamper our ability to function normally

RESOURCE: UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

- Represents our capacity for emotional openness
- Our ability to accept others and to love ourselves
- Staying true to our commitments in the face of great difficulties
- May be a test of our ability to forgive those who have harmed or hurt us

CHALLENGE: HATRED

- Experience such as betrayal, abuse, ridicule, neglect, criticism, or rejection can lead to feelings of hatred
- Beneath the hatred is a deep hurt
- Intimacy and separation
- Wall of separation, alienation, and non communication

QUEEN OF CUPS



SUPPORTER : CONFIDANTE

- Confidante and is the ideal of a true friend
- Empathic to our situation and shows us compassion
- Listens to our outpourings and reflects back our
- Has a knack for understanding what we are feeling maybe even better than we do

CRITIC: VICTIM

- Blames others for his or her own difficult life circumstance
- Everyone else is at fault for the victim's misfortune
- Offers compassion to the point of self-sacrifice
- Unable to set boundaries, giving all and more of what is asked
- Unwilling to set limits with others to gain respect
- Misfortune, encouraging both sympathy

RESOURCE: COMPASSION

- Our ability to offer compassion to ourselves and to others
- Here compassion is more specific, referring to individual circumstances
- Need to listen, understand, and communicate our understanding to those who are asking for our support
- This is the ability to be empathic and access the power of the unconscious

CHALLENGE: DEPRESSION

- Feeling depressed, lost, or numb
- Have given too much of ourselves, been victimized or trampled, suffered a great loss, or have a broken heart

KNIGHT OF CUPS



SUPPORTER : LOVER

- Inspires our passion for life
- Have fallen in love with or with whom we share a great passion
- The Lover may also be a person in whose presence we feel a spark of attraction, admiration, and deep connection
- Makes us feel alive and vibrant
- Might represent an abstract ideal or goal that holds a stirring excitement

CRITIC : POSSESSOR

- Passion has become self-serving or possessive
- Attachment have an addicted, needy, or clinging quality
- In need of constant Reassurance

RESOURCE : DESIRE

- Can move mountains
- Incredibly strong motivating force
- Our capacity to access this emotional fuel to energize our lives through fantasy, dreams and the imagination
- Desire to be loving someone passionately or living our life with and joy

CHALLENGE: REJECTION

- Tendency to reject someone or something
- Fear that our desires may not be fulfilled or the pain if they are not
- Moody, unpredictable, undependable, or unfaithful

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SUPPORTER: IDOL

- Concept of love in its beauty
- Feelings of balance and tranquillity
- Feelings of peacefulness and harmony
- We can also become inspired

CRITIC :NARCISSIST

- Preoccupied with looks and image inner beauty remains undiscovered
- Loses a sense of ourselves and our personal identity

RESOURCE: HARMONY

- Emotions are in balance
- Neutrality and detachment
- Emotional security
- Can confidently reach out in new directions for relationships
- Can approach people with trust, Innocence, and openness
- Ability to heal and recover from emotional wounds
- Ability to rejuvenate, regenerate, and maintain an open heart

CHALLENGE: JEALOUSY

- Had a father or mother overly critical of her
- Lack of self-esteem
- Selfishness, narcissism, and insecurity

THE SWORD COURT IN THE REALM OF KNOWLEDGE

KING OF SWORDS



SUPPORTER: ADVISER

- Wise adviser
- Mastery of the intellect and worldly knowledge
- May be insightful about morals or law
- Has answers to a wide variety of questions
- Has a conceptual understanding of the
- Naturally clear thinking
- the ability to understand complicated situations
- Someone who has specialized knowledge

CRITIC: DICTATOR

- Excellent analytical skills but leaves out the human element
- Heartless but well equipped with a cold and calculating mind
- Makes decisions based upon the bottom line, disregarding emotional
- Political leaders
- Someone who tries to dictate how we act, think, or feel, causing us to feel trapped, afraid, or emotionally shut down

RESOURCE: PRAGMATISM

- Our ability to analyze situations and proceed with what works
- Actions are practical
- Ability to focus, concentrate, and be mentally determined

CHALLENGE: RUTHLESSNESS

- Dictator turned inward
- Cuts away hopes and feelings
- Impractical, childish, or farfetched
- Refuses to acknowledge our emotions

QUEEN OF SWORDS



SUPPORTER : EXACTOR

- Set us right in
- Ability to catch our own truths
- Teaches us to keep promises
- To do a thorough rough job, and to be truthful
- Models clear communication skills and stand by our truth.
- Setting limits and encouraging discipline

CRITIC : CRITIC

- Criticism without compassion
- Projecting self-criticism or may not be making an effort to find the entire truth of the situation
- We do not have to accept destructive

RESOURCE : DISCRIMINATION

- Making choices and weeding things out
- Use the sword of Discriminations to figure out right from wrong by analyzing the possible consequences of our actions
- Can draw a line
- Discrimination helps us avoid confusion and retain mental clarity

CHALLENGE : SELF CRITICISM

- Inner voice that criticize us, judges others, and contributes to low self- esteem or feelings useless.
- Need to validate our strengths and come to a realistic assignment
- Judging others harshly

KNIGHT OF SWORDS



SUPPORTER: CHAMPION

- Goes to fight for us
- Understands our cause, beliefs, or position and is committed to standing by us
- Believes in our cause
- Fights for us and supports through action

CRITIC: RIVAL

- Challenges our positions and ideas, testing the validity of our thinking
- Pushes us to do better, and calls out the best in us
- Can be a business competitor

RESOURCE: INSIGHT

- The strategic mind that figures the best way forward
- Carries out the plan
- Wants action and results
- Strategy is followed by implementation guided by the focused mind

CHALLENGE : ANGER

- Intolerant, contentions, argumentative, or spiteful
- Anger turned outward in active or verbal expression that is destructive
- Destroys relationships, causes mental anguish, and perpetuates pain and suffering

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SUPPORTER: STUDENT

- Thirsty for the knowledge
- Creates a flow of Ideas
- Makes space to learn more by
- Keeps the cycle of knowledge and
- Penetrating questions
- Shows interest in what we have to say

CRITIC: DABBLER

- floods with a great variety of interests
- Seeking through a Shallow purpose
- Accumulated knowledge remains undigested and un applied
- Asks mindless questions or repeat the same theme

RSOURCE: CURIOSITY

- Represents our enquiry mind
- Scientists, mathematician sociologist and artist
- Powerful mindset of curiosity to energize and focus their work

CHALLENGE : ONFUSION

- An inactive mind
- Does not bother to ask questions
- The mind may be dull, uninterested from disuse, or mesmerized by television
- Delayed action and decision
- Procrastination, in differences

THE PENTACLE CARDS IN THE REALM OF POWER

KING OF PENTACLES



SUPPORTER: MENTOR

- Reached a level of accomplishment or skill
- Is a professional role model

CRITIC : MISER

- Someone who has skill, maturity, and prosperity but will not share it
- Hoards wealth of all kinds
- Lonely Millionaire
- Boss who does not give raises
- Provides an inferior work environment
- Withhold accessible resources

RESOURCE: GENEROSITY

- Represents our natural aptitudes
- Capacity to receive
- Ability to be generous
- Highly developed skills

CHALLENGE: GREED

- Represents Greed or the excessive need to possess
- Feeling of lack in material possessions
- Emptiness that cannot be fulfilled
- Greed challenges us to examine our desire to accumulate or hoard and make a realistic assessment of our needs and resources

QUEEN OF PENTACLES



SUPPORTER: HEALER

- Facilitates wholeness and health
- Help us groom, adorn, or exercise our bodies
- Help us archive physical integrity and balance
- May be a body worker, massage therapist, this dietician, doctor, dentist, hairdresser, physical therapist, personal trainer, or yoga teacher
- Wife holding and caring for his husband

CRITIC: ABUSER

- Someone who directly threatens our physical safety
- Self-abuse (that is, drugs, alcohol, reckless leaving)
- Effects our well-being

RESOURCE: SELF-CARE

- Self-Care, our capacity for taking care of our physical body and health
- Knowing our healers and calling on them when we need to
- Difficulty looking after matters such as diet, exercise, and rest

CHALLENGE: SELF -DESTRUCTION

- Our urge towards self-destruction
- Overindulgence, self-neglect, physical addictions, stress, or self-deprivation
- Become more aware of how we use our body
- Become aware of self-destructive behaviours - such as overeating, drug taking, or excessive drinking

KNIGHT OF PENTACLES



SUPPORTER : PROTECTOR

- Stability, safety, and security
- Offering food, money, shelter, clothing, or simply good companionship
- Feeling of physically natural and secure
- Like an anchor who holds a boat
- Keeps us from hitting bottom
- Structures and securely forms our lives
- Helps to create abundance, physical balance, and security

CRITIC : DESERTER

- Abandons responsibilities and leaves us along feeling unsupported and unloved
- Causes low self-esteem
- Challenges us to create a secure base for ourselves and find outside support
- Withdrawn from life or relationships
- Narrow focus, rigidity, and inaction
- Safety is first and foremost at the expenses of growth and movement

RESOURCE: TRUST

- Capacity to trust our survival skills and those we rely on for physical and emotional well-being
- Need to trust
- Ability to provide security and to be self-confident and responsible

CHALLENGE: NEGLECT

- Instead of being responsible, neglectful
- Passively abusive behaviour

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SUPPORTER: APPRENTICE

- Learning a craft, trade, or particular skill
- Careers skills and skills for living
- Can also indicate unborn child, that is, pregnancy
- Someone who is dependent because of health or life circumstances

CRITIC: IDLER

- Someone who merely passes time in a job
- Lack of enthusiasm and energy
- Someone who has chosen not to work and may have become dependent for basic survival needs
- Have the ability to make it in the world but is unwilling to make the effort
- Someone who borrows money but rarely pays it back

RESOURCE: DILIGENCE

- Our innate ability to handle the world and create new things in our life through hard work, skill, and perseverance
- Discipline and stamina as we learn skill and acquire physical resources

CHALLENGE: INERTIA

- The inability to move or make progress
- Look at what stops us from making moment or change
- Being incapable of changing an ongoing cycle of action
- Indicates skills, we do not have or that are undeveloped

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