

# TAROT OF TIMELESS TRUTH KEY CONCEPTS

## MAJOR ARCANA

### 0 THE FOOL

Trust, Beginnings, Adventure, Optimism, Potential, Spontaneity, Innocence, Wonder. **Reversed:** *Mistrust, Foolishness, Irresponsibility, Excessive impulsiveness, Restlessness, Naivety, Limiting attitudes, Rigidity, Pessimism*

### I THE MAGICIAN

Using one's resources, Conscious Awareness, Concentration, Action, Power, Will, Clarity. **Reversed:** *Misuse of power, Illusions of superiority, imposing one's will on others, Helplessness, Lack of power, Lack of concentration, Confusion, Not achieving, Inaction*

### II THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Intuition, Collective unconscious, higher consciousness, Potential, Mystery, Receptivity, Knowing the Unknown, Finding hidden truth. **Reversed:** *Losing touch with reality, Getting lost in the depths, Disengagement, Blocked intuition, Focusing on the material, Blocked potential, Fear of truth*

### III THE EMPRESS

Abundance, Sensuality, Nature, Health, Nurturing, Beauty, Motherhood, Creativity, Pleasure. **Reversed:** *Extravagance, Selfishness, Ugliness, Lack of pleasure, Blocked creativity, Poor health, Unhealthy sex issues, Mothering issues, Disrespect for nature*

### IV THE EMPEROR

Authority, Command, Control, Structure, Justice, Order, Fatherhood, Protection, Security. **Reversed:** *Rigidity, Oppression, Ruthlessness, Superiority, Self-centredness, Dogma, Misuse of power, Lack of power, Dishonour, Disrespect.*

### V THE HIEROPHANT

Tradition, Education, Group Identity, Conformity, Convention, Knowledge, Discipline, Ancestral wisdom. **Reversed:** *Rigidity, Dogma, Memorizing facts instead of internalizing truth, Breaking with tradition, Ingenuity, Independence, Ignorance*

### VI THE LOVERS

Connection, Relationship, Love, Intimacy, Kinship, Personal beliefs, Fulfillment, Completeness. **Reversed:** *Obsession, Possessiveness, Lust, Dependency, Jealousy, Emptiness, Isolation, Loneliness*

### VII THE CHARIOT

Courage, Victory, Determination, Control, Self-confidence, Discipline, Authority under authority, Grit, Power. **Reversed:** *Arrogance, Picking fights, Battling without cause, Over-control, Crippling fear, Chaos, Low self-esteem, Lack of will, Cowardice*

### VIII STRENGTH

Strength, Patience, Compassion, Healing, Gentle Control, Endurance, Forgiveness, Tolerance, Persuasion, Commitment. **Reversed:** *Manipulation, Martyrdom, Impatience, Grudges, Forcing one's*

*will on others, Giving up, Breaking down, Sickness*

### IX THE HERMIT

Solitude, Introspection, Wisdom, Stillness, Contemplation, Meditation, Peace, Connecting with one's Source. **Reversed:** *Self-denial, Wounded retreat, Running away, Staying caught up in the fray, Fear of truth, Superficiality, Frenzy*

### X THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Change, Destiny, Chance, Luck, Direction, Movement, Involvement, Cycles, Patterns, Perspective. **Reversed:** *Blocked change, Resistance, Staying static, Withdrawal, Spinning out of control, Unawareness*

### XI JUSTICE

Karma, Cause & effect, Justice, Responsibility, Accountability, Facing truth, Decisions, Legal Matters. **Reversed:** *Refusal to accept responsibility, Not facing facts, Legal troubles, Poor decisions, Incurring debt, Lack of balance, Inequality*

### XII THE HANGED ONE

Surrender, Waiting, Acceptance, Sacrifice, Vulnerability, Anticipation, Suspension, Letting go. **Reversed:** *Frustration, Holding on, Martyrdom, Self-pity, Forcing the issue, Spinning one's wheels, Busy-ness, Resistance*

### XIII DEATH

Transformation, Transition, Ending, Loss, Release, Elimination, Being stripped to bare bones. **Reversed:** *Holding on, Resisting change*

### XIV TEMPERANCE

Integration, Moderation, Compromise, Balance, Harmony, Cooperation, Vitality, Healing. **Reversed:** *Discord, Dissention, Strife, Poor health, Getting sick, Feeling disconnected, Imbalance, Feeling fragmented*

### XV THE DEVIL

Trickster, Delusion, Bondage, Obsession, Materialism, Overindulgence, Ignorance, Despair, Doubt, Negativity. **Reversed:** *Trickster, Delusion, Bondage, Obsession, Materialism, Overindulgence, Ignorance, Despair, Doubt, Negativity*

### XVI THE TOWER

Upheaval, Sudden change, Crisis, Chaos, Release, Fall, Being humbled, Revelation, Liberation, Sudden insight. **Reversed:** *Resistance to change, Impending fall, Unbalanced or unnatural reality, Unsustainable situation, Illusion, Lack of insight, Bondage, Oppression*

### XVII THE STAR

Hope, Inspiration, Faith, Inner strength, Generosity, Optimism, Tranquility, Openness, Regeneration, Answers. **Reversed:** *Doubt, Hopelessness, Feeling whipped, Resistance, Turmoil, Stress, Lack of faith, Selfishness, Disharmony*

### XVIII THE MOON

Mystery, Imagination, Dreams, Visions, Psychic power, Inspiration,

Unconsciousness, Instinct, Depth, Enchantment.

**Reversed:** *Fear, Illusion, Anxiety, Deception, Bewilderment, Confusion, Misunderstanding, Motherhood issues*

### XIX THE SUN

Happiness, Enlightenment, Success, Brilliance, Vitality, Confidence, Freedom, Glory, Acclaim. **Reversed:** *Getting burned, Conceit, Delusions of grandeur, Overexposure, Failure, Dishonour, Low self-esteem, Darkness, Sadness, Poor Health, Restriction, Lack of understanding*

### XX JUDGEMENT

Acceptance, Reckoning, Rebirth, Transformation, Release, Forgiveness, Absolution, Renewal. **Reversed:** *Avoidance, Being stuck, Hiding from the truth, Not answering the call, Lack of forgiveness, Guilt, Shame*

### XXI THE UNIVERSE

Perfection, Completion, Dynamic balance, Harmony, Involvement, Connection, Prosperity, Fulfillment, Solution, Healing. **Reversed:** *Incompleteness, Imperfection, Discord, Strife, Imbalance, Isolation, Failure, Disharmony, Dissatisfaction*

## WANDS

### ACE OF WANDS

Creative force, Seed of creativity, Potential, Conception, Imagination, Inspiration, Expression, Excitement, Optimism. **Reversed:** *Blocked creativity, Lack of self-confidence, Blocked expression, Ignoring inspiration, Apathy, Pessimism, Cowardice, Failing to meet standards, Giving up*

### TWO OF WANDS

Dominion, Personal power, Authority, Pioneering, Diverging from the crowd. **Reversed:** *Giving away your power, Letting others take what's yours, Following the crowd, Powerlessness, Being timid and afraid, Letting opportunities pass by*

### THREE OF WANDS

Vision, Foresight, Exploration, Expansion, Leadership, Leaving security behind, Setting an example. **Reversed:** *Letting others lead, Not seeing the big picture, Blind leading the blind, Sticking with what's familiar, Staying put*

### FOUR OF WANDS

Success, Achievement, Restlessness, Celebration, Ceremony, Rewards, Freedom, Cutting loose, Surprise. **Reversed:** *Failure, Boredom, Being in a rut, Lack of accomplishments, Restriction*

### FIVE OF WANDS

Strife, Conflict, Debate, Competition, Contest, Hassles, Annoyance, Irritations, Trivialities. **Reversed:** *Truce, Non-competitiveness, Tolerance*

### SIX OF WANDS

Triumph, Vindication, Acclaim, Receiving praise, Recognition, Pride, Self-esteem.

**Reversed:** *Arrogance, Feelings of superiority, Condescension, Self-importance, Being humbled, Failure, Low self-esteem*

### SEVEN OF WANDS

Valour, Conviction, Defiance, Resistance, Aggression, Assertiveness, Use of force, Offensive strike. **Reversed:** *Backing down, Surrender, Non-violence, Truce*

### EIGHT OF WANDS

Swiftly, Quick action, Uprooting, Successful conclusion, Tying up loose ends, News, Inspiration, Conversations. **Reversed:** *Waiting, Careful deliberation, Unpleasant news, Leaving things unfinished, Being in the dark*

### NINE OF WANDS

Perseverance, Persistence, Finishing the job, Resolve, Hidden reserves, Self-defense, Paranoia, Being on guard. **Reversed:** *Being caught off guard, Giving up, Defeat, Trust*

### TEN OF WANDS

Oppression, Over-extending, Burdens, Responsibility, Struggle, Resistance, Strenuous labour, Difficulty, Doing more than your share. **Reversed:** *Shirking responsibility, Shaking off burdens, Getting others to do the dirty work, Giving up, Taking it easy*

### PRINCESS OF WANDS

Being Creative, Enthusiastic, Original, Innovative, Self-expressive, Passionate, Confident, Daring, Inspired, Risky, Independent. **Reversed:** *Blocked creativity, Apathetic, Conventional, Being timid and unsure, Uninspired or Unimaginative, Cowardice, Fear of risk, Lacking Passion, or Self-confidence*

### PRINCE OF WANDS

Being Passionate, Charming, Self-confident, Daring, Adventurous, Attractive, Charismatic, Heroic, Energetic, Glamorous. **Reversed:** *Being Violent, Impulsive or Angry, Superficial, Thoughtless, Cocky, Reckless, Restless, Vain, Exploitive, Undisciplined, Lacking serenity*

### QUEEN OF WANDS

Being Attractive, Sexy, Enthusiastic, Sincere, Vivacious, Wholehearted, Athletic, Warm, Self-confident, Gracious, Capable. **Reversed:** *Resisting or blocking Enthusiasm, Attraction, or Sincerity, Feeling unsure and helpless, Being ungracious, Unfriendly, Sour, Pessimistic, Lazy, Listless, Incapable or Insincere*

### KING OF WANDS

Being Creative, Innovative, Original, Inspired, Inspiring, Confident, Powerful, Assertive, Theatrical, Popular, Courageous. **Reversed:** *Blocking creativity and innovation, Lacking confidence, originality, power, courage, inspiration and enthusiasm*



## CUPS

### ACE OF CUPS

Emotional force, Empathy, New relationships, Attraction, Forgiveness, Intimacy, Intuition, Emotional expression.  
**Reversed:** *Being carried away by emotion, Losing one's head, Loneliness, Lack of love, intimacy or forgiveness, Blocked intuition*

### TWO OF CUPS

Attraction, Love, Bonding, Union, Connection, Friendship, Partnership, Sharing, Truce, Forgiveness. **Reversed:** *Exclusion of others, Co-dependence, Loneliness, Isolation, Failed relationships, Discord, Unrequited love, Heartbreak*

### THREE OF CUPS

Celebration, Exuberance, Friendship, Team Spirit, Hospitality, Sharing, Community, Connection, Harmony.  
**Reversed:** *Discord, Loneliness, Dissension, Apathy, Mourning, End of friendship, Isolation*

### FOUR OF CUPS

Apathy, Unawareness, Passivity, Staleness, Self-absorption, Introspection, Withdrawal, Ignoring blessings.  
**Reversed:** *Coming out of one's shell, Coming out of a funk, New awareness, Becoming interested, Embracing reality, Seeing blessings*

### FIVE OF CUPS

Disappointment, Loss, Regret, Doubt, Setback, Defeat, Bereavement, End of a relationship, Grief, Sorrow.  
**Reversed:** *Salvaging something of value, Seeing a silver lining, Making the best of the situation, Avoiding loss, Overcoming sorrow*

### SIX OF CUPS

Innocence, Contentment, Happiness, Goodness, Nostalgia, Simplicity, Charity, Expectancy, Unconditional love, Childhood, Childbirth, Playfulness.  
**Reversed:** *Complication, Unhappiness, Regret, Pining for the old days, End of innocence, Growing up, Selfishness, Feeling burdened*

### SEVEN OF CUPS

Choices, Decisions, Possibilities, Wishful thinking, Imagination, Dreams, Excess, Illusion, Procrastination, Disorganization.  
**Reversed:** *Limitations, Lack of options, Discounting imagination, End to Addiction, End to Excess, Putting affairs in order, Getting real, Getting busy*

### EIGHT OF CUPS

Moving on, Disentanglement, Starting a journey, Search for meaning, Discovery, Spirituality, Finding hope, Weariness.  
**Reversed:** *Loss of hope, Burn out, Worry, Holding on, Staying put, Putting up with a bad situation, Avoiding self-discovery, Neglecting spirituality*

### NINE OF CUPS

Cloud nine, Wish fulfillment, Dreams come true, Happiness, Satisfaction, Luxury, Pleasure, Beauty, art & love.  
**Reversed:** *Disappointment, Unfavorable end to a dream, Dissatisfaction, Wishing for what you don't have, Missing the goal, Discomfort*

### TEN OF CUPS

Blessings, Loved ones, Bonding, Forgiveness, Family events, Emotional fulfillment, Good fortune, Peace, Contentment.  
**Reversed:** *Strife, Discord, Bad luck, Dissatisfaction, Discontentment, Separation from loved ones, Stress, Loss, Isolation*

### PRINCESS OF CUPS

Being Emotional, Nurturing, Intuitive, Loving, Sentimental, Sweet, Peaceful, Graceful, Beautiful. **Reversed:** *Being Moody, Melancholy, Idealistic, Blindly in love, Blocked emotion, Absence of Love, Grace, Peace and Beauty*

### PRINCE OF CUPS

Being Romantic, Imaginative, Sensitive, Refined, Artistic, Deep, Tactful, Perceptive, Loving beauty, Seeking perfection.  
**Reversed:** *Being Over-sensitive, Moody, Snobby, Melodramatic, Overwhelmed, Easily offended & disappointed, Inactive, Indulging in fantasy*

**QUEEN OF CUPS**  
Being Deeply spiritual, Reverent of all life, Intuitive, Psychic, Telepathic, Empathetic, Accepting, Sensitive, Patient, Caring.  
**Reversed:** *Being spiritually cut-off, Insensitivity, Impatient, Uncaring, Unloving, Discounting or ignoring intuition, Irreverence, Being unaccepting*

### KING OF CUPS

Being Serene, Gentle, Composed, Wise, Diplomatic, Compassionate, Accepting, Tolerant, Non-Judgemental, A healer.  
**Reversed:** *Being Frazzled, Scattered, Foolish, Tactless, Uncaring, Judgemental, Destructive*

## SWORDS

### ACE OF SWORDS

Mental force, Objectivity, Intellect, Reason, Justice, Truth, Responsibility, Integrity, Discernment, Clarity, Fortitude.  
**Reversed:** *Lack of objectivity, Not using one's head, Dishonour, Fuzzy thinking, Not facing truth, Lack of discipline, Injustice, Fog*

### TWO OF SWORDS:

Stalemate, Indecision, Avoidance, Choosing ignorance, Blocked emotions, Being stuck, Fear of action, Defensiveness.  
**Reversed:** *Making a decision, Charging ahead, Throwing caution to the wind, Lack of self-control, Being over-emotional*

### THREE OF SWORDS

Sorrow, Heartbreak, Disappointment, Loneliness, Rejection, Betrayal, Desertion, Being stabbed in the back, Breaking your word.  
**Reversed:** *Setting yourself up to be hurt, Avoiding heartbreak and rejection, Trusting that others will not hurt you*

### FOUR OF SWORDS

Truce, Respite, Healing, Contemplation, Withdrawal, Gaining perspective, Peace & quiet, Assessment, Preparation, Stability.  
**Reversed:** *Staying in the fray, Avoidance of the truth, Fighting a lost cause, Inability to rest, Lack of healing, Strife, Imbalance*

### FIVE OF SWORDS

Defeat, Dishonour, Loss of integrity, Dubious victory, Criminal activity, Selfishness, Power mongering, Hostility, Spite. **Reversed:** *Being taken advantage of, Sacrificing self-interests, Rejecting dishonour, Rejecting hostility, Truce*

### SIX OF SWORDS

Recovery, Coping, Finding hope, Healing, Staying even keeled, Despondence, Journey, Uprooting, New awareness.  
**Reversed:** *Losing balance, Despair, Burn out, Not taking care of one's emotional health, Staying put, Being stuck in a rut, Severe depression*

### SEVEN OF SWORDS

Futility, Dishonour, Deceit, Sneakiness, Avoidance, Lying, Stealing, Fleeing, Shirking responsibility, Independence, Aloofness, Not helping. **Reversed:** *Rejecting dishonourable impulses, Seeking companionship, Taking on too much responsibility, Dependence, Not knowing when to quit*

### EIGHT OF SWORDS

Interference, Restriction, Powerlessness, Feeling victimized, Waiting for a savior, Confusion, Feeling overwhelmed, Lacking direction.  
**Reversed:** *Waiting for the fog to clear,*

*Rejecting powerlessness, Choosing self-reliance, Forward movement, Lack of self-control, Overcoming obstacles*

### NINE OF SWORDS

Anxiety, Worry, Brooding, Obsessive thoughts, Tension, Guilt, Remorse, Anguish, Despair, Depression.  
**Reversed:** *Lack of conscience, Blitheness, Not taking responsibility for one's actions, Thoughtlessness*

### TEN OF SWORDS

Ruin, Destruction, Misery, Martyrdom, Self-sacrifice, Persecution, Self-pity, Powerlessness, Being a victim.  
**Reversed:** *Refusing to be a victim, Rejecting persecution, Claiming personal power, Rising above*

### PRINCESS OF SWORDS

Being Inventive, Analytical, Truthful, Direct, Just, Responsible, Persistent, Ethical, Having integrity, Fortitude.  
**Reversed:** *Being Discouraged, Detached, Relentless, Disappointed, Deluded, Unjust or Dishonest, Not thinking clearly, Block emotions, Giving up*

### PRINCE OF SWORDS

Being Logical, Authoritative, Direct, Knowledgeable, Honest, Intelligent, Scientific, Organized, Reasonable, Sharp Witted.  
**Reversed:** *Being Unfeeling, Domineering, Blunt, Opinionated, Tactless, Dogmatic, Arrogant, Critical, Cold, Sarcastic*

### QUEEN OF SWORDS

Being Honest, Matter-of-fact, Guileless, Candid, Astute, Perceptive, Clever, Witty, Experienced, Skillful, Realistic.  
**Reversed:** *Being Dishonest, Hedgy, Dull, Humorless, Disappointed, Unrealistic, Inept, Ignorant, Unobservant*

### KING OF SWORDS

Being Intellectual, Knowledgeable, Intelligent, Logical, Analytical, Articulate, Ethical, Principled, Impartial, Just, Honourable. **Reversed:** *Being Ignorant, Foolish, Stupid, Unreasonable, Emotional, Unethical, Judgemental, Dishonourable, Immoral, Inarticulate*

## PENTACLES

### ACE OF PENTACLES

Material Force, Grounding, Nature, Prosperity, Abundance, Growth, Reward, practicality, Realism, Security, Support.  
**Reversed:** *Instability, Disconnection from nature, Lack, Stagnation, Decreased prosperity, Lacking common sense, Lacking support*

### TWO OF PENTACLES

Balance, Coping, Flexibility, Adapting, Changing direction, Going with the flow, Fun, Excitement, Playfulness, Humour.  
**Reversed:** *Being off-balance, Not coping, Stress, Anxiety, Resisting change, Upset, Depression, Being unproductive, Inflexibility, Humourlessness*

### THREE OF PENTACLES

Works, Teamwork, Cooperation, Planning, Organization, Preparation, Competence, Meeting goals, Exceeding standards. **Reversed:** *Discord, Conflict, In-fighting, Lack of progress, Disorganization, Failing to meet standards*

### FOUR OF PENTACLES

Control, Possessiveness, Greed, Jealousy, Structure, Limits, Inflexibility, Stagnation, Resistance, Obstruction.  
**Reversed:** *Letting go, Sharing, Mild Chaos, Moving away from stagnation, Bending over backwards, Removal of obstacles*

### FIVE OF PENTACLES

Deprivation, Hardship, Poverty, Poor Health, Self abuse & neglect, Fatigue, Rejection, Exclusion, Disapproval, Loneliness.  
**Reversed:** *Not accepting help, Moving away from poverty, Rest, An end to hardship, Self-interests, Refusing rejection, Improved health*

### SIX OF PENTACLES

Exchange, Having/not having power or resources, Teaching/Learning, Knowing/not knowing, Leading/following, Talking/listening.  
**Reversed:** *Not being open to exchange of resources, Not having*

### SEVEN OF PENTACLES

Assessment, Reflection, Review, Pause, Rewards, Seeing results, Change of plans, Considering alternatives, Crossroads.  
**Reversed:** *Charging ahead, Work without relief, Refusing to take a break, Impulsiveness, Inflexibility, Missing rewards*

### EIGHT OF PENTACLES

Skill, Knowledge, Training, Research, Expertise, Attention to detail, Diligence, Hard Work, Dedication, Producing results.  
**Reversed:** *Lack of commitment, Dissipation, Laziness, Shoddy workmanship, Inattention to detail, Ineptitude, Lack of results, Pickiness, Work-aholism*

### NINE OF PENTACLES

Refinement, Comfortable lifestyle, Diplomacy, Grace, Leisure, Discipline, Self-control, Self-reliance, Desiring Solitude.  
**Reversed:** *Coarseness, Indulgence, Dependency, Lack of discipline, Hardship, Fear of being alone*

### TEN OF PENTACLES

Foundation, Permanence, Security, Establishment, Affluence, Success, Good fortune, Tradition, Living by the rules.  
**Reversed:** *Instability, Breaking from tradition, Material difficulty, Breaking rules, Innovation, Bad Luck*

### PRINCESS OF PENTACLES

Being Prosperous, Secure, Practical, Dependable, Credible, Enjoying Nature, Abundance, Achievement, Results, Motion.  
**Reversed:** *Suffering Material difficulty, Insecurity, Being Undependable, Impractical, Untrustworthy, Inactive, Disconnected from nature, Not getting results, Lacking commitment*

### PRINCE OF PENTACLES

Being Hard working, Steadfast, Thorough, Realistic, Cautious, Conservative, Meticulous, Tireless, Solid, Productive.  
**Reversed:** *Being Grinding, Stubborn, Obsessive, Pessimistic, Unadventurous, Resistant, Perfectionist, Driven, Joyless, Can't relax*

### QUEEN OF PENTACLES

Being Nurturing, Secure, Generous, Warm, Sensible, Authentic, Sensual, Resourceful, Trustworthy, Having a green thumb, Loving children and animals.  
**Reversed:** *Being Insecure, Un-nurturing, Selfish, Cold, Insensible, Un-authentic, Untrustworthy, Disloyal, Lacking sensuality, Disliking children and animals*

### KING OF PENTACLES

Being Resourceful, Successful, Enterprising, Competent, Reliable, Responsible, Generous, Stable, Attracting wealth.  
**Reversed:** *Being Unsupportive, Dependent, Inept, Unreliable, Selfish, Unstable, Lazy, Stubborn, Dull, Blocking material gain*