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INTRODUCTION

THE COMPLETE SEVENTY-EIGHT-CARD TAROT pack is divided into two sections: twenty-two Major Arcana and fifty-six Minor Arcana cards. The Major Arcana are allegorical cards and are also known as the Triumphs, the Greater Arcana, the Higher Arcana, and the Atouts.

The Minor Arcana are divided into four suits: swords, wands, cups, and pentacles. In each suit are four court cards: king, queen, knight, and page, and ten numbered cards.

Eileen Connolly designed the Connolly Tarot deck in cooperation with her son, Peter Paul Connolly. The scenes on each card are reminiscent of medieval stained glass associated with majestic cathedrals. Each card touches the subconscious in a profound way, and the spiritual and inspirational imagery brings the viewer to a higher level of consciousness. The wardrobes of the figures are resplendent in color and historic detail, and the scene on each card is luminous. The cards include symbols that Eileen Connolly has held in her consciousness for many years, yet the scenes convey simple, clear messages. The Major Arcana bear standard card titles with two exceptions. Card number 13, usually titled Death, is titled Transition in Connolly Tarot to reflect transformation and the change of one's life path. Card 15, normally the Devil, has been changed to Materialism, and shows how the tools of life have been abused.

EILEEN CONNOLLY, Ph.D., is one of the world's leading authorities on tarot, numerology and other esoteric sciences. Dr. Connolly's works are used extensively as textbooks by tarot institutions. She is president of the Connolly University of Parapsychology, established in 1969, and an adjunct professor at Atlantic University, Virginia Beach, Virginia. As an educator and international

parapsychologist she is a welcome and regular guest on television and radio, both in the United States and abroad. Dr. Connolly's first book was written to open the world of tarot to the student. It is a simple textbook designed to educate and enlighten anyone with the desire to learn. In planning the Connolly Tarot deck, the author used a simple approach. Each card presents a beautiful visual image that is faithful to traditional tarot, yet eliminates all unnecessary and negative symbolism. The veil has been opened by Dr. Connolly with much love and wisdom in the hope that all will find success.

PETER PAUL CONNOLLY was born in Farnworth, Lancashire, England, on August 1, 1964, and came to the United States with his parents in 1968. With no professional training he has developed a unique artistic style using colored pencil as his medium. This style is reflected in the brilliant colors and detail seen in the Connolly Tarot deck. In a tireless effort of over eighteen months, Peter painstakingly constructed each card under the loving supervision of the author. Using this method along with hours of meticulous research he was able to bring to life the distinct personality within each symbol. Peter currently resides in North Carolina. His work can be seen in local galleries and has been displayed in Williamsburg and on the West Coast. He has illustrated novelty and gift cards, calendars, and books, and he does privately commissioned works.

THE MAJOR ARCANA

When we study the Major Arcana, we find that there is an intimate relationship between the twenty-two cards and the kabbalah or Tree of Life. The subject is complex, and only a hint of its beauty and profundity can be given here. The kabbalistic Tree of Life is a living reality in continuous movement, embracing the secrets of humanity in relation to the God force from which we originate. The Tree

reflects all the possibilities of man—the various choices he can and must make in his soul's journey back to God.

The Major Arcana are divided into three groups of seven cards each, called septenaries. Each septenary represents a stage in the life of man on earth, as he completes his karma. Within each are the lessons man must learn to return to his heavenly heritage. The "key" following the description of each card is the divinatory meaning; "reversed" is used if the card falls upside down in a spread.

0 ~ THE FOOL

The Fool has climbed the steep cliffs of his higher consciousness from the ocean of his spirituality. We see him poised and in the process of making a choice. Standing on the purple path of his master, his pink and purple tunic denotes the strength to make the right choice. As the Fool begins his journey of life, he will experience every level required to complete the journey of the soul. The key word for the Fool is Choice. **KEY:** You are now at the crossroads. The decision you make can be important. Think carefully. **REVERSED:** Have you made the right choice? You could be wrong. If discontented or lacking motivation, why not review things to date?

I ~ THE MAGICIAN

The Magician has found the table of life. On it are the four symbolic tools of life: the cup, the wand, the pentacle, and the sword. His love and purpose are seen in the beautiful red roses and white lilies that surround him. The flaring red cloak of individuality protects him as he reaches out and masters the elements that rule himself and others. The key word for the Magician is Individuality. **KEY:** Know that everything is possible through the power of God. **REVERSED:** Abuse of power. The ability to manipulate to suit selfish ends.

II ~ THE HIGH PRIESTESS

The powerful, yet gentle femininity of the High Priestess is evident as she sits serenely between the two pillars that represent the positive and negative aspects of life. At her feet is the lunar crescent, glowing with

mysterious secrets. Step in the pool of spirituality by the feet of the High Priestess. We must go beyond the gold gates for wisdom on our life path. The key words are Unseen Wisdom. **KEY:** Activity beneath the surface. The whole picture cannot be seen at this point. Much depth. **REVERSED:** Superficial situation. No secret activities are involved.

III ~ THE EMPRESS

The Empress, a regal figure in a vivid pink robe, is seated by a field of ripe wheat. To her left is the fountain of life; we see this through the symbol of the butterfly. The Empress stands for total balance and makes possible all things as she waits for us to enter her beautiful garden. The key work for the Empress is Abundance.

KEY: Promise of growth, prosperity, and fertility in all things. Needs fulfilled with joy and satisfaction. **REVERSED:** Wasteful energies causing despair and failure. Unproductive activity can affect home and income.

IV ~ THE EMPEROR

The Emperor, dressed in rich jeweled green robes, represents power, command and authority. His decisions are based on solid foundations. His individuality is firm, yet he does not allow free expression to govern his need for discipline. With his concept of mind over matter and his goals firmly rooted, his is perhaps the brightest vision of all. The key word is Discipline.

KEY: Balance and authority. Mind over matter. Experience and knowledge. **REVERSED:** Positive direction is needed. Lack of control, need for self-discipline.

V ~ THE HIEROPHANT

The Hierophant is sometimes known as the Pope. He represents institutional religion and tradition. In his left hand he holds a triple-cross scepter, and with his right, he gives a blessing. Crossed keys and a dove, representing the Holy Spirit, are to his upper left and right. Standing before a glorious stained glass window, he traditionally understands all the ways of men. Tradition is the key word. **KEY:** he who

conforms and diligently searches for truth must recognize that he himself is not truth. **REVERSED:** A keen sense of originality. One who is not afraid to undertake new ventures or to explore and has an open mind.

VI ~ THE LOVERS

A striking red sun is shown at the top of the card. It is the source of spiritual energy focused in the center. The Tree of Life is heavily laden with fruit. All levels of consciousness are portrayed. The man is the conscious level. He gazes confidently at the woman, who is the subconscious level. In turn, she looks to the cherub of higher consciousness emanating from the great angel Raphael. The sky, mountains, and water reflect all levels of consciousness in the act of merging, going directly to the source. The key words are Choice With Harmony. **KEY:** Two paths. The time to make a choice, the outcome of which is of vital importance. **REVERSED:** Wanting the best of both worlds, causing everyone concerned to feel unstable.

VII ~ THE CHARIOT

A warrior-hero riding hame after his conquest is triumphant and victorious. But look at his eyes. They are full of pain as he leaves behind him the aftermath of battle. Still holding the reins of his Chariot, he maintains full control. He now has wisdom and the secret of inner knowledge, and he can use his talents and energy constructively. The key word is Control. **KEY:** It is important to exercise self-discipline. With continued effort you can win the day and be triumphant. **REVERSED:** A portentous situation, indicating wrong use of energies and talent. Possible negative vibrations of unfairness, pressure, force.

VIII ~ STRENGTH

A young woman with flowers in her hair and in her hand peacefully contemplates the beauty around herself. Her gentleness merges equally with the strength of the lion. She has no fear and does not feel the need to defend herself.

It is the strength of God that permeates the unspoken dignity of this maiden. Higher forces protect all those who submit their fears to God. The key word is Strength. **KEY:** Inner qualities of love, patience and gentleness are superior to material power, force, or hate. **REVERSED:** Do not lose your nerve; surrender will force you to resort to alternatives that can upset future plans.

IX ~ THE HERMIT

As we look at the two faces of the men of the Hermit card, we see that the older man is the young man who knows himself. The Hermit is the higher consciousness that waits at the peak of our own spirituality. Only by thrusting forward purposefully can we hope to make contact with our original staff of life. As the flame grows brighter we are given the vision to see our purpose and reach our earthly goals. The key words are Inner Wisdom. **KEY:** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. The combination of faith and personal strength may be found within yourself. **REVERSED:** Too much resistance and objection. A refusal to accept or listen to good counsel. Don't let ego stand between you and good sense.

X ~ THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The Latin inscription around the Wheel is translated, "I reign; I reigned; I am without reign; I shall reign." The four corners of the card show the four original tools of the Magician's table. Use or misuse of these tools determines our place on the Wheel of Life. As the wheel constantly turns, man must realize the rhythm and nature of his own Wheel. The key word is Change. **KEY:** Remember, when you are down on the Wheel of Life there is only one way to go, and that is up! **REVERSED:** Everything may appear to be wrong, no matter how hard you try. Have courage, be strong, put your thoughts on higher things.

XI ~ JUSTICE

A strong woman stands with grace and power. Her triumph is evident and emphasized by her vivid red dress

of individuality. Poised and radiant, she is perfectly balanced between the two pillars. Her need to know and recognize her roots and foundations is seen in her deep green cape. Red and white roses remind us that true justice is given in purity and love. The double-edged sword is symbolic of justice, assuring us that both sides of an issue are equally evaluated. The law of karma comes into effect: we reap what we sow. The key words are Justice and Decision. **KEY:** Someone has investigated the situation and has arrived at a decision that is fair and honest. **REVERSED:** Injustice and possible loss. Someone feels inadequate and is unable to change the situation.

XII ~ THE HANGED MAN

A young man with a halo of gold and a look of contentment on his face hangs from a living tree. Clothed in various shades of blue, the Hanged Man obviously has a deep sense of his own spirituality. His shoes, tunic, and belt are the vivid red of individuality. He draws energies from the living wood. An air of self-satisfaction surrounds him. The cherub brings to his attention that the ropes are not tied. He brings wisdom to the Hanged Man and advises him that the time to act is now. The key word for the Hanged Man is Release. **KEY:** Piercing the barrier of limited consciousness and availing yourself of higher wisdom. **REVERSED:** Contentment with present environment and circumstances. Tendency to be preoccupied with material matters.

XIII ~ TRANSITION

Transition, known as the Death card in other decks, is complete transformation, representing a total change on one's life path. We see the man in the center of his mystical experience, emerging from darkness into light. His robe is green, representing his foundations and roots. Over his robe he wears the protective and generous cloak of purple. His spiritual master has protected his transition and brought him to the light of beneficial change. Under his feet we see the vibratory power of transition. The white

roses of purity indicate that, as he gazes in childlike wonder, his future intention is being purified by his acceptance of transition. The key words are Total Change. **KEY:** Do not resist sudden change. The vibratory force around you will provide all the strength needed to accept new situations. **REVERSED:** A feeling of limbo or perhaps depression. Need for new ideas and motivation. Success after a time and reorganization. Depending on format of spread, could indicate birth.

XIV ~ TEMPERANCE

Temperance unites the female and male principles. It is the bringing together of spirit and matter. The woman's inner eye has been awakened by the absorbing power surrounding her head. The force of this transformation, the perfect balance of humanity and spirituality, causes the red cloak of individuality to fall away. Through love, the woman has been given a new cloak of vision that will penetrate her new consciousness. Bringing the gifts of patience and the ability to see things as they really are, Temperance is the key to true joy and harmony. The key words are Patience and Moderation. **KEY:** Try new things, but keep a hold on your present security. At this time it is important to maintain balance in your life. **REVERSED:** A great need to stop and consider how things are going in your life. Good ideas need a well-planned program before being carried out. Energies are being wasted and scattered.

XV ~ MATERIALISM

Materialism, normally known as the Devil, shows how the tools of life have been abused. The sturdy wand no longer has fertile leaves. Through stress and error, man has broken his staff of life. The sword is bent with constant emotional use. His cup is empty, and the grip of the pentacle appears firm. The man is amazed and wonders how it all happened. But a light of understanding pierces the fog of his dilemma. The chains are not permanent, nor are they secured tightly. The man can release himself

immediately. When he accepts and recognizes the source of his own dilemma, he can remove the costly chains of material attachment. The key word is Materialism. **KEY:** You are too wrapped up in material concerns. Your journey in life is off course and you are traveling up a dead-end street. **REVERSED:** Indecision is weakness and can cause instability. Now that you have seen the light, you should respond quickly, freeing yourself from past habits.

XVI ~ THE TOWER

The Tower shows lightning as a cosmic force that breaks down false structures and ideals. The Tower originates from the same source that created the Hermit's flame. It is the same power that the Magician uses. In a window of the Tower are the doves of the Holy Spirit. One remains to rebuild the Tower and the other flies out to give comfort to our fallen ideals. The Tower is the inevitable change caused by the cosmic need to return to our path. As we look at the Tower we know there is always a new one to build. The key words are Cosmic Direction. **KEY:** Take a good long look at your life. Situation will change rapidly. Be prepared. **REVERSED:** The process of change has started. Don't try to resist the inevitable breakdown of present circumstances.

XVII ~ THE STAR

The Star is the positive aspect of the conscious level that is trying to comprehend the universal consciousness. We see a young man triumphant, having reached sight of his goals. He now has the confidence that success brings. His roots are firmly established. The Tree of Life is reaching out in new growth toward his higher consciousness. A beautiful bird brings in the light of understanding, symbolizing the complete rebirth of spiritual freedom discovered within. Around the man are the gifts of new life. His hand has released the sword, and it is firmly lodged in the wall that leads to his new home, and the Star overhead will always remain in view. The key words are Health, Hope, and Aspiration. **KEY:** This beautiful symbol indicates the future

accomplishment of goals presently being developed. **REVERSED:** Through lack of judgement, loss will be incurred. Could indicate ill health.

XVIII ~ THE MOON

A man steps forward from his crystal pool of contemplation. Using higher powers, he has allowed his subconscious to drink. His sword is cleansed and is reflected in the pool. The staff is nourished and the leaves are a richer green. He has manifested the pentacle, which is now engraved in stone. Behind the man is his subconscious, represented by the woman. She watches him walk away, free from doubt. He sees the mystical Moon and allows his intuition to recognize the impregnation of the sun, the unity of known and unknown. The golden Hebrew letters of *yod* fortify and bring clarity. The key word is Intuition. **KEY:** Be alert for any subtle changes. Don't be deceived by apparent security. Allow your intuitive powers to guide you. **REVERSED:** Don't take any risks at this time. Possibility of misunderstanding. Don't make changes; wait till the storm is over.

XIX ~ THE SUN

The Sun brings golden opportunity. Regardless of present circumstances, the Sun will bring personal joy. This golden sphere is surrounded by cherubs offering the gifts of life and opportunity. Each cherub brings a perfected tool to man. The blue spirituality of the sky upholds our needs and our prayers. The Sun brings a message—the answer is yes. The key word is Attainment. **KEY:** Regardless of present circumstances, when this vibrant symbol is the outcome of the spread, there will be joy and happiness in your future. **REVERSED:** Need for a realistic outlook on life. Be perfectly honest with yourself. Stop daydreaming and put some effort into reaching your goals. Depression or failure is not for you.

XX ~ JUDGEMENT

Judgement connotes self-judgement, rebirth, a renewal of the inner you. The higher consciousness is the child already emerging into the new existence. The child points the way, naked and void of all previous thought patterns. The female consciousness is dressed in a beautiful blue gown of spirituality. On her head and around her neck is a scarf of purity. She no longer wears shoes. She has recognized a new fertile world of life. The conscious level is the man in the process of reality. Before him is the book of life—his life. He is in the process of self-judgement, self-analysis. **KEY:** Wonderful things are starting to happen. You have the ability to forge ahead and see what the future holds. Break away from conventional thinking and face life realistically. **REVERSED:** Feeling uneasy, lonely and, often, in a self-made rut. Longing to be free of certain situations but unable to see a way out.

XXI ~ THE WORLD

With the World card, we are free to go in any direction, triumphant in any undertaking. The Fool has now concluded his journey. The wreath of flowers and leaves is given to the initiate when he has learned to use the four esoteric tools of life. The soul is rich with the experience of many lifetimes. The spiritual traveler has learned knowledge and understanding. He has now mastered the World and is aware of cosmic obligations. The key words are Victorious Completion. **KEY:** Now you're free to go in any direction. A job well-done. You will be triumphant in any undertaking. **REVERSED:** A refusal to explore new horizons. Because of your reluctance to try new ideas, fear will create stagnation.

THE MINOR ARCANA

THE COURT CARDS OF THE MINOR ARCANA usually represent people, but can also represent situations. The question, the overall spread, and the wisdom of the tarot that is being sought by the reader will determine which is represented.

The King: A man in his maturity.

The Queen: A woman in her maturity.

The Knight: A young man.

The Page: A young boy or girl, or a child.

THE SUIT OF SWORDS

KING OF SWORDS ~ KEY: This man has authority; he could be with the government or associated with the law. He gives excellent counsel. **REVERSED:** This man's personality is inclined to be strict to the point of cruelty. He does not appear to have any compassion.

QUEEN OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Lady with sharp wit who appears to have money. Could be a widow or divorced. Probably does not have children. **REVERSED:** This lady can be intolerant, with a narrow outlook on life. She finds it difficult to see anyone else's point of view.

KNIGHT OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Courteous young man has good intentions but his attitude can be overbearing. **REVERSED:** Steer clear of this young man; he could upset your plans and create trouble.

PAGE OF SWORDS ~ KEY: A young person's activities could cause you some concern. **REVERSED:** Young people are sometimes unpredictable; therefore be prepared for the unexpected.

TEN OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Extreme unhappiness, depression and a deep sense of loss. Allow new energy to transform you. Change is imminent. **REVERSED:** Cycle of

events changing. You are coming out of a bad situation. New and positive vibrations on the way.

NINE OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Despair and anxiety cause misery and a sense of hopelessness. Release your old burdens. Keep moving forward. Don't look back. **REVERSED:** Tomorrow holds new promise and hope.

EIGHT OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Unable to make any decision, you feel very restricted. You have experienced hurt or anxiety. Your time will come soon, in the spring of new opportunity. **REVERSED:** Pressure is being released. Soon you will be able to forge ahead.

SEVEN OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Things may not have worked out the way you planned. Maintain inner harmony; there are many paths to personal freedom. **REVERSED:** Listen carefully; someone may be offering the advice and help you need.

SIX OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Difficult cycle is ending. You are crossing the bridge. Set your sights on the future—it looks good. **REVERSED:** Feeling of being locked into a difficult set of circumstances. Nothing can be accomplished at this point; just wait.

FIVE OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Lack of sensitivity. Interest only in self-gain. Drop old ideas. Change attitude. **REVERSED:** If there is no change in attitude, loss may be incurred.

FOUR OF SWORDS ~ KEY: Feeling of being cut off and out of touch. Take this time to think of new plans for the future. Remain focused on your goals. **REVERSED:** You're back in action! Good opportunities are ahead, but tread carefully.

THREE OF SWORDS ~ KEY: It is hard to bear the pain of separation or to understand why we are afflicted with such deep sorrow. The pain is hard to let go, but it will go! **REVERSED:** Similar interpretation, but the circumstances are not so severe.

TWO OF SWORDS ~ KEY: You don't know what to do;

choice is six of one, half a dozen of another. Grasp your sword of individuality and march to the beat of your own drum. REVERSED: Things are happening. You're able to make decisions. Care is needed.

ACE OF SWORDS ~ KEY: The seeds of success and triumph are taking root. REVERSED: Careful! Don't apply any more pressure at this time to achieve your goals.

THE SUIT OF WANDS

KING OF WANDS ~ KEY: A man secure in business or profession. Strong and generous, can be impulsive. REVERSED: A man inclined to be intolerant and strict in his manner. Could be opposing the client.

QUEEN OF WANDS ~ KEY: A woman who has an attractive personality and draws people to her. REVERSED: A woman who is rather narrow-minded. Often takes a domineering approach.

KNIGHT OF WANDS ~ KEY: Young man can create vibrations that will call for sudden decisions or change in life. REVERSED: You feel restricted by minor disputes. Young man possible cause.

PAGE OF WANDS ~ KEY: Indication of a message from a near relative or close friend. REVERSED: Receiving information from a young person.

TEN OF WANDS ~ KEY: You have been under pressure and have experienced many changes in life. Plant the seed now. REVERSED: Talent, ability, skills, and so on, used in the wrong way.

NINE OF WANDS ~ KEY: You are able to maintain control of your interests. Use discretion in any forthcoming ad venture. REVERSED: Lack of initiative and application.

EIGHT OF WANDS ~ KEY: Acceleration in your affairs. Movement. News coming in. REVERSED: Apprehension creates insecurity.

SEVEN OF WANDS ~ KEY: You are blessed with inner strength. You can accomplish your goal. REVERSED: Plumb your own depths and feel the strength within.

SIX OF WANDS ~ KEY: Have faith, you can win. REVERSED: Unable to get it together. Things don't gel.

FIVE OF WANDS ~ KEY: Nearly there! Opposing energies create agitation. REVERSED: Harmony and a sense of peace will prevail.

FOUR OF WANDS ~ KEY: Harmony, peace and satisfaction. REVERSED: Positive improvement. You are well on the way to achievement.

THREE OF WANDS ~ KEY: Someone willing to give you assistance. Partnership or cooperation is possible. REVERSED: Talents, skills, efforts being wasted. New direction needed.

TWO OF WANDS ~ KEY: Sign of achievement in business and plans. REVERSED: Foundations laid may not bring desired results.

ACE OF WANDS ~ KEY: New things starting. REVERSED: Take stock, have a second look.

THE SUIT OF CUPS

KING OF CUPS ~ KEY: A reliable, respected man from any walk of life. He is trustworthy and can help you. REVERSED: Avoid entanglement; this man is not always what he appears to be.

QUEEN OF CUPS ~ KEY: Sensitive lady who relies on her intuitive ability rather than on common sense. REVERSED: This lady can present a good story and is intelligent, but she is inclined to exaggerate. Means well but not always fully reliable.

KNIGHT OF CUPS ~ KEY: Young man can offer interesting invitations or proposals. REVERSED: If you have received an unusual offer, it's advisable to check circumstances before accepting.

PAGE OF CUPS ~ KEY: Young person who can offer help or cooperation. A gentle and quiet person. **REVERSED:** You will be offered help, possibly by a young person.

TEN OF CUPS ~ KEY: You are experiencing the happiness you desire. Realization of personal hopes and dreams. **REVERSED:** Present situation is causing you depression and sadness.

NINE OF CUPS ~ KEY: The "Wish Card." Position in Spread is important. Can mean wish come true....., especially in the tenth position in the Celtic Cross Spread. Other cards will determine how the wish will be fulfilled. **REVERSED:** Wish will not be fulfilled at this time.

EIGHT OF CUPS ~ KEY: A need to search for deeper meaning in life. **REVERSED:** Interests lie in material pleasures.

SEVEN OF CUPS ~ KEY: You are having difficulties in making a decision. Minor crossroads. **REVERSED:** You are on the right track. Pursue your goal.

SIX OF CUPS ~ KEY: From the past will come happiness. You may meet an old friend or acquaintance. **REVERSED:** Rewards may be delayed or someone may receive recognition that you feel is due you.

FIVE OF CUPS ~ KEY: You will find it difficult to explain the turmoil you feel inside. **REVERSED:** Things look better. You have the courage to see things through.

FOUR OF CUPS ~ KEY: Discontentment, boredom, need for reevaluation. Ignoring opportunity. **REVERSED:** New relationship possible.

THREE OF CUPS ~ KEY: Happy conclusion, success and the beginning of a new life style. **REVERSED:** Circumstances have changed; what was good is now causing pain. Don't dwell on this, but turn right around and concentrate your energies in a different direction.

TWO OF CUPS ~ KEY: Understanding, deep friendship, or love between man and woman. Together, they can carry out

their plans. **REVERSED:** Unimportant disagreement has raised obstacles. It can be resolved, but someone must make the first move.

ACE OF CUPS ~ KEY: Beginning of all good things: love, joy, health. **REVERSED:** Egotistical and self-centered.

THE SUIT OF PENTACLES

KING OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Good position in industry. This man is mathematically competent. A generous soul who is friendly and affectionate. **REVERSED:** A most materialistic man who talks a lot and often appears stupid. He is opinionated and easily led.

QUEEN OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: A creative lady with many talents, family-oriented, and charitable. **REVERSED:** This lady finds it difficult to trust anyone. Insecurity causes a suspicious nature.

KNIGHT OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: A young man who is thorough and will take the time to do a good job. **REVERSED:** An irresponsible and impatient attitude affects the progress of this young man.

PAGE OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: A young person who enjoys studying and is a persevering scholar. **REVERSED:** A quiet young person who can be moody at times but is goal-oriented.

TEN OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Beginning to feel secure but slightly detached. Still anticipating full completion. **REVERSED:** One problem after another! Nothing gels or runs smoothly.

NINE OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: A feeling of being incomplete. Still seeking goals, though others may think you have it all. **REVERSED:** Time to analyze your goals and desires. Meditation may give the answer.

EIGHT OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Strong character. You are stable as you prepare for the future. Past experience can serve you well. **REVERSED:** Going about things the wrong way. Need for guidance.

SEVEN OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: A cycle of change will affect your income for the better. Expand—don't be afraid of success. **REVERSED:** Anxiety and depression, possibly relating to finances.

SIX OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Happy atmosphere. You are about to enjoy the fruits of your labor. A vibrant personal cycle. **REVERSED:** Unsatisfactory situation regarding the distribution of money, business, an estate, and so on.

FIVE OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Take the time to review what is happening in your life and what you want. Don't be afraid. Listen to your higher self and open the gate of opportunity. **REVERSED:** Accept the karmic lesson. Try to understand your burdens.

FOUR OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Strong attachment to materialistic pursuits and endeavors. Firmly footed. Keep control. **REVERSED:** Loss and obstacles.

THREE OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Well-informed. You have great skill, ability, and talent. Recognition is due. **REVERSED:** Insufficient life experience. You still need to learn more.

TWO OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Trying to cope with two situations. Much more will be achieved if a decision is made. It can be done. **REVERSED:** Plans will probably not run smoothly. Need for more organization.

ACE OF PENTACLES ~ KEY: Beginning of prosperity and successful ventures. **REVERSED:** False security. Great plans may not materialize.

THE CELTIC CROSS SPREAD

There are many interesting spreads, each with a unique procedure created by tarot scholars to facilitate a particular purpose, need, or question during the process of divination. The Celtic Cross Spread is the most commonly used spread and is a very ancient method of reading the cards. It will provide hours of intriguing study, and you will be amazed that ten cards can relate so much information. The Celtic Cross can be used for questions whose answers require some background or general knowledge. As you lay out each card in the pattern shown in the diagram at right, you should firmly say aloud what each one represents.

Card 1: This covers you.

Card 2: This crosses you for good or bad.

Card 3: This is the basis, the root of the situation.

Card 4: This is behind you, or in the process of leaving.

Card 5: This crowns you and could come into being.

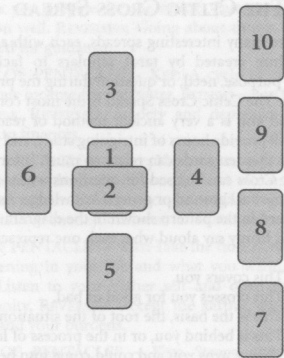
Card 6: This is before you.

Card 7: This represents your own apprehensions.

Card 8: This represents the feelings of others around you.

Card 9: This represents your own positive feelings.

Card 10: This is the outcome.



Lay out all ten cards and turn them face up before attempting to interpret the spread. Don't hurry. Take your time and observe everything you can before relating any information to the questioner. Take into consideration a profusion of any one suit, the balance of the spread, and the number of court cards. When you are still new to divination, it is perfectly all right to make notes to aid you in determining the message. Keep the question in mind at all times. Get the feel of the spread and allow your intuitive powers to arouse your sensitivity before revealing anything to the person with a question.

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Also created by Eileen Connolly
and Peter Paul Connolly:

FENG SHUI TAROT

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