

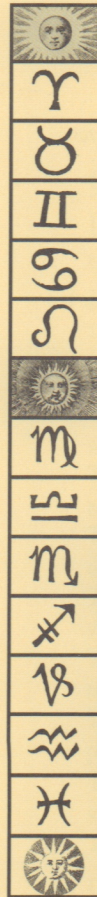
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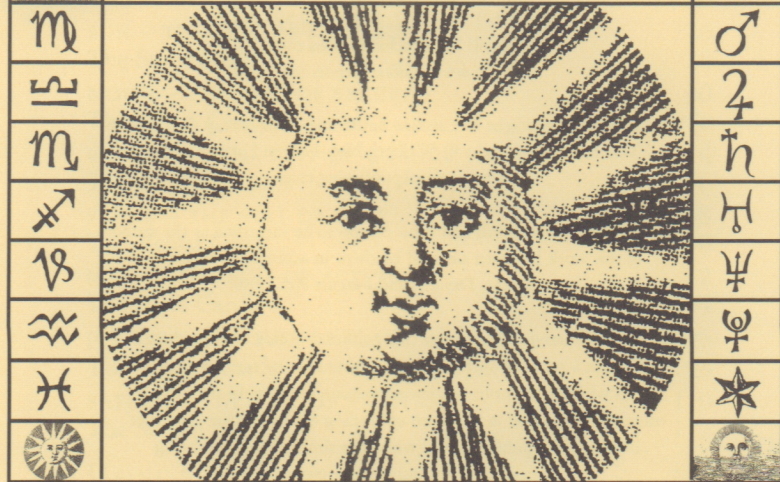
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He was an inspiration to all who knew him.*

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Of the Sun ...



Of the Sun, and his generall and particular fignifications

The Sun is placed in the middle of all planets, and is called amongst the Ancients, both Poets and Historians, Sol, Titan, Ilios, Phebus, Apollo, Pean, Ofyris, Diefpiter : It's needless to mention his Colour, being so continually visible to all mortall men: He paffeth through all the twelve Signes of the Zodiack in one year, or in 365 dayes and certaine hours : His mean motion is 59 8 ; yet his diurnall motion is sometimes 57m 16 seconds, sometimes more, never exceeding 61 minutes and six seconds.

Manners when well dignified
Very faithfull, keeping their Promises with all punctuality, a kind of itching desire to Rule and Sway where he comes : Prudent and of incomparable Judgement ; of great Majesty and Statelineffe, Industrious to acquire Honour and a large Patrimony, yet as willingly departing therewith againe.

Weather

He produceth weather according to the season : in the Spring gentle moyfing Showers ; in the Summer heat in extremity if with Mars ; in Autumn mists ; in Winter small Raine.

Winds

He loves the East part of the World ; and that wind which proceeds from that quarter.

Yeers

In age he ruleth youth, or when one is at the strongest.

Day of the Week

He ruleth Sunday the first hour thereof, and the eighth ; and in numbers the first and fourth ; and in conceptions the fourth month.
His friends are all the planets except Saturn, who is his Enemy.

From William Lilly's *An Introduction to Astrologie*, 1647

Introduction

The study of the world around us started with the first observations made by our early ancestors of the apparent movement across the sky of the Sun, Moon and, later, the planets. The development of the understanding of the cycle of seasons made it possible for mankind to predict the dying off, rebirth and flowering of all living things on earth. The yearly cycle became the predictable rhythm of life. Consequently, the appearance of the great radiant orb of the Sun took on the form of an all-powerful god presence to be worshipped and appeased. The four great periods of the year – the vernal equinox, the summer solstice, the autumn equinox and the winter solstice – became the core times for worship of the Sun god, and the reliability of the god's circuit of the heavens was registered and measured in the erection of great stone monoliths and lines of dolmens marking the path of the deity.

The same powerful, life-giving Sun god has existed in one form or another in religion after religion, each new deity replacing the one before and using exactly the same symbolic periods that mark the Sun's calendar. The winter equinox traditionally marks the birthday, and the spring equinox the death and rebirth of male Sun deities such as Apollo, Mithras, Baal, Dionysius, Osiris and countless others. Most current religions continue this tradition. It is not without significance that many Western countries make their religious observances on the Sun's day, Sunday.

THE BIRTH OF ASTROLOGY

The apparent path of the Sun across the sky and through the twelve constellations was defined in ancient times, and predictions were made on the nature of the effects on the earth of these movements. These became translated into what we know as astrology, and most people are aware of, even if they are not entirely comfortable with, the interpretation of the zodiac sign in which the Sun was placed at their birth. The Sun's path is

not now measured against the exact positions of the constellations, but in thirty-degree sections around the path of the ecliptic, starting at the spring equinox, or the beginning of the sign Aries.

Worship of the Sun in a more worldly sense has seen a vast growth over the last century in holiday sun-seekers, who, despite the well-reported dangers, cover themselves in oils and lotions and bask in the divine heat and light of our flaming star. The fact that most of these sun-drenched resorts are by the sea confirms and symbolizes our unconscious and continued worship of the fire/water essence of mankind's two most powerful deities, Sun god and Moon goddess.

The radiant Sun illuminates and brings to life all living things on earth; in the same way, the tradition of divination, through the position of the Sun and its small group of planets in the heavens, brings illumination and life to the predictions we make in its name.

UNIQUE INSIGHT

This Sun oracle is a unique system based on eighty-four illustrated cards describing the meaning of the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in the twelve Houses and twelve signs of astrology, and sets out a clear and simple means of remembering and developing the interpretation. As in Horary astrology (see page 11), the Sun oracle does not use the outer planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Astrology can span the "just-for-fun" star-sign columns of the magazines and the life-changing discovery of one's inner path – and so can the Sun oracle. The depth of interpretation is enormous: beginners will enjoy gaining simple answers to questions using key words alone, while a professional can use the cards to give in-depth psychological yearly readings (instructions for giving readings start on page 124). Start at the level you feel comfortable with, and enjoy the insight of the powers of the Sun.

Understanding Symbols

Ever since the first cave dwellers looked on the ground, saw the paw prints of a sabre-tooth tiger, and hotfooted it to the nearest tree, mankind has read symbols. The marks that appear on the computer screen as I type conjure up visual images that transfer themselves meaningfully to you in a flash as you read them. Depending on how evocatively I write, your mind will be excited or bored. Unlike a computer, however, the mind does not simply store each piece of information received, ready to be extracted and repeated verbatim. As soon as information arrives in your mental databank, it undergoes a transformation. It is applied to and compared with other stored information, and enhanced and made relevant to a thousand criteria that make up your own belief system, philosophy and wealth of personal experience. From all this, you judge and reframe the received material, and then pass it on colored with your own unique interpretation.

READING THE FUTURE

Divination is based on a similar inspirational reading of symbols. This comes rarely in the form of words, however, and more often involves physical observation and created images. Observed events in nature that predict future events can range from the tiger's footprint to weather forecasting, from astrology to the predicting of stock-market turns and economic cycles.

The human mind is astounding in its ability to make brilliant leaps of imagination and achieve accurate observations. For the first thirty or so years of photography in the nineteenth century, people were perfectly happy to look at black and white images of their loved ones. They did not see the images simply as a symbolic representation of degrees of light and shade – they saw the person. This ability to transfer images immediately into mental reality has produced mankind's greatest visual system for understanding: language.

The Language of Astrology

Astrology is a language. Each zodiac sign, planet and House of a horoscope in combination builds the letters, words and phrases that enable astrologers to interpret the meaning of any given moment. Each astrological House is naturally ruled by a sign, and each sign is governed by one or two planets. Although the Sun and the Moon are not planets, for the sake of simplicity, they are referred to as such. The table on page 12 represents the twelve divisions of the zodiac, and each one features key words. The words next to the House describe realms of life experience; the words following the planets describe functions or actions; and the definitions by the signs set out the nature or style of an action. By combining the host of different combinations and permutations of the three qualities of House, sign and planet, we can develop the most complex descriptions of possibilities in any situation. The weekly snippets in magazine sun-sign horoscopes are very basic compared to this, and have only the vaguest relationship to astrology proper.

Symbols for the Astrological Signs

♈ Aries	♎ Libra
♉ Taurus	♏ Scorpio
♊ Gemini	♐ Sagittarius
♋ Cancer	♑ Capricorn
♌ Leo	♒ Aquarius
♍ Virgo	♓ Pisces

Symbols for the Astrological Planets

☉ Sun	♃ Jupiter
☾ Moon	♄ Saturn
☿ Mercury	♅ Uranus
♀ Venus	♆ Neptune
♂ Mars	♇ Pluto

Qualities associated with the Houses, planets and signs

HOUSE Realm of experience	PLANET(S) Function or action	SIGN Nature of the action
FIRST HOUSE: personality, self-expression	MARS: drive to action	ARIES: initiative, impulse
SECOND HOUSE: the sensory world, possessions	VENUS: the desire to possess	TAURUS: beauty, acquisition
THIRD HOUSE: mental ability, communication	MERCURY: the need to know	GEMINI: curiosity, versatility
FOURTH HOUSE: the home, family and protection	MOON: receptiveness, nourishment	CANCER: emotions, closeness
FIFTH HOUSE: creativity, love and enthusiasm	SUN: the life spirit or drive to succeed	LEO: generosity, leadership
SIXTH HOUSE: work, efficiency and health	MERCURY: the need to perfect	VIRGO: discrimination, analysis, service
SEVENTH HOUSE: relationships, partnerships	VENUS: the desire to interact	LIBRA: harmony, arbitration, diplomacy
EIGHTH HOUSE: shared senses, self-knowledge	MARS/PLUTO: the drive for power	SCORPIO: passion, self-mastery
NINTH HOUSE: knowledge, beliefs and ethics	JUPITER: growth, the desire to expand	SAGITTARIUS: optimism, expansiveness
TENTH HOUSE: achievement in the world	SATURN: control and application	CAPRICORN: practicality, caution, ambition
ELEVENTH HOUSE: friends and the community	SATURN/URANUS: the need to reshape	AQUARIUS: originality, rebellion, humanity
TWELFTH HOUSE: spiritual and mystic dimensions	JUPITER/NEPTUNE: spiritual growth	PISCES: sympathy, sensitivity, imagination

Reading the Associations

Any of the combinations of House, sign and planet in the table opposite can be used to describe people and events, as in the examples below.

SAMPLE CHARTS

Looking at the birthchart for someone with Sun in Scorpio in the Third House, taking the keywords detailed in the chart gives the following clues:

Sun + Scorpio + Third House
drive to succeed passion/self-mastery mental ability
communication

Expanded, this gives the following interpretation: this chart describes someone with a powerful and self-controlled ability to achieve authority through writing, talking and other forms of communication. This may suggest that the person is an author or orator.

If the reading refers to an event rather than a person, it could be interpreted as follows: an intense, concentrated study of a creative subject with a view to enhancing the ability to communicate. Perhaps it involves throwing great energy into learning a language or acquiring IT skills.

Every one of us has a personal astrological birthchart that is virtually unique, and within your chart are a dozen or so of these simple combinations. When translated, they combine to create a very good description of the unique person you are. And they are more accurate and succinct than magazine sun-sign definitions such as "Librans can't make up their minds" or "All Scorpions have a sting in the tail."

While most modern astrology is geared to interpreting birthcharts, another form of the art, known as Horary astrology, is becoming popular as more astrologers discover how effective it can be. Horary casts a chart for the exact time a question is asked, and the chart is then interpreted according to a strict set of rules. Using the same basic material, it can give surprisingly apt answers to questions. Horary astrology works with the planets Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn only, and for this reason we use the same seven celestial objects in this Sun oracle.

The Seven Planets

Now you have a basic idea of how the system of planets, signs and Houses works, we can expand on the concept of keywords and put a little flesh on the bones. Each planet, House and sign has a series of traditional correspondences said to be “ruled” by them. Within astrology’s elegant system, everything on earth is governed by a planet, House or sign, and although it seems complex, the symbolism is not difficult to acquire once you understand the essence of each of the factors. The Sun, for example, is big, hot and fiery and is the center of our existence; it therefore rules the heart, the glowing color yellow, royalty, show business, acting, theatres, grand houses, palaces, and so on.

Below are brief outlines of the seven planets of traditional astrology, describing their meaning and some of the correspondences that apply to them. Fuller details are given on the opening page of each suit of cards (see pages 26, 40, 54, 68, 82, 96 and 110).

SUN

The life-force around which our solar system spins, the Sun is the most important feature in astrology. Its apparent movement around the 360 degrees of the ecliptic, divided symbolically into 30 degree segments, gives us the zodiac as we know it in the West. Through this, we define our solar year, which starts at the spring equinox in Aries and ends in Pisces. This planet governs each individual’s life-force and will to succeed. The Sun stands for the masculine qualities within each of us, regardless of gender, and indicates how we feel at our best.

- For Sun-card interpretations, see pages 26–39.

MOON

The Moon highlights our need for emotional security and satisfaction, connecting with the nurturing and feminine aspects of each of us, whether male or female, and shedding light on childhood and the formative effect

this can have on our personalities and into our adult lives.

- For Moon-card interpretations, see pages 40–53.

MERCURY

Mercury offers insight into the intellect, mental reasoning, and the way that we communicate thoughts and ideas. It also indicates response to change.

- For Mercury-card interpretations, see pages 54–67.

VENUS

In Roman mythology, Venus was the goddess of love, and in astrology the planet has the same associations. They concern our quest for love and companionship, and define the nature of our closest relationships. This also extends out to express how we value art, beauty and the objects we choose to surround ourselves with.

- For Venus-card interpretations, see pages 68–81.

MARS

Mars is the planet of assertion and drive; it helps define our motivation, and the suit of Mars cards adds extra information to the interpretation of other cards, describing the way in which we approach tasks.

- For Mars-card interpretations, see pages 82–95.

JUPITER

Jupiter governs expansion, abundance and wisdom, and so the Jupiter cards shed light on mental and spiritual growth, and the ways in which we seek to understand our place in the world.

- For Jupiter-card interpretations, see pages 96–109.

SATURN

The planet of responsibility, boundaries and structure, Saturn highlights those areas of life to which one must apply oneself to succeed, and shows the obstacles that must be overcome in order to advance in work and the material world.

- For Saturn-card interpretations, see pages 110–123.

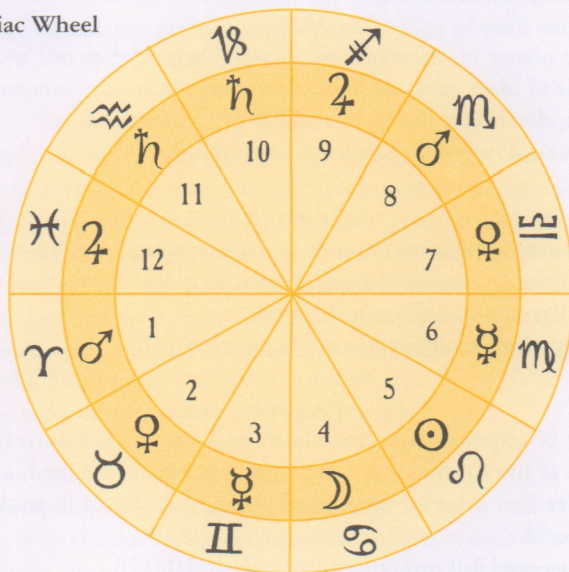
The Astrological Houses

The astrological chart has twelve Houses; each is the natural home of and ruled by a sign and a planet. To recap, each House governs a certain realm of life experience, each planet is associated with particular functions or actions, and each sign influences the nature or style of an action. The Sun and Moon rule one House each; other planets rule two.

READING THE ZODIAC WHEEL

Look at the zodiac-wheel diagram; think of the three concentric rings as separate dials that, at any time, can be (and nearly always are) displaced in a spontaneous reading. Planets will be aligned with different signs, and signs sit in varying Houses. This displacement gives clues to interpret.

The Zodiac Wheel



SAMPLE READING

To interpret the setting of the dial as relates to a particular event, recall the lists of qualities detailed on page 12. Taking Mars in Gemini in the Second House as a reading, for example, we must remember that:

- The First House, Aries and Mars all relate to self-expression.
- The Second House, Taurus and Venus all relate to possessions and material senses.
- The Third House, Gemini and Mercury all relate to communication, and so on.

So for Mars in Gemini in the Second House, we have to combine three sets of associations. As Mars in Gemini is about decision-making and the Second House concerns possessions, this combination can be interpreted as requiring a quick decision with regard to possessions or money.

The Houses in Horary Astrology

When you make a Horary chart with the Sun oracle, each House governs specific questions and this is the place to look for the answer to a reading. Below are detailed the specific areas of life ruled by the twelve Houses.

FIRST HOUSE

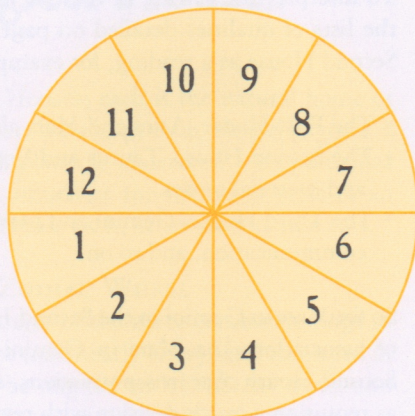
Questions associated with the First House shed light on the state of mind of the questioner, and his or her health and circumstances. This House also indicates how the enquirer sees him or herself, and how others regard him or her.

SECOND HOUSE

Second-house questions are about finances, wealth, poverty, loss or gains. This House describes possessions in the portable sense, such as furniture, art, jewelry and money used in speculation. It can also indicate one's physical abilities and talents as well as anything that can be described as one's "property."

The associations of each House

1. The questioner
2. Property, finances
3. Brothers, sisters, communication
4. Parents, home, family
5. Children, creative matters, love affairs
6. Work, health, service
7. Marriage, business partnerships
8. Shared property, others' finances
9. Religion, philosophy, law, distant travel
10. Career, place in community
11. Friends, associations, hopes and wishes
12. Spirituality, institutions, secret enemies



THIRD HOUSE

The Third House offers information on communications of all kinds, including letters, messages and documents. This House also represents brothers and sisters and describes sibling relationships. Questions related to everyday travel, knowledge, early learning, short journeys, mental energy and telepathy can also be answered by looking at cards drawn at the Third House position.

FOURTH HOUSE

Questions of the Fourth House concern home and family. This House describes events and happenings that affect one's father or mother, house, family, land, estates and gardens. The Fourth House also describes the end or the summing up of the question.

FIFTH HOUSE

The Fifth House deals in questions about children, pregnancy, lotteries, gambling, love affairs and anything involving creativity. This can include artistic pursuits, hobbies, recreation, children and lovers.

SIXTH HOUSE

Sixth-house questions concern employees, workers and day-to-day life. Also matters relating to health, service to others, small animals and pets.

SEVENTH HOUSE

Questions associated with the Seventh House relate to a husband or wife, long-term partners, marriages, business partnerships, lawsuits, contracts, agreements and disagreements with others. This House also refers to matters concerning nieces, nephews and grandparents.

EIGHTH HOUSE

This House sheds light on questions to do with legacies, inheritances, shared finances, other people's money, a partner's money or possessions, and the health or work of brothers and sisters. Traditionally, this is the house of death, but in the broadest sense, this concerns the ending of one thing in order to make room for another.

NINTH HOUSE

Ninth-house questions concern beliefs, philosophy, overseas travel, foreign places, higher learning, academic subjects, law, religion, publishing, foreign culture and sport.

TENTH HOUSE

Questions for this House pertain to one's public life, standing in the community, career, social status and attitudes to parenting. It represents honor, authority, career and professions, life direction and achievement.

ELEVENTH HOUSE

Questions relating to the Eleventh House concern friendships and one's relationships with groups of people. This House also relates to one's hopes and dreams, humanitarian impulses and work for good causes.

TWELFTH HOUSE

Twelfth-house questions deal with hidden strengths and weaknesses. This House also concerns institutions, such as hospitals, jails, libraries and the armed services. It describes fears, hidden enemies, the collective unconscious, spirituality and karma.

The Twelve Signs

The twelve signs of the astrological zodiac also have familiar traditional associations. There follows a brief profile of each sign, detailing the basic nature, the energy, behavior patterns and the negative qualities familiarly associated with each one.

FIRST SIGN: **ARIES**
 21 MARCH – 20 APRIL
Element – FIRE
Planetary ruler – MARS
Gemstone – DIAMOND

Aries, in its most positive sense, initiates activities, bringing an atmosphere of freshness and newness, or renewal, into the area in which it has influence. It has a pioneering energy, and is courageous and bold, making decisions instantly and without fear for the consequences. Arian behavior is impulsive and often reckless. This sign can be egotistical, impulsive, impatient, aggressive and lacking in subtlety.

SECOND SIGN: **TAURUS**
 21 APRIL – 21 MAY
Element – EARTH
Planetary ruler – VENUS
Gemstone – EMERALD

Taurus is a down-to-earth, practical and plodding sign, artistically talented and proving its value with each step forward. There is an innate sense of the value of material things inherent in this sign. Stable and enduring, Taurean values are strong, unyielding, earthy, and acquisitive with strong desires. Negatively, Taurus can be stick-in-the-mud, stubborn, overly possessive and self-indulgent.

THIRD SIGN: **GEMINI**
 22 MAY – 21 JUNE
Element – AIR
Planetary ruler – MERCURY
Gemstone – AQUAMARINE

Gemini's nature is as mercurial as the planet by which it is ruled, displaying a natural inquisitive curiosity to know and see everything. The Gemini mind is agile, versatile, flowing, conversational, airy and packed with ideas. Gemini's ability to communicate with and understand others makes for great social aptitude. Negatively, the Gemini nature is moody and can be volatile, superficial, changeable, restless and inconsistent.

FOURTH SIGN: **CANCER**
 22 JUNE – 22 JULY
Element – WATER
Planetary Ruler – MOON
Gemstones – PEARL, CRYSTAL

Cancer is the maternal sign, sensitive to the needs of others. Usually blessed with a profound memory and a love of tradition and the past, Cancer enjoys a nurturing, protective, tenacious role, and is emotionally sensitive and watery. Family and home are of great importance to the Cancerian nature, which maintains family customs and passes them on to future generations. Negatively, Cancer can be overly protective, unwilling to let go, timid and reclusive.

FIFTH SIGN: **LEO**
 23 JULY – 23 AUGUST
Element – FIRE
Planetary ruler – SUN
Gemstone – CAT'S EYE

Leo is the sign of confidence and natural-born leaders. Achievement and appreciation is of great importance to the Leo nature, and this naturally

always puts them on show. The lion is generous, warm-hearted, powerful and dramatic, usually with a love of display, and often a splendor and largeness that makes others sit up and take notice. There is great dignity in the lion, but negatively, this sign can be overly proud, vain, extravagant and even arrogant.

SIXTH SIGN: **VIRGO**
 24 AUGUST – 22 SEPTEMBER
Element – EARTH
Planetary ruler – MERCURY
Gemstones – PINK JASPER AND HYACINTH

Virgo is meticulous, desiring everything to be in order, and hating muddle and inefficiency. Virgo has great discrimination in matter of taste, though always with modesty and simplicity. This sign is often health-conscious, practical and hard-working, and usually has a talent for analysis and a gift for sifting the essence from collections of facts and figures. Negatively, Virgo can display a hyper-critical, petty and perfectionist attitude.

SEVENTH SIGN: **LIBRA**
 23 SEPTEMBER – 23 OCTOBER
Element – AIR
Planetary ruler – VENUS
Gemstone – OPAL

Libra is balanced and diplomatic, with an ability always to see both sides of a situation. The Libran nature is even-handed, harmonious, artistic, diplomatic and displays a strong sense of fairness. The other side of the coin to a balanced judgment is, of course, a difficulty in coming down on one side or another with regard to important decisions. This character trait can cause Libra to become over-compromising, to the point of giving in for the sake of a quiet life.

EIGHTH SIGN: **SCORPIO**
 24 OCTOBER – 22 NOVEMBER
Element – WATER
Planetary ruler – PLUTO
Gemstone – TOPAZ

Scorpio is a powerful and penetrating sign, forever on a quest for the secrets of the deep and unfathomable profundities of life. The Scorpio nature has an enormous capacity for tackling formidable challenges, and in fact this becomes a necessity of life for this deep, brooding sign. Scorpio has a magnetism and an ability to show others what is to come. This sign has an intense, penetrating perception and the power to confront. Negatively, it can be destructive, vengeful, jealous and overly dramatic.

NINTH SIGN: **SAGITTARIUS**
 23 NOVEMBER – 21 DECEMBER
Element – FIRE
Planetary ruler – JUPITER
Gemstone – TURQUOISE

Sagittarius values honesty, straightforwardness and freedom – for themselves and for others also, making Sagittarians say what they think and hang the consequences. Not necessarily too diplomatic, this sign is nonetheless rarely hypocritical. Energetic and outgoing with a good sporty sense of fun and adventure – if life is a journey, Sagittarius is in. Negatively, the sign can be reckless, unrestrained and, above all, tactless.

TENTH SIGN: **CAPRICORN**
 22 DECEMBER – 20 JANUARY
Element – EARTH
Planetary ruler – SATURN
Gemstone – GARNET

Capricorn has natural ability as a conscientious and ambitious organizer, and puts its excellent intuitive faculties to good use in achieving every

aim in life. The Capricorn mode is slow, steady advancement, solidly based and security-oriented. It is easy for Capricorn to obtain a responsible position in the community, for here, undoubtedly, this sign's abilities lie. Capricorn is disciplined, responsible and reliable, but, negatively, can be pessimistic, overly conventional, rigid, materialistic and callous.

ELEVENTH SIGN: **AQUARIUS**
 21 JANUARY – 18 FEBRUARY
Element – AIR
Planetary ruler – URANUS
Gemstone – SAPPHIRE

Aquarius can be defined as an unusual, determined and sometimes stubborn temperament. Not too concerned at what others think about Aquarian beliefs and behavior, this sign can well be considered original if not downright "eccentric." Questioning old "stick-in-the-mud" ways and exploring the new is very much what Aquarius is about. This sign gathers many friends and acquaintances of all shapes, sizes, creeds and colors. Negatively, Aquarius can be rebellious, eccentric, aloof, emotionally superficial and overly extroverted.

TWELFTH SIGN: **PISCES**
 19 FEBRUARY – 20 MARCH
Element – WATER
Planetary ruler – NEPTUNE
Gemstone – AQUAMARINE

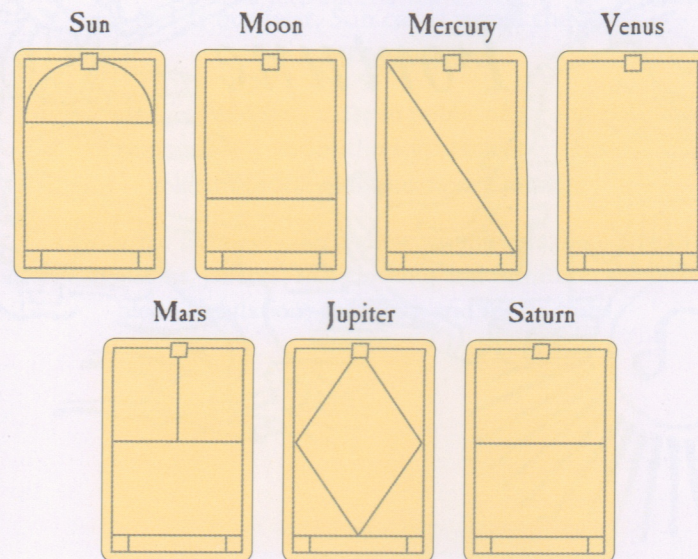
Pisces is extremely sensitive to others' thoughts and feelings. In many ways, this sympathy and feeling for others can easily seduce the sign into becoming and doing what others want. However, the Pisces nature sees success in the pop-star, designer or film-maker who understands intuitively how to reflect the mores of the moment. Pisces is one of the most imaginative zodiac signs. The Pisces nature is compassionate, sensitive, self-sacrificing, gentle and intuitive, but, more negatively, can be prone to escapism, and may be impractical, hyper-sensitive and gullible.

THE ORACLE CARDS

To make recognition of the seven planetary suits in the deck of eighty-four cards immediate, artist Caroline Smith has given each suit a different representation (see outlines below). The illustrations are her own instinctively inspired interpretation of the meanings of the cards, and use powerful figurative and symbolic imagery. No two people see or interpret images in the same way. Each symbol means different things to different eyes. Regular practice will extend your impressions of the truths behind the images and develop your own instinctive understanding of the cards.

The interpretations that follow, based on traditional astrology, form a starting point – how you use them is your creative challenge. We describe first the personality type arising from the planet-sign combination, assess what the card indicates in a reading, and outline events associated with it.

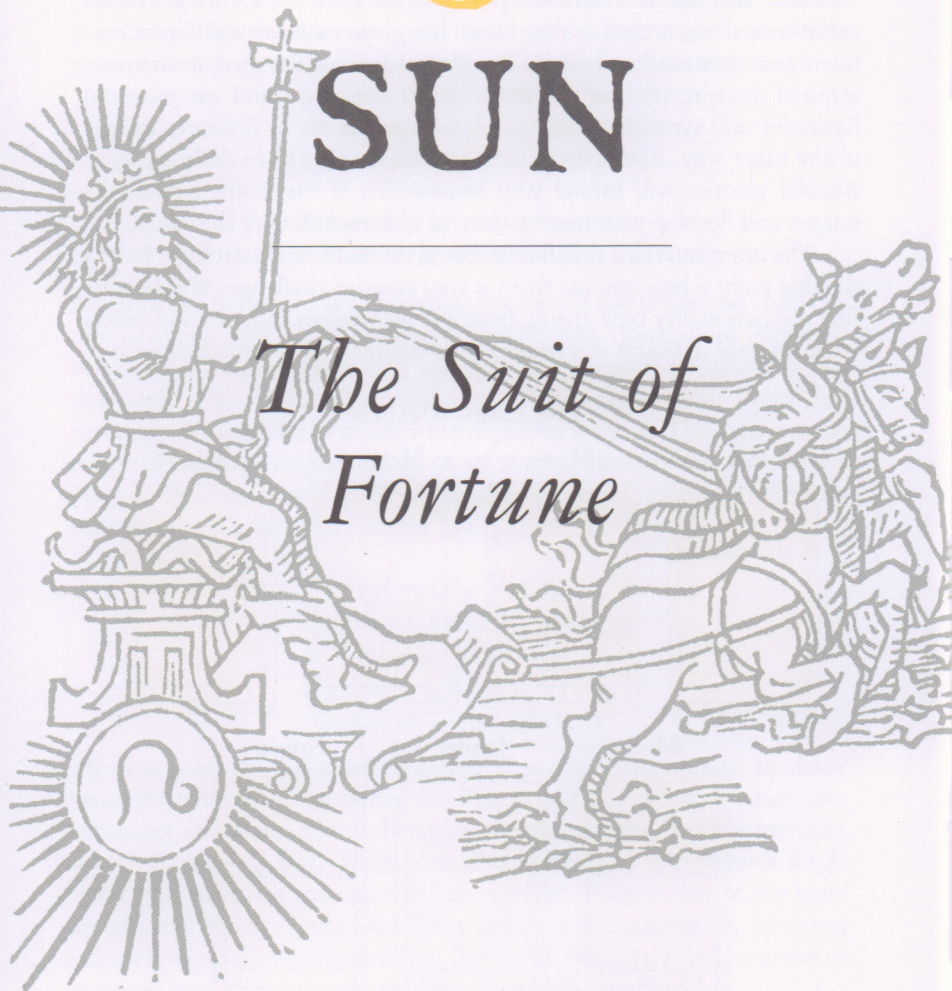
THE CARD SHAPES





SUN

The Suit of Fortune



The twelve Sun cards represent the Sun's movement through the twelve signs of the astrological zodiac and are the most potent suit in the pack. Interpreting the combinations of planets and signs on each card allows you to assess life-spirit of the subject of a reading, revealing how his or her power to succeed in each area of life are met. The Sun cards represent identity, and masculine drive in particular. They define how we express ourselves, our need to get on in life, and how we feel at our best. Sun cards reveal the focus of our self-expression.

Sun occupations: Leaders, those in public office and positions of responsibility and authority; actors, performers; goldsmiths, those in the money market.

Sun affinities: Sunday; gold, yellow, sunflowers; lions; royalty; large mansions, palaces, rich clothing and furniture; the heart, blood circulation; gambling and sports clubs.

1

Assertion

SUN IN ARIES

SUN — FORTUNE
ARIES — SELF-WILL

The knight and dragon speak for themselves. This card indicates a quality of reckless heroism, and a refusal to be deterred from the battle.

PERSONAL Sun/Aries people have a strong psychological drive to prove themselves through direct action. Not satisfied by just talking ideas through, they are impatient to get on with doing something about them. These impulsive qualities sometimes indicate the possibility of errors of judgment, but this personality type even finds getting out of a jam a fulfilling challenge. In fact, Sun/Aries people come into their own when faced with a challenging project. Run-of-the-mill activities do not bring out the best talents of people with this planet/sign combination, and finding themselves in this kind of situation, Sun/Aries people do their utmost to bring about change. These personalities have a strong will and much vitality and self-awareness. This can be helpful if one is forced to take the lead, when such

qualities can find expression. But the person described by this card usually makes mistakes in acting immediately. Taking extra time and thought helps.

When dealt in a reading, this card shows that the opinions and wishes of others do not easily sway the questioner, and indicates a strong determination to maintain his or her own course in life. The card reveals that the enquirer has a clear vision of what he or she wants, and knows how to achieve it. It also indicates the need to work harder and longer than most to achieve success and the respect of others. The danger when this card appears is one of acting on impulse.

EVENTS Sudden acts, times requiring impulsive courage, an unexpected challenging situation; a need for quick action or defense of one's position.

2

Acquisition

SUN IN TAURUS

SUN — FORTUNE
TAURUS — MATERIAL
VALUES

An excessively exquisitely dressed couple promenade showing their finery for all to see. The symbol above is a ritual voodoo diagram, known as Erzulie, which represents the desire for a marriage bond and shows a love of perfume and jewelry.

PERSONAL Sun/Taurus personalities have a strong sense of purposeful determination and power. They have a natural ability to achieve mastery over physical matter, and, for this reason, often express a sense of the real value of material possessions. The ability of people with this combination to build and make things grow, coupled with their strong need for security, acts as a powerful drive towards achievement. Sun in Taurus characters know exactly what is required to satisfy their every need, and let nothing stand in the way of acquiring this. Emotional and sensitive, people with this aspect have a strong sense of beauty and appreciate the good things in life, traits that make an otherwise practical character a confirmed romantic. Great comfort is highly attractive to the Sun Taurean, and is an incentive in decision-making.

But this love of comfort ensures that change doesn't come easily, and an obstinate and willful Taurean nature can resist to the point of detriment.

In a reading, this card shows a strong desire to achieve financial independence, and often indicates the ability to amass a comfortable amount of money. The danger when this card appears is that a natural love for life's pleasures will express itself in greed, over-lavish behavior and ostentation. The card also indicates a need to hold on to possessions, and may indicate a challenge to ownership.

EVENTS Those involving pleasure, artistic encouragement or expensive indulgence; resistance to change; a dispute over possessions; discovery of something of value, a win, gift or a surprise receipt of money.

3

Versatility

SUN IN GEMINI



SUN — FORTUNE
GEMINI — MENTAL
AWARENESS

A talented acrobatic figure walks on his hands in order to impress. On the horizon are the symbol of the sun and the alchemical sign for gold. The star above is another ancient symbol for the sun which is, of course, a star.

PERSONAL The Sun/Gemini person's basic drive is communication, and this card indicates a mind that is quick to catch on to things and has little difficulty in expressing new ideas clearly. This card occurs when there is a need to be a "Jack of all trades" and the full gamut of one's talents will be used to the full. It indicates a need for mental and emotional flexibility and versatility in order to secure a positive result. Freedom of action and movement are essential for people with this planet/sign combination, and they suffer real frustration in life as a result of unwelcome ties placed on them by others. The inevitable nerviness this produces means that Sun/Gemini people can waste a lot of energy running in every direction at once. The negative side of people with this planet/sign combination is the danger of becoming

intellectually arrogant, almost forcing ideas and unwanted information on to other people.

When this card appears in a reading, it makes a change of job likely, or perhaps the Gemini characteristic of being able to work on two tasks at once. Words in this situation are important, serving as a strong framework for the question. The Versatility card also indicates a time to open the mind to movement, physical and mental. Contact with brothers, sisters and neighbors is indicated, and many journeys may be required in relation to the question.

EVENTS A social gathering, impressing other people; the need for a quick decision; an important conversation; reliable information; some contact with the media.

4

Resourcefulness

SUN IN CANCER



SUN — FORTUNE
CANCER — NURTURING
ATTACHMENT

In a bleak landscape, a raven converts a discarded vase into a highly decorative home.

PERSONAL The Sun/Cancer nature is emotionally sensitive, and considers feelings to be of paramount importance. This card describes a powerfully nurturing person, and whether the question it relates to concerns family, home or business, the same caring qualities come into play. As people with this planet/sign combination experience most things on an emotional level, decisions are based on how they feel rather than cold logic. Sun/Cancer people also have an excellent memory for past life-events. The need for security is prominent for Sun Cancerians, and indeed this card defines a careful person who is happier with a little something put away for a rainy day. Someone with this planet/sign aspect feels a strong need to collect and accumulate both objects and helpful people, and has difficulty in

getting rid of things, just in case they come in handy. This shrewd and acquisitive talent is useful in business, in which the Sun Cancerian excels. Often, people with this aspect expend time and energy in making the home a place of beauty and luxury. Such a natural feeling for property and its potential gives a head start in real-estate matters. Sun/Cancer people put down strong roots and it takes a lot to move them once they're settled.

When selected, this card suggests that family background is more than usually important. Inherited family traditions contribute much to the way in which the questioner lives.

EVENTS Those requiring sympathy; suspicion based on previous experience; big family occasions, reunions, inheritance, paternal contact.

5

Fortune

SUN IN LEO



SUN — FORTUNE
LEO — CREATIVE
SELF-EXPRESSION

A benign sun warms the world, its great rays giving a glow of creative life to the small planet.

PERSONAL This is the most auspicious position for the Sun in the whole deck of cards — in its own sign, Leo. Astrologically, Sun in Leo rules the Fifth House, August, prestige, pride, children and love affairs. Sun/Leo people are defined by their dignity and generosity, great vision, and the power to see a plan and make it reality. When this card appears, it has provided, or is about to present, a great, relieved “at last” feeling. Sun in Leo is not about sudden, unexpected good luck, but much more concerned with gaining the recognition or results one has been aiming for. It represents good fortune in the sense that all the hard work put into a project or situation is at last recognized. A good performance is satisfactorily rewarded and one should now take an opportunity to lie back and relax. Although the Fortune card

represents the successful end of a long, hard journey, it does not mean that the person it applies to has come to a standstill. The longed-for success has opened a doorway to new horizons and greater responsibility.

There is an element of game-playing when this card appears in a reading. It denotes that whatever has gone before had a long-term strategy, in which each move was countered with a new problem to solve. The enquirer accepted the challenge each time, and surmounted it. When the Fortune card appears with cards that are less auspicious, it has the power to lessen any negatives in a reading.

EVENTS Grand successful plan, great show or achievement, receiving recognition, a creative success, exhibition of talents, successful offspring; love affair.

6

Health

SUN IN VIRGO



SUN — FORTUNE
VIRGO — PERFECTION AND
SERVICE

*Three servants tend to the well-being of a princess.
A pentacle invokes health and fortune.*

PERSONAL The Sun in the sixth sign of the Zodiac indicates a person who has the ability to make order and system out of seeming chaos. This card rules health and work, with the knowledge that material well-being is a requisite for a fulfilling, organized working life. People with this planet/sign combination can be somewhat perfectionist in specialized areas, and, as a result, a little hard on those less able to match their high standards. Care should be taken not to develop too nagging a nature in the name of helping the less organized. A good thinker, the Sun Virgoan values learning in order to analyze and grasp the essence of things. Material progress is also respected by Sun/Virgoans, who have a fondness for the good things in life but do not throw away hard-earned money on rubbish. These abilities

flourish in service to others, when the Sun Virgoan is able to give to those in need. Although Sun/Virgo personalities have a great deal of modesty, it is also important that their value is appreciated. Some kind of interest or occupation in diet, nutrition or complementary health is common to the people this card describes. The negative side of the Sun/Virgo combination is a tendency to over-worry about health, which may to excessive pill-popping and hypochondria.

When this card is selected, it can indicate a strong need to put one's life in order, and it highlights diet, nutrition and health.

EVENTS Analytical work; a new health regime, concern with physical well-being; cataloging or organizing, correcting or editing work.

7

Harmony

SUN IN LIBRA



SUN — FORTUNE
LIBRA — SENSE OF JUSTICE
AND BEAUTY

*A beautiful figure sits on a mound and looks up to the heavens.
The birds represent spiritual harmony and the transient link
between spiritual heaven and material earth.*

PERSONAL The basic Sun/Libra nature is easy-going and sociable, with an ability to relate to others in a balanced and co-operative way. Although the House Libra rules is concerned with marriage and close relationships, it has a broader meaning, governing all day-to-day social contacts. Fairness at all costs is important for the Sun Libran: there may be times when the character that this card describes may be seen as indecisive because of the need to weigh up the pros and cons before coming to a conclusion. Plenty of good conversation and amiable discussion is one of his or her greatest pleasures, and a Libran is a good counselor and probably a potentially good diplomat when helping out friends with problems. Sun Librans attract strong, capable and loyal friends, and relationships are of paramount importance to them.

The best successes of these personality types are always shared successes. However, although the Sun Libran undoubtedly works best in partnerships, this card suggests someone who is more of an initiator and who will very often be the member of a team who sets the ball rolling.

When one selects the Harmony card, it often indicates a gain from a close relationship, although it can show that one or the other party tends to be pushily dominant. The Harmony card also points to talent in the field of public relations or sales.

EVENTS Situations such as important social gatherings and reunions; extravagant tastes; a difficult decision to make; a pact or agreement, a diplomatic action, being called in to adjudicate a situation.

8

Endurance

SUN IN SCORPIO



SUN — FORTUNE
SCORPIO —
SELF-CONTROL,
REGENERATION

*A Herculean figure wrestles to overcome a lion,
the symbol of the Leo-ruled Sun.*

PERSONAL The Sun/Scorpio combination describes a person aware of the extreme qualities in his or her character. Passion in the broadest sense rules such characters' lives. What they care about, they are devoted to. To some, people with this aspect seem rather secretive, but the truth is that they would rather remain silent than give a watered-down version of what they believe. In order to achieve that which is desired, they are prepared to expend phenomenal energy. Sun Scorpions display a strong sensitivity to the thoughts and feelings of other people, and an intense drive to investigate and understand the nature of things around them. Scorpio is the sign of extremes, and usually indicates a need to take a new path in life. This may manifest as a desire to study such subjects as psychology, philosophy or

mysticism. It is obviously good if Sun Scorpions are able to use these abilities in an effective way, and as such people are potential leaders, it would be surprising if they did not run their own business, department or other venture.

When this card is selected, it indicates a compulsive curiosity in the deeper mysteries of life and an interest in self-improvement through strength of will. Often, the card draws attention to a period in which a great challenge must be met with equal tenacity. Some dealings with taxes, legal matters or the handling of the finances of other people will also be prominent.

EVENTS Situations requiring extreme effort or self-control; those involving propaganda or persuasion; power-seeking; an obsessive cause or interest; making a drastic life-change.

9

Enthusiasm

SUN IN SAGITTARIUS



SUN — FORTUNE
SAGITTARIUS —
OPTIMISM, ADVENTURE

A bright intelligent head haloed by the sun sits at the top of a traditional alchemical jar. Within the jar, a figure floats among the stars, sun and moon.

PERSONAL Sun/Sagittarius people value honesty, straightforwardness and freedom. They believe in these values not only for themselves, but for others, which makes such characters say what they think and hang the consequences: the Sun Sagittarian may not be much of a diplomat, but is rarely a hypocrite. This card describes someone who is energetic and outgoing, with a good sporty sense of fun and adventure. In fact, if life is a journey, Sun/Sagittarius is one of the best fellow travelers — if friends can keep up. Travel, whether physical or mental, is important for Sun Sagittarians, and the search for the truth may take them long distances in both senses. It is important for people with this planet/sign combination really to know what they believe philosophically. Regardless of educational background, they are able

to deal with deeper, more abstract concepts than most people.

When this card is chosen, it indicates an attraction to foreign places and people — to the extent that the person concerned could live for some time in another country. It also reveals a strong intuitive ability that gives sudden flashes of inspiration or visions of future events. The Enthusiasm card in a reading predicts a drive to continue education and to keep up a renewed interest in philosophical, religious or ethical concepts. The downside of this card is the chance that one is about to let out a home truth that might hurt someone's feelings.

EVENTS Splendid opportunities; contact from abroad, the prospect of long-distance travel; a new philosophy, optimism about a new project.

10

Achievement

SUN IN CAPRICORN



SUN — FORTUNE
CAPRICORN — DUTY,
PERSEVERANCE

A fortified city over which a large impressive palace presides. In the sky is an opulent sun, and, above it, an idol in the form of a goat.

PERSONAL A Sun/Capricorn combination is a strong indication of someone who is a conscientious and ambitious organizer. This mix produces excellent intuitive faculties that can be put to good use in achieving life aims. The goal for people with this planet/sign combination is a slow and steady advancement, based on solid ground and security-oriented. This card describes those who find it easy to reach a responsible position in a community, and it is here that their abilities lie. Sun/Capricorn people have a good talent for organizing and thrive in an executive post at whatever level feels comfortable to them. He or she will have the patience to work hard in obtaining the necessary skills to achieve honor and recognition, and the Sun in this sign shows an undoubted strong ambition to attain power and

authority. If the person this card describes has all these typical qualities, he or she has a lot to look forward to: the phrase "life begins at forty" will have many pleasurable connotations. Negative aspects to this combination of qualities could push the Sun Capricornian towards an unscrupulous desire to get on in life no matter the cost. There can also be a tendency to exploit others.

Often when one receives this card in a reading it indicates a powerful moral sense and a feeling of obligation to set a good example for others. This may be because one has been chosen or promoted to a role.

EVENTS Commitment to a project, great responsibility; recommendation or distinction in some activity; help of influential or famous people.

11

Idealism

SUN IN AQUARIUS



SUN — FORTUNE
AQUARIUS — PRINCIPLES,
HUMANITY

A minstrel pipes accompaniment to the eccentric journey of a dignitary casually riding a mule. The rider carries a cornucopia in one hand and a wand in the other. Above, an angel pours the free-flowing Aquarian wisdom on those below.

PERSONAL The Sun/Aquarius character could be defined as having an unusual, determined and sometimes stubborn temperament. Such types are not too concerned about what others think about their beliefs and behavior, and so may be considered “original” if not downright eccentric. Questioning old, “stick-in-the-mud” ways and exploring the new is very much what Aquarians are about. Mental achievements are most important to Sun/Aquarius types, and their quest is a constant exchange of ideas with others in order to fix their own beliefs. Their needs cause them to gather around them friends and acquaintances of all shapes, sizes, creeds and colors. Sun Aquarians value interesting friendships with inventive or scientific people, and anything new, novel, scientific or gadgety also has appeal. Essentially

a person of the twenty-first century, the Sun Aquarian keeps up with the times and supports the causes that take us into the future. It is with this latter concern that people with this planet/sign combination may find real satisfaction, bringing their sympathy for human problems to idealistic and good causes.

When this card occurs in a reading, it often indicates help from friends with power and influence. It shows that taking the lead in a group activity could be rewarding, especially if the cause arouses the questioner’s humanitarian instincts.

EVENTS Eccentric behavior, an original idea or invention, involvement in an attention-seeking act; sudden upset; lateral thinking; an influential acquaintance gives a helping hand.

12

Vision

SUN IN PISCES



SUN — FORTUNE
PISCES —
UNDERSTANDING,
SYMPATHY, SACRIFICE

At the edge of the sea is an image of the sun half below the water. It is unclear whether it is rising or setting. A lynx follows the gaze of the sun. Above, the single eye represents the inner eye of psychic vision.

PERSONAL The Sun/Pisces card describes the kind of person who is extremely sensitive to the thoughts and feelings of others. In many ways, this sympathy and feeling for others can easily seduce the Sun Piscean into becoming and doing what others want. The opposite side of the coin, however, is the pop star, fashion leader or ad-man who knows exactly how to tap into and exploit the mass feelings of the moment. Most Pisceans have a little of each quality in their make-up. One thing is certain — they are among the most imaginative people in the zodiac, and, given a suitable outlet for this talent for day-dreaming, they are made in life. With the Sun in this sign, the Piscean will is directed to exploring his or her own unconscious and imaginative resources. It seems that no matter how successful Piscean

people become at making their own way in life, they have a strong need to give, look after, and make sacrifices for others.

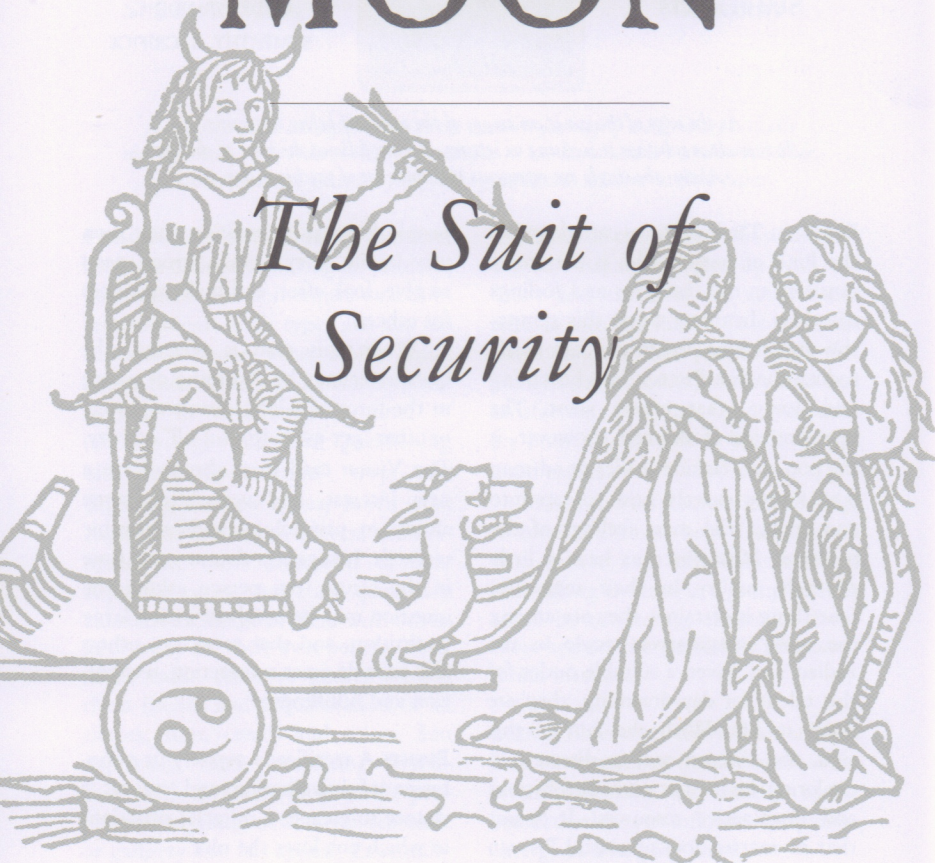
When this card is selected, the questioner may be dreaming of escape in the form of a long-distance voyage or other “get-away-from-it-all” activity. The Vision card may also indicate a new interest, and very often some ability in psychology and/or psychic research. It suggests that at some time in the future, the person asking the question may be involved with a large institution, and that service to others will provide great satisfaction, recognition and fulfillment.

EVENTS A sacrifice; a mystery or a confusion of imagination and reality; a chance to escape; a miracle; situations in which one loses the plot.



MOON

The Suit of Security



The interpretation of the planet and sign combinations in this suit of cards sheds light on where and how we find emotional security and satisfaction. The Moon cards describe our emotional nature and basic needs. They also show how we experience intimacy in relationships. The Moon represents receptivity and feminine drive and helps define the way in which we assimilate experience and pass it on to others. It also reveals how we wish to be nurtured and how we nurture others, being concerned with family, traditions and links with the past. For this reason, the cards in the Moon suit offer important clues to the childhood of the subject of a reading. Depending on its sign, the card will highlight the questioner's relationship with his or her mother, the nature of the enquirer's early upbringing and how this has affected his or her life as an adult.

Moon occupations: sailors, salespeople, commercial travelers; nurses, carers, child-welfare workers, social workers, foster parents.

Moon affinities: Monday; silver, sea-green; the breasts, the stomach; opals; collections; nursery equipment; the ocean, sea journeys, boats; owls and night birds; water, milk and beer.

1

Protection

MOON IN ARIES

MOON — SECURITY
ARIES — SELF-WILL

A gentle mother dotes on her children. The waxing moon above with the symbol of the tiger below indicates the immense instinctive protective power of the feminine side of human nature.

PERSONAL The combination of Moon and Aries indicates a powerful need to respond emotionally and immediately to a situation. This can make people with this planet/sign combination quite volatile and impulsive, expressing what they feel in a direct and willful manner. But because of the fluctuating nature of the Moon and the speed of action of Mars, quick flare-ups are fortunately just as quickly forgotten. The person this card describes has feelings that are strongly colored by early childhood conditioning, and an intense need to protect and defend anything that represents “family.” Just as the Moon’s cycle waxes and wanes, so the Moon/Aries nature can be somewhat moody and changeable, fluctuating with the environment. Often the Moon Arian has a strong impressionability that could indicate

some psychic ability or potential for medium-like powers. There is a great deal of independence in the Moon/Aries combination, but if the negative side takes over, this card can describe an emotional bully. The Moon/Aries’ need for recognition could also lead to approval-seeking.

In a reading, this card might suggest that the questioner watch that sympathy with another’s predicament does not leave him or her vulnerable to manipulation. One could find oneself having to protect one’s position. The card may indicate a link with the questioner’s talent for buying property, or running a business from home.

EVENTS Defensive action, maternal instinct; business enterprise, arguments over property, reluctantly moving; family upsets or responsibility.

2

Exaltation

MOON IN TAURUS

MOON — SECURITY
TAURUS — MATERIAL
VALUES

A waxing moon sends out floral rays above while below two garlanded cornucopias hold fruits of the earth.

PERSONAL The Moon/Taurus combination demonstrates that to feel good emotionally, one has to feel secure, and security for this personality means material well-being. Luckily, Moon Taureans have a knack of making the things they need grow and grow, as long as they are comfortable with their feelings. Usually, the Moon/Taurus temperament is steady and placid, and a stable home and family life is of paramount importance to the well-being of Moon Taureans: without this, many succumb to over-eating as a compensation. This card could be said to be the “green fingers” card, since the Taurean love of beauty combined with the Moon’s nurturing qualities make for many excellent gardeners with the Moon/Taurus combination. In astrology, the placing of the Moon in Taurus is regarded as excellent, and

is traditionally known as the Moon’s exaltation. This means that it is allowed full expression in this sign and usually bodes well for any question that is the subject of the reading.

This card appears when strong hunches about making money are about to pay off. It may indicate that business possibilities to do with food, catering, property or a business operated from home will be successful. The card can warn of the typical Taurean danger of self-indulgence, which can spoil or upset any good situation.

EVENTS Possession of something beautiful, an excessive attachment to material comforts; inheriting a piece of family property; artistic expression that proves profitable; financial worries that may or may not be justified; a good business opportunity.

3

Adaptability

MOON IN GEMINI



MOON — SECURITY
GEMINI — MENTAL
AWARENESS

Two strange performers. Above, a four-armed figure holds a sun-moon, a dove, a growing shrub and a flower. He stands on the back of another man balancing an ankh on his foot. Beneath, a boat is supported by four replicas of the magicians Ape of Thoth.

PERSONAL The Moon/Gemini personality rationalizes emotions, and his or her need to talk and explore the whys and wherefores of feelings can make for expensive phone bills. Early childhood memories will, to a large extent, condition the current thoughts and ideas of people with this planet/sign combination. Moon Geminians have an intensely strong imagination and sense of fantasy coupled with a very good memory. Restless curiosity keeps this personality type constantly on the move, avoiding monotony at all costs. Spontaneous quick-wittedness and an ability to come up with the right answer most of the time is tiring, though, and nerves always suffer. The negative aspect of this placing of the Moon is a tendency towards nervous troubles and fidgety feet. Too many ideas and concerns running round

inside the head at the same time is no way to solve problems: the person the Adaptability card describes may even forget what he or she felt in the first place. The need to talk everything out, although of prime importance, must also be balanced with periods of mental relaxation.

When this card is drawn, close relatives, brothers and sisters will be prominent in the life of the questioner, and will always be a part of the response. Negatively, the Adaptability card indicates a period of fidgeting during which it will be almost impossible to relax.

EVENTS Important discussions with relations; taking examinations; confused thinking; information changes; secretive comments; laying one's cards on the table.

4

Friendship

MOON IN CANCER



MOON — SECURITY
CANCER — NURTURING
ATTACHMENT

Above, children play in a wheatfield among the cornflowers. They share the delight in the flight of the heron. Below, either side of a crescent moon symbolizing fruitfulness, are two ancient alchemical symbols of the moon metal, silver.

PERSONAL The Moon is the natural ruler of the sign Cancer, and people with this planet/sign combination are comfortable with their emotions: moreover, somewhat like a mother hen, they seem able to feel everybody else's as well. To Moon Cancerians, the world really is how they feel it to be; if that turns out to be tough, they can hard-shell those around them with their out-and-out defensive crabbi-ness. Emotionally, Moon Cancerians are at their best when all is well with home and family. For them, family is all: friends become family, and family become friends. The early influence of parents, whether enjoyed or not, remains a strong influence throughout life. This position of the Moon also shows the potential for becoming a good cook or at least a lover of good food. However, upset emotions can

cause Cancerians digestive troubles that may well reverse this indication, focussing concentration instead on nurturing the family.

When this card occurs in a reading, it indicates a shrewd business ability, if the questioner dares launch out on his or her own. Often when the Friendship card occurs, it highlights an almost psychic sensitivity to the thoughts and feelings of others: the person asking the question may be called upon in the future to act as a shoulder to cry on for a close friend or a family member.

EVENTS Situations such as important family gatherings and celebrations of anniversaries; inheritance of heirlooms, genealogy, distant relations; moving house; sharing a friend or family member's problems.

5

Appreciation

MOON IN LEO



MOON — SECURITY
LEO — CREATIVE
SELF-EXPRESSION

Above, a rich and elegant lady performs on a lute. Her audience is a swift symbolizing spring and new creation. Below is a cornucopia bursting with fruit symbolizing man and woman, Sun and Moon.

PERSONAL The emotions of somewhat prima-donna-ish Moon/Leo characters require affection, appreciation, and lots of good opportunities for over-dramatic expression. This card indicates a need to be center stage as regards feelings, because for Leos big is beautiful, and they can be as emotionally generous as they are bullying. Emotionally, Moon/Leo people are great romantics. Feelings are important to them and must be appreciated and respected if Moon lions are to maintain their usual warm optimism. Children can be an important part of their life and, whether they have any of their own or not, people with this planet/sign combination are fond of the company of young-thinking people. This basically emotionally optimistic person has a tendency to over-impulsive actions where loved

ones are concerned. He or she often has a good natural feeling for art and can benefit from developing latent talents in this area.

When this card appears in a reading, it can indicate a powerful need for recognition in some aspect of life. There may be a feeling that those around are not responding appreciatively enough, provoking an unhelpful over-the-top response. The card can also indicate emotional dependency on a partner or close friends. Positively, if the card does not refer to the questioner, it can portray someone popular, generous and much admired by others.

EVENTS A lavish occasion; theatrical event, children's performance; pride in an achievement; short-lived fame, excessively dramatic behavior; family party or gathering.

6

Order

MOON IN VIRGO



MOON — SECURITY
VIRGO — PERFECTION
AND SERVICE

Above are three neat rows of growing plants and three symbols representing order in nature and design. Below, a strip of brocade suggests patient and delicate needlework.

PERSONAL Moon Virgos like to keep emotions tidy and private. Eschewing big scenes and showy expressions of feelings, the person this card describes prefers sincerity, modesty and quiet forms of expression. Nevertheless, he or she shows emotions in practical and material ways. Sometimes the Moon/Virgo card reveals an aptitude for work in catering and food preparation. The modest side to the Virgoan's emotions makes it necessary that they keep all feelings on an even keel. Ups and downs do not suit the Virgoan need for order and consistency. Outbursts of feeling or sentiment by others always embarrass this character. There is, of course, a danger with this Moon placing that one may get hurt by other people, who have little regard for feelings so minimally shown. To keep on good form, the person this

card describes should seek to find some form of balance. Emotional well-being is important to the health of a Virgoan, and upsets inevitably lead to pill-popping. Diet and health are important, too, with this Moon placing, and if the person described is not on top of emotions, he or she could become a fastidious, fussy health crank. With the Virgoan drive for perfection, this card suggests the danger of becoming over-critical and nagging.

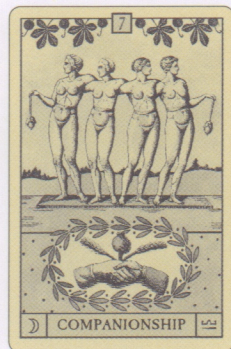
When this card appears in a reading, it may indicate a tidying up of work systems and health issues. It shows that good healthy diet regimes and new, efficient, day-to-day work procedures are necessary or desirable.

EVENTS A new health regime; family responsibility, social work or organization; background work or research.

7

Companionship

MOON IN LIBRA



MOON — SECURITY
LIBRA — SENSE OF JUSTICE
AND BEAUTY

*Above, four classical feminine figures link arms in friendship.
Below, hands grasp in greeting; the pomegranate is a symbol
of the Sun and indicates fertility and growth.*

PERSONAL The emotions of Moon/Libra people are invariably influenced by those around them. They really care how others are feeling, and can be quickly upset when all is not harmonious. Librans are vulnerable to immersing their own emotional needs in someone else's difficulties. The biggest problem this card indicates is when a powerful desire to please and keep everything in balance emotionally leads to someone giving in under tricky situations in order to maintain harmony. Environment is an important influence on Moon Librans, who feel the need for an atmosphere of good taste and beauty. The Libran emotional ideal is to feel at one with a partner in a harmonious setting. Life is rarely as perfect as that, and this character may feel the constant need to act as peacemaker between others.

It is good to swing the balance occasionally, and risk a bit of selfishness in order not to get sat on so frequently. How other people feel and act affects people with this planet/sign combination more than most, and they might be watchful not to fall into the trap of allowing themselves to be treated like a doormat.

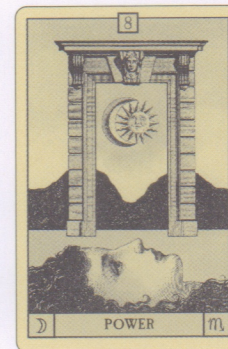
When this card is chosen, it often indicates a marriage or relationship entered into purely for emotional and domestic security. Because of the Moon's link with the home and Libra's usual good taste, the Companionship card will indicate someone who has a beautiful home.

EVENTS Beautifying the home; discussions about business or contracts, seminars; teamwork, new friendships; social meetings.

8

Power

MOON IN SCORPIO



MOON — SECURITY
SCORPIO —
SELF-CONTROL,
REGENERATION

*Above, a stone gateway indicates feminine power, and behind, black
hills represent challenge and ambition. The sun and moon unite.
Below, a woman lies dreaming.*

PERSONAL Moon/Scorpio people have very strong feelings and form lasting emotional attachments. Intensely loyal, they are, however, susceptible to brooding jealousy and strong emotional outbursts. The Moon is traditionally in its "fall" in Scorpio, and so this is not a sign in which emotions are freely expressed. Often, an immense conservation of emotional energy is released in an intense and extreme manner. People with this combination can hold a grudge longer than most, but find no sacrifice too great for a loved one. Moon Scorpions can at times be overwhelmed by intense emotional reactions and an almost psychic sensitivity to others. These qualities are helpful in developing an aptitude for healing and counseling. Certainly with all this emotional energy, Moon Scorpions find some kind of work helping the

less fortunate fulfilling. Family matters are rarely smooth for people with this aspect, often involving seemingly causeless separations. Moon Scorpions are potentially very sensual, and when over-indulged, this can lead to problems. With the extreme emotional power that this combination engenders, the old adage that Scorpions make the most powerful friends and most destructive enemies becomes a reality.

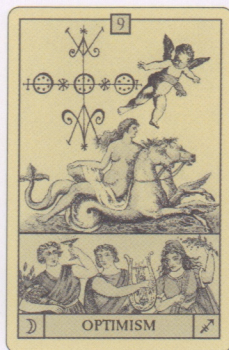
When this card is drawn, it usually involves emotional fireworks — passion or hate, enthusiasm or indifference, there is rarely a middle ground. Often, the card indicates an inheritance that could radically change life.

EVENTS Powerful emotional situations; a secret suddenly revealed; psychological problems; an inheritance; love turning to hate or vice versa.

9

Optimism

MOON IN SAGITTARIUS



MOON — SECURITY
SAGITTARIUS —
OPTIMISM, ADVENTURE

Above, a damsel rides a pair of sea horses. The horse is Sagittarius's beast and the fish tails represent the watery Moon. In the sky is a cherub leading the voodoo ritual diagram (veves) that conjures truth, justice and love ruled by reason.

PERSONAL Moon Sagittarians are somewhat idealistic emotionally: they express feelings honestly, and expect others to be equally straightforward. Usually confident, people with this planet/sign combination can, unthinkingly, be crushingly gauche with their frankness. It is important for Sagittarians to say what they understand to be true at the risk of hurting the feelings of other people, believing that their honesty is more important to relationships than well-meaning white lies. Moon/Sagittarius types are far-thinking and always have their sights set on distant lands and truths. Journeying is their pleasure, and their optimism is unbounded. Emotions are high when they are on the move, traveling physically or mentally. They probably still have a deep, unconscious emotional attachment to the religious, social and

ethical values inherited from family during childhood. Though these beliefs may now manifest as something more unorthodox, the spiritual side of life is of great significance to Moon Sagittarians. Negatively, the person this card describes may reflect a narrow and dogmatic social or religious outlook; the Optimism card may describe an extreme and immovable fundamentalist.

When this card is chosen, it always indicates that a long trip abroad is imminent or that a visit from someone from the past or a friend from a distant country will be important to the person asking the question.

EVENTS A move to another country, exploring foreign philosophy, planning a holiday; a family project; contact from the past; a reason for optimism.

10

Practicality

MOON IN CAPRICORN



MOON — SECURITY
CAPRICORN — DUTY,
PERSEVERANCE

Above, a rustic scene represents order and practicality, with ruler and servants, tillers of the soil and millers of wheat. Below, a pattern alludes to worker bees and the Moon lotus flowers that bring forth honey.

PERSONAL The Moon/Capricorn character can be a little cautious and restrained in expressing true emotions. They always seek practical and material answers to emotional problems; rarely will this person show what he or she feels to be weak expressions of feelings in any situation. People with this planet/sign combination care how other people see them, and tend to hold in feelings in order to maintain an image of outward calm. The position of the Moon in this sign also indicates an over-sensitive reaction to imagined or real slights from others. The Moon Capricornian's position in society contributes to his or her emotional well-being, and people with this planet/sign aspect usually have an emotional need for prominence and recognition, and may have a family history of achievement to live up to.

Whatever degree of achievement this is, Moon Capricornians have strong family links, with the mother in particular representing a profound influence.

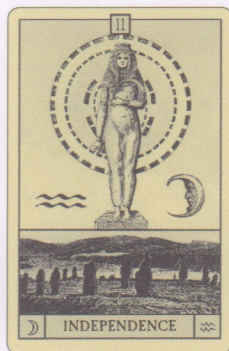
Drawing this card suggests that the person to whom it refers will be brought prominently before the public eye. It indicates ability in the political or community field: if this is not already part of life, it could become important. The card suggests exceptional organization abilities that need a vehicle to bring about success. Often the Practicality card indicates the assistance of a prominent or successful woman in advancing the career of the person asking the question.

EVENTS Social work; practical assistance; recognition for patient and unassuming work, achievement through diligence.

11

Independence

MOON IN AQUARIUS



MOON — SECURITY
AQUARIUS — PRINCIPLES,
HUMANITY

Above, on a plinth in front of the circular plan of the British temple Stonehenge, an Egyptian female royal figure. To either side are the sign of the Water-carrier and a waxing crescent Moon. The Menhirs of Carnac, France, indicate the yearly cycles of Sun and Moon.

PERSONAL Moon Aquarians require complete freedom of expression for their feelings, coming and going as they please physically and emotionally. Often, Aquarians are stubborn or just perverse when others get a little too close and clingy. They switch emotions quickly, from friend to friend and mood to mood. Friendship on a broad level keeps Moon Aquarians emotionally high. This means plenty of friends, plenty of new contacts, and a great deal of conversation. Lasting friendships with women are more than usually important for people with this aspect, reflecting the feminine Moon placed in the sign. The Aquarian desire for constant contact with others is valued in order to exchange, form and reform ideas, the bond being more usually with the mind than with the heart. This card describes someone

whose feelings and emotions tend to be rationalized and thought over interminably. Moon/Aquarius is also traditionally a planet/sign combination that indicates an astrologer.

Often when this card occurs in a reading, it shows that the person asking the question is trapped in a mental whirlwind. It indicates a need to let go of emotions and to allow feelings to express themselves without rationalizing them. It also suggests that the questioner's home will be used in the future for group meetings with some kind of good cause or humanitarian subject.

EVENTS Some kind of unconventional assistance, original ideas brought to bear on a situation or a subject; a second opinion canvassed; an interest in astrology.

12

Empathy

MOON IN PISCES



MOON — SECURITY PISCES
—
UNDERSTANDING,
SYMPATHY, SACRIFICE

Above, in a charming country scene with a winding river, a child pets a large dog, the two enjoying just being together. Below, a golden-bird ornament symbolizes the spirit image linked to the material — gold. The ear represents an openness to calls for help.

PERSONAL People with a Moon/Pisces personality display a supersensitive emotional nature that acts like a psychic sponge, soaking up the feelings and thoughts of others. In fact, the way in which people with this planet/sign combination feel responds very strongly to the vibes they pick up from others. Easily hurt, but emotionally resilient, the Moon Piscean often has to be helped to be able to express feelings fully. Emotions for Pisceans are related strongly to the unconscious and to past experience. Whether they have experimented with psychic abilities or not, they undoubtedly have great potential for development in this area. The Moon in Pisces card describes someone with a deep underlying shyness that contrasts with a great sensitivity and an ability to make contact with other people. This

card can often also indicate an intuitive ability for fashion in all areas, and highlights a good business aspect when hunches are played with a degree of realism.

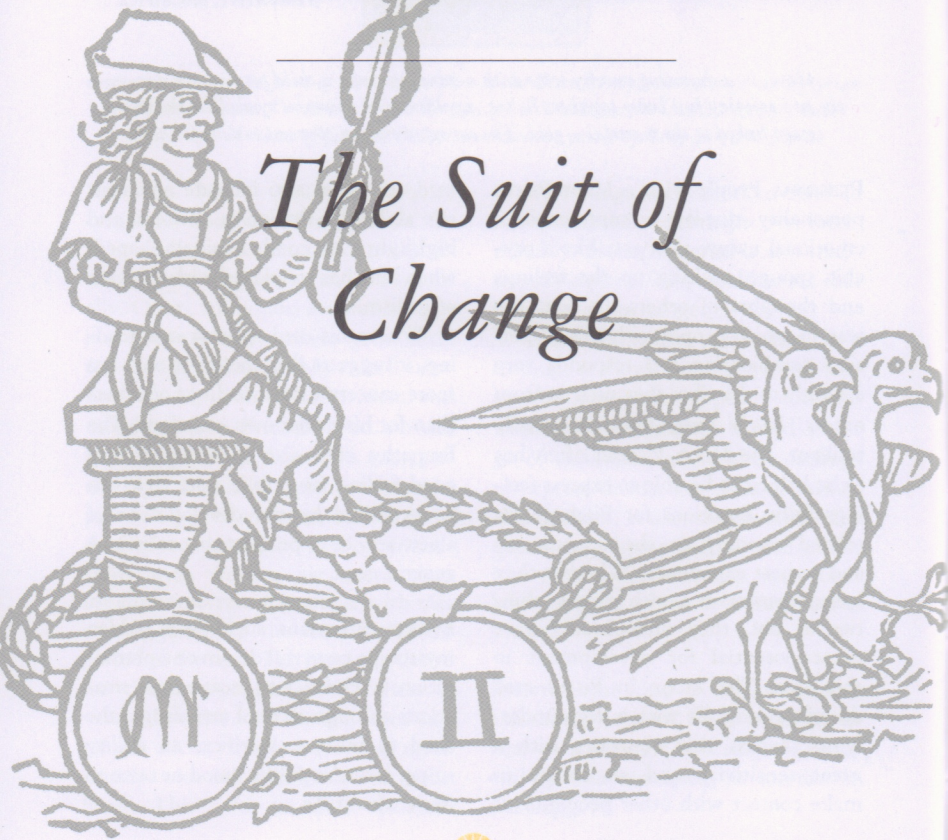
When this card appears in a reading, it suggests that the questioner has more concern for the feelings of others than for his or her own emotions. The Empathy card also indicates a very good feeling for public taste that can be exploited by the development of a new service or product that satisfies a general need.

EVENTS Situations such as a hidden mystery, a powerful dream or a premonition; a tendency to escape from situations through alcohol and drugs; the need to make a sacrifice; an ability to tap into the public mood or taste to one's advantage.



MERCURY

The Suit of Change



By interpreting the combinations of planets and signs found in this suit of cards, you can show how someone reacts to change and intellectual stimulation. The natural place for the planet Mercury in the zodiac wheel is in the Third House, which governs learning and communication. Mercury is associated with the intellect, common sense, reasoning, commerce and business, and its essential qualities are mental activity and versatility.

Assessing these cards tells us about how we think, and the way in which we express thoughts and ideas.

They show how we communicate, and sum up our learning habits. The Change cards also shed light on how we like to travel through life and how easily we adapt to new life situations, ranging from a fast and adventurous reponse to a slow but sure progression.

Mercury occupations: Mathematicians, erudite people, teachers, speakers; secretaries, journalists, editors; merchants, travelers; thieves.

Mercury affinities: Wednesday; quicksilver; books, tickets, documents; the nervous system, hands; printing, the media; dogs, monkeys, talking birds; small vehicles.

1

Restlessness

MERCURY IN ARIES

MERCURY — CHANGE
ARIES — SELF-WILL

The classical figure of Mercury dashes across an urban landscape. In the sky, the Sun is a compass indicating the ultimate in creative possibilities and the multitude of directions in which Mercury can travel.

PERSONAL Mercury Arians are decisive and active thinkers, fond of debate and argument. Mentally, they tend to be competitive and impulsive, making decisions quickly and a little one-sidedly. With Mercury in this position, there is always a danger that one might have too many irons in the fire and thus waste a great deal of mental and physical energy. This card describes someone who is probably quite articulate and bases most actions on good thinking and logic. With a higher than average intelligence, people with this planet/sign combination have an ability to express themselves verbally, which will be important to them in any kind of achievement. However, natural curiosity and the ability to grasp quickly the essence of things leads to a restless existence and a need to constantly be on the move. Tiring

quickly of project after project, people with Mercury in Aries are on an eternal search for new stimulation. Negatively, because of the sheer overactivity of the mind, the Mercury Arian is prone to irritability and temper, and has a need always to have the last word in any argument.

When this card is drawn, it indicates a great need for the questioner to scribble down thoughts and ideas on paper; this could set the enquirer on the road to becoming a writer of some kind. The Restlessness card can sometimes suggest a long-drawn-out dispute, with much correspondence.

EVENTS Research or detective work; competitive written work or discussion, taking up creative writing; a big argument; spontaneous communication, contact with the media.

2

Resistance

MERCURY IN TAURUS

MERCURY — CHANGE
TAURUS — MATERIAL
VALUES

A statue of a bull made of stone remains rigid in a pose that is immovable and defensive. Behind, a shrub blows in the breeze and a parrot chatters meaninglessly. In the sky, the symbol of Taurus appears almost like another bird flapping its wings.

PERSONAL For Mercury Taureans, thinking and decision-making are closely allied to the practical, material and common-sense. They often have an extreme preoccupation with business and monetary affairs. Such personalities tend not to rush into action on new or speculative ideas, and, in fact, are usually suspicious of concepts that threaten to change a present, comfortable situation. The Mercury Taurean displays acute powers of concentration and has a good mind for running a business or making things expand and grow. Mercury in the sign of the Bull can, however, indicate an extremely obstinate attitude. This personality type bases his or her set of values on things that produce concrete results. For Mercury Taureans, fly-by-night ideas have little appeal, and neither does wasteful chatter. This unflinching

concentration on what is, to them, important gives such people an ability to ignore distractions and see only the tangible and profitable essence of a situation. This does not make such personalities mean — comfort and life's pleasures are always of importance to them — simply that the moneymaking aspect of a venture has to be based on sound reasoning.

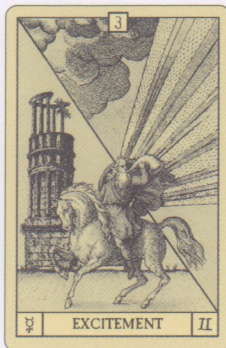
Often this card, when it appears in a reading, denotes a need to focus on financial thinking, and can be an indication that the questioner must look at accounting, economics or business advice. Alternatively, it may denote work in travel, transport or the media.

EVENTS Drafting contracts, haggles over document wording, insurance policies; discussions about beauty or art; the need to take financial advice.

3

Excitement

MERCURY IN GEMINI



MERCURY — CHANGE
GEMINI — MENTAL
AWARENESS

On a prancing, nervous horse, a sagacious figure blows a great horn, the echoes broadcasting like rays across a cloudy sky. Behind, an old, venerated tower symbolizes past wisdom and achievements.

PERSONAL Mercury is totally at home in the sign of Gemini. Here, in its natural sign, it describes someone with an excitable, agile and versatile mind: a personality type found in all kinds of media, teaching and publicity roles. People with this planet/sign combination have an intense curiosity for everything going on around them, and this gives them a sparkling pleasure in life, which is easily communicated to others. Capable of deep concentrated thought, Mercury Geminians are more likely to spread themselves mentally in order to learn everything about everything: an holistic approach to taking on information has more appeal to this character than dogged specialist research of one subject. This card describes people who show an interest in all forms of communication, the media, travel and social gatherings.

They have a talent for writing and talking, and are most probably making a successful career in this area. This placing of Mercury certainly offers a great deal of originality and versatility to express.

When this card appears in a reading, it usually indicates that the questioner will benefit from a period of busy, communicative socializing, with plenty of short trips related to the question. Negatively, the Excitement card can denote constant changing of the mind, a jumping from one decision to the next with equal excitement and enthusiasm that annoys others.

EVENTS A publicity campaign; a new subject for study; an opportunity to make a speech; an important decision, changing one's mind on an important issue; a busy social calendar.

4

Intuition

MERCURY IN CANCER



MERCURY — CHANGE
CANCER — NURTURING
ATTACHMENT

The three disks are symbols, representing the pentacle, the seal and the angel of the Moon. Floating above a starred cloud, a meditating four-armed figure holds two lotus flowers, symbolizing intuitive and inspired creativity.

PERSONAL For Mercury Cancerians, thoughts and feelings are inseparable. This card describes someone who makes decisions based on current feelings, or on how he or she felt last time the situation arose — for people with this planet/sign aspect, past experience plays an important part in reactions to a current situation. Mentally and emotionally comparing life events in this way is a constant protective reaction. Mercury Cancerians are vulnerable to ideas or causes strongly based in the emotions, and respond completely intuitively to such situations. Much mental activity goes on in their homes, and it would be surprising if this character did not accumulate hoards of books. Mercury Cancerians tend to collect snippets of knowledge like a nostalgic filing cabinet, and once they are on the phone to friends and loved

ones, phone bills soar. Despite the gossipy nature of people with this planet/sign combination, it often suggests a genuine talent for creative writing. The Cancerian influence also highlights an excellent memory, and indicates one of those lucky people who absorb and remember information unconsciously.

When this card is dealt, it always refers to traditional family ways of thinking and ideas based on early childhood conditioning. The thoughts and comments of close family and friends will be of great importance to the subject of the reading.

EVENTS History or events in the past, a revival of old memories, or a visit from a long-lost acquaintance; taking the advice of family or friends; study in the home.

5

Drama

MERCURY IN LEO



MERCURY — CHANGE
LEO — CREATIVE
SELF-EXPRESSION

*A Möbius tube twines endlessly in a vision that defies and puzzles the mind.
A great lion roars to draw attention to himself. The disk is a talisman
with the pentacle to secure eloquence.*

PERSONAL The Mercury Leo is best with big ideas and big thinking, and has a splendid visionary mind, able to see things as they could be. Although not the best types to deal with final details, people with this planet/sign combination are excellent at seeing the future possibilities of a grand project, and setting the ball rolling towards its achievement. This card describes the intuitive and the artist planner. Mentally self-confident, Mercury lions form ideas gradually, and are not easily moved from them once fully formed. The need to be accepted as an authority in a field demands memorable presentation skills, and Mercury Leos have the ability to express themselves dramatically in speech and writing — and take great pride in this. This aspect bodes well for those connected with either show business or

the theatre, describing an aptitude for game-playing with a bias towards intellectual versatility rather than physical prowess. Negatively, Mercury Leos can go over the top in speculation, and show off intellectually.

Often when this card is drawn, it indicates pride in the intellectual achievements of children or young people close to the questioner. It can concern pushing those concerned to even greater efforts. There is always a flirtatious element surrounding Leo, and often this card reveals a brief affair more concerned with words than physical activity — love letters, perhaps.

EVENTS An extravagant presentation, grand occasion; holding court, mental feats; a creative interest entered into with flamboyance; a love affair through correspondence.

6

Caution

MERCURY IN VIRGO



MERCURY — CHANGE
VIRGO — PERFECTION
AND SERVICE

*A crowned woman — earth mother — holds her hand up to protect
the mad rush of small antelopes escaping the feared jackals.
Their sudden movements attract danger.*

PERSONAL The Mercury Virgoan has a sharp, analytical mind and good reasoning ability. Mercury rules Virgo and Gemini, and although happy in Virgo, it manifests in a much more disciplined way than in Gemini (see page 58). Here, its essence is orderly and systematic: people with this combination approach mental activity with care, and do not waste time on unclear or confused thinking. The Mercury Virgoan requires a smooth working environment, since distractions and nagging irritations throw the perfectionist off course. Work requiring acquired skills and specialized knowledge are more suitable for such people than a broader-based, scattered occupation, and the Mercury Virgoan likes to know the boundaries of each job well before starting. He or she usually displays a talent for writing and

teaching — or at least the ability to pass on information. Mercury/Virgoans are methodical thinkers and have good manipulative skills; highly specialized mental work suits these talents. At work, as at home, this type directs much mental energy into sorting out the chaos of less-efficient folks.

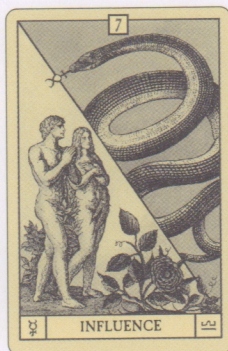
In a reading, this card usually indicates a need to carefully examine the pros and cons of a problem before taking any action: Virgo doesn't rush heedlessly into things. Although the card indicates a specialist, as with all Mercury contacts, it holds the potential for more than one skill to fall back on in an emergency.

EVENTS Detailed craftwork, cataloging, a laborious task needing care and patience; restoration of order at work; a need to plan ahead.

7

Influence

MERCURY IN LIBRA



MERCURY — CHANGE
LIBRA — SENSE OF
JUSTICE AND BEAUTY

The coiled serpent's tongue is the astrological sigil for the planet Mercury. It represents smooth talk, guile, persuasion and temptation. In the first relationship, Adam and Eve walk in the garden, unaware of danger. Beneath the roses, thorns.

PERSONAL The mental expression of the Mercury/Libra character is primarily influenced by a concern with human interaction and close relationships. There is a delicacy about the Mercury Libran, who prefers the company of the reserved and cultured. Their innate curiosity about the workings of other people's thought-processes make Mercury Librans essentially sociable and friendly in outlook. Those with this planet/sign combination need plenty of healthy discussion and amiable argument to exercise their natural capacity for seeing both sides of any question. For them, ideas are best developed in brainstorming sessions with partners, where everyone's ideas are assimilated and developed together. Teamwork is undoubtedly the ideal mode of operation for Librans, and they find relationships most fulfilling

when they are filled with good conversation and shared intellectual interests. Being able to see other points of view, the Libran has excellent arbitration and diplomatic talents. For this reason, people with this combination tend to gravitate to such subjects as psychology, public relations, sociology and law. Negatively, there is a danger that in constantly being fair to all, the Mercury Libran may find it impossible to come down firmly on one side of a question.

When this card is drawn, it suggests that the enquirer should take a second opinion from a respected colleague about the present question.

EVENTS Being tempted by others, a group venture, needing others' good advice; a renewed relationship that blossoms; the inspiration of a hero.

8

Extremism

MERCURY IN SCORPIO



MERCURY — CHANGE
SCORPIO —
SELF-CONTROL,
REGENERATION

A dramatic "penny-dreadful" style illustration of a struggling couple, man and woman, fighting over the contents of a letter. The words have changed everything. A crow shrieks at the scene.

PERSONAL The Mercury in Scorpio card describes a deep, penetrating thinker, someone both intuitive and profound, whose sharp insights into others' motivation direct the thoughts. Such personalities are widely persuasive in argument. Typically, Mercury Scorpions are said to be secretive, and do not waste time talking unless they have something worthwhile to say. They command a great deal of respect, and are endowed with a magnetic personality that claims many followers. The ability to go to an extreme opposite position in order to understand the whole possibility of an issue makes such people good investigators and researchers. It also makes them capable of drastic changes of philosophy or beliefs, which can leave others up in the air with the last swing of opinion. For Mercury Scorpions, the supreme

challenge is to solve seemingly impossible problems. The challenge of the impossible is so necessary that they often even generate mishaps in order to retrieve and overcome a situation. People with this combination display great interest in science and/or the occult: understanding life's secrets, whether purely physical or more mystical, is important to them. There is also a love of intrigue that makes for good detective story writers, journalist sleuths, and crime investigators.

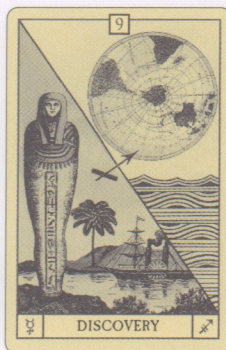
When this card is drawn, the questioner may face a total reappraisal of his or her life philosophy to overcome a seemingly unsolvable situation.

EVENTS A violent verbal outburst; news of death; the solving of a great problem, discussion of a deep life problem; a drastic change of opinion.

9

Discovery

MERCURY IN SAGITTARIUS



MERCURY — CHANGE
SAGITTARIUS — OPTIMISM,
ADVENTURE

*The mummy symbolizes history and knowledge, and the boat long-distance travel.
Above the ocean waves a sun created from the globe.*

PERSONAL Mercury/Sagittarius people have the kind of mind that responds well to further education. In fact, their search for a personal philosophy and truth is continual. Mercury Sagittarians often have prophetic insight into public trends and opinions, and are consequently successful at playing hunches. This is a good aspect for people in powerful positions, such as politics and big business. Other people's attitudes are important to people with this planet/sign combination, and awareness of others' opinions colors the Mercury Sagittarians' major ideas and decisions. This card describes someone who uses his or her accurate ability to uncover and judge public views to contribute to their own successful exploitation of such views, thus making themselves popular. Though not always logical, they invariably say what

they think — and mean it. Despite this honesty, Mercury Sagittarians rarely depart from conventional views, and their desire to remain popular is paramount. They genuinely like people and people like them. Travel is important to Mercury Sagittarians, who could spend time in another country, or in the companionship of those from another culture.

When this card is drawn in a reading, the questioner may meet someone of this type who becomes an influence. Alternatively, the enquirer may find a need to develop by expanding his or her knowledge of the world.

EVENTS A visit from someone abroad, learning a foreign language, planning a long trip; discovering a philosophy or religion, following a guru or mentor; involvement in politics.

10

Organization

MERCURY IN CAPRICORN



MERCURY — CHANGE
CAPRICORN — DUTY,
PERSEVERANCE

The farm scene may seem to depict the simple life, but only a rigid routine and application to duty enables the tangible fruits of the labors to be achieved.

PERSONAL Mercury Capricornians are shrewd, practical, organized and ambitious. There is always method in their thought-processes, and their instinctive ability to take things one step at a time makes for few pitfalls on the road to achieving ambitions. Such types always take a realistic approach to goals, and, rarely fooled by idealistic claptrap, opt for the slow but sure route rather than the fast lane. Such a conscientious and patient approach to organization needs to be balanced with a sense of humor — we all know the consequences of all work and no play. Despite this personality type's severe-sounding nature, humor is a common trait, and many comedians have this planet/sign placing. The Mercury/Capricorn type is prepared to spend time on education to achieve more professionally, and considers planning

this important. People with this combination communicate well with the public; they could be successful and find recognition in politics and social or community work. Just as Mercury Capricornians require recognition and achievement, they also respect authority. Often this admiration, coupled with a desire to see tangible outcomes, can be taken to extremes, and involve name-dropping and the cultivation of the company of influential people to enhance personal prestige.

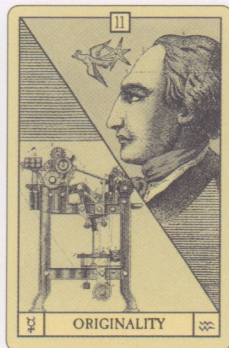
When this card is drawn, it indicates that hard, conscientious work is required in order to achieve long-term aims or solve an immediate problem.

EVENTS A need for extreme patience; discussion about discipline and control; taking a position of responsibility; working with someone famous.

11

Originality

MERCURY IN AQUARIUS



MERCURY — CHANGE
AQUARIUS — PRINCIPLES,
HUMANITY

*The star and the bird in flight indicate hope and higher inspiration.
The machine shows the complex reality that can evolve from the
first transient flight of imagination.*

PERSONAL The thoughts of Mercury/Aquarius people are constantly open to new experiences and ways of seeing. Those with such revolutionary minds display an ability to be unbiased, truthful and objective. They have little time for traditional socially acceptable ideas that conflict with the facts or first-hand experience. The ability of such people to turn ideas on their head and see situations from a new angle produces flashes of inspiration and great originality. The Aquarian's freshness of thought owes a lot to the fact that little surprises him or her. People with this aspect teach well and learn well, but above all, require good mental stimulation. The ability of Mercury/Aquarians to see ideas in the broadest terms leads to a great interest in humanitarianism, and an urge to seek a better life for all less fortunate

people. Mercury Aquarians also display a constant interest in the innovative, especially new technology, and it is not unusual for them to have some ability in this field. A concern with scientific investigation is of paramount importance to this character type, and leads Mercury Aquarians into unorthodox disciplines that would worry more conservative beings. The negative aspect of this combination is eccentricity taken to the extreme, when ideas become so outlandish that there is no basis for communication.

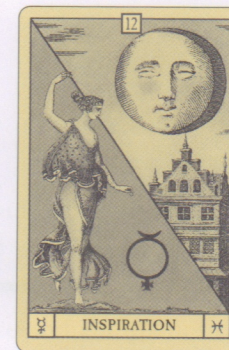
When this card is drawn, it demands that the questioner takes a lateral view and finds a new approach.

EVENTS A new approach, an idea that necessitates drastic change; an unusual research result; a shock announcement; an invention/innovation.

12

Inspiration

MERCURY IN PISCES



MERCURY — CHANGE
PISCES —
UNDERSTANDING,
SYMPATHY, SACRIFICE

*A draped figure dances, one arm raised to the heavens, the other to earth
in a linking of the spiritual and material dimensions. A Sun face with
closed eyes shines palely above a stone building.*

PERSONAL The Mercury/Pisces combination indicates an extremely vivid imagination that finds it easy to visualize thoughts and ideas, and reveals a personality type with a natural ability to please others. Highly intuitive, almost telepathic on the unconscious level, people with this planet/sign combination have an imaginative talent that could be profitable in creative or artistic worlds — many writers and creative artists have this aspect. Poets, writers, or not, Mercury Pisceans have the ability to add imaginatively to the world around them. They arrive at conclusions through intuitive perception rather than logical reasoning, like a psychic sponge soaking up the feelings and thinking of others. Mercury Pisceans have a tendency to be secretive about their inner thoughts and ideas, and an excessive use of their

natural ability to dwell on fantasies may lead to flights of neurotic escapism. Positively, they can put this ability to imaginative use if they dare share their thoughts with others. The combination of Mercury and Pisces produces a constantly fertile mind that can jump from one fantastic idea to the next with ease: ideal for storytelling or when one needs to tune into the thoughts and needs of others.

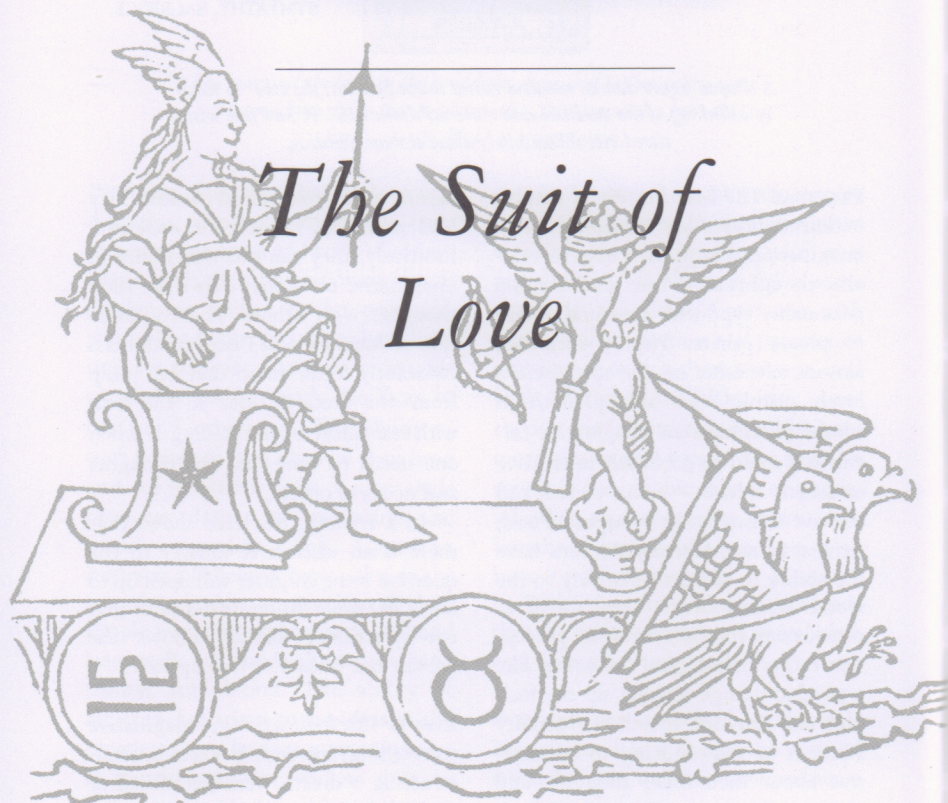
In a reading, this card shows that there is an instinctive answer to the question if the enquirer will open up to his or her inner vision. It indicates that the questioner already knows the answer but refuses to face up to it.

EVENTS Inspired writing, imaginative storytelling; inventing excuses, constructing a dream world, confused or wishful thinking.



VENUS

The Suit of Love



In Roman mythology, Venus was the goddess of love, and in astrology the planet has the same associations. Each card within the Venus suit shows where and how our search for love and companionship will reveal itself.

They indicate how we relate to the environment and other people, and show whether we prefer freedom and independence or closeness and intimacy in relationships.

The Venus cards are a guide to all the things we value, and therefore are also linked with money and possessions.

The placement of the planet Venus also reveals aesthetic sense, and how different personality types appreciate art and beauty, and so has a great deal to reveal about the choices made with regard to the possessions one accumulates. But above all, the associations of the Venus cards are with love, marriage, and the ability to attract others, the placement of the planet Venus in the chart pinpointing the ways in which each of us express ourselves in romantic relationships and marriage.

Venus occupations: Musicians, singers; botanists, gardeners; perfumiers, beauty specialists; artists, sculptors, jewellers, fashion designers; bankers.

Venus affinities: Friday; copper, bronze; useful, but beautiful articles; cosmetics, perfumes; investments; antiques, jewelry, art.

1

Lust

VENUS IN ARIES



VENUS — LOVE
ARIES — SELF-WILL

The unadorned figure is the object of desire, the fiery volcano symbolizes Aries' sudden outburst of energy. The chameleon changes color to become whatever is required in order to achieve its aims.

PERSONAL Someone with the Venus/Aries combination of love and self-will demands a great deal of personal attention and will compete in partnership matters with enormous enthusiasm. Willful, unstable, affectionate and imbued with a healthy lust for love and life, people with this planet/sign combination are impulsive in matters of relationships and good taste: what, or who Venus Arians choose, they are determined to get. These personality types are cheerful and positive, and have great enthusiasm and sparkle. Their warm-hearted, pleasant and friendly nature wins many loyal friends and guarantees loyalty in return. Socially, Venus Arians are comfortable and competent, with a manner that carries them successfully through most tricky situations. With these qualities, they can make good

business and romantic contacts: competitive instincts make the Venus Arians want the best — and the best they will have. As with all Venus aspects, this card suggests some artistic creativity. If these fiery Venusians are not artistic themselves, they will have the ability to surround themselves with artistic and talented friends. Appearances are important to Venus Arians, and they take a great deal of trouble to look good wherever they see themselves on show.

When this card is drawn, it indicates a need to assert oneself — and yet to do this with the utmost warmth and charm. The hard hand in a velvet glove may be the answer.

EVENTS A brief wild love affair; a love battle, a fighting sparring relationship, a love challenge.

2

Romance

VENUS IN TAURUS



VENUS — LOVE
TAURUS — MATERIAL
VALUES

A romantic image of a happy and devoted young couple who dance accompanied by Cupid. This represents love, beauty, art and romance in its most ideal form.

PERSONAL Here, Venus sits in its natural sign, Taurus. The green planet and the green sign are both concerned with the beautiful, pleasurable things in life, and this card indicates affections that are constant, lasting and stable. Venus Taureans love comfort, luxury and beautiful surroundings, and direct their attention to achieving them — for this character, social status is based on wealth or artistic ability. People with this planet/sign combination are possessive and happy to be possessed themselves, though, with their undoubted moneymaking skills, can take this to extremes, becoming over-indulgent and greedy. Venus Taureans are good with physical and sensual contact, and for this reason do not just make good lovers, they can extend their talents to the hands-on arts. Modeling and sculpture come easy

to the natives of this planet/sign aspect, who have an expert feeling for the value of material things. Many singers have this Venus placing, and even Venus Taureans not blessed with this talent usually have a pleasing voice. Venus Taureans are great romantics, but consider a little opulence better than love in a garret, and can be wildly extravagant when impressing a loved one.

When this card is drawn in a reading, it usually indicates for the questioner a pleasurable forthcoming event, probably with a little monetary gain attached. The best business-relationship bet will succeed if concerned with one of the arts.

EVENTS A love affair, a fortunate marriage, living happily in comfort, gaining through a love relationship; a windfall or gift from someone close.

3

Flattery

VENUS IN GEMINI



VENUS — LOVE
GEMINI — MENTAL
AWARENESS

The god Janus whose two faces look towards past and future. Here, it symbolizes the Gemini quality of talking to one person while listening to another's conversation. The spreading plant suggests the multiplicity of the Venus in Gemini nature.

PERSONAL Venus Geminians need variety in their romantic life. If they have to settle down (and they are not the best people to do this), it must be with someone as changeable as them. Friends with everyone, they can maintain devotion to one person as long as the conversation and wit flows readily. Good, stimulating conversation with loved ones and friends is of paramount importance to the people this card describes: Venus/Gemini types do need, also, a great deal of freedom, and tend to spread their affections. With a versatile ability to be all things to all people, there is a tendency for people with this planet/sign combination to say things for the sake of winning attention. Indeed, words are of more importance than deeds to the Venus Gemini, and the smooth tongue and the cleverly phrased compliment may

become a well-used and manipulative talent. Never averse to telling little white lies in order to smooth the pathway to better things, they flatter and cajole to make life more pleasing. A love for literature, art and creative work means that Venus/Gemini people seek out friends with connections in these fields. In fact, such characters probably have talent in these directions themselves.

When this card shows up in a reading, it usually indicates to the questioner that a little amenable smooth talk will achieve far more in the current situation than a competitive wrangle.

EVENTS A secret love affair, an imagined romance, two lovers at a time, a deceptive courtship; constant need for company.

4

Birth

VENUS IN CANCER



VENUS — LOVE
CANCER — NURTURING,
ATTACHMENT

The angel of birth above a newborn baby. The rocky cavern suggests the hard, protective shell of Cancer. Above, the Sun and Moon safeguard the birth. The two sigils represent the Seal of Venus and the Spirit of Venus.

PERSONAL The Venus/Cancer combination describes someone with deeply sensitive romantic feelings. People with this planet/sign aspect need stability and security in relationships, and demonstrable shows of affection are essential to their well-being. They care for the loved ones and things around them, and expect to be equally cherished in return. With Venus in this sign, the inevitable result of a perfect liaison would be to set up home and produce a family. The desire to feed, protect and nurture a happy home of children is foremost with this card. The home will be comfortably cluttered, as possessions are kept and cared for in the same way as family. Venus/Cancer personality types are good entertainers in their own home, and having friends to visit is an important part of their home life. They spend

time and care on making their environment look and feel aesthetically comfortable. The same goes for the garden, and the Venus/Cancer combination is an indication of quite good taste in matters of interior and exterior style. The negative side of this combination is that the person described can become overpoweringly smothering and possessive.

When this card is drawn in a reading, it may indicate a birth or other addition to the family. It can also show a need to make contact with one's mother or more general family roots in order to discover the answer to the question asked.

EVENTS The birth of a child, an adoption or increase in the family; celebration of an anniversary; a reunion with childhood friends.

5

Affair

VENUS IN LEO



VENUS — LOVE
LEO — CREATIVE
SELF-EXPRESSION

Two cherubs caress; they are adults acting as children. It is a scene of innocent and irresponsible love of life and pleasure. Above, stars and hearts fly like a fantasy firework show.

PERSONAL Where affections are concerned, Venus Leos are ardent, warm-hearted and dramatic. Their natural approach is lavish, generous and usually over-the-top — they live life to the full, and what style they have when they feel positive! Born romantic, Venus lions prefer situations full of drama and excitement, and what could be more attractive than the flirtatious thrill of a full-blown love affair. Despite having a tendency to stray and succumb to generous flattery, people with this planet/sign combination are strongly loyal to those lucky enough to earn their affections. Pleasure and luxury are vital to Venus Leos if they are to retain their naturally sunny outlook. Any relationship must contain vast amounts of admiration and adoration — in both directions — and then all is well. Without this mutual

admiration, we find one grumpy old lion snarling at everyone. With Leo being the creative sign, the arts will be important in the life of Venus Leos, and it is likely that they have a special talent in this direction. They feel a great need to be involved with artistic or creative endeavors, even if only as an entrepreneur directing operations. Children will be prominent in any Leo life, and it is easy for them to let their hair down and make good friends among the very youngest.

In a reading, this card shows that a new stimulus to creative endeavors will enter the life of the questioner. The card may suggest a new craze or interest, even a new love.

EVENTS A deep dramatic love affair; a showy lifestyle, excessive luxury and extravagance; show business.

6

Discrimination

VENUS IN VIRGO



VENUS — LOVE
VIRGO — PERFECTION AND
SERVICE

A woman, her hair garlanded, walks barefoot in the neat countryside. She reaches out towards the many butterflies. A small fox barks. Virgo cares for and rules smaller, more delicate creatures.

PERSONAL For Venus/Virgo types romantically, it is important that partners share their intellectual interests. People with this planet/sign combination may be in danger of analyzing their emotions to excess, though when positively directed, this ability can be helpful to others in the form of relationship counseling. Their close friends are few, but selectively chosen. The Venus/Virgo personality type shows great discrimination in choosing on whom and what to bestow their affections. When this is taken to extremes in a negative way, it can make them downright picky about potential friends and lovers. In many areas of life, however, this fastidious attitude stands this personality type in good stead. With a little more Venus extravagance added to the careful Virgo temperament, this person will make

an excellent cook. Something to do with nourishment, pleasure and Virgo perfectionism combines to make a great but ever-modest chef or host. Virgos always show love in practical ways. Many of their social activities or romantic interests revolve around work or health. They may also be involved with artistic or alternative pursuits. It is important that the work surroundings of the Venus/Virgoan are harmonious and beautiful, or life can get twitchy. They display good taste in clothes, and this aspect features in the birth charts of many fashion designers.

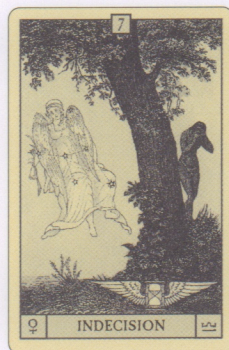
When this card is picked, it shows the need to be ultra-selective, using all powers of discretion to attain aims.

EVENTS A close friendship that may develop further; a total makeover; a love affair with someone at work.

7

Indecision

VENUS IN LIBRA



VENUS — LOVE
LIBRA — SENSE OF
JUSTICE AND BEAUTY

Libra lies between the gentle perfection of Virgo and the dramatic emotions of Scorpio. The constellation of the virgin contrasts with the sting of the scorpion. The hourglass shows time, representing the eternal Libran dilemma in finalizing a decision.

PERSONAL In Libra, Venus is at home, as this is the sign she rules in company with Taurus. Whereas Taurus is concerned with the pleasure of material possessions, for Libra, people are of utmost importance. All Librans work hard at keeping their relationships harmonious and balanced. Sociable and popular, they do most things best in teamwork and partnerships. Environment is important to people with this personality type, too: even on a limited budget they are able to make their home surroundings tasteful and pleasant. A love of harmony taken to extreme, however, can lead to a constant attitude of giving-in to achieve peace, and given too many alternatives in matters of relationships, the Venus Libran will waffle interminably before making a decision. Fortunately, people with this combination usually make a

very happy marriage, often with someone they can look on as both friend and lover. The social abilities of Venus Librans provide them with good opportunities for dealing with the public, and work in liaison and personnel areas could be profitable. This planet/sign combination also has a very strong link with the world of music and with musicians.

If this card is drawn, it suggests that the questioner has come to a stage at which a decision is imperative. There has been much dithering back and forth over an important matter, and now the time has come to be firm and take the consequences.

EVENTS A large social gathering, a wedding; a difficult decision to make; a business partnership in the arts, an artist lover.

8

Secrets

VENUS IN SCORPIO



VENUS — LOVE
SCORPIO —
SELF-CONTROL,
REGENERATION

The inscrutable winged sphinx — the head of a ram indicating the Martian link with the sign of Aries — is a symbol of the deep secrets of the past. Surrounding the sphinx are knots, glyphs and keys to many mysteries.

PERSONAL In matters of love, Venus in Scorpio is the hot-house. In the opposite sign to its natural home, Taurus, the gentle nature of Venus becomes an emotional fireball. In romantic life, people with this planet/sign aspect are passionate, loyal and strongly sexed. Their reactions are emotional and desires are intense; they are also secretive, and do not talk about their inner emotional life easily. This card describes someone who idealizes friends and loved ones, and makes sacrifices for them without a second thought. Let-downs can turn all this to cold indifference — even vindictiveness with the extreme nature of this personality. The artistic side of Venus in Scorpio can manifest in strong dramatic contrasts. Often, it indicates interest in the inner mysteries and occult arts. There is a suggestion of

financial gain through marriage or partnership with this card; it can also hint at an inheritance. On occasions, this placing of Venus reveals a highly sensuous nature or over-emphasis on sex. The sexual drive of Venus Scorpios is powerful, and if not overly sensuous, they do best with a creative outlet for that pent-up energy. Often, this combination indicates the withdrawal of emotional response over a long time, perhaps in a period of celibacy.

When one receives this card in a reading, it usually indicates that a deep secret is being held by the questioner or is being hidden from them by someone very close.

EVENTS A secret liaison, a secret love, a passionate love affair; money comes to a partner, a shared inheritance; an expression of extreme jealousy.

9

Flirtation

VENUS IN SAGITTARIUS



VENUS — LOVE
SAGITTARIUS — OPTIMISM,
ADVENTURE

*A traveling minstrel serenades a beautiful young huntress.
The lute symbolizes the pleasure-loving nature of Venus, and the
bow the far-seeking adventurousness of Sagittarius.*

PERSONAL When Venus is in Sagittarius, it describes someone who is philosophical and fair, honest and true in relationships. In contrast to the nature of the preceding sign, Venus in Scorpio (see page 77) which is secretive and brooding, Sagittarius is open and free-speaking with regard to love matters. Venus Sagittarians share all thoughts with a loved one, even if sometimes they are a little too frank for comfort. Speaking the truth as they see it, they constantly have to be cautious that their honesty is not just too blunt. Venus Sagittarians are loyal, but need plenty of freedom within a relationship, and allow this to their partners, too. Saying what they think makes for a great deal of flirtatious conversation, which titillates the Sagittarian love of adventure. Close relationships with people from abroad are indicated by

this card, and people with this aspect are attracted to the learned or worldly wise. In love, their ideals are high, and they might spend time trying to convert loved ones to their personal philosophy. Religious thought and action, in the broadest sense, could be prominent.

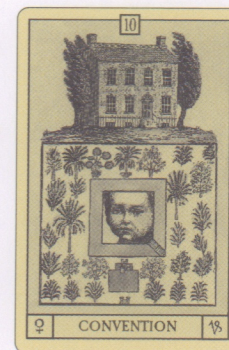
There is, when this card is selected in a reading, a possibility of marriage or a relationship with someone from another country. Often, this comes through a meeting at a university or other learning institution. Women who choose this card usually seek a heroic, adventurous kind of partner — a romantic Indiana Jones figure.

EVENTS A foreign lover or holiday romance that blossoms, a marriage abroad; a light-hearted flirtation just for the adventure.

10

Convention

VENUS IN CAPRICORN



VENUS — LOVE
CAPRICORN — DUTY,
PERSEVERANCE

*A neat and well-cared-for traditional house stands proudly above an orderly garden.
In the center is a child framed by a stone wall. A portrait of a child framed
by a stone wall indicates family restrictions.*

PERSONAL Venus in the common-sense sign of Capricorn describes someone who needs a romantic partner to share and help them achieve ambitions. Disliking public displays of emotion, this planet/sign type is fairly conservative in behavior. Although this sounds dull, the Capricornian zany sense of humor prevails, keeping any relationship lively and entertaining. Often, the Venus in Capricorn card indicates a fair age difference in a major relationship. People with this aspect are loyal and steadfast, but financial security is very important to their emotional happiness. Love on an overdraft is not conducive to a Capricornian's well-being, and relationships can suffer if the partner is recklessly extravagant or foolish with money. There is always, with this sign, a strong social and artistic ambition.

Venus Capricornians like to know and be known by the talented and successful. Their involvement in the arts world could be based on their own talents or be concerned with exploiting the creative abilities of others. The Venus/Capricorn love of artistic things usually leans toward the more conventional, expressing itself in classical music and traditional arts. The Venus/Capricorn type has good feelings for business dealings with the opposite sex, and harmony in this area is important to their life ambitions.

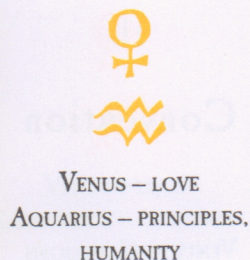
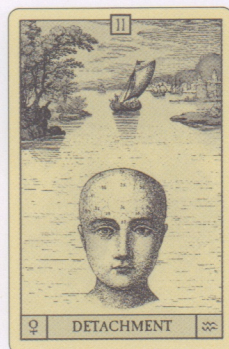
When this card is chosen, it often indicates a romantic liaison with someone much older or younger.

EVENTS A marriage or affair with a great age difference; a relationship with a famous or important person, a new friend of some influence.

11

Detachment

VENUS IN AQUARIUS



An intelligent person looks ahead with detached interest. The cranium is marked with a phrenological map showing areas of intellect. He is immersed in thought, unaware of the idyllic scene behind. The sea represents emotions.

PERSONAL Basically, Aquarius/Venus people like to be friendly with everyone — but not too friendly. Not the most stable of partners, if, nevertheless, they find a stimulating and sociable relationship that allows them adequate freedom, in not too traditional a way, they will stick with it tenaciously. Plenty of intellectual stimulation is important for this planet/ sign personality. They dislike jealousy and over-possessiveness, and soon tire of romantic partners who seek to encroach on their social freedom. Their taste inclines towards the unusual, with innovative art taking pride of place. Sexually they can in some cases be somewhat eccentric and promiscuous. Many of the acquaintances, friends and loved ones of Venus Aquarians will be creative and artistic. In long-term partnerships, they are

more likely to marry someone who has been a good friend for quite a while. In fact friends becoming lovers and lovers becoming friends fit easily with their unconventional social attitude. People with this aspect flourish in group activities, especially where the group concerned is involved with an ideal or a particularly avant-garde philosophy. These are the people who can live quite easily in an ashram or commune.

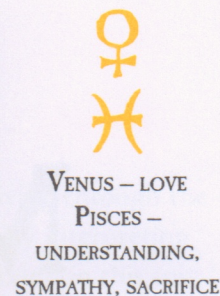
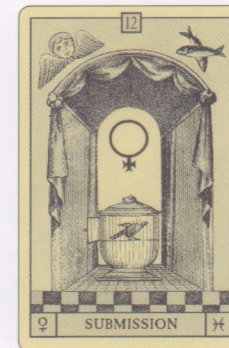
When this card is drawn in a reading it may indicate a detached feeling with regard to one's relationship. Negatively, it can mean that there is no means of making contact.

EVENTS A sudden love affair with a friend; an unusual free-love relationship, an unusual or odd relationship; a couple living separate lives; an agreement between lovers.

12

Submission

VENUS IN PISCES



A bird in a beautiful cage is placed in a decoratively draped window. Outside in the sky appearing as the sun is the glyph of Venus. The door of the cage is open, but the bird remains inside.

PERSONAL Venus/Pisces types are highly sensitive and imaginatively romantic: they can invent their own reality with regard to friends and loved ones. People with this planet/sign combination need physical demonstrations of love in regular doses, and are therefore susceptible to being fooled by insincerity. Some kind of artistic talent is usually indicated by this planet/sign aspect: it will blossom in a sensitive and appreciative environment. This higher dimension of the sign Pisces can manifest as a great talent for inspired artistic, poetic or musical works. With this gift, such people are able to tap into the universal unconscious, achieving great public success and expressing the spirit of their time. Highly sensitive and imaginatively romantic, they can idealize their loved ones. It would not be

surprising if they had a fantasy or secret love or lover at some time in life. The Venus Piscean's underlying kindness towards, and sympathy with, others, constantly demands someone or something on which to be lavished. However, people with this personality type are extremely vulnerable to emotional bullies, so need to be extra-selective with their compassion.

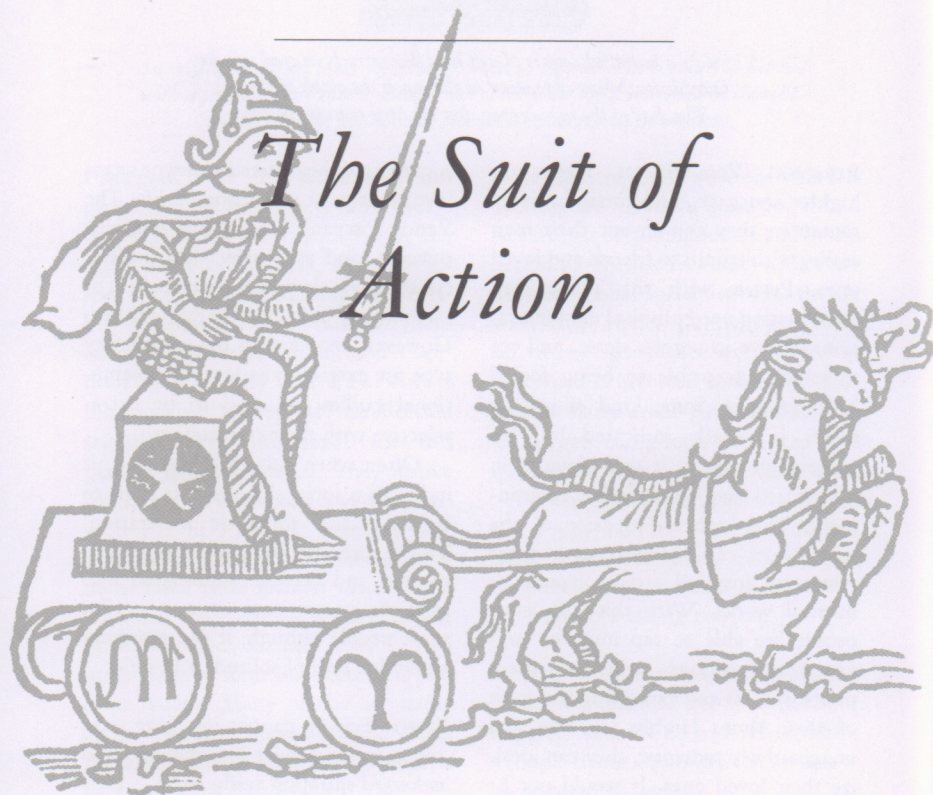
Often when this card is drawn, it indicates a social shyness that leads to isolation and romantic frustration. This in turn may cause feelings of martyrdom and become sublimated into religious or spiritual expression. For some people, though, it can represent a genuine love of solitude and quiet.

EVENTS Feeling caught in a love trap; giving in for a quiet life, staying in an awkward situation easily left.



MARS

The Suit of Action



The Mars cards represent the planet moving through the twelve signs of the astrological zodiac. By interpreting the combinations of planets and signs found in this suit of cards, you can explore where and in what manner the subject of a reading will have to take action in the present circumstances. Mars is the planet of assertion and drive.

It tells us about what motivates us and what desires push us into doing the things we do. Mars indicates how we project ourselves, and colors the way in which we perform every task. It also adds information to the nature of the other planets in a reading, the Mars sign combination indicating whether the energies expressed are predominantly physical (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius), material (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn), mental (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius) or emotional (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces).

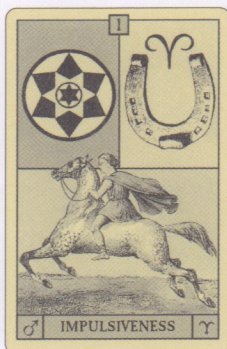
Mars occupations: Surgeons, carpenters, mechanics; military personnel; chemists; butchers and farmers.

Mars affinities: Tuesday; steel, iron; knives, weapons; red hair, the veins; wars, battles; metal objects, machinery, motors; birds of prey, dogs; fires, fireplaces.

1

Impulsiveness

MARS IN ARIES



MARS — ACTION
ARIES — SELF-WILL

A wild figure on horseback gallops as if in a race. The symbol to the left is one of the greater seals symbolizing the six steps of creation, and is a protector of all things. The horseshoe symbolizes good fortune, resembling the bowl-like crescent of the waxing Moon.

PERSONAL Mars is the ruling planet for Aries, and so here it sits in its natural fiery element. This planet/sign combination describes people who are energetic and impulsive in their every action. They feel a need to get things done, and this leads them to start numerous new projects. Acting before thinking inevitably leads to disasters, but these Martians are resilient and wins always predominate over losses. People described by this card are somewhat competitive and display a need to be seen in a leading position. Basically, they are outgoing and feel more comfortable at the front with group endeavors. These Martians are natural leaders and take on this role within any situation which requires positive action. Mars/Aries people take great pride in their abilities, and are not happy unless they do more,

and quicker, than anyone else. There is, however, a belligerence in the Mars/Aries nature that can go over the top, and these characters may ride roughshod over other people in order to get their own way. Mars/Aries personalities are at their best when they realize through experience that their potential for power works a great deal more effectively when they exert discreet control.

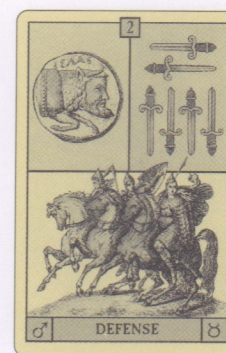
When this card is drawn in a reading, it shows that some kind of physical and/or competitive action is necessary for the well-being of the person asking the question.

EVENTS A challenge that requires courage, proving oneself by tackling the unknown, acting on impulse in a sudden situation; leading others with enthusiasm into a new venture.

2

Defense

MARS IN TAURUS



MARS — ACTION
TAURUS — MATERIAL
VALUES

Three mounted warriors, horses reined-in, take a defensive stance against attack. The Taurean image on the coin links positive action with material possessions. Six swords arranged in a pattern suggest they are there to impress, not to use.

PERSONAL Much of the energy in the Mars/Taurus nature is devoted to the acquisition of material things. This card describes practical, determined people who will fight for and defend that which they deem important in life. People with this planet/sign combination take their time in making choices, but once the decision is made, there is no going back. Nobody is going to take away what belongs to the Mars Taurean — and if he or she gives things away, credit is required. Despite having a materialistic outlook, Mars Taureans can be incurable romantics, and rarely forget to keep the pleasure-loving part of life alive. They do not like to waste energy, and believe that skillful methods and techniques are worth more than brute force. Mars/Taurus types have a great ability to see the potential in the most

ordinary things, transforming them with slow but sustained encouragement into objects of worth. For Mars Taureans, the option of running their own business is attractive. If they do, the chances of success are high, since a competitive streak makes them give of their best when completely responsible for their own finances. Negatively, this placing of Mars can indicate a ruthless and mercenary approach to life, in which all actions are guided by financial outcome.

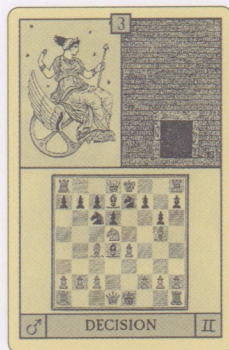
When this card is dealt in a reading, it shows a need to defend something the questioner values.

EVENTS Starting up a new business, playing the stock market, a quick business deal with a profit; a possession that makes a leap in value; beating a competitor.

3

Decision

MARS IN GEMINI



MARS — ACTION
GEMINI — MENTAL
AWARENESS

The chessboard symbolizes the mind and the attacking position the nature of the competitive planet Mars. The winged wheel denotes the Sun god, and movement in the element air or high mental activity. The doorway challenges a move into unknown territory.

PERSONAL Most Mars/Gemini actions involve mental work and often manual dexterity too. Mars and Gemini alike are fast-moving factors in traditional astrology; neither planet nor sign can endure waiting around for things to happen, and both require quick action. This planet/sign combination indicates someone who is good in argument and debate, and brilliant at the quick verbal comeback. When it comes to sharp and aggressive repartee, Mars/Gemini types can lash with the tongue a little better than most. In fact, most of their battles are fought verbally. Such people display much inventiveness and ingenuity in their activities, which usually involve doing more than one job at a time. Often this placing of Mars indicates great versatility in work with the hands as well as with the mind. Coupled with Gemini's ability

to do many things at the same time, it would be surprising if people with this aspect did not have a good, physical manipulative talent to add to their mental skills. Mars Geminians have a lot of energy to expend in rushing around gathering information, references or just good old-fashioned gossip, and are a source of information for all who enquire: if they don't know the answer personally, they know someone who does. If this person is not a professional reporter, he or she makes a good amateur.

When this card is drawn, it indicates the need to make a quick decision, but bear in mind that speed is not the most important factor.

EVENTS A heated argument, cross-questioning someone; a fight over a contract; a regretted letter.

4

Quarrel

MARS IN CANCER



MARS — ACTION
CANCER — NURTURING
ATTACHMENT

Two mounted figures squabble over a gold ring symbolizing betrothal. This image concerns families united or divided over relationships or inheritances. The classical busts glare at each other, reminders that this has happened before.

PERSONAL Mars Cancerians most enjoy expending energy and being active around the home or in a family-type business. However, the bossy nature of Mars cannot resist the temptation to take over and run things. In a family situation, this often leads to interminable and highly emotional disputes and arguments. The gentle sign of Cancer is not the most comfortable place to find pushy, aggressive Mars, and this card can indicate domestic upheaval. Mars acts immediately, and in the close atmosphere of home life, this causes much combative argument. Family matters will be stormy if Mars Cancerians try to get everyone to do things their way. The tricky situation to negotiate is that the Mars/Cancer person wants to be boss but also wants to be loved. It is best if people with this planet/sign type avoid bottling

up emotions, as worries cause stomach upsets. Property can be important to the people this card describes, perhaps meaning more to them than just a place of their own. Home improvements are a constant demand on Mars Cancerians, and running some kind of business of their own, however modest, can offer a better outlet for Martian energy than quarreling. Mars Cancerians have a natural talent for property development, and can be lucky with real-estate deals given the slightest opportunity.

When this card is selected, it usually shows that all is not well in the family nest.

EVENTS A continuing family row, a family estrangement, fighting over an inheritance; a divorce or a problem involving custody.

5

Egotism

MARS IN LEO



MARS — ACTION
LEO — CREATIVE
SELF-EXPRESSION

A strange bird — half-cockerel, half-man — crowned, stands proudly for all to see. Above is the Leo Sun and a royal Egyptian scarab to show the eminent position of the cockerel.

PERSONAL The fiery planet Mars in the fiery sign Leo indicates that people with this planet/sign aspect will be most fulfilled using their energy in expansive and showy creative ways. Doing things on a big scale has appeal for this character, more especially if an audience is involved. The tendency to take over and lead others is also strong for this personality type. This dynamic combination of planet and sign inevitably indicates a powerful mutual attraction with the opposite sex. Mars Leos have a strong sex drive that needs plenty of activity and appreciation. A great deal of this drive and passion could manifest itself as creative talent, and would be worthwhile developing. Competitive sports and games have great appeal to people with this planet/sign combination, and they usually have a talent for working

with children in an entertaining or creative way. With Leo's entrepreneurial abilities, this card often indicates a talent for coaching the young in sports — at which Mars Leos can excel. The need for appreciation and admiration is strong, however, and the Mars/Leo personality makes for a great deal of showing off and over-the-top behavior. Negatively, this may appear to others as authoritative and dictatorial.

When this card is drawn in a reading, questioners are advised to look at themselves and their current behavior with regard to the question. The Egotism card may indicate that they need to be less bullying and to do more to earn the respect of others.

EVENTS A dramatic performance, a great creative enterprise; forcing oneself into the lead, bullying others.

6

Criticism

MARS IN VIRGO



MARS — ACTION
VIRGO — PERFECTION
AND SERVICE

A blue eye stares fixedly at an arrangement of flowers in a simple basket. Above, a finger points accusingly at the necklace of a woman who has a hair-braid made of wheat.

PERSONAL Mars/Virgo energy can find a good outlet in skilled work and craftsmanship. Many people with this planet/sign combination are attracted to medicine, and especially areas such as surgery in which great care and precision is necessary. They also often are skilled with machinery and motors. If the occupation of the Mars Virgoan does not allow this ability for precision or detail work to be expressed, it can manifest and provide great satisfaction as a specialist spare-time interest. Virgos always like to plan things carefully, not liking to fritter away energies, and although Mars usually provides an excess of energy, in this sign it is well-directed and never wasted. This card indicates a propensity for success and even prominence in work for a well-run organization, probably in areas in which analysis and study of health,

medicine, complementary healing or dietary control is important. Mars Virgoans tend to be perfectionists, and may set themselves impossible standards. In extreme cases, there is a danger that they can make themselves uncomfortable or even ill with this self-inflicted pressure. Often, it manifests in supercritical behavior towards others, picking on faults to compensate for what the Mars Virgoan feels to be his or her own failure.

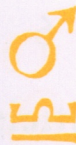
In a reading, this card indicates a need to be more critical in providing the answer to the question, or, conversely, that one is being overly critical to the detriment of the situation.

EVENTS A co-operative research project; a position of responsibility in a large organization, a personal assistant to an important person.

7

Choice

MARS IN LIBRA



MARS — ACTION
LIBRA — SENSE OF
JUSTICE AND BEAUTY

There are two women. One, blindfolded, is Justice and holds the scales; the other watches the swing of the balance. The rose weighs the beauty of the flower against the sharpness of the thorns. The leg symbol suggests difficulty in movement.

PERSONAL Libra is the opposite sign to Aries, the natural sign of Mars (see page 84), and so this planet/sign combination always brings with it strong mood swings. People with this aspect focus a great deal of energy into co-operative and partnership work. They appreciate the company of energetic people and throw themselves into group projects with enthusiasm. They play by the rules and expect the same from others. The competitive nature of Mars combined with the diplomatic qualities of Libra means that the people this card describes probably enjoy a good argument to release pressure. Though they like partnerships, Mars Librans do, however unconsciously, see themselves as the boss on a competitive level. They tend, in fact, to pick themselves sparring partners. As long as their chosen ones know the rules of

the game, all is well, but if they do not, the ride may be a stormy one. As with all matters of the Balance, once the scales are tipped, there will undoubtedly be a great deal of swinging back and forth in every activity these personality types embark on. Many Mars/Libra actions are taken on impulse where they concern others, and people with this planet/sign aspect must be prepared to make a few grand mistakes. Tact and diplomacy may come a little harder with the red planet in this sign, but are more likely to succeed in the end.

When this card appears, it always indicates a difficult choice to be made.

EVENTS A deliberate change of direction; a business merger, choosing between two partners or diverse business options.

8

Revenge

MARS IN SCORPIO



MARS — ACTION
SCORPIO —
SELF-CONTROL,
REGENERATION

A heroic figure holds an enemy's head. His nakedness shows vulnerability, the helmet and sword his warrior rank. A winged figure brings a fiery torch in honor of the action. Above, two lovers, Sun and Moon, embrace.

PERSONAL Mars is the old ruler of Scorpio, and those with this planet/sign combination need to be faced with a real challenge to warrant putting their great energy into action. Once they believe a thing to be worthwhile, however, the amount of sheer energy they make available to achieve their aim is phenomenal. But there is a danger that the current passion of a Mars/Scorpio personality can be used to bulldoze and overpower other people. The temper of people with this planet/sign aspect will always be a little over the top: they never remain in the grey area in the middle when one of two extreme positions can be chosen. All or nothing are Mars/Scorpio personalities! They strongly invest their desires and emotional intensity in every action, and make available a great deal of aggressive drive for joint

ventures. Mars Scorpions have the power to transform or change almost impossible situations, and in fact may well do this several times during the course of their life. Devotedly loyal to those they choose to spend their life with, Mars/Scorpio types are equally passionate in hating those who slight them in any way, in a case of don't get mad, get even!

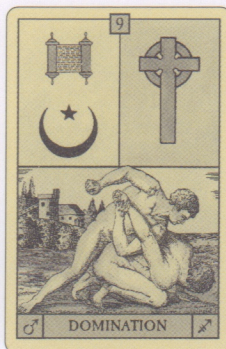
When this card is selected in a reading, extreme action is at least a possibility in the current situation. As long as one is able to use this potential in a controlled way, the outcome can be positive.

EVENTS A phenomenal achievement, extreme effort in order to overcome some kind of problem; getting even with someone, an over-the-top reaction to a perceived hurt.

9

Domination

MARS IN SAGITTARIUS



MARS — ACTION
SAGITTARIUS — OPTIMISM,
ADVENTURE

Two naked young men wrestle in a field outside a solid-looking house. One has forced the other into a yielding position to the point of defeat. Above are the three symbols of the great religions descended from the prophet Abraham.

PERSONAL Mars Sagittarians devote a great deal of energy to crusading and the conversion of others to their beliefs. Staunch defenders of the truth, they can be a little blunt in putting their case to others. Because of the excessive power in this planet/sign combination, some sporting or adventurous activity benefits people with this aspect at every stage of life. Foreign travel could be a satisfactory outlet for pioneering energies, and it would be surprising if Mars Sagittarians did not spend some time abroad, or with people from another country. Active participation in some religious or philosophical cause is indicated by this card. Negatively, this can manifest as a narrow and limited view of life into which the Mars Sagittarian tries to shoehorn everyone — not a winning strategy in the popularity stakes.

As long as Mars Sagittarians do not get too dogmatic and can maintain an “it-takes-all-sorts” attitude, all is well. With Mars in Sagittarius, the competitive instinct is irrepressible, and the need to come out on top in any situation can become excessive.

When this card is chosen in a reading it can mean, depending on the question asked, that either the questioner is being pressured by someone or is applying too much pressure to someone else. The Domination card indicates a need to stand back and detach oneself in order to see the truth of a situation.

EVENTS An argument over ideals; persuading others by bullying; the start of an expedition; reckless optimism with regard to a long-term project; competitive sports.

10

Authority

MARS IN CAPRICORN



MARS — ACTION
CAPRICORN — DUTY,
PERSEVERANCE

A king stands firm, holding symbols of authority and power. The orb with the globe topped by a cross represents traditionally the church's power over the world. Here, the cross is the equal-sided cross of earth: the power of the material world challenges the spiritual.

PERSONAL Those people with Mars in Capricorn have great energy when it is channeled into professional ambitions, and have a strong desire for recognition and status. The actions of Mars/Capricorn people are always well considered and decisive. Not given to rushing into things willy-nilly, their energies are rarely wasted on impulsive and costly mistakes. They show initiative and the executive ability that makes practical achievements possible. This placing of Mars gives undoubted potential for constructive and energetic leadership in whichever field Mars/Capricorn people make their own. The negative side of this card can manifest as a “power-at-all-costs” attitude where career and ambition are concerned. In such situations, Mars Capricornians have little care for those pushed aside in their own drive for

achievement. However, this attitude rarely results in the kind of recognition that Mars/Capricorn types find important for fulfillment. Fortunately, the fiery planet Mars is usually tempered in the sign of Capricorn, and power is applied with a great deal of common sense and control, which manifests as responsible action.

When this card appears, it can indicate a need for the questioner to take control of the situation by asserting authority. Alternatively, it may be necessary to seek the help of a person in power.

EVENTS Ambitious moves requiring great self-control; being in a position of power over less reliable people; a lonely job with great responsibility; seeking help from someone in a position of authority.

11

Rebellion

MARS IN AQUARIUS



MARS — ACTION
AQUARIUS — PRINCIPLES,
HUMANITY

A walled fortress town sits solid and secure beneath dark and brooding clouds. Above, a young warrior challenges with his sword two giant bearded nobles symbolizing tradition and established authority.

PERSONAL Freedom of action is of utmost importance to Mars/Aquarians. Rarely following old methods blindly, people with this planet/sign combination do things their way, which is probably in a quite innovative and unorthodox style. Mars Aquarians happily expend their energies on the new, novel and scientific, and have a natural talent with gadgets which could develop into genuine inventive talent. However it goes, Mars Aquarians will invent something. The company of friends is of enormous importance to people with this aspect, and they are more likely to be strong, energetic and male — willing supporters too. People described by this card are probably not quiet when it comes to showing their discontent with outmoded or unfair social attitudes, and it is hard to find Mars Aquarians who

do not have a good humanitarian cause to battle for. The Mars Aquarian's odd-ball outlook on life makes it easy for them to examine anything established or traditional to see whether its rules and regulations are still viable. They are rarely afraid to express views that are not the norm, and show great courage in following their beliefs against all odds in order to overturn a situation which they believe is unfair or illogical.

Receiving this card in a reading indicates a need for a lateral approach to the question. Turn the current thinking on its head and approach it from a different angle — a drastic change of thought is needed.

EVENTS Leading a protest, expressing discontent with authority, the courage to be different; anger over indifference.

12

Escape

MARS IN PISCES



MARS — ACTION
PISCES —
UNDERSTANDING,
SYMPATHY, SACRIFICE

A woman in a chariot pulled by tigers escapes from something she has to turn back and see. Servants accompany her flight. On the seal above, a boy rides a dolphin, symbol of the power of the sea. The Buddha suggests escape from the material world.

PERSONAL Those people with the Mars/Pisces combination are dedicated to understanding, sympathy and sacrifice. They use their idealistic energies in visionary and sensitive ways. A great deal of their powers are thrown into the development of the Piscean imagination, which, if they are fortunate to be able to share it with others, becomes a very fulfilling part of life. If Mars Pisceans have the necessary ability to develop their imaginations as an artistic talent, they will have unlimited scope for creativity. People with this planet/sign combination always feel a great need to help others in caring ways. This may involve working in positions and situations in which they take on a supportive, background role, and often this card indicates work for or within a large institution, usually in one of the caring

professions. The Mars in Pisces combination highlights a personality that can be somewhat secretive, and could involve a secret love, a plot or even hidden enemies.

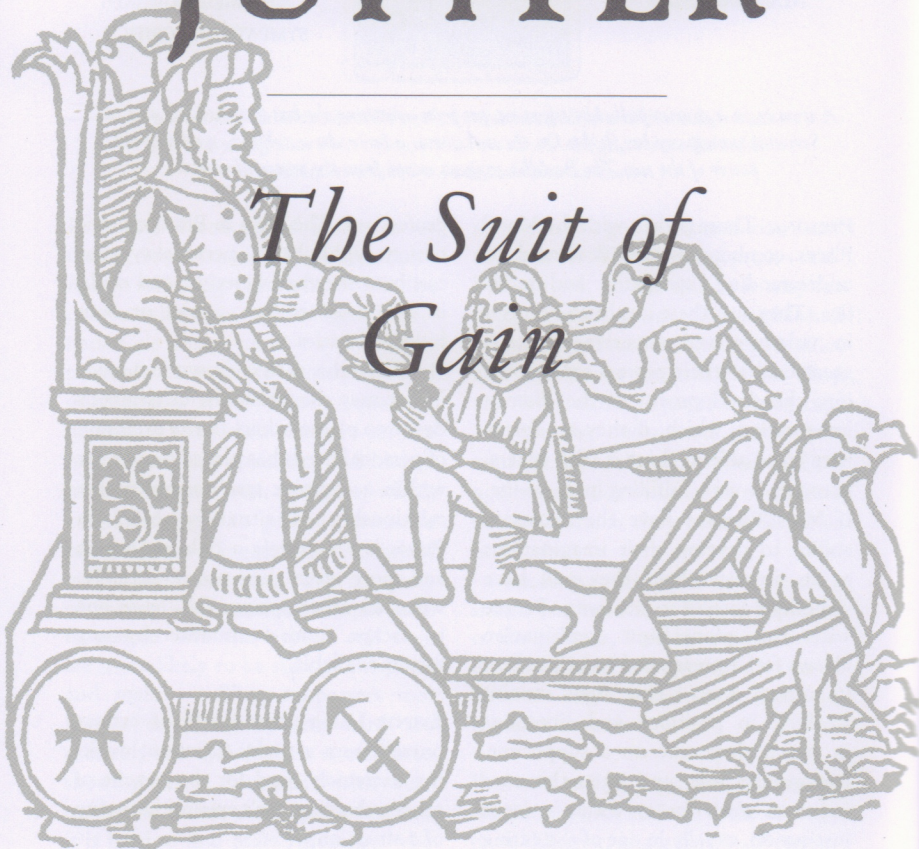
When this card is drawn in a reading, it may show that the questioner's desire to please others to the exclusion of personal needs has placed him or her within a complex and uncomfortable relationship or situation. Mars in Pisces is very rarely a fighting aspect and more often than not, eventually, when all other options fail, leads one to escape from a situation by any means available.

EVENTS Using great energy to extract oneself from a tricky situation; working extremely hard for the benefit of others; shutting one's eyes to the reality of a situation.

4

JUPITER

The Suit of Gain



The cards in the Jupiter suit reveal how this planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom works its way around the twelve signs of the astrological zodiac. It highlights the ways in which we discover deeper truths, and so by interpreting the signs given by the cards in this suit, you can investigate how a questioner may develop their knowledge of and place in the world. The nature of Jupiter in a reading relates to the expansion of horizons in higher understanding. We search for more so that we can learn more about ourselves and the world, therefore Jupiter can be linked with excess. The sign placement of Jupiter helps define the nature of a questioner's higher level of thinking, giving clues about views on life's weightier issues – religion, philosophy and ethics. The planet also rules optimism, prosperity, growth, and travel, both mental and physical.

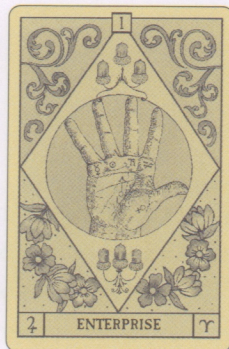
Jupiter occupations: Counselors, priests; judges, lawyers; bankers; governors, publishers; rich people.

Jupiter affinities: Thursday; tin, brass, topaz, crystals; religion, atheists; arteries, the liver, head; good fortune, fame; domestic animals, tigers; children; cheats.

1

Enterprise

JUPITER IN ARIES

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7JUPITER — GAIN
ARIES — SELF-WILL

The hand diagram of the chiromancers shows the complete set of planetary qualities. Jupiter's nature in palmistry is to denote the achievement of enterprise and ambition, where full use is made of all talents available. The acorns are simply the seeds of potential.

PERSONAL Jupiter in Aries people have an expansive drive to develop and improve life by taking on positions of leadership. Positive action and an enjoyment of physically doing things are a necessary part of their make-up. Jupiter/Aries types tend to “rush in where angels fear to tread,” but all positive effort on their part is good for their well-being. Yes, these types are extremely impulsive, but with the beneficial planet Jupiter involved, they get more than their fair share of lucky breaks. Optimistic and self-assured socially, people with this planet/sign aspect are fortunate in sending out little signals of honest trustworthiness that make for plenty of popularity. They have the added quality of giving confidence to other people. The optimism of the people this card describes is based on the belief that the harsh old

world around them will support their buoyant enthusiasm — and of course it does. They share this aspect with many actors, politicians and religious or philosophical leaders. Jupiter is a buoyant influence, and imparts to Aries the optimistic belief that all that one does will have a successful outcome. More often than not with this combination in play, the result can be just that.

When this card occurs in a reading it signifies a successful consequence for ventures referred to in the question. The Enterprise card suggests that a bold and enterprising approach will be needed to achieve a satisfactory result.

EVENTS Setting up a business; working for a foreign organization; using personality to improve one's status; enacting ideas for long-term success.

2

Status

JUPITER IN TAURUS

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8JUPITER — GAIN
TAURUS — MATERIAL
VALUES

A dignified couple, man and woman, are posed as if for a portrait. Above them, a crown hovers. The two lion-headed dragons are symbols of might and dignity. Below, elaborate brocades indicate riches.

PERSONAL In developing and improving life, Jupiter/Taureans gain much benefit from money and material resources. They are aware of the energy these items can generate, and have the ability to expand their worth for themselves and others. The health of people with this planet/sign combination suffers, however, if their love of material comforts becomes too excessive. Though the Jupiter Taurean's ability to make money will be blessed at times by extreme good fortune, the people this card describes have an occasional impulsive Jupiterian urge to blow their good luck on crazy bouts of excess and extravagance. They are better when they involve themselves with money-making ventures that cater for other people's luxurious desires. This planet/sign aspect indicates a taste for artistic things, and good judgment

of the true value of art objects as an investment. Jupiter Taureans are, in fact, extremely good at sensing the market for anything artistic, beautiful or luxurious — in whichever direction their talents lie, there is much movement of money. Negatively, those who place emphasis on worldly achievements run the risk of being judged on the basis of material possessions. The ability to give as easily and skillfully as one acquires is the key to striking the balance.

When this card is drawn, it hints that one should be aware of priorities and question whether material gain is really most important at the moment.

EVENTS Gaining pleasure from beautiful things, extravagant taste, a generous love of art; using money to cultivate powerful friends.

3

Bluff

JUPITER IN GEMINI

2
IIJUPITER — GAIN
GEMINI — MENTAL
AWARENESS

*A Minoan goddess holds two butterflies — or are they really axes?
The hands show back and front, as does the professional conjuror
performing a sleight-of-hand trick.*

PERSONAL The basic drive for Jupiter Geminians in improving life will always be to keep the mind active and informed. People with this combination have an intellectual curiosity that leads to continuing mental development at all stages of life. Often, they wish to be seen to know everything, and with their quick wit can extract enough information to bluff their way through any situation. Jupiter in Gemini people often achieve great knowledge and mental achievements without formal education, and this planet/sign combination can indicate the talented self-taught intellectual. Such people boost their experience with travel, and social relationships, which contribute to their mental expansion. Travel is beneficial for Jupiter Geminians, enriching the mind as well as relaxing the natural tension

that accompanies their mental restlessness. Some form of meditation is of benefit when these hyperactive heads get dizzy. Contacts with close relatives are likely to be convivial for Jupiter Geminians. The people this card describes are good analysts of current thought, and perceptive social and political commentators.

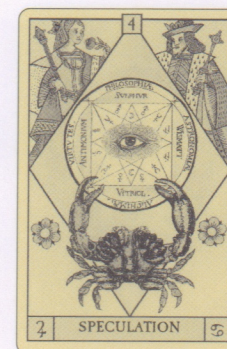
In a reading, this card indicates a need to throw oneself into an unfamiliar situation or challenge and use one's wits to bluff through the first stage. This is not as dishonest an approach as it sounds. A brain surgeon has to make the first operation as confidently as if it were the fiftieth.

EVENTS A situation in which one has to impress others with knowledge; discussions about business or legal affairs; a lecture or talk to a group or society.

4

Speculation

JUPITER IN CANCER

2
IIJUPITER — GAIN
CANCER — NURTURING
ATTACHMENT

*Below, the Cancerian crab, its claws outstretched, touches the alchemical circle
depicting the four elements that blend in universal creation. In the center an eye looks
for opportunity. The king and queen signify marriage, tradition and stability.*

PERSONAL In order to expand and develop their lives, people with Jupiter in Cancer feel a need to keep and develop their strong sense of family roots and traditions. This desire to be around and care for others may spread into work for the community at large, which may be seen as an extension of the family. Jupiter Cancerians also benefit from exploring their talent for historical research or for expanding their understanding of the past. The early family upbringing of people with the Jupiter/Cancer combination has usually been supportive and comfortable, and so they try to pass these qualities on to those surrounding them. If not inheritors of material possessions, they certainly inherit strong family traditions — and most usually both. Often people with Jupiter in Cancer receive a family inheritance

that may become the basis for establishing a family business. People with this planet/sign combination usually have an excellent feeling for acquiring property, and for improving its value once in their ownership. Their own home may, at some time, be used for gatherings of a religious, philosophical or educational nature.

When this card is drawn during a reading, it encourages the questioner to look to his or her family for support and even financial help with regard to the question asked. The Speculation card is also a good indication of a successful outcome to an imminent property deal.

EVENTS A legal situation involving the home, running a family business from home; exploiting an inheritance to the benefit of the family.

5

Publicity

JUPITER IN LEO



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JUPITER — GAIN
LEO — CREATIVE SELF-
EXPRESSION

An angel reaches and touches the stars. She is Publicity, carrying the flag and spreading fame far and wide. She circles the small globe of the earth containing the four elemental colors: red-fire, green-earth, yellow-air and blue-water.

PERSONAL In order for Jupiter Leos to develop and grow, they constantly need to find themselves in situations in which they can put on an impressive show. Jupiter Leos think bigger than most, and so have to take the lead if they want to get things done. Local events that need creative imagination and lavish ideas are waiting for their special talents. Plenty of socializing gives people with this planet/sign combination ample chance to radiate their natural warmth, but if they can find a creative job, then so much the better. Their creativity finds good opportunity for appreciation in any of the arts, and their talents, whether professional or amateur, grow as they mature. With this placing of Jupiter, gambling will be a temptation, and some discipline may be useful to rein-in over-optimism in this area. The children

of Jupiter Leos, if they have any, are likely to be a source of great pride, and parents will spare no expense on their education. There is likely to be at least one creatively talented and successful offspring.

Because of the Leo link with children, when this card is drawn in a reading, it can indicate the encouragement of a child in a creative expression of their talents. This can manifest negatively as the archetypal over-pushy mother of the child star, living out her fantasies of fame through her progeny. Positively, it can refer to a nurturing and supportive parent.

EVENTS Blowing one's own trumpet, the attraction of some kind of fame or attention, taking a leading role in a local activity; a prominent member of the church or similar organization.

6

Patience

JUPITER IN VIRGO



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JUPITER — GAIN
VIRGO — PERFECTION
AND SERVICE

A gentlewoman strolls in her garden. She wears an elaborately and delicately embroidered dress. The ox and the lion look away from each other in peace. The classical heads are earth goddesses Circe and Gaia.

PERSONAL Jupiter Virgos expand their lives most when they can exploit their outstanding analytical and critical sense to the full. Excelling at detailed work, the talents of people with this planet/sign combination achieve most in some kind of specialist activity. Philosophically, people with this aspect are able to sift the truth from most arguments, but may have to watch their over-critical attitude to others who are less mentally endowed. Health and attention to diet is important to the well-being of Jupiter Virgoans. They have an innate understanding that mental and emotional states have a great deal to do with health, and demonstrate an ability to help others in this area. Consequently, Jupiter Virgos have the potential for developing abilities in healing, this being more likely within the spheres of

complementary medicine or faith-healing. With the expansive planet Jupiter in the very modest and conscientious sign of Virgo, there is inevitably a conflict, and this may reveal itself as an excessive concentration on detailed work to the detriment of health. It also manifests as unassuming devotion to duty that is taken to extremes, or may show in obsessive behavior with regard to things such as cleanliness or tidiness.

When this card appears in a reading, it may show that the questioner should not be afraid to ask for assistance with a project.

EVENTS Acting as secretary for a social or self-help group; reorganizing the methods and system of an organization; spending time helping someone with a learning difficulty.

7

Negotiation

JUPITER IN LIBRA

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JUPITER — GAIN
LIBRA — SENSE OF JUSTICE
AND BEAUTY

In a field before a small town stands a dark maiden from a distant land, her hands raised to provide a link between Sun and Moon, earth, emotions, creativity and possessions.

PERSONALS People with Jupiter in Libra expand their lives through frequent interaction with others, gaining much from co-operative work and close personal relationships. Their strong concern for justice and moral principles gives these personality types useful diplomatic skills. Jupiter Librans have a talent for gentle persuasion that would be fulfilling and effective in social and charitable work of some kind. Desire to please others can, however, sometimes lead this personality to try to be all things to all people: often, people with this aspect promise more than they can deliver in order to please, and end up achieving the opposite result. This card usually indicates a strong and lasting marriage or relationship, and Jupiter Librans are also usually lucky enough to find themselves in the satisfying position

of acquiring much material and spiritual well-being. Negatively, expansive Jupiter Librans need to take care not to get involved with grandiose schemes and speculative partnerships — they might wreck the good things they already have. The optimistic outlook Jupiter encourages may push Librans into unhelpful indecision, seeing equal value in every possibility.

In a reading, the Negotiation card indicates that the time has come to make a decision, and that there is a need to consider the pros and cons of a situation to make sure the answer is acceptable to both parties.

EVENTS Learning a language for a specific project; taking the chair at a meeting, being spokesperson for someone unjustly accused; negotiating a business deal; marriage guidance.

8

Manipulation

JUPITER IN SCORPIO

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JUPITER — GAIN
SCORPIO —
SELF-CONTROL,
REGENERATION

A powerful and magnetic priest or shaman stares penetratingly at the viewer. Above is an eight-pointed star representing the eighth house Scorpio, and on the beaddress three six-pointed stars represent wisdom and enlightenment.

PERSONAL Jupiter Scorpions expand and develop their lives through deep and passionate interests in psychology and mysticism, by which they explore the hidden secrets of life. The Jupiter Scorpio's passion for life's deeper subjects could develop into a strong interest in such things as life after death, reincarnation or spiritualism. Legal work or business may attract them, and they could gain from other people's finances, either through assistance or speculation. The ability to see and help develop other people's talents gives the Jupiter/Scorpio personality good possibilities in counseling or some kind of management work. People with this planet/sign aspect have the ability to discover other people's secrets — whether for altruistic or selfish reasons — and their magnetic and penetrating powers can be used almost

hypnotically to achieve their objectives. Positively, Jupiter Scorpions could find themselves with the responsibility for helping others with their deepest problems, and this planet/sign combination can produce the devoted entrepreneur who supports and encourages prodigies with unfailing work. On the other hand, these are people who can persuade and seduce with their enormous charisma, leading others into whatever they desire.

In a reading, this card may warn that one is following a false or manipulative person. Scorpio's natural rulership of the Eighth House shows a benefit from an inheritance or heirloom.

EVENTS A difficult legal problem; persuasive promotion or propaganda for a person or project; detective work to prise out someone's secret.

9

Principle

JUPITER IN SAGITTARIUS



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JUPITER — GAIN
SAGITTARIUS — OPTIMISM,
ADVENTURE

Ruins represent the establishment of earlier times. The mitre is a symbol of spiritual power across centuries and countries. The constellation Noah's Dove with its prominent star Phact is ascribed to the nature of Jupiter and Saturn by Ptolemy.

PERSONAL With Jupiter in its own sign of Sagittarius, we see the perfect combination of planet and sign. For the lucky people with this aspect, the most satisfying way to enrich life is through broad, adventurous travel, both physically and mentally. Studying or living for a period within another culture is fulfilling for people described by this card, and a major philosophy or religion will form an important part of life, although this may manifest as psychology or politics. Jupiter Sagittarians can also be concerned with publishing, lecturing and teaching, but always connected with a strong set of ethics. These interests produce a far-sightedness that can manifest as "seeing into the future." Jupiter Sagittarians have a strong desire to acquire as much education as possible and take advantage of opportunities

for involvement in mature studies — which can lead on to distinguished achievements. They are also, however, susceptible to involvement in extremist religious or philosophical beliefs. On the negative side, it is possible that people with this planet/sign combination may seek to impose their concepts on those around them to the extent that they develop a self-righteous attitude that rides roughshod over other views.

When this card appears in a reading, it will raise a matter of principle or life-philosophy that is particularly related to the question.

EVENTS Planning a grand tour or world trip; being completely immersed in a new philosophy or religion, conversion, the need to persuade others of a philosophy.

10

Control

JUPITER IN CAPRICORN



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JUPITER — GAIN
CAPRICORN — DUTY,
PERSEVERANCE

The creator god Zeus/Jupiter, feet resting on the world, looks down at his work. Cherubim carry the canopy of the sky above the verdant earth. Below, the ouroboros, a serpent with its tail in its mouth, guards the earth, a symbol of time, eternity and the universe.

PERSONAL People with Jupiter in Capricorn feel an ever-demanding ambition to improve life and status by taking on positions of responsibility. They find fruitful and satisfying areas of life in which they are able to exercise care and judgment in decision-making. Achievement is important for Jupiter/Capricorn well-being, and they aspire to positions of authority. Their achievements lead people with this planet/sign combination to take on a prominent position in the community — they have the potential to become a pillar of society — and a strong ethical or religious sense will be important to them, and to other people's image of them. This card reveals excellent prospects for public office and positions of power, however modest. There is always present a danger that ambition can interfere with home and

family life, and this may become an area of conflict. The negative side of this card can be a stubborn sticking to the letter of the law in situations that demand a more flexible approach. This rigid attitude taken to extremes can also show as miserliness in small matters alongside excessive extravagance in large ones.

When this card appears in a reading, it often indicates a need to take on full responsibility for one's current position and apply control in order to extricate oneself from a difficult situation.

EVENTS Taking on a responsible position in an organization; achieving recognition for lengthy and patient work; a politician or business tycoon, a prominent figure in the religious community.

11

Innovation

JUPITER IN AQUARIUS



4

JUPITER — GAIN
AQUARIUS — PRINCIPLES,
HUMANITY

Seated on a strange plant-stool, a female figure in unusual striped attire holds a whip-like instrument attached to a ball containing a nine-petaled flower. At the four corners are ankhs: three are the same shape; the fourth is different.

PERSONAL In developing and enhancing life, Jupiter Aquarians gain a great deal through involvement with reforms, social organizations and good causes. The interests of their fellow humans are important to people with this planet/sign combination, and a code of ethics that is universal has great appeal. Unusual philosophies, religions or occult science will prove an attraction throughout life, since Jupiter Aquarians are broad-minded and always open to new ideas. Most of their life goals will be achieved with friends and in group activities as their concern for humanity at large tends to increase their popularity. The Jupiter/Aquarius interest in new ways of seeing and community activities enables people with this combination to carry out large and constructive endeavors with success. These may be

of a charitable or humanitarian nature, carried out in the name of religious, educational or fraternal organizations. The negative side of this planet/sign combination can manifest as excessive changeability and eccentric behavior, to the extent that friends and partners learn not to rely on Jupiter Aquarians. Their minds can be so inventive and scattered that they diffuse their potential wastefully.

In a reading, this card can indicate a totally new approach to a problem. It may involve the help of clever and talented friends as Aquarius rules the Eleventh House of friendship.

EVENTS Work on an original idea, being involved with a new invention; an avant-garde group formed to benefit or educate others, using ingenuity to help the less fortunate.

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Seduction

JUPITER IN PISCES



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JUPITER — GAIN
PISCES —
UNDERSTANDING,
SYMPATHY, SACRIFICE

In the center, the first woman Eve is plucking the apple from the Tree of Knowledge. Before her is the constellation Cassiopeia, associated by Kabbalists with the second Tarot trump, The High Priestess. Heart and flowers represent the mundane view of love.

PERSONAL Jupiter is the traditional ruler of Pisces, and people with this planet/sign position develop and improve life by championing the underdog and those less fortunate than themselves. Care, as always with the sympathetic Piscean, needs to be taken not to be indiscriminating in this respect, as people with this aspect could be susceptible to others taking advantage. Jupiter Pisceans are extremely sensitive to those around them, and may even have some psychic ability. Whether they do or not, some mystical or higher path will play an important part in life. They develop a strong interest in the inner spiritual path through seclusion and meditation, and mysticism and religious thought will be important. The emotional satisfaction that Jupiter/Pisces people derive from helping others

may be a very deep and fulfilling experience, and though their work may be behind the scenes, it will be appreciated. People this card describes are, however, vulnerable to deception from those who seek to take advantage of their caring and sensitive nature. In its most negative aspect, this combination indicates people whose sensitivity to others and desire to please leads them into being seduced by any and every exploiter.

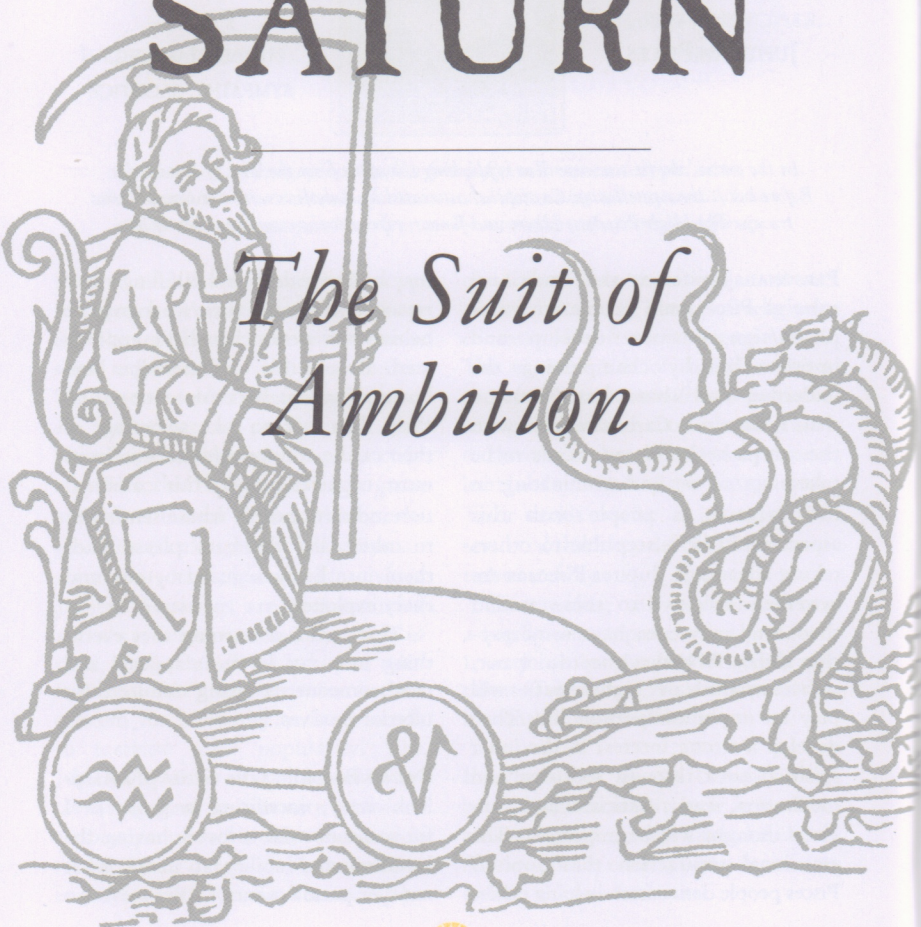
This card is a warning that everything may not be as it appears and that someone is being seduced for ulterior motives.

EVENTS Becoming the victim of a hard-luck story; sacrificing a great deal for someone who is loved; having the intuition and ability to sense what another person wants.

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SATURN

The Suit of Ambition



By interpreting the combinations of planets and signs revealed by this suit, you can explore how the subject of a reading may advance materially and socially. Saturn represents responsibilities and the boundaries and structure that enable society to function. This planet is traditionally associated with restrictions and obstacles.

It has a reputation for being a limiting factor in a reading, but only because it indicates areas in life which the questioner must control and apply great patience and determination to. Saturn also represents the ability to apply oneself to a project with persistence and the determination to achieve aims. Saturn is the natural ruler of the Tenth House, which refers to one's professional life, honor, fame and worldly success. Thus, the sign which Saturn occupies denotes the best route to success, and also the difficulties that may be encountered on the way.

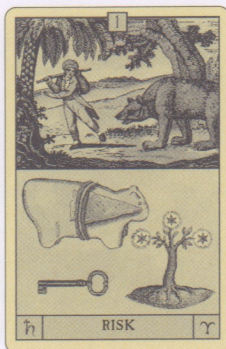
Saturn occupations: Hoteliers, bartenders; bricklayers, laborers; magicians; secretaries; shopkeepers; miners and gardeners.

Saturn affinities: Saturday; lead, jet; black; the bones, teeth, knees; beetles, nocturnal birds, crows, crocodiles, goats; farming; rubbish; grandfathers; narcotics; old buildings, prison.

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Risk

SATURN IN ARIES



SATURN — AMBITION
ARIES — SELF-WILL

A boy, worldly possessions over his shoulder, bravely passes a menacing bear. The North American Indian fetish is a protection against danger. A key symbolizes Aries' boldness in opening doors, and a starred tree the fruits of Martian courage.

PERSONAL With the Saturn in Aries personality, individuality, initiative and activities which combine self-control and disciplined energetic work will make life achievements most possible. Saturn/Aries people rarely speak or act without having a definite decision in mind. They have good reasoning ability and are prepared to shoulder responsibility when necessary. People with this planet/sign combination are loners in that they, more often than not, prefer to get on with things without asking for the help or advice of others. For those with this aspect, there may be a call for great patience in situations in which the natural Arian desire for quick action is frustratingly restricted. The biggest danger comes when Aries' impetuosity gets the better of Saturn's restrictive common sense, and provokes risky

actions that may or may not succeed: impetuous actions usually lead to frustrating hold-ups. In these instances, a good physical outlet for pent-up aggression comes in handy, such as the martial arts, in which discipline and natural energy combine.

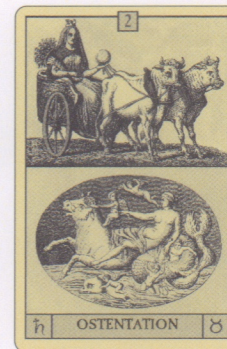
When this card is drawn in a reading, it indicates a tendency to take everything too seriously and shows that allowing a sense of humor to express itself in the current situation will not denigrate conscientious work in any way. It is time to relax and take a measured risk.

EVENTS A justified risk taken to provoke new possibilities; a sudden regretted action after a long bout of concentrated and patient work; pushing oneself into a position of power through intense work.

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Ostentation

SATURN IN TAURUS



SATURN — AMBITION
TAURUS — MATERIAL
VALUES

Venus rides a sea-bull surrounded by cherubim and dolphins. The planet Venus rules the sign of Taurus and represents the romantic, pleasure-loving nature of the sign. Above, a rich woman drives a golden chariot drawn by white bulls.

PERSONAL For Saturn Taureans, ambition is served by the material achievements gained through a great ability to sense the value of things and also to make them grow. There is a powerful materialistic overtone to the Saturn/Taurus persona that can show as an obsessive concern for money, selfishness and a need to show off. A fear of losing face can override all other matters, and someone with this planet/sign combination is anxious to maintain the status quo at all costs. There is also, however, a romantic, even artistic overtone to this card that usually relates to abilities with money or personal profit. The nature of Saturn in any sign is to control, and when this combines with the stubborn and fixed nature of Taurus, it hardens the somewhat easy-going, pleasure-loving qualities of the sign. Saturn Taureans

have a tendency to use other people's generosity or sponsorship to further their own needs.

If this card appears in a reading in response to a question concerning possessions or finance, it indicates a steady and continuous improvement with a strong application to duty and responsibilities. It is significant of the Ostentation card that although one may be doing the right thing in terms of ambition and economics, it will not usually make the questioner very popular. With regard to timing, the effects of this card are not easy to throw off, and may maintain their pressure for a long period.

EVENTS The temptation to scheme to gain a material advantage; choosing the most impressive, status-enhancing option; a large financial commitment.

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Concentration

SATURN IN GEMINI



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SATURN — AMBITION
GEMINI — MENTAL
AWARENESS

A star is centered in a delicate spider's web. The web signifies patience and concentration. Above, an imp cavorts astride a pair of tightly closed lips while seven swords dance dangerously around him.

PERSONAL People with Saturn in Gemini show a capacity for good, disciplined thinking and reasoning. With Saturn, the desire to achieve is foremost, and the Gemini talents combine to find quick and appropriate answers. The need to appear to be the right person in every ambitious situation can sometimes lead to bluff and name-dropping. Practical and systematic, Saturn/Gemini people are persistent in solving tricky problems. When it comes to looking after their own matters, clarity in contracts and agreements are of importance to Saturn Geminians, for they need to know precisely where they stand. They often have a talent for mathematics and science, and the painstaking attitude that goes with this kind of activity. Most of the information they require is geared to their career and ambition. Technical

books and biographies of the famous are likely to be more important on their shelves than fiction. Negatively, people with this planet/sign combination, although basically resourceful and flexible, tend to be over-suspicious, hypercritical and twitchy.

In a reading, this card suggests a situation full of distractions and unnecessary complications; only by keeping conscientiously to the essence of the matter will the questioner arrive at a successful conclusion. Because Gemini rules the Third House, the card can indicate strain in the questioner's relationship with siblings.

EVENTS Talking one's way into an important job; using much concentrated research to achieve something, long conscientious study; ignoring someone's deliberate distractions.

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Charity

SATURN IN CANCER



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SATURN — AMBITION
CANCER — NURTURING
ATTACHMENT

A mother with her two children moves protectively away from a large impressive but severe building. In the sky, angels reach out in sympathy to the three figures.

PERSONAL People with Saturn in the sign of Cancer show responsibility and self-discipline where family matters are concerned. Often this planet/sign combination indicates people whose own early environment may have been harsh or severe, and who may still have a few emotional scars. For this reason, it is more than usually important that the people this card describes improve their own family's circumstances, although real home comforts and security are likely to come later in life. There will be periods during which Saturn Cancerians feel emotionally isolated from the family, or may have to take on extra responsibility. Whatever this may be, they take family and social responsibilities seriously, valuing stability and security. Negatively, however, this can produce over-possessiveness towards material things and loved ones.

Conscientious work in caring for or helping others will prove fulfilling throughout life for Saturn Cancerians. Often this planet/sign combination indicates the need for much hard work to keep up required standards of security and comfort. Nevertheless, feelings are hidden from public view to maintain dignity — Saturn/Cancer people suffer conflicting moods that manifest as difficulty in expressing feelings for fear of losing dignity.

When this card is revealed in a reading, it can indicate a struggle to maintain family or home security. It may involve accepting reluctantly the material assistance of an institution.

EVENTS Work for a charity or institution; a responsible post in which one is rewarded for good works; rewards for social work; foster parenting.

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Generosity

SATURN IN LEO


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SATURN — AMBITION
LEO — CREATIVE SELF-
EXPRESSION

An enthusiastic speaker addresses a large gathering, passing on the words of a great prophet of the past. The image of the prophet sits above, as an inspiration for the performance of the speaker.

PERSONAL Saturn Leos are strongly driven to use their tenacity and self-discipline in showy generosity that leads towards recognition and a better position in life. Generally their ambition, which has behind it the possibility of artistic potential, will seek some kind of showy creative outlet, and they can be successful professionally in entertainment, management, creative or educational roles. Saturn lions are best when not guarding their creative talents. People with this planet/sign combination need to gain the respect and even admiration of others, but there is a danger that this can push them into over-bearing behavior or into approval-seeking. Alternatively, they may have a tendency to be wary of expressing feelings or views until quite sure of the reception, which can lead to missed opportunities. This card

indicates the possibility of a romantic involvement with someone much older or more experienced. Negatively, people with this aspect may need to deal with disappointment in creative or love matters. This is made easier when they bring themselves to reach out for help from others: in relationships, Saturn Leos have a certain reserved, suffering-in-seclusion quality that is not helpful.

When Saturn in Leo is drawn, the subject of the reading has much creative joy to share; if this is offered with no strings attached, the chances of a successful outcome are assured.

EVENTS An opportunity to shine, being asked to perform for a good cause; teaching creative skills to those less talented, helping with the education of children.

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Isolation

SATURN IN VIRGO


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SATURN — AMBITION
VIRGO — PERFECTION
AND SERVICE

A man comforts his friend who looks away in despair. Above is a country landscape with trees among the ruins of a monastery. The old stones crumble away and the trees thrive.

PERSONAL Persistence and self-discipline in the Saturn/Virgo life is chiefly geared to achieving perfection at work. People with this planet/sign combination care about system and order in the workplace, and in extremes can be over-perfectionist and supercritical. Personal discipline and dependability come fairly easily to the people this card describes, but they may find themselves being a little too harsh on less-able colleagues. Work on their own which involves some kind of analytical ability could be a strength. Health and diet are important to the Saturn Virgoan — try not to be such a worrier, though! Saturn/Virgo people tend to take on heavy responsibilities in their employment or service to others, and are often found in positions in which they work alone with sole responsibility for a major project. There is probably a great deal

of respect for their conscientiousness from fellow workers, but they must take care not to overload themselves, or health will suffer. Financial security comes about through the personal hard work and specialized skills of people with this aspect. Negatively, devotion to perfection and accuracy in all matters can lead to a gloomy, austere, depressed outlook that engenders unpopularity and isolation from more relaxed and less worried company.

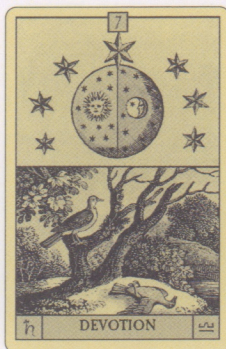
When this card appears, it always indicates a immediate need to let up on oneself — to take a break from the pressure of work matters that are of one's own making.

EVENTS Quality-checking a project; reorganizing to increase efficiency; working for long periods alone; setting standards for oneself that are too high.

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Devotion

SATURN IN LIBRA

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SATURN — AMBITION
LIBRA — SENSE OF JUSTICE
AND BEAUTY

*A dove sits in a tree and will not leave its partner lying on the ground motionless.
Above an orb representing night and day, Sun and Moon floats in a starry sky.*

PERSONAL Social responsibility and work for the community are indicated when Saturn occupies the sign of Libra. A strong sense of justice in relationships can give people with this planet/sign combination outstanding abilities in areas of arbitration or legal matters. They have the potential for gaining great respect from others, but risk the danger that their desire to see both sides of a question can lead to dithering indecision. The devotion of Saturn Librans to a relationship or partnership is long, enduring and unstinting. However, the eternal Libran difficulty in coming down firmly on one side or another in decisive situations can weaken the best of partnerships. This aside, Saturn Librans have great potential for success in organizing and group endeavors. This placing of Saturn indicates a marriage late in

life, or a life partnership with a serious, older, career-oriented person, possibly even someone quite famous in their career. Positively, this can be a stable, enduring relationship. In any partnership, Saturn Librans are prepared to work hard, maintaining their share of responsibility. Legal arrangements may prove to become important in partnerships.

In a reading, this card indicates the danger that the questioner may, in a desire to please all, promise more than he or she can possibly achieve. This results in a hopeless situation of attempting to meet obligations that cannot be successfully completed.

EVENTS Taking part in a legal case; drawing up an agreement of importance; a relationship with a great age difference, a long-lasting marriage.

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Inheritance

SATURN IN SCORPIO

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SATURN — AMBITION
SCORPIO —
SELF-CONTROL,
REGENERATION

In the distance, among craggy hills behind a lively town, is a huge castle, representing the past, tradition and inheritance. Above, a classic maze has a unicorn at the center — a powerful and fierce beast that can only be tamed by a virgin.

PERSONAL For Saturn Scorpions, finances and shared property are areas of life requiring self-discipline and responsibility. Somewhat perfectionist in their work, and able to take this to extremes, the people this card describes can earn the reputation among workmates and colleagues of being hard taskmasters. Those with this planet/sign combination can exert enormous and persistent energy in order to achieve aims, and accept a great deal of personal hardship in the process. Because of this ability, they find it difficult to realize when they have taken on too much — to the detriment of their health. So, with this card comes a warning to watch that excessive drive! This sign placing indicates that Saturn Scorpions would be better advised, where possible, to avoid personal legal matters, such as litigation.

They may, however, find themselves quite happily looking after other people's financial or legal problems, and in this role — providing they are sure to keep everything above board — the Saturn/Scorpio personality can be quite successful.

Because of Scorpio's rulership of the Eighth House, there is promise of an inheritance of some kind whenever this card is drawn in a reading. Negatively, the Inheritance card can indicate the capability of the questioner to harbor deep, brooding resentment when he or she feels some injustice has been perpetrated.

EVENTS Managing an inheritance, dealing with other people's property, selling on behalf of another person, an executor of a will; situations involving long and patient work.

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Fulfillment

SATURN IN SAGITTARIUS



SATURN — AMBITION
SAGITTARIUS — OPTIMISM,
ADVENTURE

A merchant sits on a chest at the quayside, awaiting the arrival of a sailing ship from abroad. In the foreground is a large sack of money. Above is an ancient talisman to bring good fortune in any lottery.

PERSONAL For Sagittarians, the areas of life in which Saturnian discipline and responsibility find most fulfillment is the quest for knowledge and truth. People with this combination are intellectually proud and have a strong desire to be accepted as an authority in a specialized field. Philosophy and religion are of great importance to Saturn Sagittarians, and they speak out for and stick conscientiously to their own moral code. The planet Saturn gives the ambition of Sagittarius a solid sense of achievement, and injects reality into the Archer's natural optimism. The negative side of people with this planet/sign combination can be a self-righteous attitude that attempts to impose its philosophy and ethics on others. This can defeat the Sagittarian's strong need for personal reputation. There can be bluntness in the Saturn/

Sagittarian manner, which although prompted by honesty, may have little concern for other people's feelings. However, hypocrisy is not something Saturn Sagittarians are comfortable with, and they may prefer to settle for the wrath of the offended. Long-distance travel, particularly for business on any of the above activities, can be successful and quite lucrative for Saturn Sagittarians. Likewise, dealings with foreign people or companies.

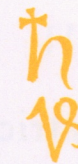
Usually when this card turns up in a reading, it indicates a successful culmination to an ambition or business venture. This usually has something to do with a contact in a foreign country.

EVENTS An important business trip abroad, an international conference, acquiring a reputation abroad; the effects of a major faux pas.

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Riches

SATURN IN CAPRICORN



SATURN — AMBITION
CAPRICORN — DUTY,
PERSEVERANCE

Below stands the winged figure of Fortuna, carrying the symbols of her riches: health, wealth and the arts. Beside her is the pentacle, representing man and the five senses. Above is the great seal of the fruits of the earth.

PERSONAL Saturn is in its happiest position in the sign of Capricorn, and people with this placing feel a great need to make their mark on life. For that reason, they direct extreme self-discipline and tenacity towards personal achievement. They have more patience than most people, and this is just as well, as by far their greatest successes occur as they get older. Saturn/Capricorn people are good organizers and take their responsibilities seriously. They can accept other people's authority, knowing that this is just a step on the path to becoming an authority themselves. It is always advisable for Saturn Capricornians to beware of going over the top and forgetting their sense of fun. They may need to heed the old saying about all work and no play. Life begins at forty for people with Saturn in Capricorn,

and most people with this aspect grow easier and more relaxed as they prosper and flourish with each progressive success. The negative of all this is not nice and, in extreme cases, the Saturn Capricornian becomes the power-hungry miser, treading on other people's backs to get to the top. If excessive value is put on financial gain, one runs the risk of losing all sense of reality, putting every effort into making more and more money and refusing to spend on anything.

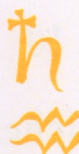
When the Riches card appears in a reading, it usually points towards the successful conclusion of a financial arrangement or deal.

EVENTS The stock market; dealings with government organizations, involvement in politics; receiving an honor of some kind.

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Eccentricity

SATURN IN AQUARIUS



SATURN — AMBITION
AQUARIUS — PRINCIPLES,
HUMANITY

In the foreground is a strange creature — half-woman, half-fish — an ancient image of the mermaid. She holds a plant that grows both ways from her hand, apparently rootless. Behind is a peaceful walled town and in the sky a flying fish soars.

PERSONAL Saturn Aquarians expand their lives through the disciplined and patient application of their inventive minds to any area that is of interest. They are attracted to new ways of thinking or unusual approaches to traditional systems. Whatever they do in this area they approach in the same broad-minded, scientific way, as if doing research. Because of this non-conformist attitude, Saturn Aquarians can be labeled as eccentric or oddball, although generally they are level-headed and a fund of good advice for colleagues and friends. There is a danger, however, that the Saturn/Aquarian detached view of life can develop into coldness and emotional insensitivity where personal relationships are concerned. People with this planet/sign combination may feel that their career can be strongly influenced

by knowing important and powerful people. There is also a danger that this could become the sole reason for some friendships, earning them a reputation as a social-climber. Positively, this can be an aspect of loyalty and long-term associations in which friends help friends. Certainly, many of the relationships of the Saturn Aquarian will be with much older and more experienced people.

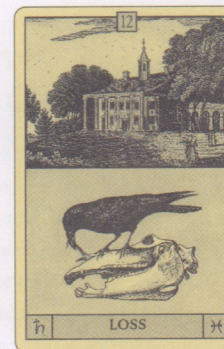
When this card is selected in a reading, it can indicate that the questioner is either currently going against expected behavior, or would change their fortunes by doing so. Now is the time to forget what others will think.

EVENTS Work with technology such as computers; revolutionary or unusual group activities; a powerful or influential friend; a radical decision.

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Loss

SATURN IN PISCES



SATURN — AMBITION
PISCES —
UNDERSTANDING,
SYMPATHY, SACRIFICE

Below, a raven pecks at the last scrap of flesh from a bony skull — Saturn is traditionally the planet that can signify loss. Above is a grand house and grounds. Couples stroll in a carefree manner in the evening light.

PERSONAL Much of the Saturn Piscean potential for self-discipline and responsibility is invested in helping other people with problems. The sensitivity of people with this planet/sign combination to others' needs can make it difficult for them not to become involved in helping people in some way. If this manifests in a professional job, then all well and good, but the demands will be great. Saturn Pisceans have a strong insight into the motivations of those around them, but should be careful that they don't lose their own identity when faced with other people's demands. Excessive imagination and sympathy can create problems that don't really exist, as other people's sadness, sorrows and losses become their own. Often, Saturn Pisceans feel the desire or need to work in seclusion, or retreat from the world

in some way. It may be that they will be attracted to the study of the deeper processes in the unconscious mind, and in such interests as psychology. But watch that an excessive tendency to compulsive inward-looking does not become over-obsessional. Saturn Pisceans are better looking outward (towards others) than looking within.

When this card is chosen in a reading, it indicates a loss of some kind, but it may be worth thinking about what is really concerned here. Could it be that the enquirer is really worrying about someone else's loss, not their own?

EVENTS A feeling of loss; situations involving hospitals or health clinics; work in the field of complementary therapies, counseling others; developing interests in the occult.

Using the Cards

Although there are many ways to use the Radiant Sun Oracle cards, the two most useful readings are the Sun Year and the Horary methods. Both of these are based on the circle of the Sun. The Sun Year gives a month-by-month description of the year ahead, while the Horary offers answers to specific questions by looking at the cards occupying the houses that relate to the questions.

We will start with instructions for a Sun Year reading, which takes as its logical base the calendar. You can feel comfortable with this method for its ability to answer both specific enquiries and more general life questions. Start by completing a reading for the twelve cards of the year; you can then zoom in on any particular month, week or day, or even go further and look at a particular hour of the day, perhaps, to illuminate an important meeting or work task.

We then present step-by-step instructions for a Horary reading. In this type of reading, you ask a specific question, and it should be possible to make a yes or no answer. Questions can range from life's big worries – Will I sell my house? Will he propose marriage? – to the seemingly trivial – Will I find my keys? If you study the subjects identified with each House position, and combine this with knowledge of the actions described by the seven planets and the nature of the signs, you will soon be using the various combinations to predict the outcome of any reading. It takes time to study all the variables, but once learnt, this method becomes astonishingly accurate as a way to help you make difficult decisions or just to give quick answers to questions that have aroused your curiosity.

Finally, we introduce two further methods of making a reading with the Sun oracle cards: The Grand Trine and The Cardinal Square.

The Sun Year

Shuffle the deck while contemplating the year to come. To deal twelve cards in a circle, place the first card face down on the left. This represents the Sun in Aries at the vernal equinox in the month of April. From here, continue dealing the cards face down in an counterclockwise direction for each month – May, June, July, and so on – around the Sun wheel, until you have a circle of twelve cards. Place a thirteenth card in the center, as shown in the diagram below.



To start your yearly interpretation, look at the card that represents the current month. If this is August, for instance, commence the reading with the fifth card, proceeding month by month around the circle until you reach the month of July in the following year. The central card shows the greatest emphasis or theme of the year.

As you read about the general qualities of each month, some will appear of more interest than others, and these you can amplify. Deal from the top of the deck four more cards to represent the first, second, third and fourth weeks of the month concerned.

If you desire more information about a specific week, deal seven cards for the days of that week, starting, of course, with the Sun's day. The combinations and the possibilities of improvisation with this method are infinite. If you would like guidance on a meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon on a specific day, for example, deal face down fourteen cards, turning the fifteenth card face up (three o'clock being the fifteenth hour in the twenty-four-hour clock system). That card will reveal the nature of the meeting's outcome.

SAMPLE SUN YEAR READING 1

Lena, mother of two small children, came to us for a reading in July. Her husband, Ed, had been forced to retire from farming through ill health, and they had sold their farm and bought a small antique store with plenty of living accommodation above. The following year would be critical for the family, so how did the Sun Oracle predict their progress? We took the fourth card, July, as our starting point for the year's analysis.

JULY

Originality – Mercury in Aquarius

This card combines the planet Mercury with the sign of Aquarius and represents bright thinking at its best. The sign Aquarius always suggests a different and oddball look at things, and Mercury in the sign demands a new and original approach. Although the couple are taking over a traditional and rather old-fashioned business, the Sun Oracle suggests that they should approach the venture with a completely

new vision and that they should also start immediately.

AUGUST

Inheritance – Saturn in Scorpio

This card is a combination of Saturn with the sign of Scorpio. One of the meanings of Scorpio is shared possessions, and it is in this sign that dealing with other people's money or an inheritance is indicated. It may be that a great uncle leaves a little nest-egg to the couple, but it is much more likely

Sample Sun Year Reading 1



that their new ideas about the business will need further capital. A backer? This could of course also mean pulling in more stock for the store in the form of other people's property.

SEPTEMBER

Patience – Jupiter in Virgo

Jupiter in Virgo brings a strong earthy

influence. Jupiter represents expansion and growth, and in the precise and fussy sign of Virgo seems to suggest an extra amount of time and patience should be applied to accounting. If any card signified a long spell at stock-taking, this is it. Lena and Ed took the business on lock, stock and barrel, with a thousand odd bits and pieces to

deal with, so this has to be the month in which everything in the store gets valued and counted.

OCTOBER

Influence – Mercury in Libra

This is one of the coincidences that occur within the Sun oracle cards. This card has arrived in just the right place. If we see the twelve months of the year as the twelve signs of the Zodiac, this Libra card has placed itself harmoniously in the Libra house of the Sun wheel! Airy Mercury in the sign of relationships indicates lots of discussion, new friends and some very sound advice. It's not what you know, it's who you know in the antique business. Through short visits (Mercury) to auction rooms, Lena and Ed are getting to meet the right people and adding to their knowledge. This is an excellent card!

NOVEMBER

Negotiation – Jupiter in Libra

Jupiter can relate to legal business, and when it is in Libra it usually denotes some kind of discussion back and forth with regard to a project. Here, the card suggests an important contract or legal document that will further solidify and lead to the eventual success of the year. Dreary stuff, but in a business

sense, this is probably one of the more important months of the year.

DECEMBER

Exaltation – Moon in Taurus

This is a great card to deal for feeling comfortable with life – Moon in the sign of Taurus. Traditionally, the moon is in exaltation in this sign. It is a nice comfortable combination that suggests a feeling of well-being with the way things are going. It also indicates possessions, which in one sense can, of course, refer to the store, but at this time of year probably means an extra boost in sales. It is certainly acquisition of some importance: perhaps increased Christmas profits.

JANUARY

Vision – Sun in Pisces

This is an ethereal card to draw for such a position in the wheel. Moon in Pisces usually indicates strong sympathy for the way others feel, even the ability to know what others are thinking. Translate this into the business that Ed and Lena are concerned with, and you get the interpretation that they are now beginning to tune into their market. In just a few short months, they are sensing the type of stock that will attract the customers they want.

FEBRUARY

Versatility – Sun in Gemini

Sun in Gemini is sharp, quick-thinking and constantly on the move. This card suggests versatility and always denotes a period in which one is carrying out a dozen jobs at a time. This is probably an intensive period during which previous profits are converted into new stock. Gemini signifies many short trips, so it looks set to be a month of visits to auction houses, and cash and carry warehouses.

MARCH

Affair – Venus in Leo

Wow! When this card turns up, the fireworks usually fly. Venus in Leo is a heart-throbbing love affair! However, we know that Lena and Ed are a happily married couple and are not going to break up a beautiful partnership. So this seems to suggest what we had already suspected. They will be mad about the business, and have a newfound joy in each other's company which was non-existent in the farming years. They love it! The bits, the pieces, the bidding at auctions, the lucky finds and the research. This business will change their life, and above all they will be working together – it must be love!

APRIL

Optimism – Moon in Sagittarius

Sun and Moon in Sagittarius, this card looks ahead and likes what it sees. What more can we say? This a good, positive reading.

MAY

Assertion – Sun in Aries

Sun in Aries represents self-assertion and consciousness of one's uniqueness. This would suggest that the new coat of paint and change of name Lena and Ed had been planning for the business would be appropriate. They have taken over a going (though somewhat run-down) concern, they will have worked hard and enthusiastically to build something that will be supportive and an enjoyable contribution to their life together. Time to put their mark on it!

JUNE

Extremism – Mercury in Scorpio

The tough sign of Scorpio touched by Mercury is the knowledge that what goes up must come down. Nothing stays the same, so things must be kept on the move. This is not a time to rest on one's laurels. The Mercury influence makes it imperative that now is the period during which good publicity will keep up the momentum.

CENTRAL CARD

Speculation – Jupiter in Cancer

Finally, the central card sums up the year, and here we have Speculation – not a bad keyword for the entire year.

THE OUTCOME

A year later, the pattern of Lena and Ed's business proved amazingly close

to the prediction. In December, however, they actually acquired some new property. They bought an old stable block close to their antique store – partly to use for storage, but also with a section for letting. They used an insurance which unexpectedly paid up on Ed's disability in August (the augured inheritance!).

SAMPLE SUN YEAR READING 2

This reading was made in May for Andrea and Martin. After several years teaching fourteen-year-olds in a dreary city suburb, Martin yearned for the simple life, and he and Andrea agreed that they wanted to bring up Jack, their four-year-old son, in a healthy, safe environment. Martin had been left a small inheritance, and they decided to sell up and move to France. The dream was to enjoy a less-pressurized, self-sufficient life with a farmhouse, a little land and a couple of gîtes to let as income. To see how this highly eventful year would progress, we dealt the reading shown opposite. As the astrological year starts in April, the second card, May, is our starter for the year.

MAY

Versatility – Sun in Gemini

Sun in Gemini is a powerhouse of ideas, and indicates much discussion and planning, with a multitude of alternatives. There is a danger with this card that too many possibilities will confuse the issue, but it nevertheless bodes well for an enthusiastic and excitable start to the project. As always with Gemini, short trips are indicated, and it later proved that Andrea and Martin made a

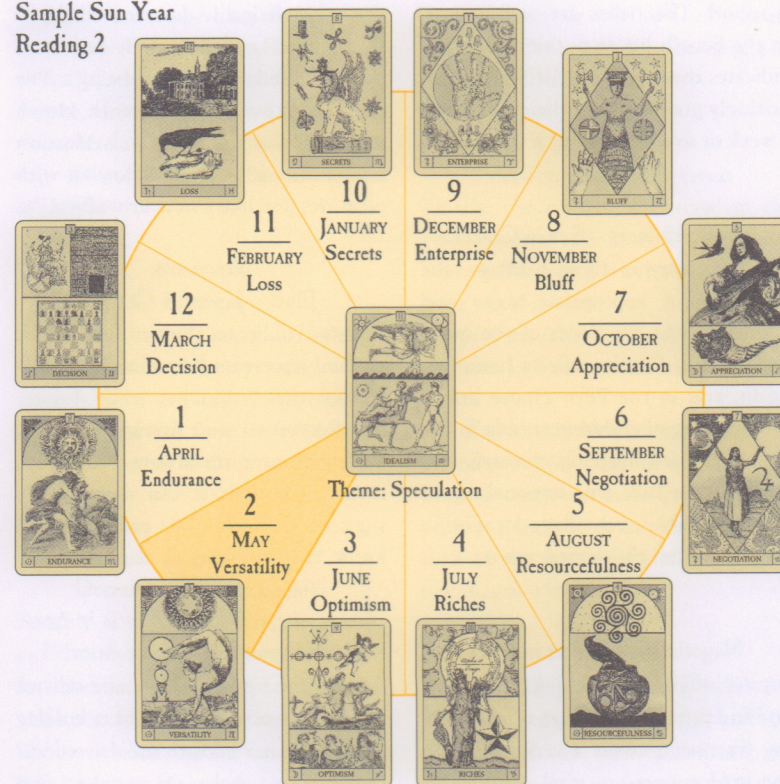
seven-day visit to the Charente region of France to look at a property which a lawyer friend suggested might be just the thing.

JUNE

Optimism – Moon in Sagittarius

The symbolism of this card is one of the delights of an astrological reading. The Moon rules houses and family, and Sagittarius governs places abroad or across the sea! It is a card of high

Sample Sun Year Reading 2



hopes, and is emotionally lifting. In the Third-house position here, it suggests great energy thrown into contacting agents and putting into motion the sale of Martin and Andrea's present home, and indicates finding out more about the business of living in another country.

JULY

Riches – Saturn in Capricorn

Often associated with more responsibility and the dreary hard-working aspects of life, the planet Saturn takes on a much happier role here in its own sign, Capricorn. It is careful and ambitious, and watchful that any deal made

is sound. The riches are well-earned. In the Fourth-house position, the card indicates that the couple will get a surprisingly good offer for their house just a week or so after putting it up for sale.

AUGUST

Resourcefulness – Sun in Cancer

As with many of these readings, the repetition of appropriate signs and planets echoes the needs of the question. Sun in Cancer reflects home life again, and in the Fifth House brings the question of children's needs to the fore. The card indicates research into schooling for Jack, with a special regard to the possible new village location, a long way from the nearest town.

SEPTEMBER

Negotiation – Jupiter in Libra

Jupiter often concerns legal business, and in Libra usually refers to an ongoing discussion about a venture. Here, the card suggests a vital contract or legal document that consolidates and leads towards the success of the year. This is probably one of the key months of the year for business.

OCTOBER

Appreciation – Moon in Leo

This is a great card for feeling that what you are doing is actually gaining

the appreciation it deserves. Moon in the sign of Leo particularly relates to children and their well-being. The card's position in the Seventh House suggests that Andrea and Martin's relationship is positively glowing with pleasure, just like a new love affair!

NOVEMBER

Bluff – Jupiter in Gemini

This card indicates the move to France. Gemini represents movement and duality (another language) while Jupiter signifies travel and foreign contacts. Jupiter's optimism always promises a little more than it can deliver, and suggests that what our couple do not know, they will have to improvise.

DECEMBER

Enterprise – Jupiter in Aries

Aries is the sign of action, and tells us that this is not going to be a holiday month. Jupiter adds to the drive, indicating four weeks of ceaseless and inventive work to make plans a reality.

JANUARY

Secrets – Venus in Scorpio

Scorpio is a secretive sign, and combined with the planet Venus usually suggests a hidden love or desire, even passion. As the Tenth-house position invariably puts things into the public eye, we can

deduce that something hidden will be revealed this month. Because the overall question concerns the move to France, the card may well indicate an unexpected discovery about the property (Venus rules the Second House of property).

FEBRUARY

Loss – Saturn in Pisces

At first sight, this seems to refer to January's card, and may indicate that the revelation will lead to some kind of financial loss. On this, we will have to draw more cards to discover the nature of the loss.

MARCH

Decision – Mars in Gemini

Possibly as a result of what happened in February, this month some kind of firm decision will have to be processed. Mars gets ideas moving, and whatever has been decided as the best answer to the current problem will require action.

APRIL

Endurance – Sun in Scorpio

One year on, and Sun in Scorpio tells us that this will have been a year of transformation and determination. Scorpio achievements usually come as a result of deliberately rocking one's own boat to bring about change and

improvement. It will be a self-testing time; the card describes the nature of the year's adventure.

CENTRAL CARD

Idealism – Sun in Aquarius

Finally, the center card sums up the year. Andrea and Martin started the year with a dream – a desire to change their world in some way. Aquarius, like all idealists, feels the need to look at a question in a new or different way.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION

February's Loss card is a worry. By dealing out four more cards at this position, we can define the events of each of the four weeks of the month (see diagram overleaf).

FIRST WEEK

Friendship – Moon in Cancer

This is a card of the emotions, and the keyword of the card underlines the Eleventh-house position, indicating friends. It can signify either a visit from friends or, more likely, contact by letter or phone.

SECOND WEEK

Rebellion – Mars in Aquarius

Here, the Mars influence in the wayward sign Aquarius indicates an argument or a difference of opinion. Aquarius

4th Week

3rd Week

2nd Week

1st Week



FRIENDSHIP



REBELLION



ESCAPE



INDEPENDENCE



LOSS



10
JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

being an air sign, the emphasis is on a verbal disagreement or disapproval.

THIRD WEEK

Escape – Mars in Pisces

Mars always acts on impulse, and Pisces rarely endures confrontation of any kind, so this card indicates running away from trouble. This can be an entirely physical escape or, as indicated by the serene Buddha-like figure on the card, a mental blocking-out of a problem.

FOURTH WEEK

Independence – Moon in Aquarius

This card takes the pressure off the situation, emphasizing one's own freedom, even detachment, from the influence of others.

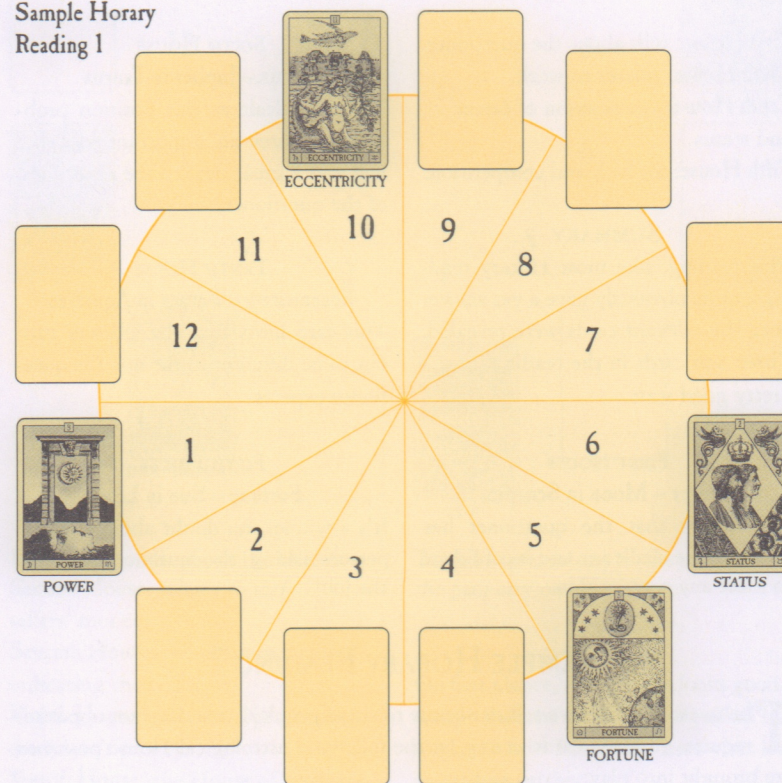
THE OUTCOME

Two years on and the family are well established in their new life. January's "secret" turned out to be a rather untidy piece of wooded land alongside their new property that, although not shown on the original papers, did, in fact, belong to Andrea and Martin. The "friend" signified a visit from Martin's older brother (never a close relationship) that became insufferable after ten days and resulted in a blazing row, a hasty departure, and a continuing family estrangement. Only one *gîte* is in operation because of lack of funds, but the couple are optimistic and remain enthusiastic.

The Horary Reading

To make this type of reading, first shuffle the cards while thinking about the question you wish to have answered. Deal the cards face down in the same circle of twelve as in the Sun Year reading (see page 125). Then turn upwards only the cards covering the house positions that relate to the question, for example

Sample Horary Reading 1



about questions of finance and possessions, the Second-house position card; about home and family, the Fourth-house position card. (See pages 16–19 to remind yourself which houses relate to which areas of life.) The First-house card always represents the person asking the question.

SAMPLE HORARY READING 1

The question asked – ‘Will I get the job?’ (see diagram on page 135) – necessitates that we turn face up the cards that relate to the following houses:

First House: tells about the questioner.

Sixth House: relates to work.

Tenth House: the position of career and status.

Fifth House: for luck and competition.

SUMMARY

This reading, like most Horary readings, quite obviously gave a yes answer once the relevant cards were revealed. Three Sun cards in the reading gave a pretty good start.

FIRST HOUSE

Power – Moon in Scorpio

This shows that the questioner has taken up the challenge and is confident to meet any competition.

SIXTH HOUSE

Status – Jupiter in Taurus

The card dealt at this position probably indicates an important job that will add a great deal to the reputation of the questioner.

TENTH HOUSE

Eccentricity – Saturn in Aquarius

This card hints that the job will turn out to be different to the one the questioner expects.

FIFTH HOUSE

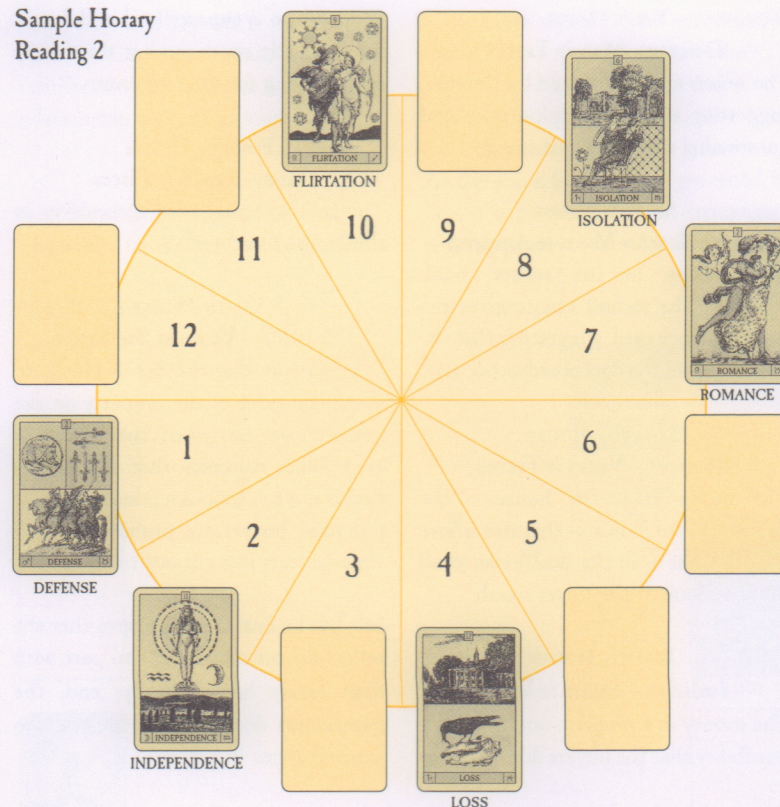
Fortune – Sun in Leo

It's a winner, no doubt about it – the person asking the question will get the job!

SAMPLE HORARY READING 2

The question “Will we sell our house to these people?” (see diagram opposite) requires that the cards sitting on the following astrological House positions are brought into play:

Sample Horary Reading 2



First House: tells about the sellers.

Second House: relates to the sellers' money.

Seventh House: the position indicating the buyer.

Eighth House: the card representing the buyer's money.

Fourth House: the House of property.

Tenth House: relates to the value of the property on the market.

SUMMARY

On first glance, this reading looks good, except that the property is signified by the Loss card – Saturn in Pisces – but let us explore further.

FIRST HOUSE

Defense – Mars in Taurus

The sellers are represented by Defense, suggesting an inflexibility on price and questioning their readiness to sell.

SECOND HOUSE

Independence – Moon in Aquarius

Any money in the sellers' bank account? The second House gives the Independence card, suggesting that the sellers are not too concerned either way.

SEVENTH HOUSE

Romance – Venus in Taurus

The buyer loves the house – the Romance card indicates that this is love at first sight – so the deal looks good until we look at the buyer's cash.

EIGHTH HOUSE

Isolation – Saturn in Virgo

The money is a problem and there is a possibility that the buyers don't like the

price. Virgo is supercritical and sometimes a little more modest than most when paying for their pleasures.

FOURTH HOUSE

Loss – Saturn in Pisces

This is a worrying card to uncover in the House of property.

TENTH HOUSE

Flirtation – Venus in Sagittarius

When we look at the Tenth House to assess the value of the property on the market, we are given the Flirtation card. This suggests that the whole deal is not too serious a possibility. The potential buyers are probably typical time-wasters just curious to view.

Maybe the Loss card indicates that the sellers do not really want to part with their lovely house. In the end, the questioners don't sell but are not too worried about it.

SAMPLE HORARY READING 3

The question "Should my son marry this woman friend and can they afford it?" (see diagram opposite) can be answered by assessing the significance of the cards placed on the following House positions:

First House: relates to the son.

Second House: the position concerning his finances.

Seventh House: the card associated with the woman friend.

Eighth House: relates to her finances.

SUMMARY

Here, an extravagant man, not entirely convinced about what he wants, is in a relationship with a cautious woman.

– the Libra aspect of this combination shows he is not sure what he wants.

SECOND HOUSE

Appreciation – Moon in Leo

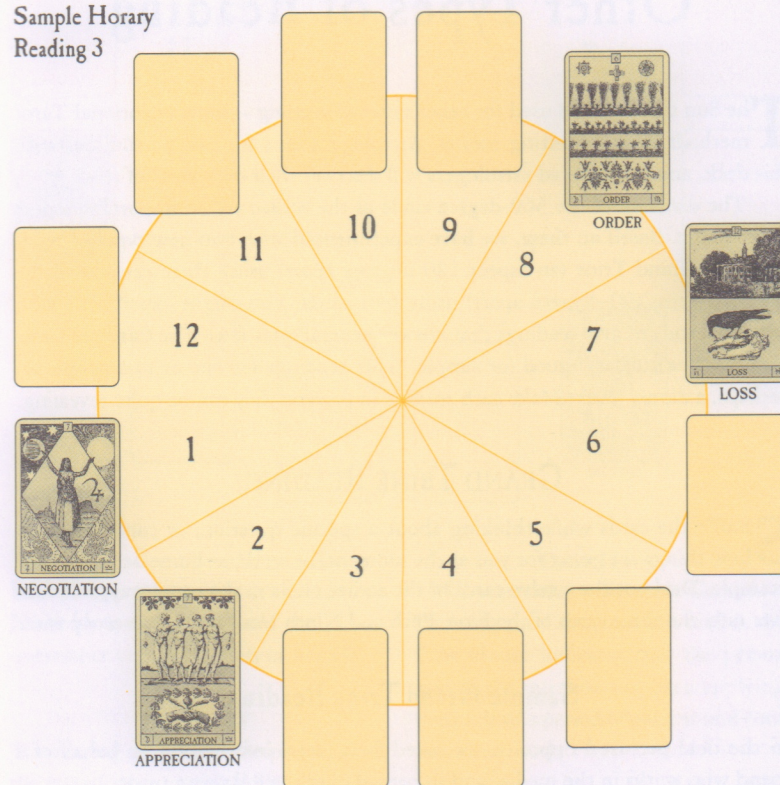
As the son's finances are governed by Leo, it suggests that he is extravagant and appreciates beautiful things.

FIRST HOUSE

Negotiation – Jupiter in Libra

The son is represented by Negotiation

Sample Horary Reading 3



SEVENTH HOUSE

Loss – Saturn in Pisces

The woman friend is signified by the Loss card. Perhaps she worries about losing what she currently has – money or freedom one might infer.

EIGHTH HOUSE

Order – Moon in Virgo

Since the woman's money is governed by Order, she is probably careful with money and orderly. Tell mother not to worry: this union will never happen.

Other Types of Reading

The Sun cards can be used for other types of reading – some traditional Tarot methods give interesting results. Astrology allows for rich possibilities with this deck, and experienced astrologers will discover their own ways of reading.

The divisions of the 360-degree circle of the zodiac are an important aspect of astrology. Based on these, we have experimented with two new types of readings, the Grand Trine (an aspect 120 degrees apart) using three cards, and the Cardinal Cross (90 degrees apart) using four cards. You might experiment with these methods to give readings that answer general questions. The Cardinal Cross reading is particularly good for simple, short readings for one or two people at, perhaps, a dinner party. Make each reading in private: they can be quite revealing.

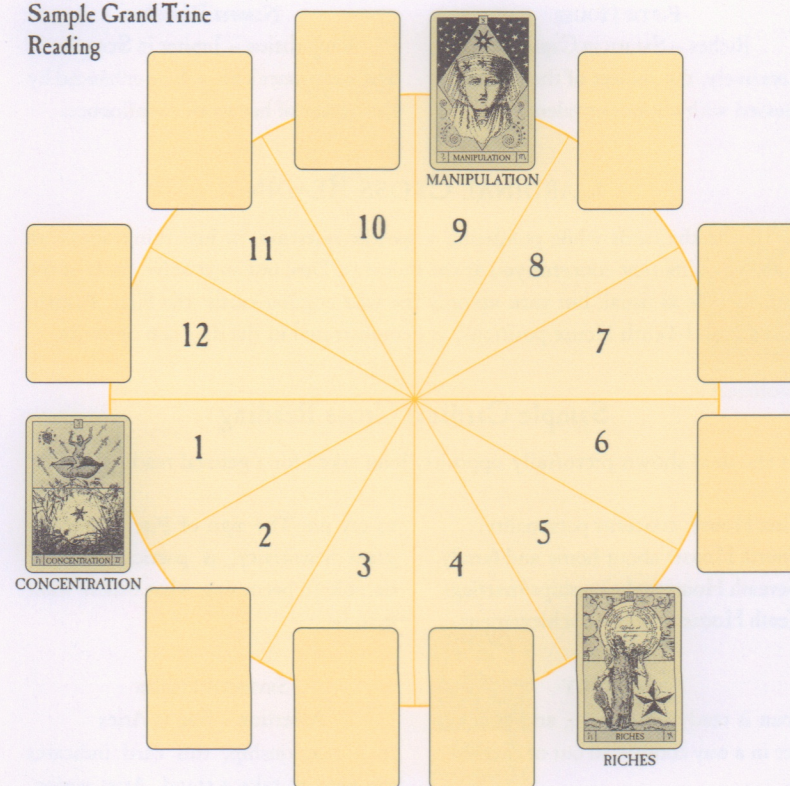
GRAND TRINE READING

Shuffle the cards while thinking about a specific question, or concentrate on how things are going for you at the moment, at work, at home or in love, for example. Deal out the twelve cards of the zodiac circle in the usual way, but turn over only the three cards of the First, Fifth and Ninth Houses, as shown opposite.

Sample Grand Trine Reading

In the deal pictured opposite, we asked for general information on behalf of a friend who works in the media, and so turned over the following cards:

Sample Grand Trine Reading



First House: describes the questioner.

Fifth House: the questioner's creativity.

Ninth House: indicates how the questioner will expand his or her life.

SUMMARY

The reading gives this interpretation of the questioner's working life.

FIRST HOUSE

Concentration – Saturn in Gemini

Drawing the Concentration card in the First House indicates that the person asking the question has been applying themselves to a period of patient and concentrated work.

FIFTH HOUSE

Riches – Saturn in Capricorn

Creatively, the subject of the reading is blessed with abundant talent.

NINTH HOUSE

Manipulation – Jupiter in Scorpio

The questioner's life will be enhanced by the power of her work to influence.

CARDINAL CROSS READING

Shuffle the cards while pondering a specific question, or just think about an area of life that concerns you at the moment. Deal out the twelve cards of the zodiac circle as usual, but turn up only the four angular cards: the First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth House positions, as demonstrated in the diagram opposite.

Sample Cardinal Cross Reading

In the deal shown pictorially opposite, Joan asked for a general reading.

First House: concerns personality.

Fourth House: about home and family.

Seventh House: relationships/marriage.

Tenth House: career or achievement.

to cry on. The sign of Pisces, with its great sensitivity, is particularly vulnerable to becoming what others want it to be.

SUMMARY

Joan is ready for change, and about to act in a way considered out of character.

FIRST HOUSE

Rebellion – Mars in Aquarius

Here, this card indicates rebellion against one's personality – Joan's discontent with how the world sees her.

FOURTH HOUSE

Empathy – Moon in Pisces

For her family, Joan is their shoulder

SEVENTH HOUSE

Assertion – Sun in Aries

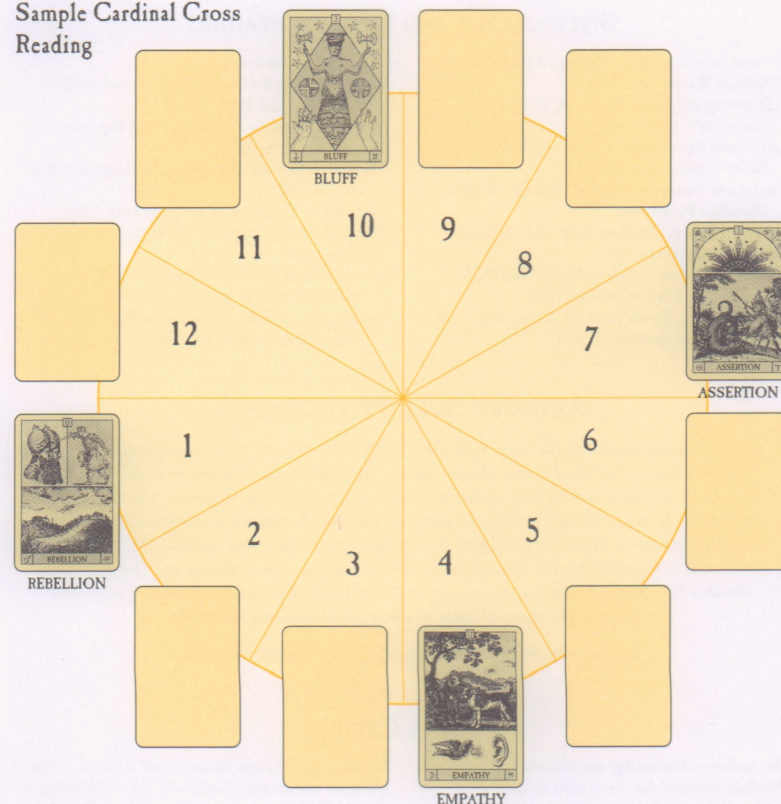
In a relationship, this card indicates the need to take a stand. Aries action, immediate and truthful, must be taken. All Sun cards are good, so whatever happens here will clear the air.

TENTH HOUSE

Bluff – Jupiter in Gemini

At work, Jupiter indicates expansion: perhaps Joan will take on more than she is used to with her makeover.

Sample Cardinal Cross Reading



FURTHER POSSIBILITIES

The possibilities for extending these different methods of making a reading are endless, and, with practice, everyone will find the method that suits them best. You might like to try dealing one card each for yourself and a partner; one card for a day, seven cards for a week, and so on. Use your instinct with your expanding experience, and don't be afraid of experimentation. Good luck!

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